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Clinton weighs $31 billion stimulus plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is considering a quick, $31 billion stimulus plan as well as longer-term government investments in the economy that would climb to $60 billion annually by fiscal 1997, congressional and administration officials say.

Details of Clinton's plan to revive the economy and control the deficit are beginning to emerge, just two weeks before he formally outlines it to Congress.

Administration officials, along with lawmakers and aides on Capitol Hill, say Clinton has yet to sign off on many key decisions. Still up in the air are how much stimulus and deficit reduction he will seek, and whether — or how — to raise taxes on the middle class.

Nonetheless, two Democratic officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said Tuesday that Clinton was considering seeking $16 billion in spending increases for fiscal 1993 to help create jobs. Fiscal 1993 runs through Sept. 30.

The officials said that during a Monday evening meeting, Clinton's top economic advisers told several senators that the increases would go to road building, waste water treatment facilities, summer jobs, the Head Start program for pre-schoolers and childhood vaccinations.

They also said Clinton's aides spoke about a $15 billion investment tax credit for businesses that buy certain types of equipment. The goal is to encourage companies to accelerate machinery purchases to spark the economy.

The president also was considering a four-year plan to strengthen the economy that would grow from a $10 billion federal investment next year to $60 billion in fiscal 1997, one of the officials said.

No details were discussed about what those investments would be. But an official said they probably would be similar to parts of "Putting People First," Clinton's campaign book, in which he discussed transportation, computer and environmental projects and a need to shift defense companies to civilian areas.

Clinton's advisers spoke of the president's new goal of slashing $145 billion from the 1997 deficit, which is now expected to exceed $300 billion. That is a retreat from his campaign pledge of halving the shortfall.

Details of that plan remain uncertain. But based on comments from administration officials and others, it seems that tax increases, perhaps in the $20 billion to $50

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Ask Us

Q—When is the Snyder High School coronation?

A—It has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, in Worsham Auditorium.

In Brief

Lotto names

AUSTIN (AP) — Finalists and alternates have been drawn for the $1 million lottery drawing that will be held Thursday, Feb. 11, in Harlingen.

Picked as finalists Tuesday were Ariel Ordaz of El Paso, David Landcaster of Somerville, Robert Noll of Irving, Karen Pullen of Cedar Hill, Faye Sharp of Baytown, Eugene Fether of El Paso, and Magdalena Trevino of San Antonio.

Local

Tourism

Snyder Chamber of Commerce's tourism and retirement committee will hold its regular meeting Thursday at 10 a.m. in the chamber board room.

Model planes

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the TU Electric crew room at 32nd Street and Avenue M.

Visitors and guests are welcome.

Class reunion

A class reunion for Snyder High School Classes of 1952 and 1953 will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday at 4401 Houston.

For more information, contact Nancy Smith, 573-0109 or 573-0069 or Polly Underwood at 573-2175.

Chili supper

Boy Scout Troop 27 will sponsor a chili supper, 5:30 p.m. Friday, in the First Christian Church fellowship hall.

Tickets are $3. Carry-outs will be available for $3.50. Proceeds will be used to help send the boys to a jamboree this summer.

ADN program

Howard College Accelerated Degree of Nursing (ADN) program and Cogdell Memorial Hospital will host a tea for prospective students at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the hospital board room.

Mobility testing for prospective students will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 64 degrees; low, 38 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 47 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, .96 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low from 40 to 45. East to northeast 10-15 mph. Thursday, cloudy with a 60 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. High in the upper 40s. Northeast wind 10-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:20. Sunrise Thursday, 7:34. Of 33 days in 1993, the sun has shone 28 days in Snyder.

Officials petition to remove Head Start from PPI control

Snyder Child Day Care Center, citing continued problems in obtaining Head Start funds from People for Progress, Inc., is attempting to contract directly with Central Texas Opportunities.

Head Start is a federally-funded program for three and four-year-olds from lower income families. Locally, the program is run through Snyder Child Day Care Center.

Shirley Fritz, director of the center, said People for Progress, Inc. (PPI) has refused to reimburse Scurry County Head Start for $6,000 in expenses for 1991-92, and about $10,000 for 1992-93.

"We haven't received anything since November, when we received an advance payment of $5,000. And that did not even cover November," Fritz said.

To avoid future problems with PPI, Snyder Child Day Care Center board of directors and the Scurry County Head Start parent's committee have voted to attempt to obtain future funds directly from Central Texas Opportunities (CTO) in Coleman.

Currently, PPI subcontracts from CTO to serve Head Start programs in Nolan, Fisher, Mitchell and Scurry counties.

County Judge Bob Doolittle has been working with the local agency in an attempt to have the funds rerouted directly to Snyder Child Day Care.

"In talking with the people at Health and Human Services in Dallas, they expect there to be community support. And we have that here, but we've had some problems with PPI. With that in mind, we're trying to move forward and do what's best for the children of Scurry County," Doolittle said.

Currently, Head Start funds are sent from a regional office in Dallas to CTO in Coleman. From CTO, they go to People for Progress in Sweetwater, where they are to be distributed to Head Start programs in Mitchell, Nolan, Fisher and Scurry counties.

Gladys Gerst is the executive director for People for Progress, Inc.

"If Gladys wants to operate Head Start in Nolan County, we're tickled to death for her. But we want to deal with CTO directly," said Doolittle.

The judge discussed the situation between Scurry County and PPI in January with Health and Human Services officials in Dallas.

On Monday, local officials, including Doolittle, Fritz and Snyder Child Day Care Center board chairman Rodger Sullenger, took part in a conference call with CTO director Mike Zuniga and Arlus Johnston, coordinator for family support services with Health and Human Services. They confirmed that Scurry County Head Start could petition to be placed under CTO.

CTO's policy council will meet on Feb. 9 and its board of directors will meet Feb. 23. If both boards approve the petition, Scurry County Head Start will be removed from PPI.

Doolittle said local officials are currently in the process of gathering resolutions of support to send to CTO.

Ironically, Snyder Child Day

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COT APPLICANTS — Texas Department of Criminal Justice recruiter Marilyn Follin fingerprints David Hernandez of Big Spring, one of 106 eligible applicants being interviewed for Western Texas College's second Correctional Officer Training class, which begins Monday, Feb. 15. (SDN Staff Photo)

133 test for next COT class

Over 130 applicants tested Tuesday for Western Texas College's second Correctional Officer Training (COT) class of 1993

A total of 133 of the 196 people who applied for the mid-February class were present for the test, the first step in the process of being employed by TDCJ as a correctional officer.

Interviews began Tuesday afternoon, with 106 eligible applicants scheduled to be interviewed by the end of the week.

The three-and-a-half week course is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 15 and end Wednesday, March 10, prior to the college's closing for Spring break.

The college will notify applicants who are accepted to the course on Friday, Feb. 12. Those who are eventually accepted for and complete the class will be certified by TDCJ to work in the state prison system.

Some 63 students are currently attending the college's first COT class of the year, scheduled to end one week from today.

9 companies submit prison proposal bids

Some nine companies have submitted 35 proposals for four private prisons, ensuring stiff competition in a bid process controlled by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Last Friday was the deadline for responding to a request for proposal to design, build and operate four 500-bed pre-release centers.

Corrections Corporation of America, a private-prison firm headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., submitted a proposal for a site in Snyder.

The Snyder proposal calls for the location of the facility on a 55-acre tract just northwest of the Price Daniel unit.

CCA also submitted proposals for Venus and Cleveland where the company already operates a pre-release center for the TDCJ. Wackenhunt, who operates two other private prisons for the TDCJ, submitted proposals for Kyle, Bridgeport and for two at Lockhart.

Colorado City's private vendor, Technical Approach to Secure Confinement, submitted four applications, all for Mitchell County.

Esmor, Inc. submitted two applications for Agua Dulce and New Boston. GMTX turned in proposals for Bartlett, Dayton, San Saba, Willis and Wills Point. Corplan submitted a proposal for Karnes City.

The Carnell Cox Group made proposals for Coldsprings, Kaufman, Corsicana and Robstown. Recor turned in applications for Laredo and Big Spring.

Concept, Inc. turned in the largest number of site proposals. Proposed locations are Overton-Rusk, Littlefield, Shamrock, Brownfield, Sweetwater and El Paso County. U.S. Corrections Corp. submitted applications for Clarksville, Jasper and Diboll.

Gay Vick, CCA vice president for development, said his company had not received any feedback since the Friday deadline. "I would suspect that it would take (TDCJ) staff several weeks to go through the applications."

Although the department has announced no timetable, it is speculated that a site selection decision could come at the TDCJ's March board meeting in Houston.

Senate defeats GOP alternate tax break plan for family leave

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate today overwhelmingly rejected an alternate family leave plan pushed by Republicans to give tax breaks to companies that provide the benefit.

On a 67-33 vote, the Senate defeated the GOP plan, which was seen as a bid to weaken the family leave bill by making the benefit optional. The vote came as the Senate resumed debate after starting action on Tuesday.

The Democratic-sponsored bill requires companies with 50 or more workers to offer up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for ill family members or for a newborn.

Even some Republicans joined in the effort to kill the tax plan.

"If you don't want to do much for family leave, vote for it," Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., said Tuesday in arguing against the Republican substitute.

The House was set to begin deliberation on its version of the bill today as well.

Both chambers are moving rapidly on the legislation, likely to be the first bill to pass the 103rd Congress. Family leave bills were twice vetoed by former President Bush, and President Clinton has asked Congress to give him an amendment-free bill quickly.

Clinton and Democrats hope to display its quick enactment as proof that the stalemate between Congress and the White House is over.

Passage of the bill "would be a fitting indication that the government has gone to the work for the people," the president said in a letter Tuesday to chief Senate sponsor, Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn.

In Tuesday's Senate debate, Republicans complained that the government shouldn't be mandating benefits and that companies need flexibility to design their own benefit packages.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, offered the plan to give companies tax breaks if they offered family leave. He said lawmakers don't know the true costs to businesses of mandated leave and Congress is trying to "shove the costs off on the private sector."

But critics said Craig's plan just amounted to a $5 billion tax break for corporations. And they said the costs to companies only amounts to continuing their health care coverage. That's still cheaper than retraining new workers, those lawmakers argued.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It is possible to save time, but impossible to hoard it."

The holidays are history, but not stories that are a result of a gathering of family or friends.

Former SDN editor Wacil McNair told about a new family who moved into the neighborhood. Twin sons of a neighborhood family were invited to the new family's home for a hamburger cookout.

The mother of the twins was awaiting anxiously when the two returned from the party, hoping to find out something about the new family on the block.

As soon as possible, the twins' mother began to ask questions: Were they nice? Did they seem to live like we do?

"Not exactly," said one of the twins. "They're the kind of people that use the same knife to spread mustard and mayonnaise on a hamburger bun without wiping it off."

There was another case in which a child attended a holiday party in the home of a new friend.

Her mother wanted to know about the party and if she got better acquainted with the new neighborhood kid.

"Yep, I found out a lot about her. She picks out all the cashew nuts in the party trash bowl and eats them herself."

The young still have a nifty way of getting to the bottom line of a subject. Concluded McNair, "The best thing about the young is they have not experienced enough to know that they cannot possibly do the things they are doing."

An organization called East Texans Against Lawsuit Abuse puts out a newsletter for its members. A recent bulletin contained an interesting, but startling fact:

"The amount of money awarded in million dollar verdicts in Texas from January to July 1992 exceeded the combined total of million dollar verdict awards in the other 49 states."

University closes student government

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — For decades, the way into student government at the University of Alabama has been the Machine, a shadowy collection of white fraternities and sororities highly effective at getting its people elected.

Few people have been able to overcome the power of the Machine, which has backed many student leaders who later made their mark in politics, including a number of congressmen.

Even a leader-to-be like George C. Wallace was no match for it. Wallace, the four-time governor and presidential candidate, ran for a student post in the 1930s without Machine backing and lost.

But after a non-Machine candidate for student president reported being beaten and slashed and a cross was burned outside her house, administrators shut down the student government.

While school officials say there's no proof the Machine is to blame and leaders of the coalition deny any role, administrators and many students say it's time to start over.

"When the contests are marked by violence, that's just a clear indication that something has to happen," said Harry Knopke, vice president for student affairs.

Minda Riley, a non-Machine candidate for president of the Student Government Association, reported that a man entered her home Sunday night, bruised her cheek, busted her lip, cut her face with a knife and told her she was allied with the wrong people.

Two months earlier, a cross was burned on the lawn of the white student's off-campus house, and threatening notes with the phrase "machine rules" were put in her mailbox and on her door.

This week, the university suspended campus elections scheduled for next week.

"Reform of student government on this campus has my full support," school President Roger Sayers said Tuesday.

Knopke said that for several months, a number of people have made allegations of threats. Although some blame the Machine, a coalition of members of 27 fraternities and sororities, Knopke stopped short of that.

But, he said, "There is an undercurrent involving the so-called Machine, and it will be discussed."

The Machine-backed candidate for student president, Neil Duthie, said he had no part in the alleged attack and does not believe the Machine was responsible. "I think it's really horrible it happened," he said.

Miss Riley belongs to Phi Mu sorority, one of 48 Greek organizations at Alabama and one those that make up the Machine. But the Machine endorsed Duthie, a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Marlon Trone, a member of a non-Machine fraternity, said the administration "should have investigated the situation a long time ago, who's in the SGA, the way it's been run."

Knopke said that while administrators and students discuss the makeup of the new student government, all SGA functions will be directed by the Office of Student Life, with help from a council of student organizations.

Miss Riley's brother, Rob Riley, the Machine-backed SGA president in 1987, said he had no doubt that the Machine or a candidate backed by it was responsible for the attack.

"Today the Machine is a little club of thugs and cowards," he said.

Senate candidates report campaign funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Congressmen Joe Barton and Jack Fields have transferred significant amounts of money from their House campaign committees to their Senate campaigns.

The two Republicans are among several candidates vying in the May 1 special election to fill the U.S. Senate seat vacated when Lloyd Bentsen became U.S. treasury secretary.

Barton moved $339,979 from his House campaign committee to his Senate committee last December, Federal Election Commission records show. The transfer accounted for the bulk of campaign assets he reported as of year-end.

Fields, a congressman from Humble, shifted some $40,000 from his House committee to his Senate campaign earlier this year, campaign spokesman Joe Fleming said Tuesday.

Candidates who had raised or spent at least $5,000 by year's end in the Texas special election were required to file campaign finance reports as of Jan. 31. The reports don't include any contributions or spending since the end of December.

Fields reported no funds raised as of Dec. 31.

"At that point Jack had not made the decision to join the Senate race," Fleming said. "He didn't decide to run until January."

Fleming didn't provide a total on how much Fields now has in his campaign war chest.

Barton had $367,216 in his coffers as of Dec. 31, of which $27,237 derived from individual campaign contributions. The Ennis lawmaker reported no expenditures.

Barton's campaign took a swipe Tuesday at state Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison, a fellow Republican candidate.

His campaign said that the FEC reports showed that Hutchison's campaign chairman, Jim Francis, inflated the amount of her campaign contributions in a letter to Republican leaders. Francis claimed that Hutchison had raised $157,964 at a time when she actually had $7,639, Barton's campaign said.

"The FEC report directly contradicts Mr. Francis' claims," said Barton campaign manager Robert Weed. "I am sure it was accidental but I call on Mr. Francis to send a letter of correction to every person he sent that letter to."

The $7,639 figure is what Hutchison had as of Dec. 31. Francis' letter, dated Jan. 26, reflected funds raised since year-end, the Hutchison campaign said.

"They're obviously confused. The facts are that Kay Bailey Hutchison has raised more than $350,000 to date and that's without transferring any money to her campaign account," said campaign spokeswoman Rossanna Salazar.

Of the $7,639 Hutchison raised in the last few weeks of December, $2,000 came from the Campaign America political action committee.

Hutchison also reported $2,000 in contributions from Charles and Judy Black of Alexandria, Va. He is a veteran GOP strategist with close ties to Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

Gramm, who as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee is instrumental in funneling party money to GOP candidates nationwide, has said he won't back a specific candidate at present since several Republicans are in the race.

Democrat Bob Krueger, appointed interim senator by Gov. Ann Richards pending the May 1 election, wasn't required to file a report with the FEC since he wasn't appointed until January.

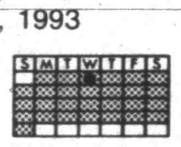
Krueger campaign spokesman Monte Williams wouldn't specify the amount of contributions to date but said fund-raising was "going great."

The first occasion Krueger will be required to file a campaign report is April 19, said FEC spokesman Scott Moxley.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Feb. 3, 1993

Today is the 34th day of 1993 and the 45th day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1947, the first black news correspondent, P.L. Prattis, was admitted to the House of Representatives and Senate press gallery.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Horace Greeley (1811-1872), newspaper editor-reformer; Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910), physician; Gertrude Stein (1874-1946), writer; Norman Rockwell (1894-1978), painter; James A. Michener (1907-), novelist, is 86; Shelley Berman (1926-), comedian, is 67; Fran Tarkenton (1940-), football player, is 53; Bob Griese (1945-), football player-broadcaster, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, the Minnesota Twins traded seven-time batting champion Rod Carew to the California Angels in exchange for four players.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In the United States there is more space where nobody is than where anybody is. That is what makes America what it is." — Gertrude Stein

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1947, North America's all-time record low temperature was observed at Snag, Yukon Territory (Canada), with a reading of minus 81 degrees.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 30) and full moon (Feb. 6).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

There's a wonderful thing about the month of February — there's but one of the dismal month in the calendar.

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Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Feb. 3, 1993

In the year ahead you should be able to use knowledge you've acquired from past experiences. This could serve you well if you are competing for a position in your field of endeavor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Face challenges optimistically today, but not unrealistically. If you underestimate the odds, this could lull you into a false sense of security. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Aquarius' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped copy to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not attempt to manage a critical situation for another today that you are not equipped to handle. There is a chance you might make a costly mistake for which you will be held accountable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you are in a situation today where you have authority over others, strive to be gracious instead of domineering. If you start pushing, subordinates will push back.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) People you'll be involved with today will resent you if you try to manipulate them with flattery or insincerity. Your motives will be readily perceived.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to derive instant gratification today, you may be inclined to make deals that do not serve your best interests in the long run. This could be true whether you are buying, selling or bartering.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, hoping others will do things for you that you should be doing for yourself could lead to disappointments. The only person you can count on is yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion today, even those who totally disagree with you. Don't take it as a personal affront if they are not in accord with your views.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There is a possibility today you might have a misunderstanding with a close friend. It won't be much to begin with, but if it isn't resolved quickly, it could be blown out of proportion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Generosity is one of your nobler traits, but be careful today lest you carry it to extremes. You might give away something that you'll need later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are a rather artistic and creative person, but today your customary sense of design might not be up to its usual standards. Everyone may be aware of this but you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be extremely careful of how you conduct yourself in social situations today. If you make a faux pas, you might make the situation worse by embellishing it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though your intentions will be good today, there is a chance you might do things in a manner that will offend others instead of arousing their gratitude.

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Drummer to protest

NAVARRO BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Grateful Dead drummer Bill Kreutzmann is protesting a state plan to give the boot to a group of homeless beach dwellers.

"I am going to chain myself to something and I'm willing to get arrested," said Kreutzmann, who has lived on the Mendocino coast 20 years. "I find it incomprehensible and morally bankrupt to treat human beings like this."

The Parks and Recreation Department plans to evict by the end of the month about 20 adults and nine children who have lived in trailers and makeshift shelters on the beach for 18 months.

AP Tax Tips

Earned income credit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Everyone has heard about those taxpayers who understate income or exaggerate deductions. But some people actually fail to claim a major tax break to which they are entitled — and they are among those who need one most.

Every year the IRS and scores of socially conscious organizations combine efforts to remind low-income families of the earned-income credit. More than 13.8 million couples and individuals claimed the credit on returns filed in 1992, but hundreds of thousands of qualified families failed to do so.

The credit was created to reward low-earning families for staying off the welfare rolls and to help them offset their Social Security taxes. It has been expanded to provide additional help with medical insurance and for those with newborn children.

For 1992, families with income below $22,370 are eligible for at least a partial benefit. The maximum credit is $2,211.

The credit is unique: It can wipe out your entire income tax liability, and if your credit is larger than your liability, the government will send you a check for the difference.

The credit is claimed on Schedule EIC with either Form 1040 or 1040A. The calculations can get complicated, so the IRS volunteers do the arithmetic if qualified taxpayers will simply fill in the first page of Schedule EIC. That means:

— Your name and Social Security number.

— The name, year of birth and Social Security number of any child for whom you are claiming the credit, and the number of months that child lived with you in 1992.

— The type and amount of any nontaxable earned income — such as military housing allowance and combat pay — received last year.

— The premium you paid for health insurance for one or more children.

The IRS will do the rest.

You still will have to determine whether you are eligible and which of your children qualify. But the IRS instructions on Schedule EIC make that process fairly simple.

Who is eligible?

In general, any working family whose earnings — wages, tips and net income from self-employment — were under $22,370; whose adjusted gross income (which is earnings minus such adjustments as alimony paid) was under $22,370, and which has at least one qualifying child.

The credit is available to couples filing joint returns; single people, and qualified heads of household, but not to couples filing separately.

A qualifying child is one who on Dec. 31, 1992, was under the age of 19, or was under 24 and a full-time student, or who was permanently and totally disabled regardless of age. The child must have lived with the family in the United States for more than half of 1992, or all year if a foster child.

There is another restriction for those who claim the supplemental credit for a child under age 1. If you had to pay a child-care worker last year so you could work, you will have to choose between the supplemental credit and the dependent-care credit, which is calculated on Form 2441 (or Schedule 2 if you file Form 1040A).

The maximum basic earned-income credit is $1,324 for a one-child working family, or $1,384 for two or more children. There is an additional maximum of $376 when a child under 1 is involved, and up to $451 for health insurance.

The maximum basic credit is reached when earned income is $7,500. Once income reaches $11,880, the credit begins dropping until it ends at the $22,370 level.

Boredom, bad food plague deportees

MARJ AL-ZOHOUR, Lebanon (AP) — Every morning at 5 a.m., Abdul-Monem Lubbad gets up in the pre-dawn chill with other Palestinian deportees stranded in a southern Lebanon no man's land and prays for 15 minutes.

The Muslim fundamentalist's prayer is always the same — for an end to his ordeal, now six weeks old, and a return to his home in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip.

Inevitably, he looks south, toward Gaza, where his family waits.

"I have four children," he says hoarsely. "I miss them very much. I long to play with them, hear their laughter."

Lubbad, a 37-year-old pathologist, has not heard from his wife, Jamila, and his children since he and more than 400 other Palestinians were deported by Israel on Dec. 17 in retaliation for the slaying of six Israeli troopers.

Israel claims the deportees, all from the West Bank and Gaza, support extremist factions, like the fundamentalist Hamas.

Lebanon refuses to accept them, saying it won't become an Israeli dumping ground. And Israel refuses to take them back, defying an international outcry and a U.N. Security Council resolution.

Faced with a threat of U.N. sanctions, the Jewish state agreed Monday to take back 100 of the men. But the deportees unanimously rejected the compromise, insisting on immediate return for all.

So far, only 14 deported by mistake and five who were sick have returned.

The men believe they can win if they can stick it out in their tent camp on a rocky hillside between the Lebanese Army and Israel's self-designated "security zone," an occupied border strip of south Lebanon.

Lubbad shares Tent 19 with his friend, pharmacist Khalil Abu-Leyla, and Gaza physician Abdul-Aziz Rantisi, the camp spokesman.

Their day starts at 5 a.m., when a muezzin standing on a rocky bluff calls the men to prayer with a bullhorn.

After reading the Koran, Islam's holy book, in their tents, the trio brew tea or coffee and listen to the BBC's Arabic language newscast on a transistor radio.

After a breakfast of jam, cheese and bread or beans and chickpeas with lemon sauce, Lubbad and Abu-Leyla go to work at a clinic the deportees started. Their food is smuggled in by sympathizers from nearby villages.

After noon prayers, there's lunch — usually smuggled cans of tuna fish and sardines. "I'm so sick of this food," Lubbad complained. "I eat only to stay alive."

After evening prayers at 5 p.m., there's communal singing or debates, anything to keep occupied.

"It's funny, but I haven't got bored at all," said Lubbad, whose comrades include men from the occupied territories' intellectual elite — engineers, physicians, professors, journalists, businessmen and Islamic clergymen.

"The days have passed surprisingly quickly."

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Krueger first to air campaign spots

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans still weary from last fall's blitz of campaign commercials may want to turn off their TV sets.

The ads are back.

Interim U.S. Sen. Bob Krueger on Tuesday became the first Senate candidate to air a campaign ad, purchasing time in six cities to tout his plan to audit federal government spending.

The commercial, which also reiterates Krueger's pledge to return 20 percent of his Senate budget to the Treasury, is the first to be broadcast for the May 1 special election.

The filing deadline for that election, which so far has drawn a dozen candidates, isn't until March 31. But Krueger's campaign staff said they considered it important to begin getting the Democrat's message out now.

"We wanted to get out early and define who Bob Krueger is and what he wants to do," said Mark McKinnon, a consultant working for Krueger's campaign.

"The people want to know what he's going to do as a United States senator," McKinnon said.

That's why the commercial discusses Kruger's budget-cutting plans rather than giving his biography, McKinnon said.

The simple commercial, with black typewriter-style text on a white background, outlines the proposals Krueger unveiled Monday to audit federal spending, give the president power to impound wasted dollars and return 20 percent of Krueger's office budget to the Treasury. It also pledges Krueger's support for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

Krueger was appointed by Gov. Ann Richards to fill the Senate vacancy created by Lloyd Bentsen's decision to become U.S. Treasury secretary. The special election winner will serve out the term, which runs through 1994.

Krueger's budget-trimming plan and ad was criticized by a Republican candidate, U.S. Rep. Joe Barton.

Barton spokesman Craig Murphy said airing the commercials one day after Krueger announced his audit plan showed that the proposal was a campaign ploy. "It turned out he had these commercials in the can and ready to go," he said.

In other campaign developments:

— Krueger said Tuesday that he would be voting in favor of the proposed family and medical leave bill in Congress. "I support the Family and Medical Leave Act because American families have sacrificed enough," he said.

— The National Abortion Rights Action League endorsed Krueger. "Bob Krueger trusts the women of Texas to make their own personal and private decisions about abortion," said Tracey Kirchenbauer of the group's Texas affiliate.

— Democrat Jim Mattox, who hasn't formally entered the race but says he "intends" to do so, criticized Krueger's call for an oil import tax. "The average consumer will get soaked at the pump," Mattox said.

License of second reactor at Comanche Peak approved

DALLAS (AP) — After nearly 20 years of construction, the nation's most expensive nuclear power plant is almost complete.

Tuesday, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission granted a license allowing low-power testing of the second of Comanche Peak's two reactors.

TU Electric, the Dallas-based utility that owns the plant, could start loading nuclear fuel into the reactor immediately, spokesman Dave Fiorelli said.

That would take about a week, setting the stage for about six months of testing before the reactor could begin producing electricity commercially.

Started in 1974, Comanche Peak was originally expected to be completed in 1981 at a cost of $800 million. Current TU Electric estimates show the cost at nearly $11 billion.

Comanche Peak's only other facility — Unit 1 — has been in commercial operation since August 1990 and has produced about 15 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity.

Each of Comanche Peak's twin containment buildings — concrete humps 265 feet tall and 135 feet across — holds a nuclear reactor and a steam system that transfers heat to still more systems to turn the turbines.

A reactor could pass as an armor-plated bus set on its end: 44 feet tall, weighing nearly one million pounds. The reaction of the three percent uranium-235 fuel is regulated, via remote control, by dropping boron rods into the reactor vessel. Boron kills the reaction.

With both reactors at full power and all systems running perfectly, the plant could produce 2,300 megawatts of electricity. By the end of 1993, nuclear power should account for 13 percent of TU Electric's generating capability, utility officials say.

Unit 1 has been "available" — industry jargon for running smoothly and making electricity — 68 percent of the time since it started full operations in August 1990. The national average is 70 percent.

An NRC inspection team said two weeks ago that TU Electric is ready to operate both reactors. But it said the company still needs to police its own performance.

Fiorelli said the utility has adopted a seven-step program for workers to use in checking each job they do. The steps — "stop, locate, touch, verify, anticipate, manipulate, observe" — are emblazoned on everything from posters to ballpoint pens.

The startup of Comanche Peak's Unit 2 will be a milepost both for the Dallas-based utility and for the nuclear industry.

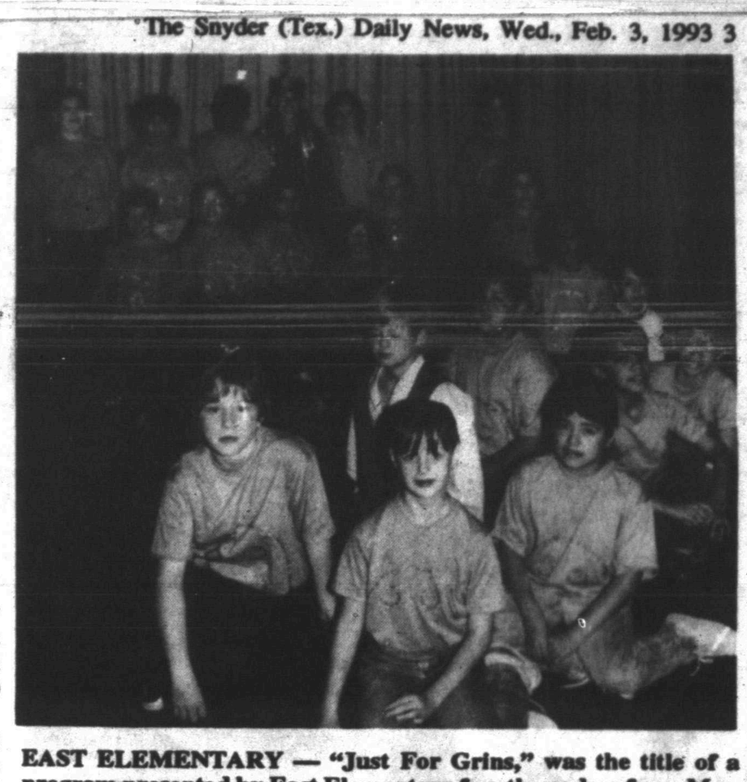
It will be the last such event for an investor-owned utility. The only other plant under construction is a two-reactor Tennessee Valley Authority project. A total of 110 commercial reactors are operating.

Comanche Peak "represents the end of the first generation of nuclear plants," said NRC Commissioner James Curtiss, who was in high school when planning for Comanche Peak began.

TU Electric says Comanche Peak took longer than other plants of the same vintage because of protracted licensing hearings in the 1980s.

Reaching this point took so long that some of the original equipment had to be replaced before it was ever used. Even with the last rivet in place, the big capital expenses aren't over.

When it's time to retire the plant, which is supposed to last 40 years, the Dallas utility expects to spend another $600 million decontaminating and dismantling it.



EAST ELEMENTARY — "Just For Grins," was the title of a program presented by East Elementary fourth graders from Mrs. Patsy Williams' and Mrs. Billie Adam's rooms. Donna Smith is their music teacher. From left are, first row, Sheena Callaway, Christina Gutierrez, Arthur Garza, Marcus Diaz, Dixie Yandrich; second row, Cristi Buchanan, Cody Kellner, Darrell Rivera, Crystal Lujan, Ashley Overby; third row, Craig Forbes, Tommie Sims, Sandy Arriega, T'Leah Eicke, Lacey Crawford, Bridgett Cagle; top row, Melina Gilbert, Valerie Pena, LaBow Rivers, John Racus and Miranda Fuentez.



ALSO PERFORMING — Other performers in "Just For Grins," a play at East Elementary, are from left, first row, Elvis Vargas, Jessica Pierson, Witney Graham; second row, Davison Burnett, Malina Gonzales, Steven Salinas, Ernie Cerda, Amanda Bernal, Darin Davis; third row, Richard Gallegos, Leonel Rivera, R.J. Hernandez, Toyka Green, Brooke Williams, Jonathan Barrow; top row, Jennifer Newman, Kyle McClendon, Martin Villerreale, Riley Tatum and Weslee Phariss. Not pictured is Seth Humble. (SDN Staff Photo)

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; "Growth and Care of Herbs," by Anna Sears; MAWC; 9:30 p.m.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

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

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Golden Corral; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave M, 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

Saturday

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-2349, 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 2-3-93
♠ A J 10 6
♥ A Q J 7 4
♦ 6 2
♣ K J

WEST
♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ 6 3 2
♦ J 7 5
♣ Q 6 4

EAST
♠ 3
♥ 10 9 8
♦ 10 9 8 4 3
♣ 9 8 7 2

SOUTH
♠ K 9 8 2
♥ K 5
♦ A K Q
♣ A 10 5 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ?

Another sleight of hand

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday we looked at the Grosvenor Gambit, whereby a defender obtains the normal result by abnormal means. But sometimes a defender can gain a trick with an abnormal play. The defender knows that the declarer cannot see through the backs of the cards. He knows the conclusion that the declarer will draw — and realizes it will be the wrong conclusion.

This deal occurred during the 1977 Bermuda Bowl in Manila. Sitting West was Mike Passell.

You can see that South has to find the spade queen to make the grand slam. The "textbook" lead against a grand slam is a trump. The opponents presumably won't have bid seven with a hole in the trump suit, so it is a safe lead, giving nothing away.

Suppose you are in seven and don't receive a trump lead. What conclusion do you draw? If the lead is, say, a safe king from K-Q, perhaps there is no inference available. But if it is a potentially dangerous lead, probably it means that the opponent has no trump to lead or he has a trump holding from which he doesn't want to lead.

In this deal, if West leads, say, a diamond, it would be normal for declarer to play West for the spade queen.

However, Passell could see that coming. To deflect declarer from the winning line, he led a trump at trick one.

South was convinced East had the spade queen. After the spade 10 won the first trick, the declarer called for dummy's spade ace. Imagine his shock when East discarded.

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Fort Worth plans to ban smoking also

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is one step closer to being smokeless.

The Fort Worth City Council Tuesday night unanimously approved a smoking ban at the airport.

The city joins Dallas, which approved a similar measure last week.

In order for the ban to take effect, three cities with jurisdiction over the airport must first approve the action. Dallas and Fort Worth own the airport, and Grapevine owns the land on which the terminals are located.

Grapevine City Manager Trent Petty predicted that his city council would support the measure as well. Grapevine could take up the proposal as early as Feb. 16.

"We tend to support the airport on issues that involve its operation," he said.

The D-FW Airport board unanimously approved the ban Dec. 3.

"I'm curious to why we waited," said Fort Worth Councilman Morris Matson. "It's the only responsible thing to do."

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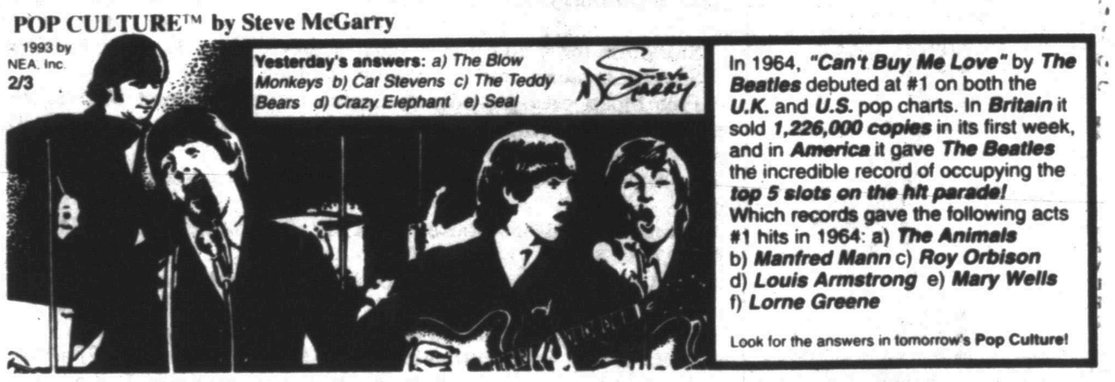
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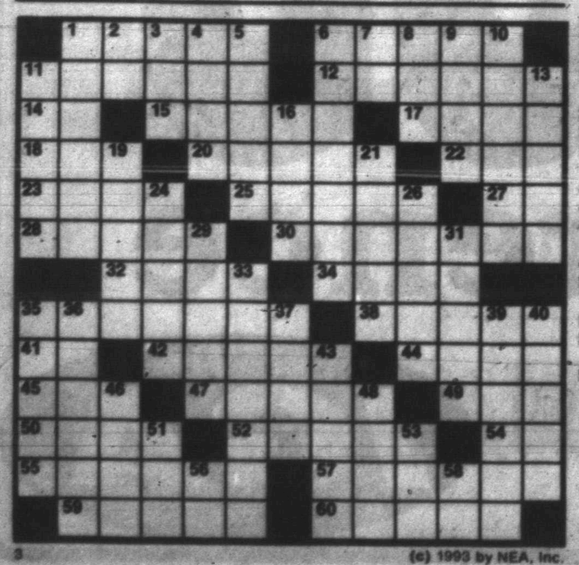
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FHS hands Snyder girls' cage setback

WOLFFORTH — The first time the Frenship Lady Tigers played the Snyder Lady Tigers this season, FHS needed a 21-point fourth-quarter run to break open the game.

Tuesday, however, Frenship was able to coast in the last eight minutes after opening the game up early.

Frenship captured a 63-37 District 2-4A basketball win on the strength of a 26-point night from senior Summer Lawlis. Lawlis also added nine rebounds and four blocked shots against Snyder.

Snyder fell behind 19-11 in the first period, but a 20-8 second-quarter streak by Frenship lifted the home squad to a 39-19 lead, all but ending the game at halftime.

Delawna Meloy added 11 for Frenship, which improves to 18-8 overall and 5-3 within the loop.

Snyder's leading scorers were juniors Annie Ragland and Meriah Worthen. Ragland connected on four field goals, including one from 3-point range, and Worthen hit three hoops from the floor, one a trey, and was perfect in two attempts from the free-throw line.

Snyder falls to 5-20 on the season and 2-6 in 2-4A contests.

The SHS JV fell to Frenship, 54-40, in Tuesday's early game.

In other district games Tuesday, Levelland (23-5, 8-0), the state's top ranked Class 4A team, claimed the loop title with a 49-31 victory over Plainview (18-9, 6-2), and Lamesa (6-18, 2-6) dropped Estacado (2-20, 1-7), 53-44.

Snyder will wind up the campaign with a 2-game home stand, hosting Plainview Friday, then entertaining Estacado in the season finale on Tuesday.

Snyder	11	8	6	12	-37
Frenship	19	20	8	16	-63

SNYDER (37) — Ragland 4 0-0 9; Crawford 3 2-2 8; Patterson 3 0-0 6; Crow 2 1-4 5; Worthen 3 2-2 9; TOTALS 15 5-8 37.

FRENSHIP (63) — Thrash 2 2-2 6; Babbs 2 0-0 4; Acy 2 0-0 4; Cain 3 0-0 6; Sawyer 3 0-0 6; Lawlis 10 6-6 26; Meloy 4 3-4 11; TOTALS 26 11-12 63.

3-point goals: Snyder 2 (Ragland 1, Worthen 1). Fouls: Snyder 15, Frenship 11. Fouled out: Ragland. Records: Snyder 5-20, 2-6; Frenship 18-8, 5-3. JV score: Frenship 54, Snyder 40.

Boys' 2-4A basketball...

Frenship blasts Tigers, 81-41

WOLFFORTH — Snyder's Adrian Sneed and Jimmy Henry each scored in double figures Tuesday, but they were no match for Frenship's trio of James Parker, Damon Harris and Billy Strickland, who, by themselves outscored SHS in an 81-41 District 2-4A cage win.

Parker scored a game-high 20 points and Strickland and Harris each nailed 18 to lead the home Tigers.

In addition, Frenship outrebounded Snyder, 53-23, including 17 from Strickland..

The real damage came in the second half when the Frenship five exploded for 48 points while limiting Snyder to just 19.

[illegible] 15-11 first-quarter advantage, then scored 18 in the second to make it a 33-22 lead at the half.

Parker drained five field goals, including a pair of threes, and was perfect on eight free-throw tries Tuesday. Harris and Strickland each canned five baskets and went 8-of-9 from the line.

Henry, a junior, hit four field goals and converted three of nine from the line for 11 points. Sneed's 10 came from four buckets and a 2-of-3 night from the stripe.

As a team, Snyder was able to connect on just nine of 23 free tosses while Frenship scored 30 from the line in 35 attempts.

Snyder avoided the sweep with a narrow 48-46 junior varsity victory over FHS.

With Tuesday's win, Frenship becomes the third 20-game winner in the district. The FHS Tigers are 20-5 on the year and 3-3 since starting district play. Snyder slips to 15-10 and 1-5.

In other loop games Tuesday, Plainview (22-3, 6-0) topped Levelland (20-9, 4-2), 53-48, in the showdown between the top two squads in the district, and Lamesa (14-15, 1-5) fell to Estacado (12-13, 3-3), 81-72.

Snyder's next outing will be a Friday home battle against Plainview.

Snyder	11	11	9	10	-41
Frenship	19	20	8	16	-63

SNYDER (41) — Alvarez 1 0-0 2; Griffin 2 1-3 5; Cromeens 1 1-2 3; Collins 1 2-2 4; Sneed 4 2-3 10; Garza 1 0-2 2; Henry 4 3-9 11; Stansell 2 0-2 4; TOTALS 16 9-23 41.

FRENSHIP (81) — Miller 1 0-0 2; Witherspoon 3 1-1 7; Parker 5 8-8 20; Hollie 1 3-3 5; Young 1 0-1 2; Harris 5 8-9 18; Brethowr 2 2-4 7; Strickland 5 8-9 18; Youngblood 1 0-0 2; TOTALS 24 30-35 81.

3-point goals: Frenship 3 (Parker 2, Bretnowr 1). Fouls: Snyder 23, Frenship 19. Fouled out: Henry. Records: Snyder 15-10, 1-5; Frenship 20-5, 3-3. JV score: Snyder 48, Frenship 46.

Dallas coaching staff...

Johnson announces changes

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Even when Jimmy Johnson is in the Bahamas the Dallas Cowboys' world keeps turning.

He named a new assistant head coach, a new defensive coordinator, and a new offensive line coach Tuesday. He was as on the beach when the news was announced.

Johnson, his sons and other members of his family are vacationing for a week in the fun and sun. His remarks on the coaching changes were made through the public relations office.

Line coach Butch Davis was named defensive coordinator of the world champions, replacing Dave Wannstedt who is the Chicago Bears head coach.

"It's a great feeling to be taking over the league's top defense," said Davis. "We'll just try to get better and better. Dave did a great job and I learned a lot from him."

Davis was the only member of Johnson's 1992 staff who has been an assistant for Johnson in all 14 years of Johnson's head coaching tenure.

In another move, the Cowboys promoted offensive coordinator Norv Turner to assistant coach, replacing Wannstedt in that capacity. Turner was the mastermind of the Dallas offense which produced four Troy Aikman touchdown passes in a 52-17 victory over the Buffalo Bills in the Super Bowl on Sunday. He will continue to be offensive coordinator.

"I look forward to our new staff coming together," said Johnson in a statement through the public relations office. "Butch is going to do a fine job as the coordinator. He has worked hard and has learned the opportunity. We will be naming other defensive assistants at a later time."

Offensive line coach Tony Wise, who will leave the Cowboys to go to Chicago with Wannstedt, will be replaced by Hudson Houch, Seattle's offensive line coach.

"Hudson is a quality coach who has been involved in successful organizations on both the college and NFL levels," Johnson said.

Bob Slowik, a secondary assistant coach, also will join the Wannstedt team.

San Jose State coach Ron Turner, brother of the Cowboys Norv Turner, will become Wannstedt's offensive coordinator.

"I think Ron will do a great job," Wannstedt said. "When I was being considered for the Pittsburgh job last year, I talked to Ron about joining me."

Henderson registers ace at SCC

Snyder's R.T. Henderson posted a hole-in-one in a round of golf Saturday at Snyder Country Club.

Henderson's ace came on the 145-yard Hole No. 9 using a 7-iron. Witnesses were John Cline and Kenney Miller.

'Dogs, Hermleigh split 27-A basketball games

HERMLEIGH — Tuesday's Scurry County showdown ended in a draw.

Ira captured a District 27-A girls' basketball win over Hermleigh, 53-45, while the Cardinals downed the Bulldogs, 51-44, in boys' action.

Tuesday's victory was the first loop win of the season for Ira's Lady Bulldogs, which improve to 3-12 and 1-6. Hermleigh slips to 5-14 in all games and 1-6 in 27-A encounters.

Ira was led by Jody Rankin's 13 points. Misty Mathis hit 11 and Jennifer Rankin added 10.

Hermleigh's top scorer was Jennifer Herl, who hit a game-high 18. Stephanie Buchanan chipped in seven.

Ira trailed, 25-22 at the half before outscoring the Lady Cardinals 31-20 in the second half, including a 20-13 fourth-qarter burst.

Hermleigh's boys rallied from a 21-17 deficit at halftime for Tuesday's victory. The Cardinals posted a 19-13 third-quarter advantage, then added 16 to Ira's 10 in the final eight minutes for the win.

Bill Breitweiser of HHS led all scorers with 18 points against the Bulldogs. Chris Velasco contributed 15 and Larry Lambaren hit 10.

Ira's attack was led by Toby Haynes' 16 and 14 from Justin Box.

The Cardinals move into a second-place tie in the district with a 4-3 loop mark. Hermleigh is 6-11 in all games. Ira slides to 9-10 and 3-4.

Ira entertains Westbrook Friday while Hermleigh visits Highland.

Girls

Ira	12	10	11	20	-53
Hermleigh	13	12	7	13	-45

Leading scorers: Ira — Jody Rankin 13, Mathis 11, Jennifer Rankin 10, Robinson 8, Taylor 4, Northcott 4; Hermleigh — Herl 18, Buchanan 7, Payne 6, Gannaway 6. Records: Ira 3-12, 1-6; Hermleigh 5-14, 1-6.

Boys

Ira	14	7	13	10	-44
Hermleigh	6	11	19	16	-51

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — Breitweiser 18, Velasco 15, Lambaren 10; Ira — Haynes 16, Box 14, Gorman 6, Hughes 6. Records: Hermleigh 6-11, 4-3; Ira 9-10, 3-4.



NEW OFFICERS — Snyder Bowhunters Association elected officers for 1993 at the group's annual awards banquet recently at The Shack. New officers are, left to right, Jerry Early, vice president; Dale Byrd, secretary-treasurer; Mark Thompson, assistant range captain; Malcolm Rainwater, president; and Darryl Boone, range captain. (Contributed Photo)

NBA roundup...

Suns' coach gets All-Star shot

by The Associated Press

Thanks to a surprise assist from the Minnesota Timberwolves, the NBA has a rookie coach in the All-Star game again.

Phoenix coach Paul Westphal needed a victory by his team or a loss by Portland to clinch the coaching berth in the All-Star game on Feb. 21. The Suns, with the NBA's best record, lost 112-108 to the Los Angeles Clippers, but Westphal got some unexpected help from the hapless Wolves.

Minnesota, losers of 31 consecutive games to Pacific Division teams, surprised the Trail Blazers 104-91 at Portland. It also was only the second defeat by the Blazers in 43 games against the NBA's four most recent expansion teams.

"I backed right into it," Westphal, a four-time All-Star as a player, said with a smile. "I feel great about it, but I give the players credit. They certainly put me there. I'm just going along for a nice ride."

Portland's loss assured that Phoenix will have the best record in the Western Conference by the cutoff date of Feb. 7, giving the coaching berth to Westphal, who served as a Suns assistant under Cotton Fitzsimmons for four years before becoming head coach this season.

Westphal will be the second rookie coach in three years to make the All-Star game, following Boston's Chris Ford in 1991. Pat Riley was the last previous rookie coach, in 1982.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New York 105, Washington 100; Atlanta 118, Seattle 109; Cleveland 100, Golden State 90; Houston 115, Indiana 104; San Antonio 111, New Jersey 93; and Orlando 110, the Los Angeles Lakers 97.

Danny Manning scored 11 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter and Mark Jackson had 24 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists.

Rockets 115, Pacers 104

Hakeem Olajuwon had 31 points and 14 rebounds as Houston beat Indiana for the 16th straight time at the Summit.

Vernon Maxwell had 18 points for the Rockets, winners of 12 of 13 games.

Rik Smits led the Pacers with 20 points.

Spurs 111, Nets 93

Dale Ellis scored 24 points as San Antonio beat New Jersey and moved into first place in the Midwest Division.

New Jersey was led by Derrick Coleman, who had 22 points and 12 rebounds, and Chris Morris, who scored 20 points. David Robinson scored 17 points for San Antonio, now 17-3 under coach John Lucas.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
New York	26	15	.634	—
New Jersey	25	20	.556	3
Orlando	20	19	.513	5
Boston	22	21	.512	5
Philadelphia	17	24	.415	9
Miami	13	27	.325	12½
Washington	12	30	.286	14½
Central Division				
Chicago	29	15	.659	—
Cleveland	26	18	.591	3½
Atlanta	22	21	.512	6½
Charlotte	21	20	.512	6½
Indiana	22	22	.500	7
Detroit	19	23	.452	9
Milwaukee	18	24	.429	10
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	27	14	.659	—
Utah	27	15	.643	½
Houston	25	18	.581	3
Denver	15	26	.366	12
Minnesota	9	30	.231	17
Dallas	3	37	.075	23½
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	31	9	.775	—
Portland	28	13	.683	3½
Seattle	28	14	.667	4
LA Clippers	23	20	.535	9½
LA Lakers	22	21	.512	10½
Golden State	20	24	.455	13
Sacramento	16	26	.381	16

Tuesday's Games

New York 105, Washington 100
Atlanta 118, Seattle 109
Cleveland 100, Golden State 90
Houston 115, Indiana 104
San Antonio 111, New Jersey 93
LA Clippers 112, Phoenix 108
Orlando 110, LA Lakers 97
Minnesota 104, Portland 91

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Chicago at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

District 27-A

Basketball

Girls

Team	Season	District	
Blackwell	16	5	7	0
Highland	13	7	5	2
Westbrook	8	12	4	3
Loraine	10	9	3	4
Hermleigh	5	14	1	6
Ira	3	12	1	6

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Ira 53, Hermleigh 45
Blackwell 59, Westbrook 20
Highland 62, Loraine 42

Friday, Feb. 5

Westbrook at Ira
Hermleigh at Highland
Loraine at Blackwell

Boys

Team	Season	District	
Loraine	17	4	6	1
Blackwell	13	9	4	3
Highland	8	13	4	3
Hermleigh	6	11	4	3
Ira	9	10	3	4
Westbrook	6	14	0	7

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Hermleigh 51, Ira 44
Blackwell 55, Westbrook 50
Loraine 81, Highland 65

Friday, Feb. 5

Westbrook at Ira
Hermleigh at Highland
Loraine at Blackwell

District 2-4A

Basketball

Girls

Team	Season	District	
Levelland	23	5	8	0
Plainview	18	9	6	2
Frenship	18	8	5	3
Lamesa	6	18	2	6
Snyder	5	20	2	6
Estacado	2	20	1	7

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Frenship 63, Snyder 37
Lamesa 53, Estacado 44
Levelland 49, Plainview 31

Friday, Feb. 5

Estacado at Snyder
Lamesa at Plainview
Levelland at Frenship

Boys

Team	Season	District	
Plainview	22	3	6	0
Levelland	20	9	4	2
Frenship	20	5	3	3
Estacado	12	13	3	3
Snyder	15	10	1	5
Lamesa	14	15	1	5

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Frenship 81, Snyder 41
Estacado 81, Lamesa 72
Plainview 53, Levelland 48

Friday, Feb. 5

Estacado at Snyder
Lamesa at Plainview
Levelland at Frenship

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SDN sports week

Friday, Feb. 5

Basketball

Snyder varsity and JV boys host Plainview. JV game at 5 p.m. Varsity game at 8 p.m.

Snyder varsity and JV girls host Plainview. JV game at 5 p.m. Varsity game at 6:30 p.m.

Ira hosts Westbrook. Games start at 6:30 p.m.

Hermleigh at Highland. Games start at 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Junior High boys host B Tournament.

Snyder Junior High girls' A teams at Andrews Tournament.

Golf

Snyder girls at San Angelo Tournament. Friday's round at Bentwood Country Club.

Saturday, Feb. 6

Basketball

Snyder Junior High boys host B Tournament.

Snyder Junior High girls' A teams at Andrews Tournament.

Golf

Snyder girls at San Angelo Tournament. Saturday's round at Riverside Country Club.

Netters battle Colorado City

Colorado City posted 21 individual wins, including victories in each No. 1 match against the Snyder JV tennis team Tuesday.

SHS finished with 11 match wins, led by No. 2 boys' singles entrant Dane Farley, who ripped Shane Kelley 6-0, and Lindsey Griffin, Snyder's No. 2 girls' singles player, who topped Becky Silvia, 6-4.

Other Snyder winners include Alex Suarez, who copped a singles win over C-City's Morgan Bassham, 6-2; Angelica Suarez, a 6-3 victor in the No. 3 girls' singles match over Cathy Dietsch; Jake Unruh and Timmy Clark, who notched an 8-2 doubles win over Bassham and David Mendoza; Alex Suarez and Brandon Kemp, who tripped Greg Chapman and Kelley, 8-6; and Kandace Gard and Shayla Jeter, 8-3 winners over Magdalene and Lawson.

In JV B girls' singles, Snyder grabbed a pair of wins. Alicia Jones beat Joanie Cox, 8-6, and Maribel Reyes fell to Kendra Helms, 6-3.

Robin Hornsberger and Julie Lang were 8-0 winners over the C-City girls' B doubles team of Reyes and Sylvia Flores, and Gard and Rosson beat Flores and Cox, 6-0.

Snyder's next outing will be Feb. 16 when the varsity and JV teams compete in the Big Spring Tournament.

Valley Ranch was a ghost town Tuesday. The Super Bowl trophy was still in a shipping case in the equipment room. Equipment manager Buck Buchanan worked feverishly to put away the gear until the first mini-camp.

"It was a great feeling to win it," said Buchanan. "After we went 1-15 a lot of people thought it would take a lot longer for us to get back to the top."

Johnson, former coach of the Miami Hurricanes, became the first coach to win a national collegiate title and a Super Bowl with the victory at Pasadena.

Owner Jerry Jones, who now says his purchase of the team for $140 million "was a steal," took a rare day off. He planned to be back in the office early Wednesday.

"We've got to see what's ahead with free agency and the draft," Jones said. "We get the 28th draft spot. That means we might want to try to make a deal."

The move of Wise to Chicago with Wannstedt was expected.

"Dave's a close friend of mine and I want to be there to help him solidify his offensive line," Wise said. "It will be tough to leave what we built here in Dallas."

SWC grid coaches wait for word from signees

by The Associated Press

Southwest Conference football coaches stood by their fax machines today, waiting for scholarship agreements from schoolboy players they expect to blend into their programs over the next four or five years.

Baylor and Texas expected to gather in large portions of the state's top athletes on the first day under NCAA rules that athletes can sign athletic agreements.

The Rice Owls also were expected to gather in another good recruiting class after posting their first winning season since 1963 and the Texas Aggies expected select quality if not quantity.

College coaches are not allowed any contact with their prospects until Friday during an NCAA-mandated dead period. Therefore, athletes must send faxed copies of their scholarship agreements to their schools.

The Aggies have had to battle controversy throughout the recruiting season because of an in-house probe into four athletes who accepted money for work they did not perform on summer jobs.

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum accused opponents of negative tactics for using the incident in recruiting visits.

Freshmen rip Sweetwater

SWEETWATER — Marlowe Riggins scored 23 points as the Snyder freshmen boys' A basketball team rolled past Sweetwater, 66-43, on Monday.

Matt Parker added 11 and Donnie Durst put in 10 for the Tigers.

Snyder's B team fell to the Mustangs in Monday's early game, 61-36.

The SHS frosh will be idle until a Feb. 11 home game against Lamesa.

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Support sought for school funding proposal

AUSTIN — Rep. Libby Linebarger says she hasn't counted votes for her "Robin Hood" school funding proposal, which is basically the same as a measure blocked by House Republicans in pre-Christmas special session.

[illegible] ing to work real hard to try to get 100 votes" in the 150-member House, said Mrs. Linebarger, D-Manchaca. She's the head of the House Public Education Committee.

A proposed constitutional amendment, such as Ms. Linebarger's, requires two-thirds approval of lawmakers to be put be[illegible] Republicans number 58.

The Public Education Committee voted 8-3 Tuesday for her proposed amendment, which would allow some local property tax money to be redistributed among school districts statewide. The Republicans on the panel — Reps. Kent Grusendorf of Arlington, Steve Ogden of Bryan and G.E. "Buddy" West of Odessa — voted against it.

The full House is expected to consider the plan next week.

Lawmakers are trying to meet a June 1 Texas Supreme Court deadline for a constitutional plan to equalize funding among property-rich and poor school districts. Leaders say a proposed amendment must be approved by [illegible] May 1 ballot.

But Grusendorf predicted House Republicans again would oppose redistributing local taxes unless they can negotiate concessions from Democratic leaders.

Most Republicans would "hold their nose" and vote for the proposal if it also would make tax increases subject to voter approval, [illegible] in school funding, and allow vouchers to give parents a choice in the schools their children attend, Grusendorf said.

Ms. Linebarger said some proposals don't belong in the state constitution but could be addressed in separate legislation. She also said she must weigh whether a particular proposal would cost more votes than it would gain.

If the court deadline isn't met, Ms. Linebarger said, the Legislature faces the "travesty" of schools closing. She said lawmakers' choices are limited to local tax redistribution; more state money, which likely would require a state income tax; or school consolidation.

Ms. Linebarger's measure would allow redistribution of about $400 million a year in property taxes. Under a separate spending plan that the committee hasn't voted on, about half tha money would be redistributed within counties, and about half statewide. Ms. Linebarger said a number of plans could fit under her proposed amendment.

About $15.1 billion a year was spent on public education last school year, with most coming from state aid and property taxes.

The Senate earlier passed a proposed amendment to legalize the current funding system, in which local property tax money is redistributed within single — or multi-county education districts. The Supreme Court struck down that system as unconstitutional last year.

The proposal blocked earlier in the House also would have redistributed local tax money. Ms. Linebarger's measure might be even less palatable because it says the Legislature may require a school district to provide a minimum amount of tax revenue to support its schools, Grusendorf said.

The Texas PTA also weighed in Tuesday against proposals to redistribute local tax money, saying that property taxes aren't providing equitable school funding.

The parent-teacher group would support a state income tax if that's what it takes to equitably fund schools, said Sandy Kibby, Texas PTA legislative consultant. But state leaders have said there's no legislative support for new taxes.

Ms. Kibby said the state at least should cover the $958 million estimated to be needed for enrollment growth over the next two years. One balanced state budget proposal would increase spending by about $317 million.

Nelson and IRS reach income tax agreement

AUSTIN (AP) — Willie Nelson says he will be on the road again, but not nearly as often as he has been while trying to pay millions in back taxes to the Internal Revenue Service.

On Tuesday, Nelson and the IRS agreed to a $9 million settlement on nearly $16 million in back taxes and penalties owed by the singer.

"Since this whole thing came down three years ago, I have really worked," said Nelson, who blames his debts on several failed tax shelters. "This last year, I did 144 shows in Branson, Mo., alone. It was a steady way to keep some income coming in."

"I don't think I will do that many shows again," Nelson added. "We were doing two shows a day and that is a little hard."

Wearing a denim jacket and black baseball cap that couldn't hide his flowing red hair, Nelson signed the tax agreement Tuesday at a federal building in downtown Austin.

Afterwards, he signed several autographs for fans on income tax booklets.

"I'm on the road — still," said a smiling Nelson, playing off of his famous tune "On The Road Again."

The deal between Nelson and the IRS comes after the two agreed to market an album — "Who'll Buy My Memories?: The IRS Tapes" — to help Nelson make liability payments.

"Now, I can go on about my life," said Nelson. "I think that I was treated fairly. I think my offer was a fair one."

"We applied the same criteria to Mr. Nelson's offer that would apply to any taxpayer," said Mike McDermitt, chief collection division of the IRS in Austin. "He did not receive favorable treatment."

Nelson, 59, refused to file for bankruptcy protection and said he has paid the IRS more than $6 million since the debt was enforced in 1990.

One in seven children now on welfare roles

WASHINGTON (AP) — One in every seven American children receives welfare benefits, government figures show, following a striking increase in recipients during recent economic hard times.

The government's most recent records show that nearly 13.9 million Americans, including 9.43 million children under age 18, received cash assistance in November under Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

The program's caseloads have grown every month but two since July 1989, and during the height of the recession saw 2,000 children added to the AFDC rolls every day.

Activists say the surge in Americans who receive AFDC, most of them single-parent families, and the record share of the population now receiving aid give more urgency to President Clinton's promises to reform welfare and health care and revitalize the economy.

Clinton said Tuesday he will soon name a task force on welfare reform. He laid out several goals, including his desire to move able recipients off the rolls and into a job after two years of education and training.

A. Sidney Johnson III, executive director of the American Public Welfare Association, said the fact that one in seven children now receives AFDC benefits "underscores the gravity of the situation of families and young children living in dire poverty."

The numbers also emphasize the challenges facing Congress and Clinton as they seek to develop policies that allow families to become self-sufficient, Johnson said. The situation gives the reformers more impetus for change "because the severity, the breadth of the problem, is so much more visible," he said.

AFDC is the government's major cash welfare program for families with children. Benefits are expected to cost the states and federal government $22.4 billion this year. The average monthly payment to an AFDC family is $376.

"A large fraction of the next generation of this nation's citizens ... is growing up in conditions of deep poverty that really pose a threat to their well-being and ours," said Arloc Sherman, a program associate at the Children's Defense Fund, an advocacy group formerly chaired by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Sherman said the numbers are also a sign that other safety nets are failing many of the nation's 65 million children, the Census Bureau count as of July 1, 1991.

SO notes tire theft

County deputies Tuesday investigated the theft of a tire and wheel from a pickup owned by a local business.

An employee of Midwestern Vacuum contacted the sheriff's office at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday reporting that someone had stolen the spare tire and wheel out of a company truck while it was parked at an employee's residence overnight.

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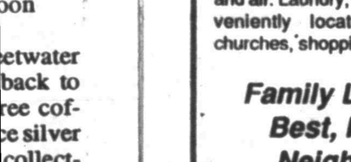
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Opening volley fired in penal code battle

AUSTIN (AP) — Supporters of a proposed overhaul of the state's criminal laws say it would ensure that prison space is available for violent offenders.

But the plan's critics said Tuesday that the Texas Punishment Standards Commission report would also reduce penalties for some serious crimes.

The debate before the Senate Criminal Justice Committee offered a preview of what promises to be one of the toughest legislative fights of the session.

Plagued with packed state prisons, county jails and a tight budget, lawmakers are facing the problem of a burgeoning prison population and court orders to reduce crowding.

The Punishment Standards Commission has recommended establishment of a fourth-degree felony category for offenses such as possession of small amounts of drugs, theft under $20,000, forgery and burglary.

Criminals convicted with this felony would be sent to local programs, such as restitution and public works projects, boot camps or substance abuse facilities, instead of prison.

"The concept is to reserve prison space for longer violent offenders," said Carl Reynolds, director of the Punishment Standards Commission.

"We need to get Texas away from the idea that we can lock up and imprison everybody we are mad at. We have to reserve the prisons for people we are afraid of," Reynolds said.

But Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake, Jackson said that under the proposal a person would have to be convicted four times of felonies in this category before facing prison time.

"Citizens in my district have let me know that they are against lowering penalties for serious crimes," Brown said.

However, Reynolds said, that currently persons convicted of these crimes ask for prison sentences, rather than probation, because they know that due to prison overcrowding they will serve a small fraction of their sentence.

The third-degree felony proposal, he said, would probably be "a stiffer punishment than what they are receiving now."

Another proposal by the commission would abolish parole and require that each inmate serve 80 percent of their sentence.

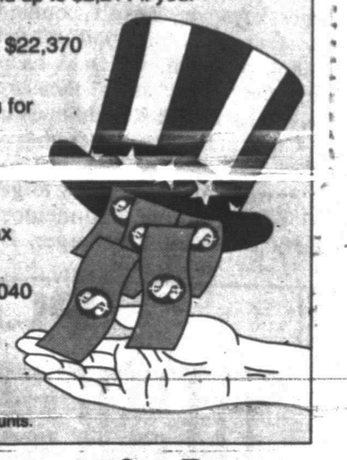
That received a chilly welcome from state Sen. Jim Turner, D-Crockett.

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10th trip to Africa underway

COTONOU, Benin (AP) — John Paul II made his 10th trip to Africa today, opening an eight-day pilgrimage that will sweep eastward from this trailblazer of modern African democracy to a land of Christian trial.

The 9,581-mile journey will take the pope from Benin to Uganda to war-torn Sudan, where the church has been under pressure from the Muslim-fundamentalist inspired government.

He arrived in Cotonou, Benin's main city, after a 51/2-hour flight from Rome. The city was draped in banners of yellow and white, the colors of the Vatican, in welcome.

Themes explored during the pope's previous trips to Africa are likely to be heard again — religious and tribal conflict, AIDS, the "Africanization" of the church, democracy.

John Paul, making his 57th trip abroad, is visiting Benin for the second time. When he went 11 years ago, it was a Marxist-Leninist dictatorship that repressed the Roman Catholic church.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Sandy Pruitt, 2906 Ave. F; Foster Watson, Rt. 2 Box 15, Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: Sandy Pruitt, Carey Garza and baby, Delores Henderson, William Howard, Scott Reston.

Census: 48 (Med.-12, Long-Term Care-33, CCU-3).

Head Start

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Care Center was chosen last year by the Texas Head Start Collaboration Project as one of eight model programs for in-depth study.

Members of the Governor Ann Richards' office met with local and county government officials, school and college officials and various other local agency representatives in November to learn how they have integrated with the local Head Start program. The idea, said Fritz, is to use Scurry County Head Start as a model for other Head Start programs.

"It is this type of teamwork that has made it possible for us to continue, despite not being fully reimbursed by PPI," said Fritz. "The whole county participates in the program. We also make an effort to incorporate the best parts of Head Start into our day care program."

Fritz is scheduled to speak Feb. 28 through March 2 at "Best of Texas" and Texas Collaboration meetings in Austin.

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Mediator suggests U.S. troops needed in Bosnia

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Lord Owen, the Briton trying to mediate an end to the war in Bosnia, is calling on President Clinton to send peacekeeping troops to the former Yugoslav republic once a truce can be reached.

But the new U.S. president, although calling for tougher measures against Serb aggressors in Bosnia, has like predecessor George Bush shown no willingness to commit ground troops.

Owen was even more forceful in a New York Times interview published today. The European Community envoy accused the Clinton administration of prolonging the war in Bosnia through its reluctance to sign on to his peace plan.

"Against all the odds, even against my own expectations, we have more or less got a settlement," Owen was quoted as saying. "But we have a problem. We can't get the Muslims on board. And that's largely the fault of the Americans, because the Muslims won't budge while they think Washington may come into it on their side any day now."

Man seeks treatment for a gunshot wound

A 42-year-old Snyder man who suffered an accidental gunshot wound earlier this week is in critical but stable condition at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room contacted police at 9:27 a.m. Tuesday to report they were treating a gunshot victim.

The victim, Eugene Morris, told police he was picking up a .22-caliber rifle from an end table late Sunday or early Monday when the firearm accidentally discharged. He was struck in the chest.

Morris did not seek medical treatment immediately, but came to Cogdell Hospital Tuesday morning because he was suffering from pain. After treatment here, he was transferred to Saint Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock by Snyder EMS.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	625/8	621/8	623/8	-1/2
Albtsn	503/8	497/8	501/4	+3/8
AlliedSignal	603/8	593/4	603/8	+13/8
ALLTEL Cp	471/4	47	47	-1/8
AmStores	441/8	433/4	433/4	-1/8
Amer T&T	541/2	535/8	543/8	+3/4
Ameritech	741/4	74	741/8	+1/4
Amoco	54	533/8	537/8	+3/8
AndarkPtr	303/8	301/4	303/8	+1/4
Arkla	73/4	75/8	75/8	
ArmcoInc	73/4	71/2	71/2	-1/8
AtlRichfld	118	1171/2	1177/8	+3/8
BakerHugh	205/8	203/8	201/2	-1/8
BancTexas	21/2	21/2	21/2	
BellAtl	535/8	531/8	531/2	+1/2
BellSouth	54	531/4	537/8	+1/2
Beth Steel	195/8	187/8	191/2	+1/2
Borden	271/4	27	271/8	+3/8
Caterplr	575/8	563/4	575/8	+7/8
Centel	363/4	363/8	365/8	+1/8
CenSoWst s	303/8	30	303/8	+3/8
Chevron	743/8	737/8	741/4	+1/4
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Coastal	241/2	243/8	243/8	
CocaCola s	423/8	421/8	421/4	+1/8
ColgP	593/4	583/8	591/8	+7/8
ComlMetl	271/4	27	27	
CooperIn	493/8	491/4	491/4	+1/4
CyprusMn	335/8	331/8	331/2	-1/8
DallSemicn	15	145/8	143/4	+1/4
DeltaAirl	52	511/2	517/8	+1/8
DigitalEq	433/8	431/4	431/4	-1/8
Dillard s	495/8	49	495/8	+3/4
DowChem	541/2	541/8	543/8	+1/4
DresserInd	185/8	183/8	185/8	+1/4
DuPont	473/4	47	473/4	+3/4
EstKodak	493/4	491/8	493/8	-1/2
EljerInd	91/4	91/8	91/4	+1/8
Enserch	161/2	161/8	161/8	-3/8
Exxon	623/8	615/8	623/8	+1/8
FlowerInd	181/4	181/8	181/4	-1/8
FordMotor	473/4	467/8	471/2	+3/8
GTE Cp	35	345/8	347/8	
GnDynam	115	114	115	+1/4
GenElct	851/8	845/8	847/8	-1/8
GnMill	677/8	671/2	671/2	-1/4
GenMotors	385/8	371/4	383/8	+1
GenMotrE s	341/2	34	343/8	+3/8
GaPacif	617/8	607/8	617/8	+11/8
GlobalMar	27/8	23/4	23/4	-1/8
Goodrich	491/2	49	491/2	+3/8
Goodyear	693/4	691/4	693/4	+5/8
GtAtlPac	223/4	223/4	223/4	+1/8
Gulf StaUt	175/8	171/2	175/8	+1/8
Haliburtn	303/8	301/8	301/4	-1/8
Hanson	191/8	187/8	19	+1/8
HoustInd	473/4	471/2	475/8	+1/4
IBM	523/4	521/4	521/4	+1/8
IntlPaper	635/8	623/4	631/2	+1/4
JohnsnJns s	435/8	43	435/8	+1/8
K mart s	237/8	233/8	233/4	+1/2
Kroger	175/8	173/8	173/8	-1/8
vjLTV Cp	11-16	5/8	5/8	-1-16
Litton s	491/2	475/8	491/2	+17/8
vjLoneStar	21/4	21/8	21/8	-1/8
Lowes s	283/8	275/8	281/4	+1/2
Lubys	221/4	217/8	22	+1/4
Maxus	71/8	67/8	7	+1/8
MayDSt	751/4	731/2	75	+11/2
Medtronic	907/8	891/4	891/4	—1
Mobil	641/4	637/8	641/4	+1/2
Monsanto	537/8	535/8	535/8	
Motorola s	551/8	541/8	541/2	+1/4
Nationsbk	543/4	541/2	543/4	+1/8
Navistar	3	27/8	3	
Nynex	841/8	837/8	841/8	+1/4
OryxEngy	20	193/4	193/4	-1/8
PacTelesis	457/8	455/8	455/8	
PanhECp	20	193/4	20	+3/8
PenneyJC	763/8	751/4	761/4	+21/2
Pennzoil	531/4	527/8	531/8	+1/8
PepBoys	261/4	253/8	255/8	
PhelpD s	501/2	50	501/8	
PhilipPet	27	265/8	27	+1/8
PilgrmPrd	81/4	81/4	81/4	
Polaroid s	29	281/2	285/8	—11/8
Praxair n	171/4	17	171/8	+1/8
Primerica	553/4	551/4	555/8	+3/8
ProctGamb s	501/2	501/4	503/8	+3/8
PubS NwMx	101/4	10	10	-1/8
SFePacCp	143/4	141/2	145/8	-1/8
SaraLee s	283/4	283/8	281/2	-1/8
SearsRoeb	511/8	501/2	51	+1/2
SherwinW	321/8	313/8	321/8	+3/4
SmthBck s	34	331/2	333/4	-1/2
SmthBc eqt s	291/2	291/8	291/2	-1/4
Southern Co	391/2	391/4	393/8	+1/4
SwAirl s	311/8	303/4	303/4	-1/8
SwstBell	715/8	71	711/4	+1/4
Sprint	271/2	273/8	271/2	+1/4
SterlingChm	45/8	41/2	41/2	
SunCo	301/8	297/8	301/8	+3/8
TNP Ent	187/8	185/8	187/8	+1/4
Tandy	273/8	27	271/8	-1/8
TemplInl	50	487/8	50	+11/4
Tenneco	421/8	417/8	42	+1/8
Texaco	603/4	603/8	605/8	+1/8
TexasInd	271/4	27	271/4	+3/8
TexasInst	561/8	55	55	-3/4
Tex Util	443/8	44	441/8	+3/8
Textron	437/8	431/8	433/8	-3/8
Tyler	5	5	5	-1/8
US West	397/8	391/2	393/4	+1/4
USX-Marathn	181/8	177/8	18	+1/8
USX-USS	401/4	39	393/4	+11/2
UnCarbde	171/4	17	171/4	+1/4
UnPac	603/8	60	603/8	+3/8
UnitTech	481/8	463/4	481/8	+13/8
WalMart	67	661/4	667/8	+5/8
WalMart wi	34	335/8	333/4	
WstnGasRs	267/8	253/4	261/2	+1
WestghEl	135/8	133/8	131/2	
WinnDixie	751/2	75	753/8	+3/8
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Four policemen to face trial again in Rodney King beating

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nearly a year to the day after the state trial of four policemen began in the videotaped beating of Rodney King, the officers are coming to trial in federal court amid fears of renewed rioting.

Jury selection was to begin today with distribution of a 55-page questionnaire to gauge the 350 prospective jurors' views on such issues as police brutality and their fear of more violence of the sort that broke out last spring.

U.S. District Judge John Davies rejected another defense request Tuesday to postpone jury selection to let passions cool, saying he had an "intuitive feeling of optimism" there'd be no unrest this time.

Even so, many store owners are stepping up security, and police and civic leaders are preparing for the worst.

Some of the lawyers are different this time, and the site has shifted to downtown Los Angeles from the mostly white suburb of Simi Valley. But the task remains the same — to determine whether the white officers used criminally excessive force when they clubbed and kicked the black motorist after a car chase.

Again, the key evidence will be the videotape shot by a man trying out his new camera in suburban Lake View Terrace on March 3, 1991.

McDuff solemnly twiddles thumbs as his trial begins

HOUSTON (AP) — The mother of a slain Waco convenience store clerk described her daughter as a happy, hard-working, petite young woman who enjoyed spending time with her two children and was reconciling with her estranged husband.

Brenda Solomon spoke in a shaky voice Tuesday as she led off testimony in the capital murder trial of former death row inmate Kenneth McDuff. But her voice became clear and strong when she was asked if her daughter, Melissa Northrup, had ever spoken of McDuff.

"Never!" she said adamantly.

McDuff, 46, is charged in the March 1, 1992, robbery-slaying of Mrs. Northrup, 22, who was two months' pregnant.

He had been paroled in 1990 after spending about six years on Texas' death row for the abduction and slaying of a Fort Worth teen-ager. His sentence was commuted to life in 1972 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the death penalty was unconstitutional.

McDuff again told reporters he was innocent as he was led to the courthouse on Tuesday. As testimony began, he sat quietly, grinding his teeth, flicking his thumbnails together and occasionally scribbling notes. He never looked up at the witnesses.

Stimulus plan weighed

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billion range, are on the horizon. Under consideration are:

—An increase in the top tax rate from the current 31 percent to 36 percent for families with incomes above $200,000 and a surtax — most likely 10 percent — on incomes above $1 million. Clinton promised this during his campaign.

—Limiting the deduction allowed for interest paid on home mortgages. Currently, such interest cannot be deducted for mortgages exceeding $1 million. —Increases on taxes for tobacco and alcohol products.

—Higher taxes on foreign companies doing business in the United States, another campaign promise.

—An energy tax. Apparently, both a gasoline-only tax and an oil-import tax have been ruled out. But sources say a proposed tax on all forms of energy — either on sales or on heat content — is a live option.

Also still under consideration are Social Security reductions. One proposal suspending cost of living increases has encountered stiff opposition in the Senate. Also under consideration is increasing the taxes the best-off retirees would pay on their Social Security benefits.

Super Bowl most watched television show

NEW YORK (AP) — America's team is now America's most-watched team.

The Super Bowl on NBC drew the biggest U.S. audience of any show in the history of television, an estimated 133.4 million people. That's 6.4 million more than watched some of the 1986 Super Bowl, the previous record-holder.

Sunday's championship game was a 52-17 blowout of the Buffalo Bills by the Dallas Cowboys, known as America's Team.

"While the game didn't stay as close as we would have liked, the record-breaking viewership was beyond our expectations," NBC Sports president Dick Ebersol said. "A significant factor in the ratings success was that Michael Jackson's performance held the audience at halftime."

Of the top 10 most-watched shows of all time, only one is not a Super Bowl: the final episode of "M-A-S-H" on Feb. 28, 1983. It was seen by an estimated 121.6 million people and is now fourth on the all-time list.

NBC's estimate Tuesday was based on A.C. Nielsen Co. ratings.

The Super Bowl had a 45.1 rating and a 66 share. Each ratings point represents 1 percent of 93.1 million TV homes, meaning about 42 million U.S. homes had their televisions tuned to the Super Bowl. The share represents the percentage of TVs in use at the time.

The all-time ratings record for a Super Bowl is 49.1 by CBS for the 1982 San Francisco-Cincinnati game, but there were only 81.5 million TV households in America then. The old record-holder for total viewership was the Chicago Bears' 46-10 victory over the New England Patriots in 1986.

The Super Bowl and its pre- and post-game shows were the three top-rated programs for the week, giving NBC an overall rating of 15.1 and its first weekly victory since Aug. 3, when it carried the Olympics. ABC was second with a 12.4. CBS had an 11.6.

Average advertising rates for the Super Bowl were estimated at $850,000 to $900,000 per 30-second commercial.

The Super Bowl rated a 43.5 during the first full half-hour of the game, climbing to a high of 46.1 just before halftime. Halftime got a 45.5.

From there, the ratings fell only slightly to 44.8 during the final 15 minutes, despite the lopsided score.

The postgame show provided a strong lead-in for the debut of the NBC police drama "Homicide," which got a 17.9.

In the network news ratings, ABC won with an 11.9. CBS and NBC tied at 10.3.

Here are the top 10 shows, their network and rating: "Super Bowl XXVII," NBC, 45.1; "Super Bowl XXVII" (pregame), NBC, 36.0; "Super Bowl XXVII" (postgame), NBC, 32.2; "American Music Awards," ABC, 21.6; "Roseanne," ABC, 21.5; "Home Improvement," ABC, 18.0; "48 Hours," CBS, 17.9; "Homicide," NBC, 17.9; "20-20," ABC, 16.9; "Full House," ABC, 16.6.

Obituaries

Wallace Frazier

1924-1993

MERKEL — Graveside services are set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the White Church Cemetery for Wallace H. Frazier, 68, who died Tuesday in a Merkel nursing home.

He was the brother of Ellena Faye Huff of Fluvanna.

Mr. Frazier was a life-long resident of Merkel. He attended Merkel schools and was a retired farmer. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldean Frazier of Sweetwater; a son, Danny Frazier of Merkel; a daughter, Jean Lindsey of Merkel; three brothers, Billy Wayne Frazier of Roscoe, Elby Frazier of Merkel and David Frazier of Karnes City; another sister, Aileen Cook of Nolan; and 12 grandchildren.

Police work several cases

Snyder police made one arrest and worked several theft cases Tuesday.

Snyder Nursing Center contacted police at 4:43 p.m. Tuesday in reference to two rings which had been stolen. Charges of Class B theft were filed in reference to a ring stolen from Woodroe Black and charges of Class A theft were filed in reference to a ring taken from Mary Ann Lambert.

At 5:33 p.m., Cody Lewis reported to police that someone had taken his ring and wallet from a locker at Snyder High School. A report for Class A theft was filed.

Tuesday's only arrest came at 11:24 a.m. when officers took a 34-year-old man into custody at the police department on a Midland DPS warrant for speeding. The man was transported to the county jail where he paid the fine and was released.

In one other report, a woman came to the police department at 3:32 p.m. to file Class C charges against another woman.

Police also worked two-vehicle accident in the 2600 block of Avenue M at 11:38 a.m. Involved were a 1986 Ford driven by Terri Lee Williams of Rt. 2 Box 192 in Hermleigh and a 1979 Chrysler driven by Florine M. Badger of 2101 College Ave.

Dear Abby



Retirement Is Too Exhausting For Couple Who Can't Say No

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: After raising our family (six children) and being married for almost 50 years, my husband and I moved to Florida. We love it here. Our problem is visitors. After being invited to visit us one year, they take it to mean an annual visit.

Abby, people who hadn't contacted us for 40 years while we lived up north, now write to tell us that they will be coming here from this date to that date. We never knew we had so many friends and relatives.

My health isn't the best, and I would like to enjoy my golden years instead of marketing, cooking and entertaining from the time I wake up until I go to bed. Just because we live in a resort area doesn't mean we have to provide vacations, room and board.

My husband says, "They are family." To me, "family" means our children and their children. Relatives of our relatives are not "family." They are all nice people, but enough is enough already!

If you put this in the paper, and I hope you do, please don't use our names, initials or even the city it was mailed from. I'm sure this could apply to a lot of people. I just wish I were better at saying "no."

TIRED IN FLORIDA

DEAR TIRED: You're not very good at saying "no" because you haven't had much practice. You are not alone; I've answered similar letters in the past. Other "snow birds" now living in Florida never knew they had so many friends — and relatives.

One solution is to tell those "friends" who call and tell you when they plan to be in Florida that you would enjoy seeing them. Then say: "We will be glad to make reservations for you at a nice little motel near us. How much do you want to spend?"

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DEAR ABBY: Add this to your next column about fire prevention week:

One year ago, we stood and watched our home, two greenhouses, garage and workshop, three tractors and three small outbuildings burn to the ground within two hours. Everything in sight was on fire from a grass fire started with sparks from a welding machine. High winds fanned it. The fire consumed everything we had. We had no insurance and lost more than $100,000!

We had three smoke detectors and eight fire extinguishers inside — but not one single fire extinguisher *outside*, in a barn or garage, because we never dreamed a thing like that could happen to us at high noon outdoors!

In 55 years of marriage, this was our only fire. Now we have to start over from scratch. It's never too late to learn fire prevention. Please run this in your column, Abby. It may help others.

STARTING OVER
IN MIDLAND, TEXAS

DEAR STARTING OVER: My heart aches for you. Thank you for writing to warn others, in order to prevent them from experiencing the tragic loss you endured.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Which is correct: "teaspoonsful" or "teaspoonfuls"? Thank you.

JOHN A. HEFT SR.,
BETHLEHEM, PA.

DEAR JOHN HEFT: "Teaspoonsful" would be my preference, but my dictionary (Webster's Ninth New Collegiate) shows both to be correct.

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Not sworn in lawmaker being evicted

AUSTIN (AP) — A game of political musical chairs has resulted in Eddie Cavazos, a five-term lawmaker, getting evicted from his Capitol complex office.

Cavazos, a Democrat, was re-elected to the Texas House from his Corpus Christi district.

But he did not take the oath of office on Jan. 12 because Gov. Ann Richards had said she would appoint him to the Texas Employment Commission.

But that has been put on hold because the commissioner Cavazos was to replace — Mary Scott Nabers — hasn't resigned yet.

Ms. Nabers was appointed by Richards to the Texas Railroad Commission to replace Bob Krueger. Krueger was named to the U.S. Senate to replace Lloyd Bentsen. Bentsen was selected by President Clinton as Treasury secretary.

But Ms. Nabers' confirmation to the Railroad Commission has been held up. Several lawmakers have raised questions with the Senate Nominations Committee about possible conflicts of interest.

During this time, Ms. Nabers has remained on the Employment Commission.

Meanwhile, Cavazos continued his state legislative office and staff.

But the House Administrative Committee ended that. Cavazos said his staff was fired and he was told to leave the building by Sunday.

"I'm still the state representative for my district, I just don't have an office," Cavazos said. "I don't know what you would call me. I'm elected but not sworn in. What does that make me?"

Cavazos said he doesn't believe the eviction had anything to do with his support of Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, for speaker. Rudd lost that race to Pete Laney, D-Hale Center.

John Bender, a spokesman for Laney, said Cavazos' staff was paid through the end of January as a courtesy. "Since he has not taken the oath, he is not a member of the 73rd Legislature, which means that he is not entitled to receive compensation or employ staff," Bender said.

Bender said that Cavazos was not given an exact day to leave. "It's just a very unusual situation," he said.

Should Cavazos join the Employment Commission, the governor would call a special election to fill the House seat.

Actor had some experience

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen Rea, who plays an Irish Republican Army gunman in the movie "The Crying Game," had more than a passing knowledge of the group: He grew up in Belfast, and his wife was once an IRA member.

Dolours Price served eight years in prison for her part in car bombings 20 years ago. She and Rea were married in 1983.

Rea — named best actor of 1992 by the National Society of Film Critics —said he used that background in playing the role.

"I'm not an activist and I don't believe in violence," Rea, 50, said in the latest issue of People. "What I bring is an understanding of how decent, ordinary people got involved and how that spiraled into something out of control. I've tried to express my experiences as an Irish person rather than just be an empty vessel as an actor."

Groups push universal health care plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Joyce Dawidczyk has cerebral palsy and says she's sick. But not because of her illness.

Ms. Dawidczyk says she is tired of the "cruel game" Texas legislators are playing with health care funding.

"Instead of health and related services being the right of all people, every two years people with disabilities must parade ourselves in front of the Legislature and beg for our lives — beg for essential health services, which in the end we may or may not get," she said.

Ms. Dawidczyk is the disability policy analyst for United Cerebral Palsy of Texas, one of about 30 organizations pushing for universal health care legislation.

The Health Care for All Coalition on Tuesday announced its plan to provide all Texans with health care through a single payer system.

"The politicians continue to dance around the problems. But the people are tired of the dance," said Tim Curtis, director of Texas Citizen Action. "We want action before we are bankrupt."

Under the plan, money currently spent on private insurance premiums, deductibles and government health programs would be redirected into one state fund.

Each Texas resident would then receive plastic cards, similar to a credit card, that they would use to "pay" their health care providers. Providers would receive payment through the fund for every patient they see.

The system would be provided through Texas employers, who would pay premiums based on their total payroll.

A deduction, similar to that for Social Security, would be taken from all Texans' paychecks to go into the state fund. The rate of deduction would be set by a board overseeing the system and would be based on level of income, according to the plan.

The universal health care system would include primary, preventive, and trauma care, as well as services for people with disabilities. It would also pay for long-term care, said Lisa McGiffert, policy analyst for Consumers Union.

Ms. McGiffert said the plan would allow people to buy private health insurance for things not covered by the state system.

Coastal town sets beach parking fees

SURFSIDE, Texas (AP) — Visitors will be asked to pay $3 in advance to park on a popular beach in this coastal town 40 miles downcoast from Galveston.

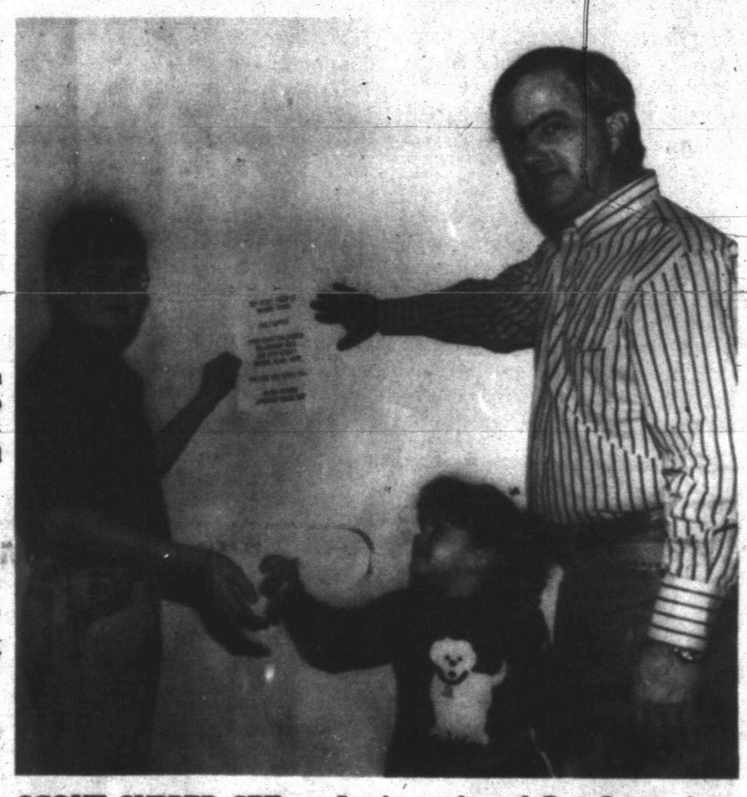
Surfside's city council voted Monday night to erect booths to collect the money in advance, replacing a system involving stickers that was difficult to enforce.

The council approved an ordinance limiting beach access to four entrances along the Blue Water Highway in an effort to increase revenues from permits to drive and park on the beach.

The council made a last-minute revision to the ordinance raising the prices of the daily passes from $2 to $3 after it was noted that the state sales tax would be taken from everything the city raised. Season passes valid through the end of 1993 cost $6.

No passes will be required from December through February.

"I'm very pleased about this," said Jack Gibson, a grocery store owner and beach advisory committee chairman. "The principle that we've established — that we've got to collect at least enough money from the beach that it can pay for itself — that is a major step."



SCOUT SUPPER SET — Jamboree bound Boy Scouts from Troop 27 will have a chili supper on Feb. 5 at the First Christian Church from 5 p.m. until sold out. Tickets are $3 and will be sold at the door. Proceeds will go to the Jamboree Fund. The scouts sold discounted coupons for a drawing for half of a beef, donated by Bob Head. John Lacik was winner. Hanging a jamboree poster are, from left, Chad McMillan, Kaylee Lacik and John Lacik. (SDN Staff Photo)

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SCISD will not encourage prayers at school activities

DALLAS (AP) — Officials of the Southlake Carroll Independent School District have agreed to a permanent injunction that keeps them from leading, encouraging or promoting prayer among students at school-sponsored sporting events.

State District Judge George Crowley of Fort Worth signed the order Tuesday, associated clerk Rhonda Reynolds said, one day after the American Civil Liberties Union got it to him for his review.

The ACLU brought suit against school officials on Nov. 11 on behalf of William Pritchard, a 17-year-old senior.

The injunction also says school officials are not to select, encourage, promote or participate with non-employees of Carroll ISD to lead, recite or conduct any prayers, religious invocations, Bible readings or other religious ceremonies at any school-sponsored sporting events.

The school also is not to sponsor, offer or promote pep rallies, cheerleading sessions or other similar student assemblies at which prayers, religious invocations or readings, or other religious ceremonies are conducted.

"The permanent injunction will ensure that the school district observes the constitutional requirements of separation of church and state," said Eliot Shavin, cooperating attorney for the northern region of the ACLU of Texas.

"We're hopeful that other school districts will disentangle themselves from the efforts of the religious right to establish fundamentalist Christianity as a national religion," Shavin said.

Cocaine overdose led to man's death

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — A man who died in police custody was accidentally killed by a cocaine overdose, an autopsy shows.

The Jan. 28 death of Charles James Hunter Jr., 30, was caused by acute cocaine intoxication, Justice of the Peace Chuck Griffin ruled Wednesday

Hunter was arrested about early last Thursday at a resident's apartment. The apartment's resident told police Hunter came to her apartment and terrorized her while acting irrationally.

As police fought to subdue Hunter, he suddenly stopped resisting, police have said. He stopped breathing and died about four hours later at Humana Hospital-Abilene.

The autopsy, performed by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office, showed that Hunter had large amounts of cocaine and marijuana in his body at the time of his death, Griffin said.

Sheriff drops demand for return of gun

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Nueces County Sheriff J.P. Luby has dropped his demand that the Kleberg County sheriff's department return a pair of machine guns.

Luby said Tuesday he found papers showing that the weapons, bought by his predecessor, were indeed given away, not loaned.

He had been worried about liability in case anyone was injured by the automatic German-made weapons. He said he now is satisfied that the guns were transferred legally to Kleberg County.

Former Sheriff James Hickey bought the two Heckler and Koch 7.62 mm machine guns for $3,284 each in 1987 with money from the sheriff's department federal drug forfeiture fund. Three years later, he gave them to the King Ranch.

Luby sent a letter to King Ranch security officials last week asking that they return the weapons. But Kleberg County Sheriff Adan Munoz responded by saying that the weapons belonged to his department and that he had no plans to give them back.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Take steps to avoid heart trouble

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently underwent foot surgery. During normal testing, my family doctor discovered through an EKG that I have a left bundle branch block. He said there is no cure and nothing should be done for my condition except to monitor it. I'm 41, have no reason to doubt my family physician, yet I feel it doesn't hurt to double check on something as important as my heart.

DEAR READER: Electrical impulses that govern the pulse travel to the cardiac muscle through two primary nerve pathways: the left bundle branch and the right bundle branch. Ordinarily, the electrical charges travel quickly down the bundles, reaching their destination in a tenth of a second or less.

Sometimes, however, these electrical impulses meet resistance, which delays their passage through the bundles. Such a situation is always abnormal but the significance varies, depending on which pathway is affected.

Right bundle branch block can exist from birth and may not indicate heart disease. The right bundle is less important than the left (which supplies energy to most of the cardiac muscle). Thus, doctors tend to ignore RBBB, unless it newly appears in a context of recognized heart disease.

Left bundle branch block, on the other hand, is usually a red flag for cardiologists because it reflects underlying coronary artery disease more often than not. Therefore, I don't agree with your family doctor's analysis. In my opinion, your LBBB means you're developing heart disease, until proved otherwise. I believe a prudent physician would insist that you have a stress test, at least.

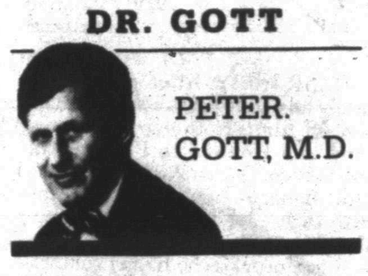
In addition, you should notify or eliminate appropriate risk factors in your behavior: stop smoking, lose weight, treat hypertension, lower cholesterol, exercise regularly, and so forth.

Because the cause of your LBBB is in doubt, I suggest you request a referral to a cardiologist. After examining you and reviewing your electrocardiogram, the specialist may order additional testing, such as the stress test I mentioned. Your heart is important. Your concerns are justified.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. be sure to mention the title.

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FEC eyes Texas Senate campaign issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Election Commission will meet Thursday to consider campaign spending limits in the Texas Senate special election.

Commissioners will consider a request by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee for clarification on campaign spending by state and national party organizations.

The FEC sets a cap on coordinated campaign expenditures by state and national parties. The spending limit in the Texas special election, set for May 1, has yet to be approved by the FEC, but is likely to be in the range of $700,000 apiece for the state and national organizations, FEC spokesman Scott Moxley said Tuesday.

If that figure is approved the Democrats' state and national committees would be able to make a total of $1.4 million in independent expenditures on behalf of a Democratic candidate. The Republican committees likewise could do the same for their candidate.

What the Democrats want clarified is whether the spending cap is just for the initial election or also covers the runoff election that is likely to ensue.

The DSCC on Monday requested an advisory opinion from the FEC. "The request here says the DSCC thought it prudent to obtain clarification of the questions presented for special elections like those likely to be held in Texas this year," Moxley said.

Democrats and Republicans apparently are in agreement that they want one spending cap to cover both the May 1 election and any subsequent runoff.

If the FEC were to rule that the cap applies only to the May 1 election that could leave room for additional coordinated expenditures during the runoff.

A DSCC spokesman didn't return several telephone calls from The Associated Press on Tuesday.

But the National Republican Senatorial Committee considers there to be only one spending limit that would encompass a runoff, said spokesman Gary Koops. The GOP position holds only for the Texas race, Koops stressed.

That marks a change from an election in Georgia last year, when Republicans requested a new cap for the runoff between Democratic incumbent Wyche Fowler Jr. and Republican Paul Coverdell. The FEC deadlocked 3-3 on the GOP request.

The Democrats then filed a complaint with the FEC contending that Republicans violated election law by overspending in the Georgia runoff. The Democrats claim the GOP illegally spent $500,000 on Coverdell television ads in the last weekend of the runoff campaign. Coverdell won by just 15,000 votes out of 1.2 million cast.

In the Texas race, several candidates are vying for the seat vacated when Lloyd Bentsen was named U.S. treasury secretary. Gov. Ann Richards appointed Democrat Bob Krueger to fill the seat pending the special election. The winner will serve out Bentsen's term, which runs through 1994.

Others campaigning are Republican U.S. Reps. Joe Barton of Ennis and Jack Fields of Humble and GOP state treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison. Other Republicans running include Burnet businessman Stephen Hopkins and Houston businessman Clymer Wright.

On the Democratic side, Dallas lawyer Jose Angel Gutierrez, a former La Raza Unida Party organizer, has declared his candidacy. Former attorney general Jim Mattox has said he intends to run but hasn't formally announced.

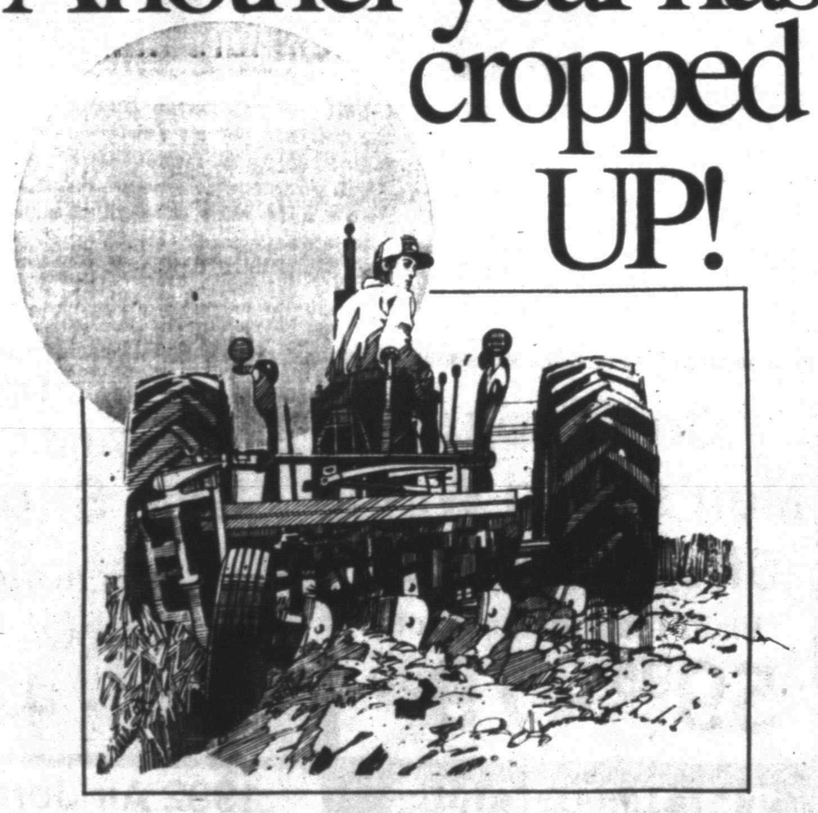
Gates to create computer game

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former Police Chief Daryl Gates is putting his years of experience to work in a new computer game.

Gates, who retired under fire last year, is helping design a game about a detective tracking down the source of seemingly random murders.

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