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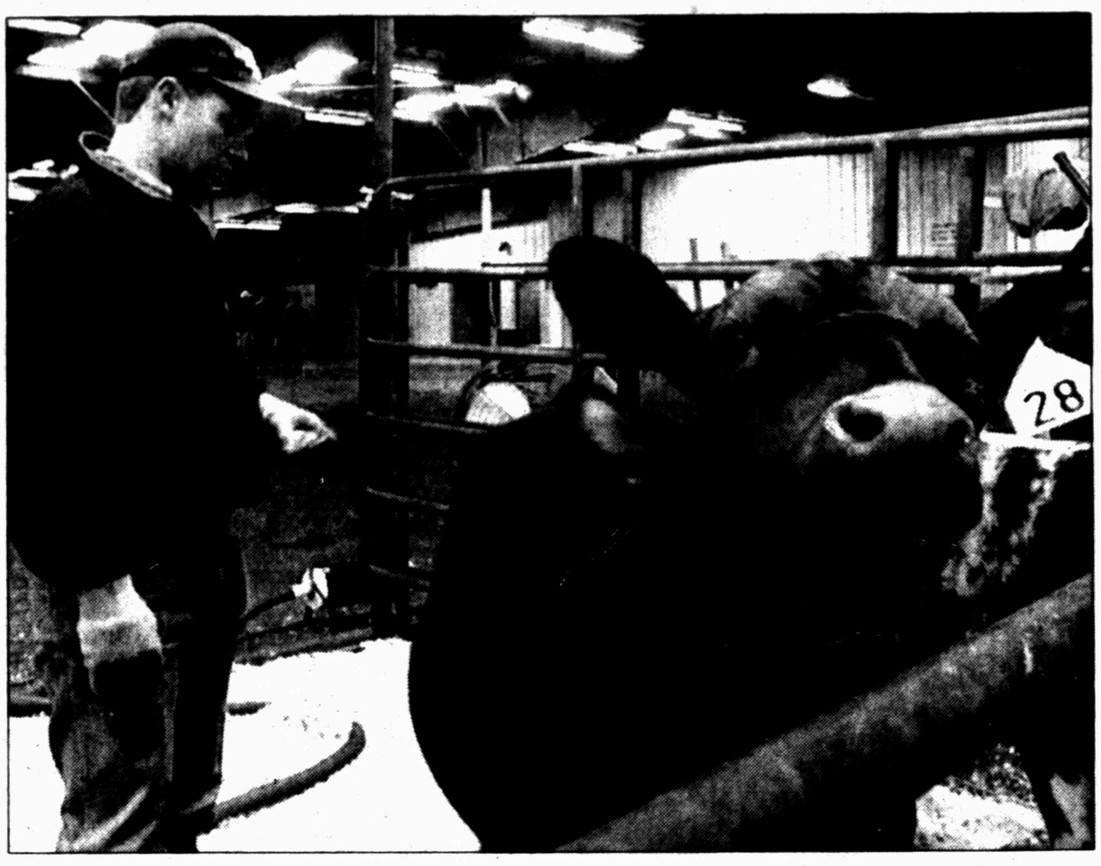
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Home Of Ashley Delce



CALF SALE — Around 200 people from Texas and Oklahoma are expected at a calf sale Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum annex. The event gets underway at 10:30 a.m. with about 50 head of cattle being offered. Bradley Hale of Miami, Texas, is pictured blowdrying a steer in preparation for the sale. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

U.S. embassy evacuated as airstrikes considered

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton prepared congressional leaders today for what one senator called a "robust and serious" bombing campaign against the Serbs that would soon put American military lives in danger. The U.S. Embassy in Belgrade was being evacuated.

"We will have them all out within 24 hours," a U.S. official said of employees of the embassy, noting that other governments also were pulling their staffers out of the Yugoslav capital.

"I think we'll be going to bombing pretty soon," Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., told reporters at the White House after the president's hastily called morning meeting with 31 top-ranking members of the House and Senate.

"He told us the danger to pilots is real."

Clinton "laid out a precise and rational plan as to why we would have to participate with NATO and initiate bombing if (Yugoslav President Slobodan) Milosevic does not sign on to the peace agreement," said Biden, the first to emerge from the private huddle.

"We must, we must do as we committed — move forward with a bombing campaign." After the president's briefing, Biden said, he expected that campaign to be "robust and serious."

Earlier, nonessential U.S. personnel and their family members had departed the Serb capital of Yugoslavia. Their way out was paid by the State Department, which did not insist that they leave.

But overnight, the situation changed, and an order for evacuation was set in motion. Some two dozen essential U.S. Embassy people were involved.

Before meeting with Clinton, Senate leaders delayed until Monday legislation that could block money for any U.S. military involvement in the Serbian province without prior congressional approval.

"The American people need to have a better understanding what the United States' national security interests are, if any," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Lott and other Senate leaders received a briefing Thursday from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other members of Clinton's national security team on the fragile status of peace negotiations between Serbs and Kosovo Albanians in Paris and on the continued threat of U.S.-led NATO airstrikes against Serb targets.

The talks broke down today and French and British mediators said in a statement they won't resume if the Serbs continue to reject the accord.

"There is no purpose in extending the talks any further," the mediators said.

Albright, as she went into the closed-door briefing with lawmakers, said "NATO stands ready to take whatever measures are necessary."

Afterwards, Lott said he wasn't satisfied and requested a meeting with Clinton.

Clinton orders analysis of lab security threats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under fire from Republicans, President Clinton ordered an analysis Thursday of the counter-intelligence security threat at U.S. nuclear labs in the wake of suspicions that China stole nuclear weapons designs.

Clinton directed the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board to conduct a review. Former Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., the head of the panel, will lead the investigation.

"I am determined to do all that is necessary to protect our sensitive national security information and to prevent its diversion to foreign countries," Clinton said in a statement.

Clinton acted on the recommendation of National Security Adviser Sandy Berger, whose resignation has been demanded by some Republicans because of the administration's handling of the alleged espionage.

The president spoke with Rudman and asked him to report his findings within 60 days. The inquiry will be conducted by Rudman and four other members of the 12-member panel.

Two were identified Thursday as vice chairman Anthony S. Harrington, a Washington lawyer, and Dr. Sidney D. Drell, a professor and deputy director of the Stanford University Linear Accelerator Center. The remaining two members have yet to be named.

Clinton asked Rudman to consult with Congress before conducting his review, and then to share his findings with Congress and the public.

David Leavy, a spokesman for the National Security Council, said the review would cover the nature of the counterintelligence security threat at the labs, how it evolved over the last two decades, what steps have been taken and whether more needs to be done.

"We're under no illusions about China or any other country that tries to acquire our sensitive technologies, whether friend or foe," Leavy said. "What we need to do is be vigilant to protect our secrets."

Meanwhile, a Chinese diplomat denied allegations his country stole nuclear weapons designs. The official blamed a Cold War mentality and "political atmospherics" for the furor that has prompted FBI and Energy Department investigations.

But the State Department, responding quickly, said the United States remains "deeply concerned about reports of China's attempts to illegally acquire sensitive U.S. technology."

GOP, White House duel over budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and the White House traded charges over Social Security and tax cuts as the GOP pushed a $1.74 trillion budget for fiscal 2000 through the Senate Budget Committee.

Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., shoved the package through his committee by an 11-9 party-line roll call vote on Thursday after spending two days beating back Democratic attempts to kill or shrink GOP tax cuts.

Like a similar version the House Budget Committee approved on Wednesday, the Senate measure pledges to cut taxes by $778 billion over 10 years and provide more money for schools and defense while heeding required spending limits. It would also use Social Security surpluses to trim the national debt.

"Our priorities are very good in this budget," Domenici said afterward.

Even before its passage, though, Vice President Al Gore accused the GOP of resorting to "Republican retronomics" resembling President Reagan's budgets of the 1980s, which he said "created the deepest recession since the Great Depression."

Democrats have said Republicans would do nothing to reinforce Social Security and Medicare for the baby boomers' retirements and would bestow overly large tax cuts and force deep spending cuts — all the while imperiling the economy.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most successful people talk slow, but think quick."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

With all the talk about Y2K, technology and its possible failure is on the minds of a lot of people.

Lynn Brisendine, in the Brownfield News, came across this request for technical support.

"Last year, I upgraded Girlfriend 1.0 to Wife 1.0 and noticed that the new program began unexpected changes.

"Wife 1.0 installs itself into all other programs which launches during system initialization where it monitors all other system activity.

"Applications such as Poker night 10.3 and Beer bash 2.5 are no longer able to run, crashing the system whenever selected.

"I cannot seem to purge Wife 1.0 from system. I am thinking about going back to Girlfriend 1.0 but uninstall does not work on program. Can you help? John Doe."

"Dear John:

"This is a very common problem men complain about, but is mostly due to a primary misconception.

"Many people upgrade from Girlfriend 1.0 to Wife 1.0 with the idea that Wife 1.0 is merely a utitilies and entertainment program.

"Wife 1.0 is an Operating System and designed to run everything. It is impossible to uninstall, delete or purge the program from system once installed.

"You cannot go back to Girlfriend 1.0 because Wife 1.0 is not designed to do this. Many have tried to pursue Girlfriend 2.0 or Wife 2.0 but end up with more problems than the original system.

"I recommend you keep Wife 1.0 and deal with current situation.

"Look in manual under Warnings — Alimony, Child Support.

Having Wife 1.0 installed myself, I might suggest you read entire section regarding General Protection Faults (GPFs).

"You must assume all responsibility for faults and problems that might occur. The best course of action will be to push the apologize button.

"System will run smooth as long as you take blame for all GPFs. Wife 1.0 is a great program, but high maintenance."

Gene Dow, in the Seminole Sentinel, heard about a guy who sang a passionate song about how technology is ruining society.

But before the guy started, he bent down and plugged his sound system into the wall socket.

Sales tax rebates take sharp decline in March

Snyder's sales tax rebate received this month reflected a loss of almost 30 percent over the same time in 1998.

The city's check this month was $94,661.76, as compared to $134,706.07 last year.

For the year, the city's rebate checks are running 12.82 below the first three months of 1998.

The city had received $412,959.25 through the first three months last year. So far, the city has received sales tax rebate checks in 1999 for $360,016.33.

In this area, Big Spring, Lamesa, Post and Sweetwater also are runnning behind 1998 totals for rebates.

Post is 22 percent behind in rebate dollars, while Lamesa has received 10 percent less in sales tax rebates.

Sweetwater is just over six percent below last year's amount — 6.08 percent — while Big Spring is only $2,000 short — .25 percent.

For the year, Colorado City is ahead of last year's rebates by 3.14 percent — $110,656.93 as compared to $107,280.31.

For the first three months of the year, Midland's rebates are down by six percent, but Odessa's are up by almost 15 percent — 14.76.

Across the state, sales tax rebates are up 5.8 percent for the month, and 7.4 percent for the first three months of 1999.

Area sales tax rebates

City	March 99	March '98	+/-	Year'99	Year'98	+/-
Abilene	$1,563,059.44	$1,543,456.88	1.27%	$6,193,420.67	$6,091,691.88	1.66%
Big Spring	$250,706.96	238,860.08	4.95%	$936,065.78	938,448.82	-0.25%
Colorado City	$25,145.95	$28,263.78	-11.03%	$110,656.93	$107,280.31	3.14%
Lamesa	$50,366.06	$57,557.95	-12.49%	$227,249.79	$252,517.83	-10.00%
Lubbock	$1,714,167.01	$1,758,134.77	-2.50%	$6,695,299.22	$6,608,970.84	1.30%
Post	$13,904.70	$16,924.18	-17.84%	$50,985.29	$65,458.07	-22.11%
Roby	$1,330.75	$1,309.81	1.59%	$6,512.95	$5,712.45	14.01%
Rotan	$7,672.95	$7,679.41	-0.08%	$33,791.04	$31,063.73	8.77%
Snyder	$94,661.76	$134,706.07	-29.72%	$360,016.33	$412,959.25	-12.82%
Sweetwater	$112,441.53	132,473.16	-15.12%	$462,452.75	$492,397.04	-6.08%

MARCH SALES TAX CHART — Snyder received $94,661.76 in sales tax rebates from the state this month. That figure is a decrease of 29.7 percent from March, 1998 of $134,706.07. For the year, the city's share of sales tax rebate funds total $360,016.33 — down 12.82 percent from $412,959.25 in 1998.

ASK US

Q—What is the difference between the WT-Int. Crude price and the WTIC Posted price listed in the paper?

A—The top listing, WT-Int. Crude is the future's price listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The bottom is the price oil buyers paid today for West Texas sweet crude.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 49 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. Friday, 40; .15 of an inch precipitation; total for 1999, 1.96 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low near 30. Light, variable wind. Saturday, mostly sunny, warmer. High near 70. Wind becoming South 10-15 mph.



Adrianna Herrera
Warmer

Sunset:
6:54 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:48 a.m.
Of 77 days in 1999, the sun has shone 72 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Never, never, never, never give up."

Winston Churchill

House foresees debate on parental notification bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Debate is brewing in the Texas House on a bill that would require parental notification at least 48 hours before minors can have abortions.

The legislation was given final approval by the Senate on Thursday on a 23-8 vote.

Houston Rep. Debra Danburg, a Democrat, spiked similar legislation last sesson on a point of order and promised to fight against it again.

"You can't legislate people's most personal, moral decisions," Ms. Danburg said.

Ms. Danburg supports allowing licensed counselers authorize minors to have abortions without parental consent. As the bill stands now, only a judge may make that call.

"Judges are not trained at assessing the maturity of a young girl, and they don't have the staff, facilities, expertise or money to follow this law," said Ms. Danburg. "Counselors do, and they are in a good position to heal any communication problems between the family and the daughter."

Anti-abortion organizations have come out against the counselor's bypass, deeming it the "everyone and their dog" clause.

Monica Hatcher, a spokesperson for the Texas Right to Life Committee, has said that certain counselors have "a vested interest in women hopping on abortion tables routinely" for extra profits.

But abortion-rights activist Kae McLaughlin has said she does not see a need for the legislation, citing figures that 75 percent of young women include their parents in the decision anyway.

She said family violence and other domestic problems often influence those who don't.

"In many of these cases, there is incest involved ... and these girls tend to predict the reactions of their parents accurately," said Ms. McLaughlin, executive director of the Texas Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

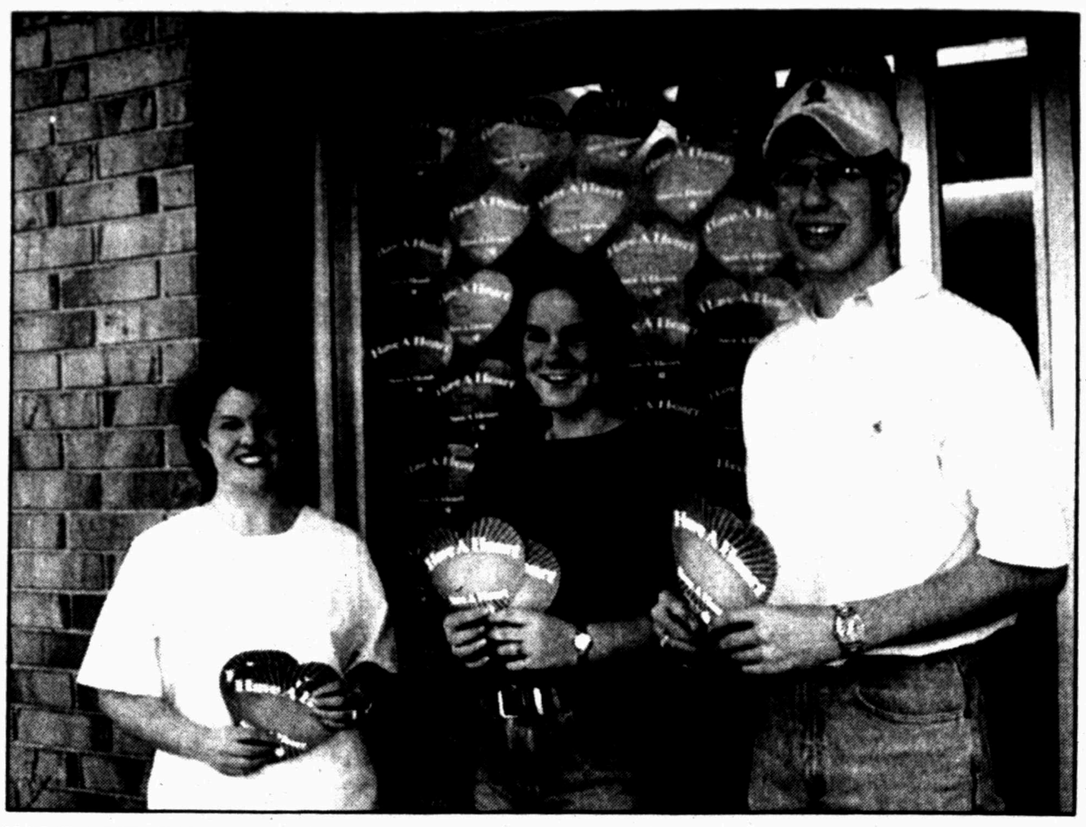
The House sponsor of the bill, Rep. Dianne Delisi, said the legislation's intent was to unite families.

"I am interested in seeing that we have state laws that don't hinder the parent and child connection," said Ms. Delisi, R-Temple.

Of the 84,870 abortions reported in 1997 to the Texas Department of Health, about 5,500 were performed on minors.

The parental notification bill is SB 30 and HB 623.

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HAVE A HEART — Scurry County's American Heart Association chapter has just begun its "Have A Heart" campaign. MD Laundry and Dry Cleaners, one of the participating businesses, has sold so many hearts that they cover both windows and the sliding door. Dee Chasteen, far left, local AHA president, holds some hearts as do MD representatives Elizabeth Covey and Lance Beaver. Hearts are also being sold at Cutting Edge, Pizza Inn, McWilliams Pharmacy, Heart Gym & Prime Rehab, Bennett Chiropractice Clinic. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Date Book

March 19, 1999

Today is the 78th day of 1999 and the 89th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1953, the Academy Awards were broadcast on television for the first time. Winners included Gary Cooper, for "High Noon," and Shirley Booth, for "Come Back, Little Sheba."

On this day in 1957, Elvis Presley purchased his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tenn.

On this day in 1958, Simon and Garfunkel — then known as Tom and Jerry — released their first single, "Our Song."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: David Livingstone (1813-1873), explorer-physician; Richard F. Burton (1821-1890), scholar-explorer; Wyatt Earp (1848-1929), lawman; William Jennings Bryan (1860-1925), U.S. politician; Earl Warren (1891-1974), Supreme Court justice; Richie Ashburn (1927-1997), baseball great; Philip Roth (1933-), writer, is 66; Glenn Close (1947-), actress, is 52; Bruce Willis (1955-), actor, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1938, the Toronto Maple Leafs, in an NHL game against New York, scored eight goals in under five minutes.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The humblest citizen of all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of Error." — William Jennings Bryan

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 17) and first quarter (March 24).

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American Heart Association is kicking off 'Have a Heart'

The Scurry County Division of the American Heart Association is kicking-off its "Have a Heart" campaign. For a $1 or more donation, a heart can be purchased and designated in honor or memory of a loved one.

Many people have experienced heart disease or stroke in their families," said Dee Chasteen, president. "This is a great way to recognize a loved one in a meaningful way. The monies raised will be used to fund research and public education concerning heart disease and stroke."

The following businesses will be selling the hearts: Bennett Chiropractic Clinic, Cutting Edge, Heart Gym and Prime Rehab, McWilliams Pharmacy, MD Laundry and Dry Cleaners and Pizza Inn.

The American Heart Association Walk will be held Saturday, May 15, in Towle Park and will finalize this year's "Have a Heart" campaign. Everyone is encouraged to participate. For more information contact Dee Chasteen, 573-5041 or Matt Cross, 574-7358.

Hermleigh students will compete in solar car race

Some Hermleigh students will soon be competing in a solar car race. The race is hosted by Texas Utilities, and will be held at Wylie Junior High School in Abilene on Saturday, March 27.

There will be 31 schools participating in this year's race. Schools in Abilene, Brownwood, San Angelo, Stephenville, Sweetwater and Wichita Falls areas, were selected to build and race a model car that will be empowered totally by the sun using three-volt solar panels.

"This is the fourth year Texas Utilities has offered this race throughout its service territory as a meaningful way to demonstrate how solar power works," said Daryl Thomas, TU manager. "The response from students and teachers last year was so positive that we've expanded the race to include even more schools," he added.

Each solar car kit contains all components except the car's body. Students must design and build the body, which greatly affect's the car's speed.

The four top winners in the Abilene race will advance to the championship race to be held or Saturday, April 17, at Texas Utilities' annual EarthFair, honoring Earth Day at the company's Energy Park near Dallas.

Trophies and cash prizes for the winning schools' science departments will be awarded a both the qualifying race and the EarthFair championship race There also will be trophies and cash prizes for the most creative solar car, overall creativity, the best use of recycled materials and the best use of school mascot.

Teen accused of hacking into AOL

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (AP) — An 18-year-old high school dropout has been charged with computer tampering for allegedly hacking into the internal computers of America Online and altering programs.

Jay Satiro was arrested and his computer confiscated Wednesday night after AOL officials contacted authorities.

Open house set Tuesday

ABILENE — The Abilene Remote Encoding Center, a processing facility of the United States Postal Service, will host an open house for the public from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

A tour of the processing facility will be available, and participants will have the opportunity to register for the 710 Clerical Examination, the test required for employment consideration with the Postal Service.

The remote Encoding Center is located at 350 East Industrial Boulevard, near Loop 322. Postal Service representatives will be available to answer questions about employment with the REC.

The globefish's natural defense is to gulp enough water to become too big to be swallowed.

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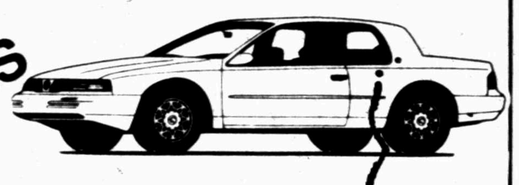


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Bill to lower limit for drunken driving passed by Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to lower the legal blood-alcohol level for Texas drivers from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent won final approval Thursday from the state Senate.

Even the lawmaker whose parliamentary move scuttled a similar measure in the 1997 session supported the bill this year.

"If this bill saves one life, we should support it," said Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville.

"I know I've taken a beating that it was politically incorrect to do what I did last time. I had to consider the men and women I represent who stop on the way home from work for a couple of beers and pizza," Lucio said. "I'll vote for 0.07. If it saves a life, that means a lot to some family in Texas."

The measure now goes to the House where a similar version of the bill already is being considered.

The Senate also approved a bill to extend the current license suspension from 90 days to one year for drivers who refuse breath tests when stopped by police. Drivers refusing the tests could be sentenced to a minimum of five days in jail — up from the current three — if convicted of drunken driving.

Both bills passed the Senate on a voice vote.

"If you're going to drive on the streets of Texas, you need to be sober, you need to be safe and you need to be responsible," Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said.

"These bills go a long way toward cracking down on the drunken-driving carnage we see on the highways of Texas," Perry, a Republican, said.

According to bill sponsor Sen. Mario Gallegos, Jr., D-Galena Park, there were more than 1,700 alcohol-related traffic fatalities in Texas in 1997.

"It's past time Texas gets a 0.08 law," said Vicki Paris-Bradley, president of the Heart of Texas branch of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "This is a lifesaving bill. We expect the House to pass this."

Bill supporters have said the difference between the .10 limit and .08 for a 170-pound man would be between having five and four drinks in one hour. For a 137-pound woman, it would be between having three and four drinks in one hour.

Because many intoxicated drivers arrested have blood-alcohol levels well over .10 percent, Lucio suggested the bill might not be the critical step supporters hope it is in reducing drunken driving.

"I think it is a step in the right direction to dealing with the DWI rate in our state. I think more is needed," Lucio said.

Gallegos said passage of the bill would allow the state to collect about $26 million in federal highway money tied to the lower blood-alcohol limit.

"I don't know if we can stop drinking and driving altogether ... but I hope we can at least get a general deterrent out there," Gallegos said.

Lucio sponsored the bill to increase the penalties for drivers who refuse breath tests. According to the Department of Public Safety, about 56,000 breath tests were administered statewide in 1998 and another 39,000 drivers refused them.

The threat of a longer license suspension and jail time could persuade more drivers to take the tests, arming prosecutors with valuable evidence in pursuing drunken driving charges, Lucio said.

The blood-alcohol level bill is SB114.

The breath test bill is SB388.

Proposed amendment wins initial approval

AUSTIN (AP) — Judges on the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and state appellate courts would be appointed by the governor, rather than elected, under a proposed constitutional amendment that has received initial Senate approval.

If approved by two-thirds of the House and Senate, the measure would go on a statewide ballot for voters to decide.

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said he expects final Senate approval of the measure Monday.

The proposal, which is co-sponsored by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, then would go to the House for consideration.

"I think we have good courts now," Duncan said.

But he said requiring judges to campaign puts them in the "untenable position" of raising contributions from those who might appear before their court.

Under his proposal, the governor's appointees would face Senate confirmation. After a six-year term, voters would decide whether to keep or reject the judge.

Duncan couldn't get final Senate consideration for his proposal Thursday because of procedural requirements.

A four-fifths vote is required in the Senate for a piece of legislation to be considered for a final vote the same day it is first brought up for debate in the full chamber. Duncan fell just short of that requirement, with a vote of 24-7 to suspend rules.

He said he's confident he'll get the needed two-thirds vote Monday to pass the amendment.

The judicial selection measure is SJR9.

Painting returned

AUSTIN (AP) — A painting of a World War II hero Audie Murphy has been returned to the House chamber.

Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson, said he noticed the painting missing at the beginning of the legislative session.

"Audie's an average citizen of Texas that when called upon did extraordinary things for the state and the country," Madden said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Keeping everything together

By Phillip Alder

Who claimed the following? "To say the truth, reason and love keep little company together now-a-days."

No-trump contracts have two things that keep company together: suit establishment and entries.

With that hint, how would you try to make three no-trump here? West leads his fourth-highest heart. Would you prefer to be in four spades?

The deal arose during a German pairs tournament a few years ago. Most of the field finished in four spades, but failed, losing one spade, one heart and two club tricks.

This unnamed declarer found the best line in three no-trump. He planned to get nine tricks via five spades, two hearts and two diamonds. But to collect that many spade tricks, he needed a dummy entry. So, at trick one, he played dummy's low heart and won with his ace. Next, he overtook the spade king with dummy's ace and continued with the spade jack to drive out the queen.

With declarer's queen-jack of hearts in the dummy combining to produce a later entry and with both minor suits under control, the defenders were powerless to take more than one spade, one heart and two clubs.

Note also that if dummy had had queen-empty-third of hearts, it would still have been correct for South to win the first trick with the heart ace, playing West for the king.

That was a tough question at the beginning, the only real clue being the hyphenation of "now-a-days." It was spoken by Bottom in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" — a forward-thinking fellow, that Bard!

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife Finds Many Bones to Pick With Husband in the Doghouse

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I owe you a debt of gratitude, and I'll tell you why: I'm the guy ("Tormented in Oregon") who suspected his wife of having an affair with another woman after finding a collection of love letters and poems written by her best friend, a gay woman I'll call Grace.

When I returned from work the day my letter was printed, I was confronted by my very angry wife, "Julie." I was shocked because I never dreamed you would print my letter. And just in case you did — I had changed some details so that if it were published, she would not recognize that I wrote the letter. Boy, was I naive!

The letters and poems were actually written by Grace to an ex-lover. Julie was just holding onto them for safekeeping. I was immediately placed in the doghouse, primarily for snooping and jumping to conclusions. I had to promise to commit myself to some very intensive marriage counseling. I also had to apologize to Grace. She also felt violated that I had read something so personal without her permission.

Some of the things I have learned, and would not have, had you not printed my letter:

1. Marriage is based on mutual trust. This does not include snooping into your spouse's private papers.

2. If there are problems at home, look no further than yourself. Blaming some outside influence will get you nowhere.

3. Honest communication is essential, no matter how difficult or painful it may be.

4. Be grateful for your spouse's friends. True friendship gives everyone a fuller, happier life, and actually enriches the relationship between husband and wife.

5. Paranoia will destroy your marriage faster than anything else — and may, in fact, drive your spouse away from you.

6. Gay women do not go around seducing straight women.

Again, Abby, thank you. We are not out of the woods yet, but thanks to you, we're getting there. By printing my letter, you made me fess up to my actions and confront my own demons.

A GRATEFUL FRIEND
IN OREGON

DEAR GRATEFUL FRIEND: Based upon the lessons you've learned in only one month, your personal growth has been phenomenal. For that I congratulate you. Letters like yours make my column rewarding. Thank you for the update and kind words.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 74, and for the past three years, due to health problems, have been unable to write legibly. When e-mail came along, I got a computer. It brought me great joy to know that I could communicate with my family and friends of a lifetime. I have always been a writer and love to receive mail from people I care about, but I became frustrated when I could no longer write "thank-you" cards to them.

My question: Is it better to acknowledge my thanks via e-mail so the response is immediate, or wait for the days when I muster up the ability to write and sign a card? Personally, I prefer knowing they received my gift no matter how they let me know.

RUTH PHILLIPS

DEAR RUTH: Those who care about you know about your difficulty with writing. If using a computer makes it easier to communicate with your family and friends, then do so. Perhaps you can also use it to design your own personalized thank-you cards.

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Senate passes bill to speed up release of information

AUSTIN (AP) — The attorney general's office would have to respond to public records advisory requests from government agencies within 45 days, under a bill approved Thursday by the state Senate.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, also would prohibit agencies from asking the attorney general to reconsider the original ruling, a tactic sometimes used to delay releasing information.

"I'm glad there is legislation to stop it, because that process (reconsideration) needs to end," said Reggie James, director of Consumers Union southwest regional office.

"I think it's the best case to have the Legislature say this is the policy of the state," James said.

Current law requires the attorney general's office to render a decision on open records requests within 60 days, although a 20-day extension can be granted.

The bill sent to the House for consideration would limit the extension to 10 days.

Republican Attorney General John Cornyn has said his office is trying to cut down on response times and eliminate reconsideration. The attorney general's office has received about 200 requests for reconsideration in the last two years.

Unless a state agency can produce new information that was not available during the first request, reconsiderations will be denied, Cornyn has said.

Although Cornyn said last month he was reluctant to support Carona's bill because such issues could be handled internally, Cornyn's spokesman said Thursday he and Carona are working toward the same goal.

"This bill is consistent with General Cornyn's philosophy with making open records faster and easier to obtain," Ted Delisi said.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

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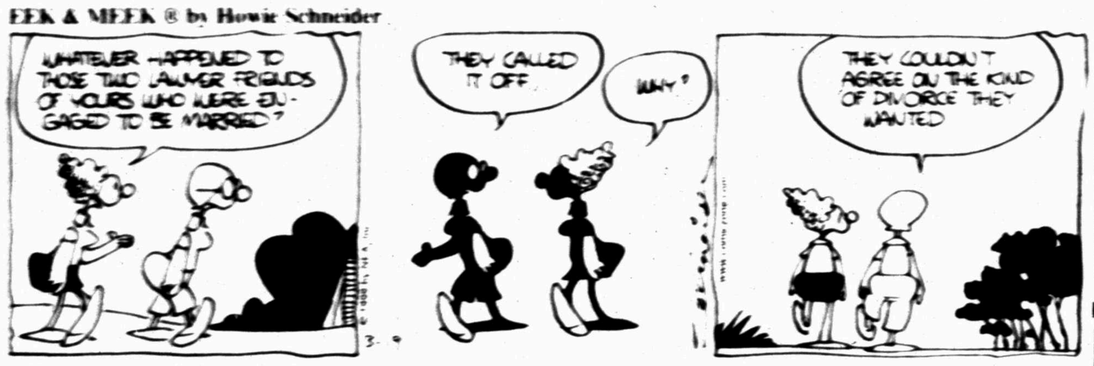
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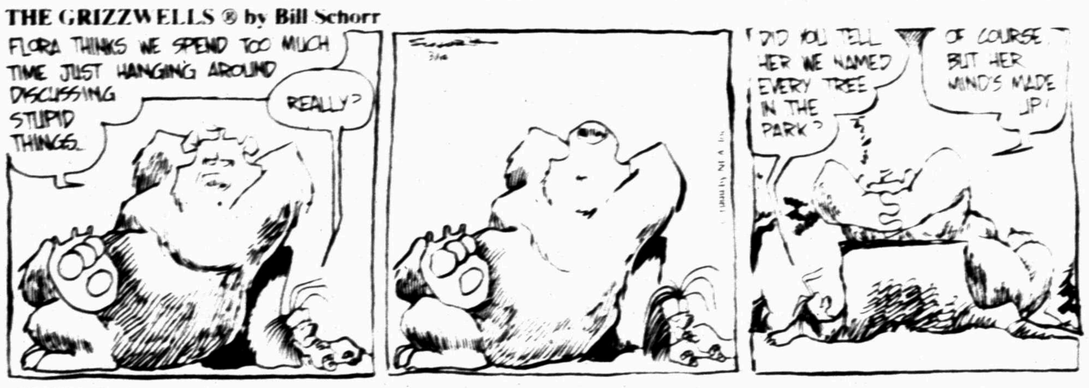
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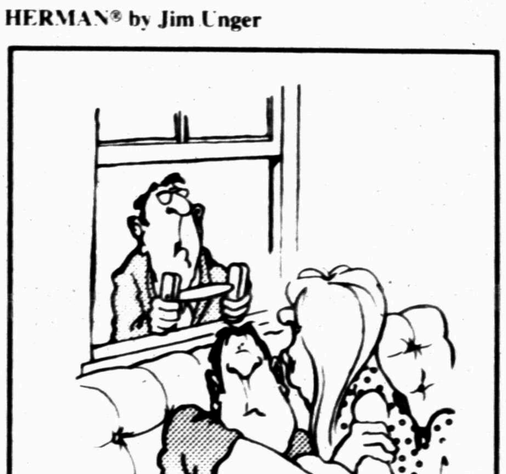
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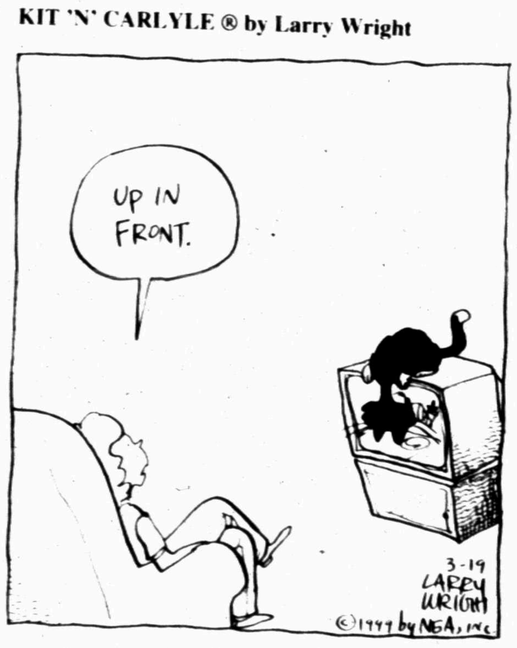


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1 Grafting twig
6 Small sailboat
10 Fragile
12 Soft breeze
14 Publishing blunders
15 Not at sea
16 One of the Three Stooges
17 Err
19 "Do as — —, not . . ."
20 Stated indirectly
23 Drama division
26 Above, poetically
27 Map abbr.
30 Falcon's defenses
32 Daubs
34 Actress Blake
35 Extremely good
36 Half a score
37 Actor Wallach
39 Impoverished
40 Corporate bigwig
42 Elegant appetizer
45 — — fault (overmuch)
46 "— — the Walrus"
49 Take a peek
51 Whirl
54 Edible nut
55 American folksinger Pete
56 Narrative
57 Make reparation (for)

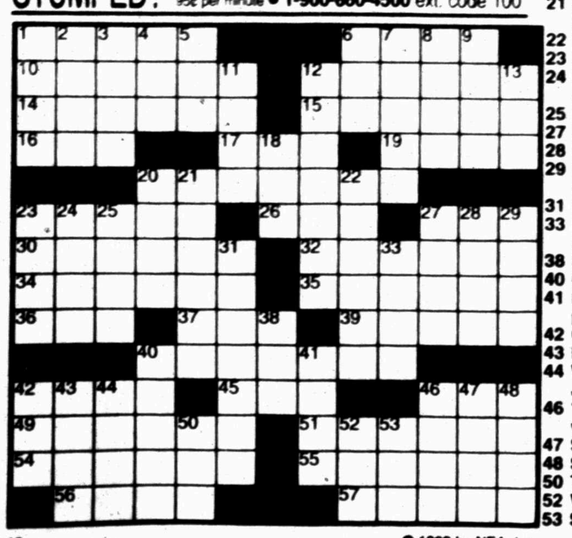
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1 Part of a plant
2 Mackerel relative
3 Concerning
4 Harem room
5 Mesh
6 "Absolutely!"
7 Insect pest
8 "— on first?"
9 Northern constellation
11 File
12 Most buffoonish
13 "The Bridge of San Luis —"
18 Workers' assn.
20 Get — — the ground floor
21 One who fixes things
22 Weasel
23 Photocopy
24 Responded to a call
25 Enthusiasm
27 Price
28 Walked
29 Get a glimpse of
31 Greeted
33 Fencer's sword
38 Same: prefix
40 Choir voice
41 License plates
42 Golfers' org.
43 Partner
44 Writer — Janowitz
46 "Othello" villain
47 Solar disk
48 Simple
50 TV network
52 Verily
53 Soak, as flax

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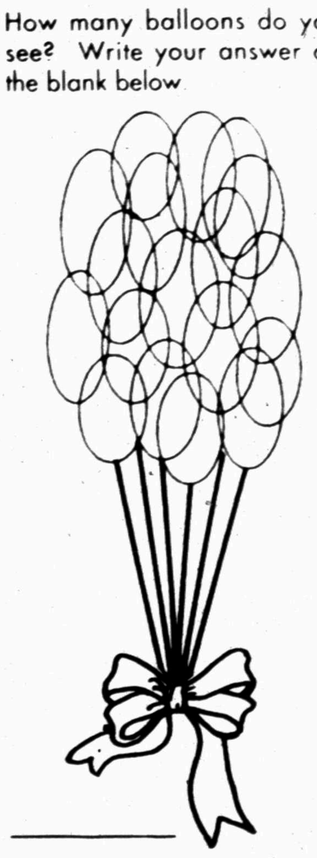


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Elaine: Did you hear about the angry inch-worm?
Ray: No, why was he angry?
Elaine: He had to convert to the metric system.

Balloon Bouquet

How many balloons do you see? Write your answer on the blank below.



Answer: We found eighteen

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SPORTS

Snyder eyes 2-0 start in district play

After securing a victory in their district opener, the Lady Tigers get a chance tonight to knock off the 5-4A front-runner.

Snyder (12-6, 1-0) travels to Andrews (10-6, 1-0) for a 6 p.m. match-up, with the winner holding onto a share of the district lead.

The Lady Tigers are coming off a 5-2 victory over Lake View on Tuesday, while Andrews toppled Ft. Stockton in its league opener.

For Snyder to improve to 2-0 in the standings, it will take aggressive hitting and flawless fielding, according to coach Carmen Bohannon.

"The field in Andrews in shorter than most," Bohannon said. "So Kristin (Martinez) will need to keep her pitches down in the strikezone. We can't make any errors and let them get extra runners on base. Last year, we got beat over there on two home runs.

"When we're at the plate, we have to be aggressive. We can't sit back and wait. We have to go after their pitcher."

Martinez will draw the start for the Lady Tigers. The junior hurler surrendered only five hits and one earned run in Snyder's win over the Maidens.

The Lady Tigers currently hold a share of first place in the district standings, along with Andrews and Big Spring. Lake View, Sweetwater and Ft. Stockton are all one game back at 0-1.

Following tonight's action, Snyder returns home to host Ft. Stockton on Tuesday and Big Spring next Friday.

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR

EAST REGIONAL
At Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, N.J.
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 19
Duke (34-1) vs. Southwest Missouri State (22-10), 7:38 p.m.
Purdue (21-12) vs. Temple (23-10), 9:55 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 21
Semifinal winners, 2:40 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 18
St. John's 76, Maryland 62
Ohio State 72, Auburn 64
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 20
Ohio State (26-8) vs. St. John's (28-8), 6 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
At Trans World Dome
St. Louis
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 19
Michigan State (31-4) vs. Oklahoma (22-10), 7:55 p.m.
Miami, Ohio (24-7) vs. Kentucky (27-8), 10:15 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 21
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
At America West Arena
Phoenix
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 18
Gonzaga 73, Florida 72
Connecticut 78, Iowa 68
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 20
Connecticut (31-2) vs. Gonzaga (28-6), 3:40 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR
At Tropicana Field
St. Petersburg, Fla.
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 27
East champion vs. Midwest champion, 5:42 p.m.
South champion vs. West champion, 30 minutes after first game
National Championship
Monday, March 29
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

Tigers' doubleheader moved to Moffett Field

The wet weather, which has blanketed the South Plains the past two days, could end up being an advantage to the Snyder Tigers.

Saturday's doubleheader between Snyder and the Coronado Mustangs has been moved from Lubbock to Moffett Field, giving the Tigers four consecutive home games before opening district play March 30 at Ft. Stockton.

Barring any more precipitation, Saturday's action should get underway at 1 o'clock.

Snyder (11-5) is coming off a dissappointing 7-2 setback on Tuesday to Lubbock Estacado.

Coronado, considered a front-runner for the District 3-5A title, will likely face Tiger hurlers Clint Hook and Johnny Pena.

Following Saturday's contests, Snyder hosts Wylie on Tuesday and Frenship next Friday, before travleing to Ft. Stockton for the 5-4A opener.

Baylor waits on Bliss

FORT WORTH (AP) — Baylor, amid a search for a new men's basketball coach, is awaiting word from New Mexico's Dave Bliss, according to a published report.

Two sources familiar with the search told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions that the Waco school has put its search on hold as it waits on Bliss.

"He, in effect, has been offered the job," one source told the newspaper.

But the likelihood that Bliss would accept the offer is "50-50," another source said.

Bliss interviewed at Baylor and also met with Saint Louis athletic director Doug Woolard this week.

Sources said that Baylor favors Bliss because of his record of victories at Oklahoma, Southern Methodist and New Mexico, along with recruiting successes in Texas.

Bliss would be what Baylor would consider "a statement hire," and both the coach and his wife are Baptists.

A New Mexico athletic department source said reports that Bliss has interviewed with Vanderbilt officials are untrue.

Bliss agreed to, but never signed, a six-year contract extension agreed upon last August, so he does not have a signed contract with the Lobos for 1999-2000. The extension deal was made to keep Bliss, 55, at New Mexico through the 2004-2005 season. The current contract expires April 30.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	18	5	.783	-
Orlando	18	7	.720	1
Philadelphia	13	9	.591	4½
NewYork	14	10	.583	4½
Washington	9	14	.391	9
Boston	8	13	.381	9
NewJersey	4	19	.174	14
Central Division				
Indiana	15	7	.682	-
Milwaukee	13	9	.591	2
Atlanta	13	10	.565	2½
Cleveland	11	10	.524	3½
Detroit	12	11	.522	3½
Toronto	9	12	.429	5½
Charlotte	7	14	.333	7½
Chicago	7	16	.304	8½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	19	4	.826	-
SanAntonio	15	8	.652	4
Houston	15	9	.625	4½
Minnesota	13	11	.542	6½
Dallas	8	16	.333	11½
Denver	6	17	.261	13
Vancouver	5	19	.208	14½
Pacific Division				
Portland	18	5	.783	-
L.A.Lakers	17	8	.680	2
Seattle	12	9	.571	5
Phoenix	12	11	.522	6
Sacramento	11	14	.440	8
GoldenState	9	14	.391	9
L.A.Clippers	1	21	.045	16½

Thursday's Games
Utah 95, Washington 87
Orlando 86, New York 78
Cleveland 100, L.A. Lakers 93
Milwaukee 99, Boston 83
Chicago 104, New Jersey 95
Vancouver 86, Minnesota 81
Portland 88, Sacramento 78

Friday's Games
Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Utah at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 10 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Boston at New York, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Women's NCAA Tournament

EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 20
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Old Dominion (28-3) vs. Duke (26-6), 11:30 a.m.
Tennessee (30-2) vs. Virginia Tech (28-2), 30 minutes after
Regional Championship
Monday, March 22
Tennessee-Virginia Tech winner vs. Old Dominion-Duke winner, TBA

MIDEAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 20
At Shoemaker Center
Cincinnati
Connecticut (29-4) vs. Iowa St. (24-7), Noon
Clemson (26-5) vs. Georgia (25-6), 30 minutes after
Regional Championship
Monday, March 22
Connecticut-Iowa St. winner vs. Clemson-Georgia winner, TBA

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 20
At Redbird Arena
Normal, Ill.
North Carolina (28-7) vs. Purdue (30-1), 8 p.m.
Rutgers (28-5) vs. Texas Tech (30-3), 30 minutes after
Regional Championship
Monday, March 22
North Carolina-Purdue winner vs. Rutgers-Texas Tech winner, TBA

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 20
At Los Angeles Sports Arena
Los Angeles
Louisiana Tech (28-2) vs. LSU (25-7), 10 p.m.
Colorado St. (33-2) vs. UCLA (25-7), 30 minutes after
Regional Championship
Monday, March 22
Louisiana Tech-LSU winner vs. Colorado St.-UCLA winner, 11:59 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR
At San Jose Arena
San Jose, Calif.
National Semifinals
Friday, March 26
East champion vs. Mideast champion, 7 or 9:30 p.m.
Midwest champion vs. West champion, 7 or 9:30 p.m.
National Championship
Sunday, March 28
Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.

Gonzaga staves off Florida; UConn eliminates Hawkeyes

By The Associated Press

Gonzaga and Connecticut have never been to the Final Four. That will change for one of them when they meet in the West Regional final.

Casey Calvary's tip-in with 4.4 seconds left Thursday night gave 10th-seeded Gonzaga a 73-72 victory over Florida in the regional semifinals at Phoenix.

"This is unbelievable," Calvary said. "We've dreamed about this since we were little, and now that we're there, we have to take advantage of it."

Richard Hamilton scored 24 points and Khalid El-Amin 21 as top-seeded Connecticut beat Iowa 78-68 to reach the final eight for the second straight year and fourth time since 1990.

"When the game got real close, I felt I had to really dig deep and really try to step my game up," Hamilton said.

It was Tom Davis' last game as Iowa coach after 13 seasons with the Hawkeyes.

"I don't know that I've ever put more into a team in the sense that they gave so much," said Davis, who was told last fall that his contract wouldn't be renewed after this season. "I am wiped out, emotionally as well as physically drained, and I'm sure the team is."

On Saturday, UConn plays Gonzaga for the West Regional title in Phoenix, and third-seeded St. John's meets No. 4 Ohio State for the South Regional championship in Knoxville, Tenn.

St. John's closed the first half with a 20-0 run and went on to beat second-seeded Maryland 76-62 Thursday night.

"The first half was incredible, particularly the defense," St. John's coach Mike Jarvis said. "Until I was told at halftime we had a 20-0 run, I didn't know how good a run it was."

Ohio State, which finished last in the Big Ten a year ago, broke open a tie game with nine straight points down the stretch and beat top-seeded Auburn 72-64.

"This just keeps hitting me right between the eyes," said Ohio State coach Jim O'Brien, whose Buckeyes went 8-22 last season. "Just when I ask myself 'Can they do any more?' They surprise me and do more."

The other regional semifinals will be played tonight. In the East at East Rutherford, N.J., it's Duke vs. Southwest Missouri State and Purdue vs. Temple. In the Midwest at St. Louis, it's Michigan State vs. Oklahoma and Miami of Ohio vs. Kentucky.

SOUTH

St. John's 76, Maryland 62

Maryland finally came alive midway through the second half, but it wasn't enough to avoid losing in the round of 16 for the fourth time in six years.

Erick Barkley led St. John's with 24 points. Steve Francis, with 13 points, was the only player in double figures for Maryland, which shot only 35 percent from the field.

Ohio St. 72, Auburn 64

Brian Brown's free throw broke a 61-61 tie with 2:41 left and Ohio State opened a 70-61 lead before Auburn's Doc Robinson banked in a 3-pointer with 6.5 seconds left.

Auburn, which hadn't been to the round of 16 since 1986, became the first No. 1 seed to fall in this year's tournament. The Southeastern Conference's highest-scoring team missed seven straight shots after Scott Pohlman's 3-pointer tied it 61-61.

WEST

Gonzaga 73, Florida 72

After Jeremy Eaton's layup pulled Gonzaga within one, Florida's Brent Wright traveled with 15 seconds left to give the ball back to the Bulldogs.

Quentin Hall drove to the basket and missed, but Calvary, who had 10 points in the second half, tipped it in. Florida had one more chance, but Eddie Shannon missed an off-balance 3-pointer at the buzzer.

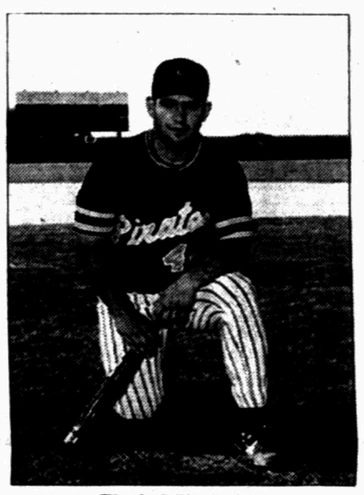
Richie Frahm led Gonzaga with 17 points, while Greg Stolt paced Florida with 16.

Connecticut 78, Iowa 68

Iowa used its depth and inside strength to stay close most of the night, but the Hawkeyes couldn't keep up with the versatile Huskies down the stretch.

UConn outscored Iowa 25-15 in the final 10 minutes. Only two Hawkeyes scored in double figures, J.R. Koch with 14 points and Jess Settles with 11.

Ex-Tiger grabs SCAC weekly offensive honor



Chris Mitchell

Ex-Snyder Tiger Chris Mitchell was named offensive player of the week recently for the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Mitchell, a senior outfielder at Southwestern University in Georgetown, went 16-for-34 on the week (.471) with 15 runs scored and nine runs batted in.

In the Pirates' three-game sweep of Trinity, he was 9-for14 (.643) with eight runs scored and six runs batted in.

Mitchell hit for the cycle in Saturday's first game against Trinity. He went 5-for-5, with a two-run homer in the seventh inning to complete the cycle.

The Pirate outfielder is the son of Janice Mitchell, an English teach at Snyder High School.

Mitchell's Southwestern squad currently occupies the top spot in the Western Division of the SCAC.

Sports Briefs

Torre undergoes surgery

ST. LOUIS (AP) — New York Yankees manager Joe Torre had surgery to remove his cancerous prostate gland and was expected to remain hospitalized for 3-4 days.

Dr. William Catalona said he believed the disease had not spread, adding that the cancer was so small he couldn't see it even as he held the removed gland in his hand.

There is no timetable for Torre's return to the World Series champions, but Catalona said his patients typically go back to work 6-12 weeks after surgery.

MGA to hold meeting

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold a meeting Monday at 7 p.m. at Snyder Lanes. All members and prospective members should attend.

SCC schedules golf tourney

Snyder Country Club will host a three-man scramble April 17.

Teams must have a minimum combined handicap of 30, with a maximum of 15 strokes difference between the first and third player.

For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Senior league registration

Snyder Senior Little League is now taking applications for managers. Senior-aged players will be divided into a 13/14-year-old league and a 15/16-year-old league.

Managers should indicate on the application which age division they would prefer. Applications can be picked up at Caprock Securities located at 2517 College Ave.

Player registration will begin March 29 and run through April 1, with late sign-ups April 5-6. Registration fee for players has dropped to $35 this season, and competition could be extended to include games against Sweetwater and Colorado City.

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The WCTWDB is appointed by local elected officials to plan and oversee operation of the public workforce system, including child care resources in the West Central Texas 19 county area.

The purpose of Child Care Program Operation is to offer child care to eligible families and to improve the quality, availability and affordability of child care in Texas. This proposal will address delivery and payment for child care services to be provided in the WCTWDB Service Delivery Area which includes the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

Public and private service providers, or other interested parties may obtain a RFP by contacting the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, P.O. Box 3195, Abilene, Texas 79604, Attn: Karen Spaar, or by calling (915) 672-8544.

A bidders conference will be held April 6, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. in the large conference room at the offices of West Central Texas Council of Governments, 1025 EN 10th. Abilene, Texas 79601.

Attendance at the bidders conference is not required but is recommended. Proposers unable to attend the bidders conference may submit written questions, via mail or fax, no later than 5:00 P.M., April 1, 1999 to the following address:

West Central Texas Workforce Development Board
P.O. Box 3195
Abilene, Texas 79604
Fax (915) 675-5214

DEADLINE: Proposals must be received in the WCTWDB offices by 5:00 P.M., May 5, 1999 to be considered. Proposals received at the WCTWDB offices after the deadline will not be accepted. There will be no exceptions. Proposals may be mailed to the above address or hand delivered to the WCTWDB offices Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at 1025 EN 10th, Abilene, Texas 79601. The WCTWDB will not accept proposals transmitted by facsimile (FAX).



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Teen to plead guilty

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP) — A teen-ager accused of killing an 11-year-old neighbor who was selling items door to door for a school fund-raiser has agreed to plead guilty, authorities said.

Sam Manzie, 17, was scheduled to enter his plea before Judge Peter Giovine this afternoon, Ocean County Prosecutor E. David Millard said.

Millard's statement did not specify what Manzie would plead guilty to. He was charged with murder, robbery and aggravated sexual assault.

Eddie Werner of Jackson Township was robbed, raped and murdered on Sept. 27, 1997, as he was out selling gift wrap and other holiday items for the PTA. Manzie allegedly killed him after luring him into his home.

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Dr. Gott



By Peter Gott, M.D.

Early surgery for cleft lip is best

DEAR DR. GOTT: While I am grateful for your recent column on the treatment of cleft lip and cleft palate, you stated that surgical repair could be performed "at any age." This is not the case. Surgery performed after the age of 18 months is less effective, because the child may not develop the ability to speak normally. Thus, a delay in surgery could (and does) lead to speech disability.

For those readers interested in further information about this condition, our organization (The Cleft Palate Foundation) can help. We can be reached at (800) 24-CLEFT ((800) 242-5338) or through our Web site at www.cleft.com.

DEAR READER: I was very pleased to receive your letter and the compliments (which I have deleted), because I believe that this congenital problem needs more public exposure. For obvious reasons, repair of cleft palate and cleft lip should be undertaken as soon as possible, a view that I thought was clear in the original article.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the difference between salt and sodium?

DEAR READER: None, in actual practice.

Sodium is a mineral common in our environment. It can attach to many compounds. When it combines with chloride, it forms salt, which should be avoided by people who have hypertension or heart disease. The mineral stays in the body, holds water and causes unwanted fluid build-up. Therefore, people on salt-restricted diets should be cautious about eating any sodium-containing substance, such as monosodium glutamate (MSG). For practical purposes, any food that contains sodium can produce unwanted salt excess in the body. Many food manufacturers list sodium, rather than sodium chloride, on food labels. If you must avoid dietary salt, avoid sodium as well as sodium chloride.

I am sending you a copy of my new and completely updated Health Report "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from painful neck-muscle spasms. These are worsening as I age. What can I do to relieve them?

DEAR READER: Neck-muscle spasm, a common medical complaint, can have many causes, including injury, arthritis and stress. Ask your physician to help you identify the reason for your symptom. Although hot packs and non-prescription pain medication are acceptable methods of treating the condition, there may be other, more specific techniques to relieve your discomfort.

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	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp s	62¼	60¾	60½	— 1¾
AT&T Corp	84	81¾	83¾	+ 1¼
AirTouch	90¾	89	89¾	— 1
Albertsons	59¾	58¾	59¼	+ ½
AlldSignal	46	45 5-16	45¾	+ ¾
Alltel	64¼	62¾	64¼	+4 3-16
AmOnline s	121¼	116¼	118	13-16+2 11-16
AmStores	36 3-16	35 11-16	36¼	+ 9-16
Ameritech	65 13-16	64 15-16	65	11-16
AndarkPtr s	36	35¼	35¾	— 3-16
Armcolnc	4 13-16		4¾	4¾
AtlRichfld	64 11-16	64¼	64¾	— 1-16
ATMOS Egy	23¾	23	23 11-16	+ 7-16
Aviall	15 15-16	15¼	15¾	+ 1-16
BP Amoco	98 13-16	97¼	97½	— 2¼
BakerHughes	23 5-16	22¼	23¼	+ ¼
BankAmerica	74½	72¼	72 7-16	— 1½
BellAtl s	54 3-16	53¾	54 1-16	— ¼
BellSouth s	46 9-16	46¼	46 7-16	— ¼
BethSteel	8¾	8 9-16	8 9-16	— ¼
BurlNoSFe s	35½	35	35 5-16	+ ¼
CBS Corp	36½	36¼	36¼	+ ¼
Caterpillar	47¼	47 1-16	47 3-16	+ ¾
CenSoWst	25 3-16	25¼	25 3-16	+ 1-16
Chevron	87 11-16	86¼	87 7-16	+15-16
Citigroup	65 9-16	64¾	65 1-16	+ ⅜
Coastal s	35¼	35 1-16	35 7-16	
CocaCola	68 13-16	68 5-16	68 9-16	+ 5-16
ColgatePalm	89¼	89¼	89 7-16	+ 3-16
ComclMetals	23	22¾	22¾	— ¼
CooperIn	45½	44 13-16	44¾	— 5-16
CyprusAmax	11 7-16		11¼	11¾ + 5-16
DaimlrChry n	95¼	93¾	93¾	+ 9-16
DallSemicn	35¼	34¼	34¼	+ ¼
DeltaAirl s	70 9-16	67 15-16	68 5-16	— 2¼
Dillards Inc	28¾	27¼	27 15-16	— 1-16
DowChem	98¼	97 7-16	98¼	+1 1-16
DuPont	57¾	55 7-16	57¾	+13-16
EastmanChem	47¼	46 7-16	46 15-16	+ ½
EstKodak	68 7-16	67 11-16	67¾	+ ¼
EDS Corp	49 3-16	47½	47 11-16	—1 7-16
Entergy	29½	29 3-16	29 7-16	— 1-16
Exxon	74 15-16	74 5-16	74 13-16	+ ¼
FstBksAm	19¼		19¼	19¾ — 1-16
Flowers	24 11-16		24¼	24 7-16 — ¼

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FordMotor s	59¾	58¾	59¼	+13-16
GTE Cp	61 9-16	60 9-16	60¾	— ½
GenDynam s	63 3-16		62	62 — ¾
GenElec	112 7-16	111¼	112¼	+ 2¼
GenMills	76 3-16	75 9-16	76 1-16	+ 1-16
GenMotors	91 7-16	90¼	90¾	+ 1¾
GaPacGP	80	77 7-16	77 11-16	—1 13-16
GlobalMar	11¼	10 13-16	11 1-16	— 3-16
Goodrich	35¼	35 1-16	35 3-16	— 1-16
Goodyear s	53	52 1-16	52 7-16	+ ¾
GtAtlPac	34¼	33¾	33 13-16	— 5-16
Halliburta	37 7-16	36 5-16	37¼	— ¼
Hanson ADS	45¼	44 15-16	45	+ ½
HarteHanks	29¼	27¼	29¼	+1 7-16
HomeDepot	65¼	64 1-16	64 13-16	— 5-16
IBM	178	174¼	174¾	— 2¼
IntlPaper	47¾	45 15-16	46¾	+ 9-16
JohnsonJn	90 7-16	90 1-16	90 5-16	+ ½
K mart	17¾	17 1-16	17¾	— 3-16
Kroger Co	69¾	68 13-16	69¾	+ ½
Litton	56¾	55 5-16	55¾	—2 9-16
LockheedM s	41 3-16	40¾	41 1-16	+ 1-16
Lowes Cos s	65 3-16	63¾	63¾	—1 1-16
Lubys	15¾	15 1-16	15¾	+ 1-16
LucentTech	103¾	101 13-16	101 15-16	—11-16
LucentTech wi	52¾	51 3-16	51 5-16	— ¼
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Mobil	93 9-16	93 1-16	93¼	
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MorganJP	125 15-16	124¼	125 1-16	+ ¼
Motorola	74¼	72¼	73 9-16	+15-16
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Navistar	40 3-16	39¾	39¾	— 7-16
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Tenneco	30 1-16	29¾	29 11-16	—11-16
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Errors made on tax credit for low-income workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A credit that cuts taxes for low-income working people goes unnoticed by up to 4 million taxpayers who may qualify — and millions of those who do claim the earned income tax credit make mistakes because of its daunting complexity.

"Some of these errors may be due to intentionally excessive claims, but the complexity of the rules ... produces large numbers of mistakes even for people trying to get it right," Yale Law School professor Michael Graetz wrote in his recent book "The Decline (and Fall?) of the Income Tax."

Simply determining eligibility for the credit requires completion of a 12-question checklist, which is followed by a nine-line worksheet and an eight-line form. All of this requires reference to several pages of Internal Revenue Service instructions.

The IRS, which expects 20 million taxpayers to claim the credit this year, frequently finds up to 40 percent of such returns contain some error. But the people for whom the credit is intended typically don't have the money to hire a tax professional.

"For the most part, people make careless errors or they just don't understand the law," said Candice Cromling, director of the IRS program on the credit.

The earned income tax credit was created in 1975, in part to keep lower-income people working to contribute payroll taxes to Social Security and Medicare and in part to give people incentives to stay off welfare.

Depending on how many children a taxpayer has, people earning generally between $10,030 and $30,095 could be eligible this year. The income levels change each year according to inflation.

The maximum credit is $3,756, and it is refundable, which means it can trigger a refund even for people who don't owe any income taxes. Last year, IRS processed $29 billion in such claims resulting in $23 billion in refunds. Most of the rest resulted in a lower tax bill.

But the Treasury Department estimates 20 percent of people who are eligible never attempt to put in a claim. "A lot of people don't know about it," said Mildred Carter, senior tax analyst at CCH Inc., an Illinois-based consulting firm.

The IRS has begun a campaign to raise people's awareness of the credit, including inserts in envelopes containing W-2 forms, "EITC Days" at community centers and volunteers with churches and charities who help people with their taxes in working-class neighborhoods.

The IRS is also trying to reduce the error rate. Agents screen thousands of returns that claim the credit to check for mistakes as simple as an incorrect Social Security number or faulty math.

But the IRS also reviewed 290,000 suspect returns in 1998 that claimed earned income credits worth $662 million. Of those "flagged" returns, the agency found 68 percent were invalid, according to the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative agency.

The IRS this year is preventing taxpayers who improperly claimed the credit from attempting to do so again, unless they fill out a new form explaining why they are eligible. For more serious offenders, the IRS can bar the credit for up to 10 years.

There are ways to get help: IRS offices have Publication 596, which explains the law and eligibility rules. Agents at many of those offices can answer questions, or taxpayers can call the agency toll-free at 1-800-829-1040, seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

IRS rules say some taxpayers earning as much as $14,200 and as little as $6,950 a year may not be required to file an income tax return, depending on age, marital status and other factors.

But Cromling said it's worth the effort: The average refund for taxpayers claiming the earned income credit is running at just over $2,000 this year. That compares with a national average refund of about $1,600.

HMO bill moves forward in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill to tighten federal regulations on health maintenance organizations moved forward in the Senate.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee approved a Republican bill in a party-line vote Thursday. A series of attempts to broaden the measure failed, but Democrats promised to raise those issues again when the legislation goes to the Senate floor, probably this spring.

During two days of debate, Democrats said they were looking out for patients and doctors while Republicans only cared about insurance companies.

Republicans repeatedly emphasized the need to control costs and prevent unintended consequences that could come from overly broad provisions.

The bill offers a number of protections that even the insurance industry has little problem accepting. It guarantees patients the right to reasonable emergency room payments and direct access to gynecologists for women.

Oscar moves to new address: earlier time on Sunday night

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Never on Sunday for Oscar, the film industry said for 46 years. Too risky to air the Academy Awards on the weekend, when people should be buying movie tickets instead of enjoying a free TV show.

But the chance to shore up TV ratings — and a growing appreciation of the Academy Awards as an unparalleled promotional tool for Hollywood — finally caused a reappraisal.

When host Whoopi Goldberg steps on stage at 8:30 p.m. EST Sunday, ABC and the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences hope that the weekend broadcast will be the start of a new tradition.

"It's a great move," said Gil Cates, who is producing his ninth Oscar ceremony.

"Sunday is a festive day, a day of relaxation. It's a non-work day, and I think that comports well with what Oscar should be," he said. "The whole phenomenon of folks rushing home from work to watch the show is going to be avoided."

Although Oscar ratings rise and fall, the ceremony is television's second most-watched event after the Super Bowl. Commercial rates reportedly have reached $1 million for a 30-second spot, up from around $900,000.

But the show is lacking a hit centerpiece like last year's "Titanic." Some of the nominees are in films largely unseen by moviegoers, such as best actor contenders Nick Nolte in "Affliction" or Edward Norton in "American History X."

Without a blockbuster date, Oscar can be relatively unpopular. The 1997 ceremony, at which the highbrow film "The English Patient" dominated, had the second-worst ratings on record.

Although no one is expecting the ceremony to match the 1998 numbers, the best in 15 years, ABC is counting on the move from the show's longtime Monday berth and a half-hour earlier starting time to avoid a big deflation.

"Sunday has the highest 'HUT' level of the week, more 'households using television' than any other night," noted Michael Davies, ABC executive vice president in charge of specials.

The earlier start ensures the ceremony will end at a reasonable hour, a ratings plus. Viewership tends to plummet when the Oscars stretch into the midnight hour on the East Coast.

The star quotient, of course, remains unchanged. Harrison Ford, Jack Nicholson, Denzel Washington, Kim Basinger, John Travolta, Annette Bening, Andy Garcia and Helen Hunt are among the presenters.

The performers are Celine Dion, Andrea Bocelli, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, Randy Newman, Peter Gabriel, Allison Moorer and Aerosmith.

Oscar winner Geena Davis ("The Accidental Tourist," 1988) will be host of an academy first: an exclusive pre-ceremony show beginning at 8 p.m. EST on ABC.

"We're going to attempt to give the audience a backstage pass and look at everything that goes into making the Oscar ceremony," said Davis. That includes clips of events leading up to the ceremony, such as the nominees' luncheon, and, of course, the fashion parade of arriving stars.

Davis said she immediately said yes to the job. "I've always been a fan not only of the Oscars but of the excitement, and arrivals have always been a big part," she said.

The ceremony itself will celebrate the waning century, Cates said.

"Inasmuch as film is a child of the 20th century and made its impact in the century, we're going to reflect on that," he said, including a look at what film's role might be in the next 100 years.

One era will loom especially large because of an honorary award being given to director Elia Kazan, whose critically acclaimed films include "On the Waterfront" and "Gentleman's Agreement." Robert De Niro and Martin Scorsese are presenting.

In the 1950s, Kazan drew fire by giving the names of colleagues to the House Un-American Activities Committee investigating communist infiltration in Hollywood.

Despite the passage of time, the award has divided the industry. "Age and ability in the arts or anything else, in my opinion, does not excuse a crime," said actor Rod Steiger, star of "On the Waterfront." Actor Karl Malden was the member of the Academy's board who proposed the lifetime achievement award for Kazan.

Meanwhile, veteran Daily Variety columnist Army Archerd, citing the controversy, wrote in the trade paper's March 10 issue: "I'm just one who will still remain seated during that honorary Oscar presentation."

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're too reticent or reserved about your abilities, you could allow someone with lesser skills to dominate your life today. Humility can be carried to extremes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Unfortunately, you're not in the mood to be rebuffed today, so instead of risking being unable to strike a responsive chord with others, don't present your ideas in the first place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be especially careful how you present yourself to others today. If you come off as egoistical, haughty or sour in any fashion, people whose support you've been counting on could be withdrawn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Although you might have planned on getting a lot of tasks out of the way today, if you find yourself slightly clumsy, put them off until another day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might be inclined to take a flyer from time to time on speculative things, but this may not be the day to do so, especially on something you know little about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Should minor domestic issues erupt today, smooth it over by making concessions. It's far easier to give a little now than trying to make big amends later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The boomerang effect could be operative today, so mind how you treat others. If you try to boss them around, look for authority figures to nail you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't take it out on others if you find yourself broke today. In reality it probably is due to the fact that you forsook your budget previously and now you're paying the price.

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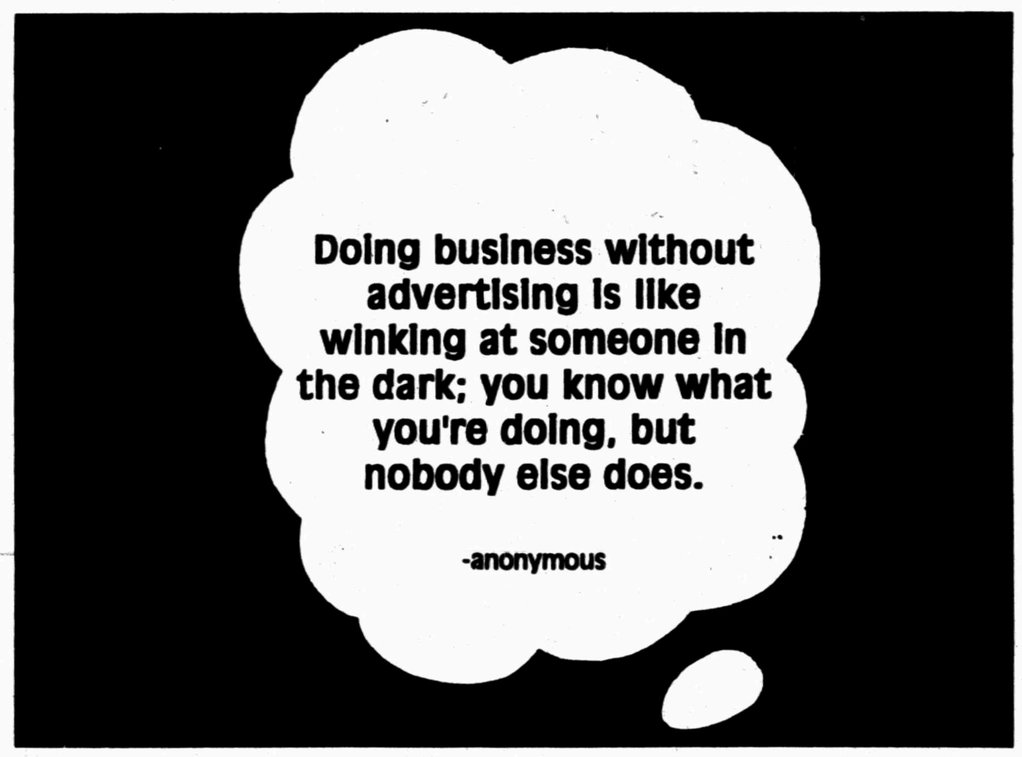
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Oil producers clamor for federal help

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 100 independent oil and natural gas producers have fanned out across Washington this week, urging federal help for an industry that has been battered by low crude oil prices stemming from a worldwide glut.

Beyond seeking tax relief and other legislative help, the producers and their allies on Capitol Hill are calling on the Clinton administration to change its policies towards Iraq. Under a United Nations policy supported by the United States, Iraq is allowed to sell up to $10.4 billion worth of oil yearly, with proceeds to be used to purchase food and medicines for the Iraqi people.

But independent domestic producers — who have seen their industry shrink by 50,000 jobs in the last year and watched marginal well output drop by 8 percent — contend that the oil-for-food program is serving mainly to aid Saddam Hussein while harming U.S. interests.

"Our rights are being violated by politicians taking care of the Middle East," complained Ruben Ramirez, a 34-year oil industry veteran from Kermit, Texas, who was laid off amid the industry's current woes.

Under the oil-for-food program, Iraq can use $600 million annually to rebuild its oil infrastructure and drill new wells. That adds to the current oversupply and potentially hands Iraq a tool to destabilize oil markets, producers said Thursday at a Capitol news conference organized by the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

"We do not want to argue against ... some kind of relief for the Iraqi people," said New Mexico producer and IPAA chairman George Yates. "But what we're saying is that the oil-for-food program is skewed. It is government at work, it is not the market at work."

Appearing before Senate committees Wednesday, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said Iraq's 2.5 million barrel-a-day production has a negligible impact on U.S. oil prices.

That view was dismissed by the chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Sen. Frank Murkowski of Alaska, who noted that when OPEC proposed a similar production cut recently, crude prices jumped $2 a barrel.

"We've got to recognize that old reality that charity begins at home," Murkowski said Thursday. "We've got to support our domestic petroleum industry."

Republican lawmakers denounced U.S. policy towards Iraq as "chaotic."

"There is no good reason why we are bombing Iraq one day, and buying ever-increasing amounts of their oil the next," said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio.

Smith and other lawmakers are targeting their proposed legislative relief at marginal producers, whose wells individually produce 15 barrels or less daily but collectively account for 20 percent of domestic production.

IPAA, which represents thousands of independent producers, is backing legislation that would provide tax credits for marginal production and to return inactive wells to production. The trade group also is calling on the administration to pay more attention to independent producers and the energy security they represent for the country.

Pointing to the United States' reliance on foreign oil for more than half of its energy needs, independents say their importance to the nation's energy security cannot be ignored.

"The message has to be that the administration will not let this industry collapse," Yates said.

Obituaries



Roy Hanson

Roy Hanson

1920-1999

Roy Malcolm Hanson, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Hanson, 78, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired minister, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 6, 1920 in Colorado City, Mr. Hanson was a graduate of Dunn High School and was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, flying B-24 Bombers.

He married Juanita McGrath on Dec. 16, 1944 in Boise, Idaho. They lived in Boise until returning to Scurry County in 1951. Mr. Hanson was employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 30 years and served as the ASCS executive director for Scurry County.

He was a former member of the Snyder Rotary Club and was a member of the Dunn Baptist Church and the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Carrie Hanson; and by a sister and a brother.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Hanson of Snyder; a daughter, Sandy Baker of Snyder; son and daughter-in-law, Mackie and Debbie Hanson of Roseville, Calif.; a brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Mary Evelyn Hanson of Snyder; a brother and sister-in-law, George and Shirlene McClellan of Peoria, Ill.; and four grandchildren, Mandy and April Baker of Snyder and Mark and Angie Hanson of Roseville, Calif.

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David Tullis

1951-1999

ALBANY — David Denton Tullis, a 1969 graduate of Snyder High School, died Wednesday, March 17, in Stephens Memorial Hospital in Breckenridge.

Funeral service for Mr. Tullis, 48, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Albany. The Rev. Douglas Stenberg will officiate, and burial will follow in the Albany Cemetery under the direction of Godfrey-Neese Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 20, 1951 in Spur, Mr. Tullis earned an associate degree from South Plains College and served in the U.S. Navy. He married Enola Gay Buerger on Jan. 19, 1974 in Snyder.

Mr. Tullis served as a volunteer fireman in Snyder for six years. A resident of Breckenridge, Mr. Tullis worked for J&J Air Conditioning in Eastland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Duward Denton and Corene LaVerne Tullis; and by a sister, LaVerne Tullis.

Survivors include his wife Enola Gay Tullis of Breckenridge; a son, Walter Denton Tullis of New Orleans; a daughter, Jennifer Renee Tullis of Lubbock; three sisters, Cynthia Bryant of Longview, Bonnie Tullis of Duncanville, Okla., and Mary Woolsey of Merkel; two brothers, Roger Tullis of Arizona and Tommy Tullis of Flower Mound.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or to the American Heart Association.

Thurman Young

1926-1999

BIG SPRING — Thurman Lester Young, the brother of Ted Young of Snyder, died Thursday, March 18, at his home in Big Spring.

Graveside service for Mr. Young, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock. Robert Turner, minister of the Oasis Church of Christ in Big Spring, will officiate.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 6, 1926 in Spur, he married Elizabeth Blanch on Oct. 31, 1952 in Abilene.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Young moved to Big Spring from Spur in 1953, and he worked for Texas Electric for 34 years, retiring in 1987 as a general foreman in distribution.

Since his retirement, the Youngs have been active in craft shows. A past credit union president, Mr. Young was a member of the Oasis Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Young of Big Spring; three sons, Allen Young of Big Spring, Bruce Young and Tommy Young, both of Lubbock; a daughter, Brenda Martin of Lubbock; a sister, Bobbie Brewster of Spur; two other brothers, Wallace Young of Abilene and Jackie Young of Spur; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Crops...

GOP criticized for insurance funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and the Clinton administration fired opening salvos in the growing debate over how to pay for an overhaul of a farm crop insurance program.

A Republican plan to spend an extra $6 billion over four years for the reforms doesn't seem possible, the Clinton administration charged Thursday. The White House hasn't even offered a plan, Republicans countered.

"It's easy to make pie-in-the-sky promises about things," Sylvia Mathews, deputy director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, said in an interview. "What is real is the commitment and when you deliver."

Rep. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., called the administration's complaints "ridiculous."

President Clinton did not include additional money for crop insurance in his budget, even while maintaining his commitment to passing reforms, Chambliss said.

"That's a pretty strong signal he had no intention of making any changes to crop insurance," Chambliss said.

The House and Senate Budget Committees included the $6 billion in their budget resolutions. The amount spent each year would vary but it would be in addition to the $1.6 billion now spent on the program.

The budget resolutions are essentially blueprints for things GOP leaders would like to accomplish. The actual spending will be determined by legislation to be considered later.

Administration officials have said the Republican crop insurance proposal would require drastic cuts elsewhere in the budget. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has proposed a plan that would cost $2 billion to $2.5 billion more a year than current spending, but administration officials said they wanted to work with GOP leaders to develop a substantive funding plan.

With low crop prices expected to continue, lawmakers want to use crop insurance as a safety net to help farmers through the tough times. Reforms, they maintain, will help boost participation in the program. Many farmers don't have crop insurance, saying it is expensive or inadequate.

Under the program, taxpayers' dollars cover 60 percent of the program while farmers' premiums pay for the rest.

Meanwhile on Capitol Hill, Glickman appeared before exasperated lawmakers and defended an expected eight-month delay in getting $2.3 billion in emergency disaster aid to farmers.

The money is part of a $6 billion disaster aid package passed in October. Glickman said last week that the "complex" process of disbursing the money to farmers meant checks probably wouldn't go out until June.

"This is not rocket science. This is not splitting the atom. This is something the department has done before," said House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas.

"I would have liked to have gotten the money out in January," Glickman said. "We created a program from scratch. We're doing the best we can under these circumstances."

Officers respond to gunshot report

A report of gunshots called officers to a residence in the 1100 block of Avenue R Thursday night.

A 911 call was received at 11:17 p.m. from 1108 Avenue R with Joe Avila stating that someone had fired shots through his kitchen window.

Officers were dispatched, but Avila declined to file a report.

Police Sgt. Jerry Parker said a single shot was fired from a shotgun.

No further investigation is expected.

In other activity, public intoxication sent one subject to jail Thursday night.

Following a report of a fight at the American Legion, officers took a 32-year-old male into custody at 10:53 p.m. on the charge.

An offense report for assault by threat was also filed in the matter.

Officers also filed an offense report for forgery at 12:41 p.m. at West Texas State Bank.

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Boy Scout car wash

Boy Scout Troop 27 will hold a car wash fund-raiser for new tents Sunday at Wal-Mart from 1 until 5 p.m. The cost will be a $5 donation for cars, and $10 for larger vehicles.

Baseball Tiger Moms

SHS baseball Tiger Moms will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday at the former Lone Star Gas building. For more information, call LeaAnn Shields at 573-9862.

SHS tennis boosters

SHS Tennis Booster Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Savings and Loan. For more information, call 573-2400.

Soccer registration

Registration for the Snyder Soccer Association will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Snyder Lanes.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "God's Joy When a Son Comes Home," followed by "God and the Rebellious Child."

Choir booster club

The SHS Choir Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the choir room to discuss the choir banquet. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Library book sale

Scurry County Library book sale will begin Wednesday and continue through Saturday during regular library hours. A variety of books, including children's, will be available.

Free tax aid service

Free tax help is available every Wednesday at the Senior Center. Help is also available for shut-ins. Call 573-3822 or 573-4035.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Funiture, appliances and other items are appreciated. Clothes are not needed at this time. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Postal Service entrance exam

The examination for data conversion operator for the U.S. Postal Service will be open to the public through next Friday at the remote encoding center in Abilene. Applications and additional information are available at the Snyder post office.

Reception for warden

A reception to welcome Warden Wilhelmenia Howard and her husband, Tony, to Snyder will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 29, at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Howard is the new warden at the Price Daniel Unit, and Tony is TDCJ regional supervisor for internal affairs.

Windbreak trees available

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has extra windbreak trees, both hardwood and evergreens, available.

Aggie scholarships

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mothers' Club will award two scholarships to a high school senior and a current A&M student. Students in Fisher, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties are eligible. Applications are available at the high schools and postmark deadline for applications is April 1.

Townhall meeting

State Rep. David Counts, along with Mayor David Holt, will conduct a townhall meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Snyder City Hall.

Public hearing for bomber training

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initative (RBTI) on Wednesday, April 7, from 5-9 p.m. at Snyder High School.

Golden K fish fry

Golden K Wiwanis Club fish fry will be held from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Senior Citizens Center. Cost is $6 and take-out plates will be available.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
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