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WEDNESDAY

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Ask Us

Q—How many prisoners are in the county jail on the average and how many are being kept for other counties?

A—Currently, Scurry County Jail does not keep any prisoners for other counties. The jail count has been ranging from 55 to 65 daily. This morning, there were 62 prisoners in the jail.

Local

Convention

The Scurry County Democratic Convention will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the county courtroom at the courthouse.

4-H Club

Scurry County 4-H Horse Club judging practice will be held tonight at 6:30 in the county extension office at the Senior Center.

To perform

The Benny Benitez Band will perform at Snyder Healthcare Center at 7 p.m. Thursday. The public is invited.

Reception

A going away reception for Ron Jones, who has accepted the position of women's basketball coach at Midland College, will be held at 10:45 a.m. Thursday in the Western Texas College board room.

Open house

The public is invited to an open house at Christian Counseling Services, 1823 25th St., from 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday.

CCS provides individual and family counseling. Fees range from $50 to free, depending upon ability to pay.

Banquet

The Western Texas College athletic banquet will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at 37th Street Church of Christ.

Tickets, at $7 for adults and $3 for children, should be reserved in advance by calling Shirley Fritz at 573-7403 or 573-6679. The banquet is sponsored by the WTC Booster Club.

CMH board

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will consider the purchase of physical therapy equipment and scopes during a meeting set for 7:30 a.m. Thursday in the hospital board room.

The financial report and review and approval of previous minutes are the only other agenda items.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 80 degrees; low, 46 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 55 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 1.11 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the upper 40s. Southwest wind 10-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy and cooler. High in the mid 70s. Northwest wind 10-15 mph, becoming southeast by late afternoon.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:57. Sunrise Thursday, 6:42. Of 81 days in 1994, the sun has shone 74 days in Snyder.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE — WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek, left, and Marilyn Lancaster, associate professor of English, visited with State Rep. Bob Hunter (R-Abilene) prior to his address to a group of students and citizens in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre. Rep. Hunter, who represents District 71, serves as a member of the House Committee on Higher Education. (SDN Staff Photo)

South Korean army on alert

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's 650,000 soldiers went on heightened alert today amid an escalating crisis over the rival North's nuclear program.

The military, which faces North Korea's larger army across the world's most heavily armed border, was ordered to cancel leaves and keep commanders at their posts. Land, sea and air patrols were stepped up, officials said.

While the militaries of both Koreas are frequently put on some degree of alert, today's order took on special significance as the North becomes increasingly belligerent over accusations it is developing nuclear weapons.

In Beijing, North Korea's ambassador ominously referred to the Korean War in warning the United States not to send missiles to South Korea and not to go ahead with planned joint military exercises.

"The American side should not forget the historical experience from the Korean War of the 1950s and should use it as a lesson," said the ambassador, Chu Chang Jun.

When the North Koreans want to deliver a message to the outside world, they often do so through their embassy in Beijing. About 54,000 American soldiers were killed in the Korean War, which lasted from 1950-53.

The North, which says its nuclear programs are for peaceful purposes, refused to let a team from the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency fully inspect its nuclear sites during a visit from March 1 through March 15.

The decision prompted a new round of brinkmanship with the United States. On Monday, North Korea threatened to pull out of the main international nuclear controls treaty.

The United States confirmed Tuesday that it had approved the shipment of Patriot missiles and an air-defense battalion to South Korea. The Patriots would be

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9 candidates...

Filing frenzy hits HISD

For the second time in two years, Hermleigh residents will have plenty of school board candidates — and experienced ones at that — to chose from when they go to the polls.

Six people filed during the past 24 hours, bringing the number of candidates in the May 7 election to nine.

There are three positions coming up for re-election on the Hermleigh board. Last year, there were eight candidates for two seats.

The deadline for filing in the Hermleigh board election — and the Snyder and Ira ISD elections, Western Texas College trustees' election or Snyder City Council election — is at the close of business today.

Experience won't likely be an issue during the campaign for Hermleigh ISD trustee this year. Eight of the candidates have served on the board previously. The slate includes two incumbents, Jimmy Hudgins, who filed Tuesday afternoon, and Tony Lambaren, who filed Tuesday morning. The third incumbent, Juluis Roemisch, has not sought re-election.

Joining Hudgins in filing Tuesday afternoon were Jay Roemisch, an ESP service technician; and Andres Rodriguez Jr., an employee of SJS Inc.

Filing this morning were Chip Roemisch Jr., a pumper for Anadarko Petroleum Corp.; Carol Haynes, a school teacher at Stanfield Elementary in Snyder; and John Williamson, owner of Rural Refuse. Williamson is the only candidate who has not previously served on the board.

Filling out the slate are Rex Glass and Brian Blair, who filed earlier in the month.

All trustee places on the Hermleigh school board are at-large, meaning the three candidates who receive the most votes in May will take office.

The county has only one other contested race as of noon today. In that one, Pam Zeck and Richard Chambers are seeking Terry Martin's Place 3 seat on the Snyder ISD board of trustees. Martin has not filed for another term.

The other SISD seat up for re-election is Place 2, held by Geraldine Parker. She has filed for another term.

At Ira, two places are up for election and both Bo Robinson, representing Place 5, and Sid Wall, representing Place 6, have filed.

The Western Texas College board of trustees election has a full slate of candidates. On Monday, Lee Presswood filed for Place 5, a seat held by John Gayle, while Eddie Peterson filed for Place 7, which is held by John Fagin. Neither Gayle nor Fagin have indicated they are interested in seeking another term.

Also up for election on the college board is Place 6, and incumbent R.C. Patton filed more than a week ago for another term.

The city council election also has a full slate of candidates, none of whom are opposed. Two incumbents, Vernest Tippens, representing District 1, and I.E. Martin, representing District 4, have filed. Also filing have been Kenneth Gibson II, who is running for the District 3 seat held by Mike Post, and Jerry Webb, running for the District 2 post held by Jack Denman. Post and Denman have not indicated they will seek another term.

Season ticket holders' reservations due now

Ritz Community Theatre season ticket holders can make reservations for *The Solid Gold Cadillac* by calling the Senior Citizens Center at 573-4035 between 2-5 p.m. through Friday.

Reservations will be open to the public March 28-31 and April 5-8. Tickets are $6.

The show will open April 7 and continue through April 11 in the North Elementary School auditorium. Performances will be at 8 p.m. except for a 2:30 p.m. matinee on April 10.

WTC to interview 5 for coaching job

Former WTC Lady Dusters' All-American among them

Five finalists, including a former Lady Dusters All-American and two coaches with Division I experience, will interview this weekend for the women's basketball coaching position at Western Texas College.

Western Texas College Athletic Director Milton Ham announced the group this morning, listing five finalists out of 16 resumes received.

Included in the list are Charles Mancil, women's coach at Tyler Junior College; Jay Kelly Howell, an assistant coach at Mississippi State University; Brenda Welch Nichols, a former juco All-American who played at WTC and is now an assistant at Pensacola JC in Pensacola, Fla.; Terry Gray, an assistant coach at Howard College in Big Spring; and Ranger JC coach Arthur Portley.

"I couldn't honestly list a favorite for the job, right now," said Ham. "I honestly believe that any one of the five would be an excellent choice for WTC. Everybody's on equal footing at this point."

The finalists will be interviewed by a Western Texas selection committee on Sunday.

Mancil was named the conference coach of the year at Tyler JC, as well as the NJCAA Region 14 coach of the Year in 1992, the same season he coached his 200th win. He boasts a winning percentage of .760 as a head coach.

Howell, one of two candidates with Division I experience, is the Bulldogs' first assistant. His previous positions include a stint at Truett McConnell College in Cleveland, Ga., where he won three state championships.

Nichols is the only candidate with no head coaching experience. She has worked, however, in one of the country's most successful juco programs, helping PJC to a Top 25 slot in 1993-94. Nichols played at WTC under Kelly Chadwick and later at Sam Houston State under his son, Royce Chadwick. The younger Chadwick is currently the coach at Howard College.

Nichols was WTC's top scorer for two years, earning All-American honors in 1986-87 and helping the Lady Dusters to a

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Whitewater hearings loom

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton now faces the troublesome prospect of televised Whitewater hearings in both houses of Congress.

The investigation that has plagued the Clinton administration, meanwhile, won its first plea bargain, from former Arkansas municipal judge David Hale in Little Rock.

The 408-15 House vote Tuesday, coupled with a unanimous Senate decision last week in favor of hearings, amounted to a retreat by majority Democrats.

"This thing has a life of its own," House Republican Leader Bob Michel said this morning of the Whitewater affair. "Quite frankly, I think what the Senate did ... nudged the House into doing what we did yesterday," he said on Fox-TV.

Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, who has pushed for hearings on Whitewater, said the debate should be "cautious" and the issues "understated." He wanted to make clear, he said on NBC, that "this is an issue of political embarrassment at this point."

"It isn't presidency jeopardizing, and it does not need to be presidency debilitating. That's a very difficult line to walk, but I think it's important to stress all of those in combination," Leach said.

House Speaker Tom Foley cautioned that hearings should not interfere with the investigation of Whitewater special counsel Robert Fiske. "If we can have hearings consistant with that, we will have them and I believe they will occur this year," he said on CBS.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt indicated concern that hearings could disrupt an ambitious congressional agenda, commenting: "While we cannot and should not ignore Whitewater, neither can we allow it to flood the chamber."

Until last week, Democrats in both houses were content to ignore the issue, preferring to let special counsel Robert Fiske conduct his probe without any competition.

But the Republicans' daily drumbeat for hearings finally paid off with the Senate vote.

Both chambers instructed their leaders to negotiate the appropriate time and place for hearings, leaving open the possibility that talks could fall apart.

But House Republican leader Bob Michel said, "If something doesn't happen in the right direction, you'll hear from us."

In the House, a bipartisan agreement for hearings provided two chances for an inquiry.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Something's wrong when it takes more brains to make out your income tax return than to make the income."

Reaction to our observation a couple of weeks ago of "brown dog driving black Jeep" was mixed, but it did result in confirmation — sort of.

We had seen the large dog on 37th St. after leaving church one Sunday morning. It prompted one woman in the district clerk's office to inquire if we had started using something stronger than grape juice during the communion service.

Our sighting "confirmation" came from John Cline, the quiet and efficient certified court reporter in Snyder's 132nd District. John wrote:

"I read with interest your column referenced above because I'm personally acquainted with the brown dog and the black Jeep. But what you and ole-what's-her name didn't see in the Jeep was a black and white great dane with about a 40 inch waist looking out the other window. His name is Beethoven (friends call him Bones); her name is Libertyanne Justin Fraul (her friends call her Libby.)

"The first question I'm asked when anyone sees them is: Do they eat a lot? And the second question is: How much do they weigh? The answers are: not as much as you'd think because big dogs are not as active as smaller dogs, but they do eat. Their gin scale weights are: him, 165 pounds; her, 190 pounds."

John said Bones, when standing flat-footed, with his front paws draped over John's shoulders, towers to 6-foot, seven inches.

John, I'll remember that friends call them Bones and Libby, but be sure and remind them that I call their owner, "Sir."

Another animal lover tells us that a primary reason a dog is man's best friend is because it wags its tail, not its tongue.

Will the 7th 'final design' fly in Congress?

WASHINGTON (AP) — This week NASA officials unveil yet another "final design" for the space station — the seventh to date and the first to include full participation by the Russians.

The deal gives Russians some badly needed cash and Americans the benefit of Russian experience with long-term space stays. But the arrangement may not go over so well in the House, where sentiment to scrap the project is growing.

The six discarded plans were keyed to building an orbiting laboratory for pure, world-class science. The newest offering, however, will present the station for the first time as an instrument of foreign policy.

Under a 300-page agreement signed in Moscow last December by Vice President Al Gore and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, Russia became a full partner in an international space station with the United States, 10 European nations, Japan and Canada.

Lost in the smiles, self-congratulations and backslappings was the fact that the United States was horsetrading to stop Russia from sending sensitive rocket engine technology to India and to abide by the Missile Technology Control Regime. More than 20 countries signed on to the MTCR agreement not to export long-range missiles and missile technology.

It was a good deal for the cash-strapped Russians. The United States agreed to pay $400 million (which happened to be the amount Russia said it would lose by canceling its contract with India) and will send 10 shuttle flights to the Mir space station through 1997 along with equipment and experiments the Russians need.

The United States gets access to 20 years of Russian space station experience and the opportunity to have astronauts spend a total of 24 months on Mir. America's space corps lags far behind its Russian counterpart in the long-duration flights that are precursors to interplanetary travel. The U.S. best is 84 days on Skylab; Russians have spent up to 366 days on Mir.

NASA officials plan to outline the new design on Thursday, and next week, present it to Congress, a routine they know well. All that remains of the previous six designs — which cost American taxpayers $11.2 billion to date — is a mountain of paper and a few pieces of hardware.

But the Russian participation is an unknown element in Congress, where many members question the need for any station. Eleven attempts to terminate the program have failed but votes are increasingly close. The station survived in the House by a single vote last year.

Lawmakers grouse that Russia's iffy economy and internal turmoil make it an unreliable partner.

"I have serious questions on whether to continue to support the space station," said Rep. George Brown, D-Calif., who is chairman of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee and a strong supporter in the past.

"I'm in favor of cooperating with the Russians," he said in an interview. "I don't favor cooperating with them to the extent that they could endanger the project by failing to meet their commitments. I want us to be a partner, but not dependent on them."

Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., R-Wis., ranking Republican on the House space subcommittee, has declared his opposition as long as the station's completion relies on Russia.

In a background paper, Russian space specialist Marcia S. Smith of the Congressional Research Service raised these questions that most certainly will become the focus of debate:

"What if Russia violates the MTCR? Would the United States impose sanctions against Russia that could include terminating Russian participation in the program, or that could lead to Russian withdrawal in retaliation? ... What happens to the space station if U.S. foreign policy changes?"

NASA's latest space station chief, former Navy captain Wilbur C. Trafton seemed surprised at skepticism about Russia and stressed NASA has backup plans to go ahead without Russia if necessary and "the house of cards never comes tumbling down."

The larger station that results from the partnership will accommodate six crew members instead of four, have more lab space and electrical power than the station NASA was proposing last year.

Further, the Clinton administration has maintained it will save $2 billion and one year's construction time by including the Russians.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are the Lotto Texas Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

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(nine, nine, one)

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ON DEADLY GROUND (R)
7:00 9:15

8 SECONDS (PG13)
7:00 9:15

Houston firm signs joint pact for Vietnamese rice

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-based company has signed a joint venture agreement in Vietnam to obtain access to some of the world's lowest-priced rice.

American Rice Inc. will be able to tap into a huge world market for low-quality rice, a market that buys little rice grown in the United States because it is both high quality and high priced.

Only a small portion of this Vietnamese rice will end up in the United States under a new brand, Golden Palace, which ARI hopes will appeal to recent immigrants from Vietnam.

ARI President Douglas Murphy said these immigrants have a huge per capita consumption on the order of 250 pounds of rice per year.

Vietnamese rice would be a popular seller in the United States because it has more flavor than American rice, said Tri Minh La, vice president and manager of the Kim Son Restaurant in Houston.

"I'd be glad to buy it," he said, "It smells better."

Murphy said the company has no intention of blending Vietnamese rice into its best-selling stateside brands, Adolphus and Comet.

"We would not risk the wrath of our customers," he said.

ARI has signed a joint venture agreement with a company owned by the Ministry of Agriculture of Vietnam that will have ARI operating a mill in the city of Can Tho within about 45 days, Murphy said.

Food service places will have to pay fees

The State of Texas is in the process of establishing statewide permit fee schedules for all food service establishments.

The state is proposing to establish the system on the gross annual volume of food sales of each establishment. The monies collected would go to the state. This can be enforced in counties which do not have an established permit fee system.

Scurry County has adopted a new county ordinance and established a permit fee system for all food service establishments. The fees will be $75 per year for profitable organizations, $10 a year for non-profit organizations, and $5 for temporary vendors, not to exceed five consecutive days.

All food service establishments such as cafes, restaurants and delicatesans will be given a permit application upon inspection. They will also need to have a check or money order for the appropriate amount at that time.

All other food service establishments such as churches, concessions, schools and day care centers which cook and serve for more than 12 children must come by the Scurry County Health Unit at 911 26th St. and complete a permit application. They must bring a check or money order for the appropriate amount.

If an establishment is unsure which category it should be in, more information can be obtained by calling 573-3508.

Persons who are planning to have a food booth at any venture in the near future need to come by the health unit for their application and rules on temporary food vendors. These include booths at such events as the Fourth of July Celebration, Scurry County Fair, rodeos, carnivals, hot dog stands and others.

Temporary vendors have specific requirements they must meet before they can operate. Temporary food service operations which do not purvey potentially hazardous foods are exempt from these requirements.

"The permit fee schedule and the rules pertaining to temporary food venders are new to the county and to the officials at the health department," a health unit spokesperson said.

"We are glad that we can keep our money at home by having our own county ordinance and establishing our own permit fee system. We also want to prevent any foodborne illness if possible and see that healthy food is served under healthy conditions. This is what inspections by the Scurry County Health Unit are all about."

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 24, 1994

The year ahead could be a good time for you to take up a new sport or hobby or try to enhance your skills in those in which you're already participating. Recognition and status might be in the offing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Interesting developments which could be of benefit to you socially and materially are surging today. You may work in harmony with them without even realizing it. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might experience fulfillment of your expectations regarding something important for which you've been hoping. Observers will realize you weren't just a daydreamer after all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're both enterprising and bold today desirable end results are indicated. Establish your objectives and vigorously pursue them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You should be able to discern the difference today between a calculated risk and a foolish gamble. If you feel the odds are in your favor, make your move.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Channels that could provide you with additional income should be given top priority today. The window of opportunity is open, but perhaps only briefly, so don't waste time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Partnership arrangements today could prove much luckier for you than anything you'll attempt single handed. Don't go it alone if a capable cohort is willing to assist.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It might take you a bit longer than others to get your act together today. However, when you do reach your stride, it isn't likely you'll finish up as an "also ran."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your chart indicates beneficial developments today in involvements you have with influential persons, especially if you know them on a first name basis.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today when you establish an objective, keep the bottom line uppermost in your mind at all times. Your end results might not be optimum, but they could be pretty darn good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're a good organizer today and you could be more fortunate than usual in manipulating an endeavor of considerable scope. However, don't make personal gain your major aim.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't despair if you're a salesperson who hasn't been doing too well this week. Big changes could occur today where call backs are concerned. Make as many as possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might be better equipped today to deal with large, challenging issues than you will be with insignificant things. In your instance, big is lucky.

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Delores spent the years between 1957 and 1975 in a physical condition that was deteriorating to the point where she and her husband, Bill, and their 14 year old son, Chris, prepared to face death. During those years, she had four back fusions, and two percutaneous cordotomies (burning out the nerves of the spine to alleviate pain).

On August 30, 1975, she reluctantly agreed to attend a Kathryn Kuhlman meeting in Dallas and within 15 minutes she was restored to full health.

Her healing has been medically documented.

Because of God's goodness to her, she walks in the Spirit proclaiming the miracle working power of God. She does not believe that this miracle was for her alone, nor that great faith is needed to receive healing from God. She herself did not believe in miraculous healing, yet the hand of God touched and healed her. Her ministry is characterized by gentleness and love, and all who see her marvel at her obedience to the Spirit of God.

She and Bill will be at Christian Fellowship Snyder on Friday, March 25, 7:00-9:30 p.m., Saturday, March 26, 10:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (bring sack lunch), and Sunday, March 27, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Vistors are asked to come and hear Delores proclaim that God does hear and still heals the brokenhearted. A nursery will be provided for children ages 0-5 years of age. For more information call Christian Fellowship, 915-573-0482.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; Classic Interiors; 4:15 p.m.

TAP; "Understanding Your Role as a Parent;" conference room of Snyder Savings & Loan, 2619 College Ave.; 7-8:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building on W. 37th St.; Charlotte Seay of Midland, demonstration in watercolor; Rachel Martin, hostess; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

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 573-1141, 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 573-1141. (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 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

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

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

Policeman no-billed

DALLAS (AP) — Grand jurors declined to indict a fired Dallas police officer on charges that he lied to his supervisors during an investigation and that he had sex with a minor.

But Senior Cpl. Michael Dikovitsky, 33, still may not get his job back with the Dallas Police Department, said department spokesman Sgt. Jim Chandler.

A Dallas County grand jury Tuesday no-billed the 11-year veteran on charges of sexual assault and tampering with government records.

But several allegations that Dikovitsky violated police department rules remain unresolved. An internal police investigation last fall found that Dikovitsky violated several policies, including entering a topless nightclub while in uniform, interfering with a criminal investigation and releasing police information to an unauthorized person, Chandler said.

Dikovitsky now works as an East Texas fishing guide.

Police accused Dikovitsky of lying in a memo asking his supervisors to dismiss a case against the manager of a topless bar.



DAY AT THE FARM — Three and four-year-olds of Snyder Child Day Care Center visited the farm of Weldon Lloyd recently and enjoyed petting the farm animals. From left are Courtney Tyrrell, Clay Fritz, Lloyd, and Barbara Restifo. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 3-23-94
♠ A 9 3
♥ A K 6 4
♦ 10 6 3 2
♣ 6 5

WEST
♠ K 8 7 6 2
♥ 9 2
♦ K 9 5
♣ J 10 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 5
♥ J 10 7 5
♦ Q 8 7
♣ Q 9 2

SOUTH
♠ J 4
♥ Q 8 3
♦ A J 4
♣ A K 8 7 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

Treat each case on its merits

By Phillip Alder

Until the mid-1920s, golfers used to tee their balls on a mound of sand. But in 1920 William Lowell, of Maplewood, N.J., made the first wooden tee. He was awarded a patent in 1925, but he didn't make much money. Many players made their own tees without contravening the patent, which had been written too imprecisely.

In bridge, if you stroke the cards as recommended by the textbooks, normally you will hit down the middle, but sometimes you will slice badly. East made a good shot on today's deal, but South got his ball into the cup first.

Against three no-trump, West led the spade six: three, queen, four. With two spades left, East would normally return his higher card. But he realized that if he led the 10 and South had the singleton jack left, South would get two spade tricks. So East returned the spade *five*.

The declarer was Jose Le Dentu, one of France's top player-writers. He could have blocked the suit at trick two by winning West's spade king with dummy's ace, but, not knowing who held the 10, he ducked. However, after winning the third trick with dummy's spade ace, Le Dentu led a low club from the dummy, winning with the ace when East played low. Back to dummy with a heart, Le Dentu led another low club through East. If East had played the queen, declarer would have ducked. When East played low, South won with the king and led a third club. Le Dentu had established nine tricks without letting West gain the lead to cash his two spade winners.

This was an excellent example of avoidance play.

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Dodd proposal would held shield accoutants from many lawsuits

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the Senate's largest recipients of donations from the accounting industry is drafting legislation that would help shield accountants from lawsuits by angry securities investors.

The proposed bill by Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., among other things would allow courts to order investors, or their lawyers, to pay the legal bills of accountants if a lawsuit is deemed frivolous.

The plan also would set a minimum threshold of losses below which investors could not sue accountants and limit lawsuits to "primary violators," meaning that accountants could be sued only if they were directly implicated in wrongdoing.

The proposal is being hailed by the accounting industry, whose so-called Big Six firms have spent $2 million each to lobby for legislation to limit accountants' liabilities after an avalanche of lawsuits by investors who lost money in the 1980s savings and loan crisis.

But critics say the possibility that small, defrauded investors could be forced to pay the legal bills for well-monied accounting and legal firms wrongly discourages them from trying to recoup losses.

"No individual plaintiff will ever go to court if he or she knows there is a risk of paying millions in legal fees of well-heeled corporations and defendants like Charles Keating or Michael Milken," a group of consumer organizations wrote Dodd.

The group, which includes the Consumer Federation of America, the Consumers Union and Public Citizen, called Dodd's proposal "anti-consumer, anti-elderly and anti-investor."

Accountants, however, say they need the changes in the Securities and Exchange Commission regulations because they're spending millions of dollars a year fending off frivolous lawsuits.

"We see this as an incentive for companies that are being wrongly sued to fight and stand a very good chance of having their legal fees reimbursed," said Lynn Zempel, a spokeswoman for the Coalition to Eliminate Abusive Securities Suits, which represents several major accounting firms.

The accountants found a sympathetic ear in Dodd, who got $53,500 from the industry's political action committees for his successful 1992 re-election campaign, the most of any member of Congress, according an analysis of Federal Election Commission records by the trade publication Accounting Today.

It's normal for such money to flow to Dodd because he is chairman of the Senate Banking Committee subcommittee that deals with securities issue.

Ellen Miller of the campaign finance watchdog Center for Responsive Politics said Dodd's bill leaves the appearance that he is "serving as the handmaiden of the industry and doing their bidding at the expense of the public."

But Dodd scoffed at that notion: "$53,000 out of a $4 million campaign and I'm in the tank with them? I find that offensive."

Dodd said his bill is "investor friendly" and would still leave accountants liable for huge damages if the evidence suggests they were primarily responsible for wrongdoing.

He also touted a provision that would extend the statute of limitations in securities fraud cases and noted that his bill would for the first time give the industry a self-policing mechanism.

In recent years, accounting firms have been hit hard for their connections to failed savings and loans. In 1992, Ernst & Young agreed to a $400 million settlement with the government to do away with pending litigation involving the firm's audits of failed S&Ls. Earlier this month, Deloitte & Touche agreed to a similar settlement worth $300 million.

'Thumbs down' for interview

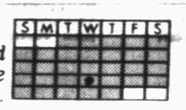
CHICAGO (AP) — Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert gave "The Arsenio Hall Show" two thumbs down for letting Louis Farrakhan "spew hate unchallenged."

The movie critics canceled a post-Oscars appearance on the show Tuesday night because Hall failed to confront the Nation of Islam leader on his Feb. 25 show or reject Farrakhan's anti-Semitic remarks, Siskel said.

DATE BOOK

March 23, 1994

Today is the 82nd day of 1994 and the fourth day of spring.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1919, Benito Mussolini founded the fascist movement in Italy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Fannie Farmer (1857-1915), cookery expert; Joan Crawford (1908-1977), actress; Werner von Braun (1912-1977), rocket scientist; Roger Bannister (1929-), athlete-physician, is 65; Chaka Khan (1953-), singer, is 41; Moses Malone (1955-), basketball player, is 39; Amanda Plummer (1957-), actress, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, Chicago Black Hawk Bill Mosienko scored the fastest hat trick in NHL history — three goals in 21 seconds — in a victory over the New York Rangers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I never go out unless I look like Joan Crawford the movie star. If you want to see the girl next door, go next door." — Joan Crawford

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1913 began five days of rain on the Ohio River and its tributaries. Flooding of historic proportions ensued, resulting in 467 deaths.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (March 20) and full moon (March 27).

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If MSG doesn't sicken eaters, then patients ask, what does?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some doctors are proclaiming they've debunked the theory that the flavor enhancer MSG makes people sick — but their patients don't believe them.

So scientists have a problem: how to find another culprit if the patients won't cooperate.

"It's frustrating," said Dr. Steve Taylor, head of food science at the University of Nebraska. "You can't make them come into the clinic and get tested ... so they're not getting help for a real problem."

Tell that to Anna Davis.

"Doctors didn't know why I got dizzy headaches," the Washington resident said after insisting that a Chinese restaurant put none of the flavor enhancer in her order. "I stopped eating MSG and now I don't. End of story."

MSG, or monosodium glutamate, has been used in Oriental cooking for nearly 2,000 years but also is commonly found in everything from tomato sauce to snack chips. It is a version of glutamic acid, one of 20 amino acids naturally present in nearly all protein.

In 1968, a doctor who experienced temporary numbness and weakness after eating Chinese food labeled the symptoms Chinese restaurant syndrome and speculated that MSG, cooking wine or excess salt could be to blame.

Early studies said MSG was the culprit, but in 1980 scientists began reversing that opinion. Now the largest study of the issue says MSG is innocent.

An Australian chemist, Dr. Len Tarasoff of the University of Western Sydney, randomly fed 71 people various doses of MSG and a placebo for five days. He told participants he was studying ingredients in a new soft drink, and fed them either capsules or a grapefruit-like drink before a standardized breakfast.

Fifteen percent reported some symptoms after ingesting the MSG — but so did 14 percent after taking the placebo, said his report in the British journal Food and Chemical Toxicology.

"It's a very good study and does suggest MSG given in the course of an ordinary meal doesn't cause a reaction," said Dr. Dean Metcalfe of the National Institutes of Health.

But an unknown number of Americans still blame MSG for symptoms ranging from headaches and flushing to numbness or dizziness. They asked the Food and Drug Administration to require more stringent labeling of MSG in foods.

An FDA advisory committee considering their complaints was supposed to decide the issue this month, but has postponed its report until May. Among other things, it is looking at the new Australian study.

Dr. Daryl Altman, medical director of Allergy Information Services in Lynbrook, N.Y., is a consultant to the food industry who's trying to find another culprit.

She fears some people who think MSG sickens them could have physical problems, from stress to lupus, that are going untreated. But people who tell her they're MSG-sensitive routinely drop out of her studies when she says she'll test them with the product.

"They're never going to get the proper treatment if they hang their hat on MSG," she said.

'Hitman' wants moniker banned from his trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A teenager with the longtime nickname of "Hitman" wants a judge to forbid the prosecution from using that moniker during his murder trial.

An attorney for Tyrone "Hitman" Jerrols, 17, filed a motion this week saying that use of the nickname would unfairly prejudice jurors when he stands trial next month for the June 12, 1993, shooting of Marilyn Wiley.

District Judge Denise Collins will hear defense attorney Wayne Heller's motion on April 8.

Prosecutor Margaret Harris said she'll oppose any ban on her use of the nickname.

"Every single witness knew the guy by the name Hitman," Ms. Harris said. "In fact, when the police questioned his mother, she said, 'Hitman is my son.'"

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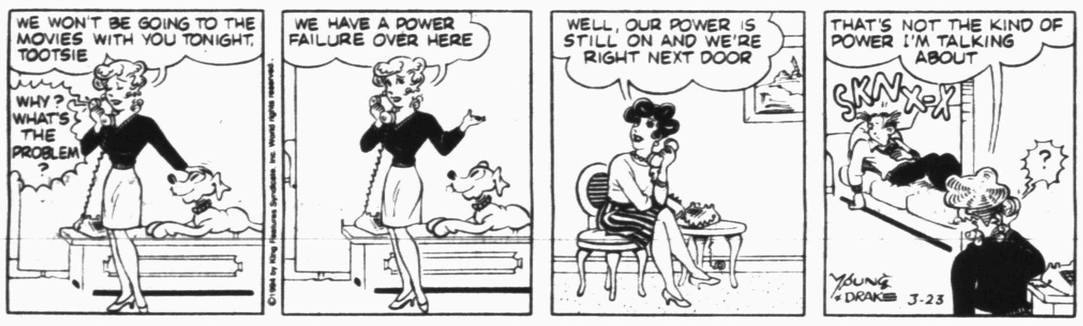
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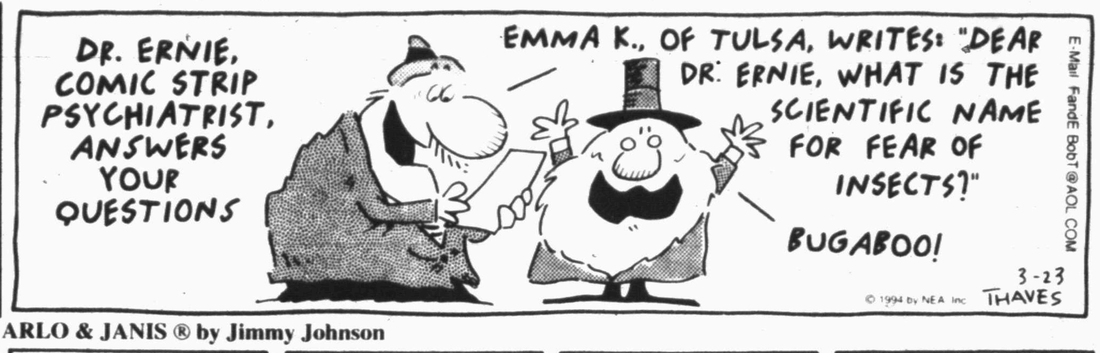
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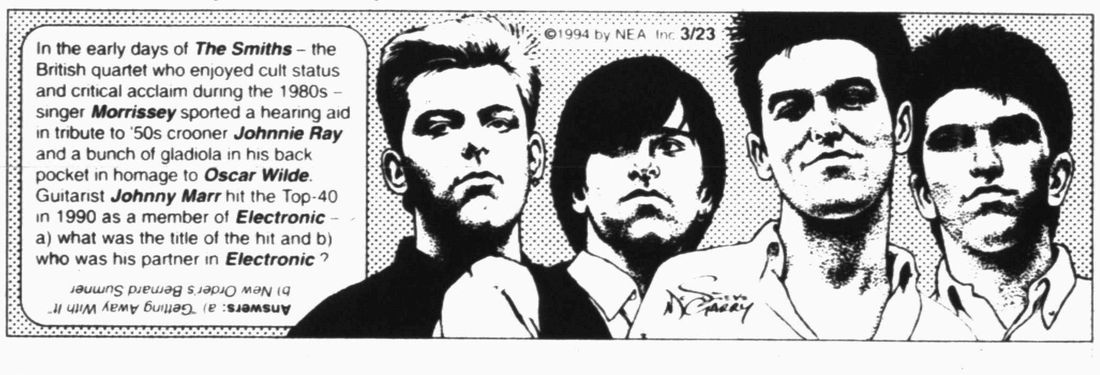
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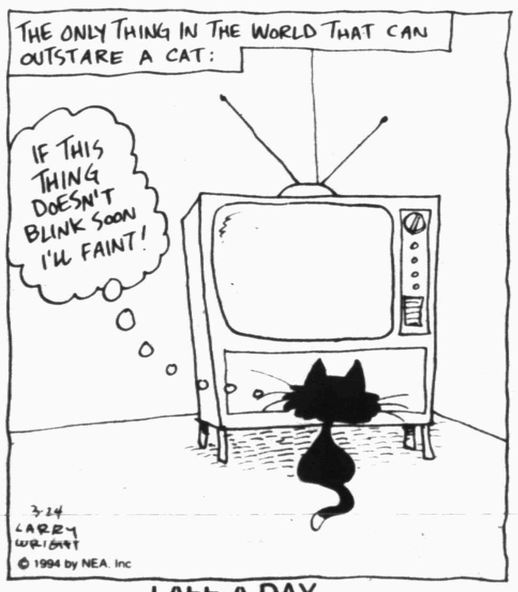
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31 Hold fast
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40 Baseball player Mel —
41 Slate-cutting tool
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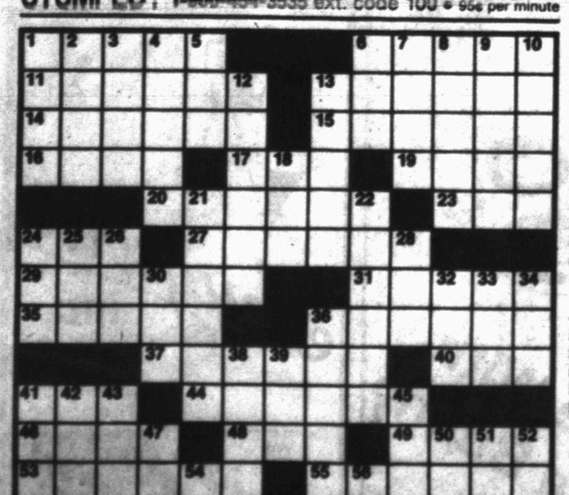
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Johnson threatens to quit following owner's outburst

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson and owner Jerry Jones may finally have had the big blowup many have been predicting.

Johnson left the NFL's annual spring meetings Tuesday saying he's considering quitting after learning that Jones repeatedly threatened to fire him, The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions.

"I've heard from numerous reliable sources that (Jones) was in the bar in the early hours of the morning and threatening to fire me and said he was going to fire me at least eight or nine times," Johnson told The Morning News.

"I am really dumbfounded for the simple reason I don't know what I did," he said.

Johnson confronted Jones about the statements Tuesday at the league meetings in Orlando, Fla., then left the gathering. He was scheduled to attend a coaches' breakfast at the meetings this morning.

"This particular incident makes me pull back and reassess things," said Johnson, who months ago caused waves by saying he was intrigued by the idea of coaching the expansion Jacksonville franchise.

Jones said everything has been worked out. "We talked, and as we have always done, cleared the air on any of these issues," Jones said.

A message left Tuesday night at the home of team spokesman Rich Dalrymple was not immediately returned to The Associated Press.

Jones and Johnson, former teammates at the University of Arkansas, have long had what seems to be a love-hate relationship.

When Jones bought the team in 1989, his first move was hiring Johnson, then the University of Miami coach. Johnson has five years remaining on his contract.

Each have maintained that their occassionally rocky relationship doesn't get in the way of their jobs. They've won the last two Super Bowls.

"We've got a very good working relationship that withstands any of these new personal differences or some of the frailties of being in a pretty highly visible situation," Jones said.

"I feel good about what we're going to be doing here in 1994, and I feel good about him coaching the Cowboys."

The recent argument began when Jones returned from an NFL social event and apparently felt snubbed by Johnson in front of several former Cowboys employees, the newspaper said.

At the hotel several hours later — with reporters present — Jones said he planned to immediately replace Johnson. Jones reportedly mentioned former University of Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer as a possible replacement.

"It concerns me when he says to a group of reporters that he's not only going to fire me but even says who the replacement is going to be," Johnson said.

"This wasn't a statement to one person behind closed doors. This was a statement made in a bar with a lot of people around."

Chicago Bears coach Dave Wannstedt, a former Cowboys defensive coordinator and longtime friend of Johnson, was at the Monday night party where the problem between Jones and Johnson began. He said Johnson did nothing to provoke Jones.

"Jimmy never said a word," Wannstedt said.

SHS sweeps 3rd-ranked Cubs

BROWNFIELD — Snyder showed little respect for Brownfield's No. 3 state Class 3A baseball ranking, scoring 30 runs and sweeping a non-district doubleheader from the Cubs Tuesday, 11-6 and 19-0.

"We had a real good night," said Snyder coach Albert Lewis. "The guys did a good job.

"We had super hitting and great pitching. That's a tough combination.

"(Starting pitcher Reagan) Key had some tough breaks in the first game," Lewis added. "They have a tough sun to play in right field there at dusk and we lost a couple of balls that way that gave them some runs. Plus they have a real hard infield and we gave up a run or two on some nasty hops.

"But, Rinehart pitched his usual good game in the second, and, overall, we had a good night against a good team."

The Tigers slammed nine hits in the opener Tuesday, led by leadoff hitter John Clinkinbeard's 2-for-4 performance with an RBI and a walk, Bryant Roberson's two hits in four at-bats, including an RBI single in the fourth, and DH Gene Pollard, who ripped a pair of hits in five plate appearances,

Key got the win in Game 1, going the full seven innings, fanning 13 and walking just three while limiting the Cubs to four earned runs.

Snyder's big inning was the fourth when five runs came in, starting with Chris Mitchell, who reached after being hit with a pitch and moved around on singles by Clinkinbeard and Roberson.

Catcher Brad Hart walked with one out, Pollard reached on an error and Craig Lang singled to lift SHS to an 8-1 lead.

Snyder's offensive barrage in Game 2 was led by senior left fielder Jimmy Henry, who slammed a 3-run homer in a 6-run surge in the third frame.

Curt Rinehart, the game's winning pitcher, singled to drive in catcher Brad Hart, who doubled to open the inning.

Craig Lang and Bryan Lickey each smacked a base hit to set up Henry's first-pitch shot, his second home run of the season.

Already leading 8-0, the Tigers added six more runs in the fourth and five in the fifth. The game was called after the fifth inning on the 10-run rule.

Snyder was a combined 19 of 33 in the nightcap, led by Hart's 4-for-4 run with a double and three runs driven in.

Rinehart went 4-of-5 and Lang and Roberson each had three hits in four at-bats. Roberson accounted for four RBI on the night.

Clinkinbeard had two hits in three trips to the plate, two walks, a double, three runs scored and an RBI.

Rinehart held Brownfield to just one hit in the second game, striking out seven and giving up just one walk in the complete-game effort.

The Tigers climbed above the .500 mark for the season with Monday's wins, going to 8-7 on the season.

Brownfield slips to 6-4.

Snyder's final non-district outing is slated for Saturday when the Tigers host Hobbs, N.M. in a double-header beginning at 1 p.m. at Moffett Field.

District 2-4A competition begins Thursday, March 31, when Lamesa visits.

	Game 1				
Snyder	003	501	1	—11	9	5
Brownfield	010	002	3	— 6	9	5

Key and Hart; Sanders, Quesada, Bazan and Munoz; WP: Key; LP: Sanders; 2B: Brownfield — Pacada.

	Game 2				
Snyder	116	65		—19	19	3
Brownfield	000	00		— 0	1	2

Rinehart and Hart; Gonzales, Vasquez, Gonzales, Bazan and Munoz; WP: Rinehart; LP: Gonzales; 2B: Snyder — Clinkinbeard, Hart; HR: Henry; Record: Snyder 8-7.

Magic Johnson set to replace fired Pfund as Lakers' coach

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers, producing some of their old Showtime dramatics, are recalling Magic Johnson from retirement to coach the team he led to five NBA titles.

Johnson was the maestro of the Lakers for 12 seasons, then retired suddenly just before the 1991-92 season after learning he was infected with the virus that causes AIDS.

Since that time, Showtime has been little more than a memory. Perhaps that will change, although it's uncertain how long Johnson will coach.

Rookie Lakers forward George Lynch told KCBS of Los Angeles he believes Johnson will have the Lakers playing up-tempo ball.

"I think it's gonna make everyone on the team a better player," Lynch said from Dallas where the Lakers were preparing for tonight's game against the Mavericks.

Johnson, 34, replaces Randy Pfund, who earlier this month signed a one-year contract extension with the team through the 1995-96 season.

Johnson was scheduled to meet with reporters today at the Forum at 11 a.m. PST. His first game as the Lakers coach will come Sunday night at home against the Milwaukee Bucks.

"I will confirm we have relieved Randy of his head coaching duties and hired Earvin as coach," John Black, the Lakers' public relations director, said from his home Tuesday night. "Earvin is replacing Randy as coach and he will coach for the remainder of the season. Beyond that, we can't tell you anything more at this time."

Assistant Bill Bertka will coach the Lakers the next two games. Bertka, speaking from Dallas, also told The Associated Press that Pfund would return home today.

Black said an announcement would be made concerning the status of Bertka and assistants Chet Kammerer and Larry Drew at today's news conference.

Rumors have circulated periodically since Johnson retired that he might return to coach the Lakers. He recently has been touring worldwide with his own basketball team.

After his retirement, Johnson made a brief comeback, playing with the U.S. Olympic team and in some NBA preseason games the following fall. But he retired a second time shortly before the 1992-93 season.

Black's announcement Tuesday night came after several hours of widespread speculation. NBA Commissioner David Stern, reached at the Knicks-Bulls game in New York, played coy when asked about the initial broadcast reports.

"Anything that would bring Magic back would be good for the league," he said.

Just last week, Johnson's agent, Lon Rosen, said he had no knowledge of any coaching changes involving Johnson.

NIT glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Second Round
Monday, March 21
Clemson 96, West Virginia 79
Xavier, Ohio 83, Northwestern 79, OT
Villanova 82, Duquesne 66
Vanderbilt 78, New Orleans 59
Tuesday, March 22
Siena 89, Tulane 79
Kansas State 66, Gonzaga 64
Bradley 79, Old Dominion 75
Fresno State 68, Brigham Young 66
Third Round
Wednesday, March 23
Xavier, Ohio (22-8) at Villanova (17-12), 7:30 p.m.
Clemson (18-15) at Vanderbilt (18-11), 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 24
Bradley (23-7) vs. Siena (23-7) at Glens Falls, N.Y., 7:30 p.m.
Fresno State (21-10) at Kansas State (19-12), 8 p.m.
Semifinals
At New York
Monday, March 28
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Championship
Wednesday, March 30
Semifinal losers, 6:45 p.m.
Semifinals winners, 9 p.m.

Stapler takes Carlsbad job

CARLSBAD, N.M. — W.T. Stapler has been named the new head football coach of the Carlsbad Cavemen.

Stapler, who resigned following the 1993 season after seven seasons at Andrews, has coached for 27 years, including a stint at Sweetwater, where he took the Mustangs to a Class 4A state title in 1985.

Staper boasts a 213-75-6 overall record.

The Cavemen were 1-9 in 1993, their worst showing in 60 years, leading to the resignation of coach Cecil Marks.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	46	19	.708	—
Orlando	39	27	.591	7½
Miami	37	29	.561	9½
New Jersey	34	31	.523	12
Boston	22	42	.344	23½
Philadelphia	21	45	.318	25½
Washington	19	47	.288	27½
Central Division				
Atlanta	46	19	.708	—
Chicago	43	23	.652	3½
Cleveland	37	29	.561	9½
Indiana	34	30	.531	11½
Charlotte	29	35	.453	16½
Detroit	18	47	.277	28
Milwaukee	18	47	.277	28
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-Houston	46	18	.719	—
x-San Antonio	46	20	.697	1
Utah	43	24	.642	4½
Denver	33	32	.508	13½
Minnesota	19	47	.288	28
Dallas	8	57	.123	38½
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	48	17	.738	—
Phoenix	43	22	.662	5
Portland	40	27	.597	9
Golden State	38	27	.585	10
L.A. Lakers	27	37	.422	20½
L.A. Clippers	24	40	.375	23½
Sacramento	23	43	.348	24½

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Tuesday's Games
New Jersey 105, L.A. Clippers 102
Charlotte 125, Philadelphia 91
Cleveland 93, Indiana 61
Minnesota 83, Houston 81
New York 87, Chicago 78
Denver 108, Milwaukee 94
Phoenix 124, Miami 118, OT
Seattle 105, San Antonio 89
Golden State 117, Orlando 116
Portland 96, Sacramento 94

Wednesday's Games
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m.

NCAA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Miami Arena
Friday, March 25
Boston College (22-10) vs. Indiana (21-8), 7:38 p.m.
Florida (27-7) vs. Connecticut (29-4), 30 minutes following
Regional Championship
At Miami Arena
Sunday, March 27
Florida-Connecticut winner vs. Boston College-Indiana winner, 1:40 p.m.
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Thursday, March 24
Marquette (24-8) vs. Duke (25-5), 7:38 p.m.
Purdue (28-4) vs. Kansas (27-7), 30 minutes following
Regional Championship
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Saturday, March 26
Purdue-Kansas winner vs. Marquette-Duke winner, 6 p.m.
MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Reunion Arena
Dallas
Friday, March 25
Arkansas (27-3) vs. Tulsa (23-7), 8:02 p.m.
Michigan (23-7) vs. Maryland (18-11), 30 minutes following
Regional Championship
At Reunion Arena
Dallas
Sunday, March 27
Michigan-Maryland winner vs. Arkansas-Tulsa winner, 4 p.m.
WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At The L.A. Sports Arena
Los Angeles
Thursday, March 24
Missouri (27-3) vs. Syracuse (23-6), 8:07 p.m.
Louisville (28-5) vs. Arizona (27-5), 30 minutes following
Regional Championship
At The L.A. Sports Arena
Los Angeles
Saturday, March 26
Missouri-Syracuse winner vs. Louisville-Arizona winner, 3:40 p.m.

Owners approve 2-point conversion

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The home team, down 21-14, has just scored with a minute left in the game. "Go for Two! Go for Two!" chants the crowd.

Then the kicker trots on the field, the home team goes for one and the game goes into overtime.

Don't expect the two-point conversion, approved by the NFL on Tuesday, to force NFL coaches into being any less conservative than they already are.

"I don't think teams will try to win with a two-pointer," George Young, co-chairman of the rule-making competition committee said Tuesday after the owners approved the new rule to try and put touchdowns back in the field-goal dominated game. "The time it will come into play is when you're behind by eight points or 11 points."

In fact, many coaches don't like the two-point rule, enacted after a season in which there were three field goals kicked for every four touchdowns scored. That includes Dan Reeves of Young's New York Giants, one of the most outspoken opponents of the new rule, which passed by a vote of 23-4. Phoenix, Buffalo, Washington and Detroit voted against it. San Diego was absent.

The owners also enacted two other rules designed to put more offense back in the game:

— Kickoffs now will be from the 30-yard-line rather than the 35 and will be from a 1-inch tee to prevent kickoffs that hang in the air almost as long as punts. Previously, kickers could use tees ranging in height from one to three inches.

— Failed field goals will now be placed at the spot from where the kick was attempted rather than at the line of scrimmage. In effect, that means the kicking team will be penalized between seven and eight yards for missing a field goal.

But the major change was the two-point conversion, which has been used by colleges since 1958. It was used by all of the NFL's old rivals — the AFL, World Football League and USFL. But it always was rejected by NFL coaches, who saw it as one more decision on which they could be second-guessed.

Unlike the colleges, which set the ball on the 3, NFL teams will have the ball placed at the 2-yard-line, presumably allowing teams to run more often for two points.

Colleges tried two-pointers on only 9 percent of their TDs last season, and they don't have overtime. NFL coaches who can go for a two-pointer to win or a kick to tie are almost sure to kick, taking the safe out rather than risk the second-guessing that would come from a failed two-point attempt.

"Sure I can hear the fans yelling 'Two! Two! Two!,'" said Tampa Bay's Sam Wyche, probably the biggest risk-taker among NFL coaches.

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Clark homers lead Rangers past Orioles

by The Associated Press

Will "The Thrill" Clark is living up to his nickname in spring training.

The Texas slugger hit two homers Tuesday, including a two-run shot in the ninth inning, to give a Rangers' split-squad a 4-2 victory over Baltimore at Port Charlotte, Fla.

"It's always exciting to hit the game-winning home run," Clark said. "Because of the guys in front of me, I was able to do it."

Clark, who signed with Texas in November after seven seasons with San Francisco, also doubled and singled against the Orioles to raise his spring average to .400. He drove in three runs to increase his team-leading total to 12.

After Rob Ducey singled with one out in the ninth, Clark drove Jim Poole's first pitch over the right field wall to snap a 2-2 tie.

Tom Henke pitched the final two innings for his second victory in three decisions. Texas starter Jack Armstrong worked the first six innings, allowing five hits and one run.

The Orioles scored on an infield single by Mark McLemore in the third and a pinch-hit homer by Lonnie Smith in the seventh. Baltimore starter Ben McDonald gave up seven hits and two runs in seven-plus innings.

Junior League signups planned

Registration for Snyder Junior League Baseball will be held Thursday and Friday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Snyder Savings & Loan.

The league, which operates under the auspices of Little League, is for 13-year-olds.

Cost to register is $20 per player. Players must bring a parent and a birth certificate to signups.

Philly signs Cowboys' kicker

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles need to find defensive linemen, outside linebackers and offensive tackles in the free agent market, so they've started by signing a placekicker.

But what a placekicker — Eddie Murray, know as "Eddie Money" on the world champion Dallas Cowboys. At the end of the 1993 season, Murray's 41-yard field goal in overtime beat the New York Giants 16-13 to give Dallas the NFC East title.

Murray, 37, set a Dallas club record with 28 field goals, scored on 33 attempts. He was 38 for 38 on extra points and scored 122 points.

With Murray signed Tuesday, Eagles vice president of player personnel John Wooten said he would waive Roger Ruzek, who had an unspectacular season kicking in Philadelphia last year.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that Murray signed two one-year contracts worth $450,000 a year. If he fulfills certain incentive clauses, they will be worth $500,000 a year, the paper said.

SDN sports week

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WTC hosts Western Texas College Invitational
Tennis
Snyder varsity and JV at Lubbock Tournament.
Track
Snyder Junior High hosts SJHS track meet, Tiger Stadium.
Hermleigh Junior High at Robert Lee track meet.

Saturday, March 26
Baseball
Snyder Tigers host Hobbs, N.M. (DH), 1 p.m.
Snyder JV hosts Hobbs, N.M. (DH), 1 p.m.
Track
Snyder boys at Seminole meet.
Snyder girls at Ector County ISD Relays, Odessa.
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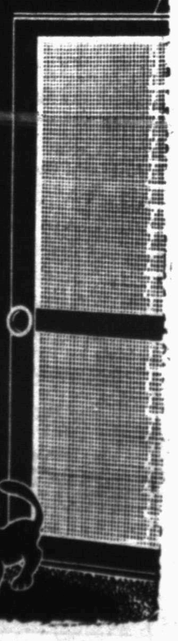
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2215 42nd, 3-2-1, $30's.
2207 43rd, 3-1-cp.
Country, 3-2 with acreage.
3725 Ave. V, 3-1-1, $32T.
4111 Eastridge. 3-2-2, $34,500.
3205 Ave. A, 4-2-CP, $25T.
3782 Avondale, 3-2, $40's.
Ira, 3-2½.
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Swoopes keeps busy but misses playing at Tech

LUBBOCK — A year has passed since the great march through Atlanta, but of course, memories linger.

As Sheryl Swoopes sits in Lubbock's Municipal Coliseum waiting to do a live television spot before a regional playoff game, an elderly woman leaning heavily on a cane makes her way, painstakingly, up two levels of temporary seats.

Just to stand near the former Texas Tech All-American, hold her hand for a moment, and say, "I just wanted you to know how wonderful I think you are, and to wish you luck."

In a world she acknowledges is "kind of like a dream come true," it is a sentiment Swoopes hears often — especially in Lubbock, where she someday might be the mayor. She responds graciously, helping the small, frail woman back down the stairs to level ground.

And so, in the wonderful world of Sheryl Swoopes, there is only one thing missing, really.

"Well, to be honest, it hurts," she says, in response to a query about how it feels, watching another group of Lady Raiders launch its quest for a berth in the Final Four. "I would just really love to be out there with them."

Last year, Swoopes WAS the Final Four — scoring 78 points in two games and slamming home 47 in the title match, breaking Bill Walton's all-time record — in leading an improbable band of small-town kids from West Texas to the NCAA championship.

It culminated a season in which she was selected national player of the year by just about everyone, and she has since amassed a large collection of "Woman of the Year" awards.

She has also taken a fling at professional basketball, European style; signed a contract with Nike; visited the White House; had her jersey number retired; and returned to school.

In fact, Swoopes' days and nights seem filled with everything except basketball.

"Oh, no," she says, "I still work out every day, if possible. Sometimes, three times a day. I try to get into the gym whenever possible. But I have to admit that it seems like I'm a lot busier now than when I was playing."

She is back in school at Tech, finishing up work on her degree, and does a sports talk show — "One-on-One with Sheryl Swoopes" — for a local TV station. She also has a lucrative contract doing promotional work for Nike, in addition to her motivational speaking appearances.

"I've really enjoyed the TV job," she says. "I was a little uptight at first, because I was so used to being the subject rather than the interviewer. But I've become a lot more relaxed at it now. Back when everyone was interviewing me, I learned that some interviewers can make you feel relaxed immediately, and others you just never feel comfortable with. So I try to make everyone relax.

"I also do a few speaking engagements, talking to kids, mostly. People ask me to come speak, and basically, I talk about whatever they want me to — staying in school, staying away from drugs, coping with a one-parent home, which is how I grew up myself (her mother lives in nearby Brownfield). It's something I like doing."

There was also a three-month stint with a professional basketball team in Italy, with which Swoopes was not particularly enthralled.

"Well, it's over, and I really can't talk about it," she says. "I'm glad I went, because it gave me a chance to see a different culture and a different part of the world. But I didn't really enjoy it much. It's a very different place, and I just never got used to it."

She also visited the White House and met the president — a rather pale event when compared with spending a few days at Michael Jordan's basketball camp.

"That was really one of the highlights of the year for me," says Swoopes, of Jordan's invita-

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Numerous calls keep peace officers moving

Snyder area law enforcement personnel were kept busy over the past 24 hours with three arrests, family violence calls and cases of theft and criminal mischief.

Snyder police responded to a family disturbance in the 2500 block of 27th Street at 10:11 p.m. Tuesday. Officers arrested 23-year-old Kelly McGaha on charges of Class A assault, family violence, and assault on a peace officer. According to police reports, McGaha resisted arrest and struck two officers who were attempting to take him into custody.

At 9 a.m. Tuesday, officers arrested a 37-year-old woman in the 800 block of 24th Street on seven Scurry County warrants for issuance of bad checks, one Mitchell County warrant for issuance of a bad check and a warrant out of Ector County for theft by check.

At 7:05 p.m., a 28-year-old man called police from Skinny's convenience store on Coliseum Drive to complain that he had been assaulted. The man was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by Snyder EMS to be treated for injuries.

In their investigation, police learned that the man had allegedly assaulted his mother in an altercation in the 500 block of 29th Street. A relative then assaulted the 28-year-old.

Police arrested the 28-year-old at Cogdell at 8:56 p.m. for assault/family violence. No other charges were filed.

In other reports:

—Danny Pierce contacted police at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday to report some sheets of plywood stolen from a flatbed trailer. A report for Class B theft was filed.

—Kellye Sta.nes contacted police from Snyder Junior High at 8:34 a.m. Tuesday in reference to someone stealing a stereo and a VCR from a classroom. A report for Class A theft was filed.

—At 4:49 p.m. police worked a non-contact accident in the 3400 block of College Avenue. According to the report, a 1986 Buick driven by Shelly Ann Stroud of Rt. 2 suffered wheel and tire damage when it struck a curb. Stroud said the vehicle had been forced over to the curb by a 1990 Ford driven by Stacy Jayson Cloe of 2206 40th St. Neither party was cited.

—At 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jerry Gannaway notified sheriff's deputies that a basketball goal had been stolen from Hermleigh Park. A report for theft was filed.

—Sheriff's deputies were notified of a disturbance at Lake Thomas at 11:27 p.m. Tuesday. Three women and a juvenile were transported to town and a report for family violence was filed.

—At 2:54 a.m. today, a police officer discovered damage at C&W convenience store where someone had attempted to gain entry. Nothing was missing from the business. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

—At 5:52 a.m. today, Omar Ribard contacted officers in reference to someone damaging his vehicle. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Lola Galasso, 6900 W. Hwy. 180; Dylan Golden, 3103 40th; Vickie Jones, Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: James Doolittle, Brandon Roberts, Opal Brown.

Census: 46 (Med.-9, Long-Term Care-35, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Dennis and Vickie Jones of Hermleigh announce the birth of their daughter born at 8:40 a.m. on March 22 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, eight ounces.

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Links Serb, government areas...

Sarajevo bridge opens today

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The bridge of Brotherhood and Unity may finally live up to its name.

To the joy of hundreds of bystanders, the bridge linking Serb- and government-held districts of central Sarajevo opened today. Forty-one people became the first civilians to cross in almost two years.

The bridge was opened as part of an agreement reached by leaders of the Muslim-led government and Bosnian Serbs last Thursday to open routes to aid and civilian traffic. The United States and Russia have been pressing for peace, including an end to the 23-month siege of Sarajevo.

Cheers and claps erupted from a crowd on the government side as two long-time friends, a Muslim woman and a Serb man, walked the 90 feet to Serb-held territory.

Sahija Corovic, 55, the Muslim, was going to visit a sister she had not seen in two years. Veroljub Milovanovic, 66, went to see old friends.

Minutes later Borislav Cuh, 68, was the first to cross over the shallow Miljacka River from the Serb side. Traffic lights and signs pocked with bullet holes testified to the fighting that had made the bridge unpassable.

Cuh's two sons and brother are in the government-held part of Sarajevo. One of his sons is an invalid, wounded by shrapnel from one of the hundreds of thousands of shells fired from Serb guns around Sarajevo since war erupted in April 1992.

"I am so happy, but I am going to feel bad until I finally see my sons," said Cuh.

In all, 27 people, including two children, crossed from the government to the Serb side and 14 from the Serb side. They were carefully watched by U.N. peacekeepers at sandbagged checkpoints and Serb and Muslim fighters lurking in shell-pocked buildings on either side.

Complex permits are needed from authorities on each side to cross. Both are believed reluctant to let anyone of fighting age cross.

A route north to a central region controlled by the government and Bosnian Croats was supposed to open today but did not, illustrating the difficulties in lifting the siege of the city even though guns have stopped firing.

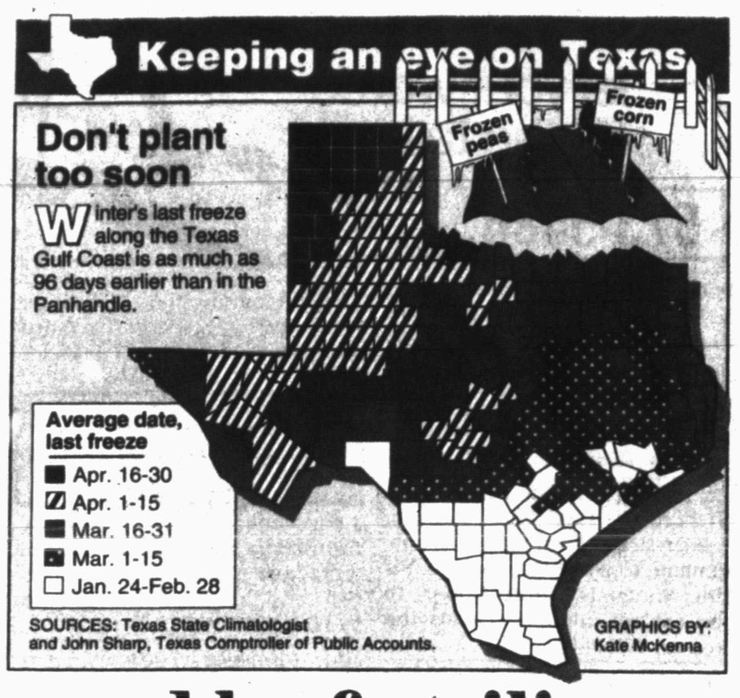
But routes that thread past front lines around the U.N.-controlled airport did open, allowing traffic within the city between separated government districts and between Serb areas, U.N. officials said.

The bridge was the first route to open between government- and Serb-held sides of the city, which is increasingly opening to the outside world and slowly showing signs of normal life.

A cease-fire took effect in Sarajevo on Feb. 10 and has reduced hostilities mainly to occasional small-arms fire.

A NATO threat to bomb Serb artillery around the city if they were not withdrawn or placed under U.N. control by Feb. 20 reinforced the cease-fire.

Serbia has asked the World Court, the United Nations' principal judicial arm, to rule that NATO's threat of force against the Bosnian Serbs violates the U.N. charter, the court said today.



Government agents sued by families of eleven deceased Branch Davidians

HOUSTON (AP) — The relatives of 11 deceased Branch Davidians hope a $675 million lawsuit forces federal agents to defend publicly their raid on Mount Carmel and admit responsibility for the cult members' deaths, an attorney says.

The 25 plaintiffs, all relatives of Branch Davidians who died in the April 19 fire, blame 18 federal agents and one Justice Department employee for the deaths of their loved ones.

The lawsuit, filed in a Houston federal court late Monday, claims that violations of the sect members' constitutional rights led to their deaths in the fire that ended a 51-day standoff with federal authorities.

"Our case is about proving the government was partially responsible for the deaths of the Branch Davidians," said plaintiff's attorney Michael Caddell of Houston. "The mistakes made by the government were at least in part the cause of the deaths that occurred in Waco."

The plaintiffs seek total compensatory damages of $175 million and total punitive damages of $500 million.

The lawsuit would force the government to prove that federal agents acted responsibly during the Feb. 28, 1993, raid on David Koresh's compound near Waco.

Six Davidians died in the Feb. 28 gun battle that erupted as ATF agents tried serving warrants to Koresh. Four ATF agents also died in the gunfight.

Another 79, including Koresh, died in or just before the fire destroyed the complex, some from gunshots. The fire began hours after the FBI began ramming the building with tanks and injecting tear gas.

The lawsuit comes less than a month after 11 Davidians were acquitted of murder and murder conspiracy charges stemming from the botched raid. Seven were convicted of lesser charges.

In that case, the government had to prove those Branch Davidians were responsible for killing the federal agents. If this new lawsuit reaches a courtroom, the plaintiffs must prove the federal government's actions were negligent and violated constitutional rights of the cult members.

"A lot of people died in Waco needlessly, not only the Branch Davidians," Caddell said. "No one had to die at Waco."

The 18 agents work for either the ATF or the FBI, which oversaw the standoff. Legal paperwork was filed Tuesday to clear the way to add the agencies as a whole to the lawsuit.

Sheriff says missing grandmother's body believed discovered

WAXAHACHIE (AP) — Relatives of a toddler found dead in his grandmother's car last weekend were bracing for the news that she may be the victim of foul play.

A worker at the idled superconducting super collider project discovered a fully clothed body shortly before noon Tuesday along a ditch of Farm-to-Market Road 66 southwest of Waxahachie.

Ellis County Sheriff John Gage said the victim appears to be Robbie Jean Biggar, 53.

Ms. Biggar's 2-year-old grandson, Kasey Wyatt Roberts, was found dead Sunday inside the woman's abandoned car in Red Oak, about five miles south of her residence in Lancaster. Investigators believe that Kasey, who was still strapped into his child safety seat, suffocated during daytime heat.

Justice of the Peace Curtis Polk ordered an autopsy on the woman's body, sheriff's Lt. Royce Gothard said.

Field agent Charles Gaylor said the autopsy was scheduled today, when the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office also expected to receive Ms. Biggar's medical and dental records.

Gage said Ms. Biggar appeared to have been shot twice, once in the head.

"We have a photograph and we compared the photograph to that of the lady," Gage said. "She is not in real good condition — the body isn't — but it does appear that it is the lady. Everything looks similar so we are pretty sure it is."

Lancaster police want to know positively if the body is that of Ms. Biggar, said Capt. Charles Pinson, assistant chief.

Foul play had been suspected in the woman's disappearance.

Mabank police officer Kevin Roberts and his wife Cheryl, the child's parents, said they received two messages Saturday from Ms. Biggar's boyfriend, Larry Samples, wanting to know what had happened to Ms. Biggar and Kasey.

Mrs. Roberts said Samples told her he had last seen her mother at 10 p.m. Friday and that she told him she was going to do some last-minute shopping.

State to appeal school finance ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — The state has decided to appeal a judge's order for lawmakers to come up with an equitable way to pay for school construction, an assistant attorney general says.

State District Judge F. Scott McCown last year upheld the current school finance reform law, which requires school districts with the most property wealth to share some with poorer districts.

But McCown also said the law doesn't complete reform of the school system, which relies on state aid and local property taxes.

He said lawmakers must come up with an equitable way to pay for school facilities by Sept. 1, 1995, or face an order halting issuance of new school bonds. In the past, McCown said, construction expenditures have come "almost solely from local tax dollars and almost solely by borrowing."

Assistant Attorney General Toni Hunter said Tuesday the state is appealing that part of McCown's ruling to the Texas Supreme Court "as a precaution."

If the Supreme Court doesn't agree with McCown that the current law is constitutional, she said, the state doesn't want to waive its right to complain about the separate order on construction costs.

In addition, she said, the state has made construction funding more equal, and so the halting of all school bonds on Sept. 1, 1995 "is too far-reaching of a penalty."

Property-rich and poor school districts which challenged the current law have said they plan to appeal McCown's order upholding it.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	611/4	611/8	611/4	
Albtsn s	301/8	297/8	30	
Alldsignal s	391/4	381/2	385/8	-1/8
Alltel s	271/4	27	271/8	+1/8
AmStores	54	537/8	54	
Amer T&T	533/4	531/2	535/8	+1/8
Ameritech	403/4	405/8	405/8	
Amoco	551/4	547/8	551/8	+1/8
AndarkPtr	471/2	465/8	465/8	-7/8
Arkla	71/2	73/8	73/8	-1/8
ArmcoInc	53/4	51/2	55/8	
AtlRichfld	1013/4	1001/2	1001/2	—1 1/4
ATMOS	287/8	287/8	287/8	-1/4
Aviall n	161/2	161/8	161/8	-1/4
BakerHughes	193/4	195/8	193/4	+1/8
BancTexas	11/2	11/2	11/2	
BellAtl	531/8	521/4	53	+3/4
BellSouth	551/4	547/8	551/8	+1/4
Beth Steel	225/8	221/8	223/8	+1/4
Borden	147/8	145/8	143/4	
Brit Pet	673/4	673/8	671/2	+1/4
Caterpllr	1201/8	1187/8	1197/8	+1 1/8
CenSoWst	253/4	251/2	253/4	+1/8
Chevron	911/8	903/4	907/8	
Chrysler	581/8	571/2	577/8	+1/2
Coastal	335/8	33	333/8	+1/2
CocaCola	421/2	417/8	42	-1/8
ColgatePalm	61	601/4	605/8	—2
ComlMetl s	261/8	253/4	253/4	-3/8
CooperIn	395/8	393/8	395/8	+1/2
CyprusAmax	33	323/4	323/4	-3/8
DallSemicn	191/2	193/8	193/8	+1/8
DeltaAirl	48	471/2	475/8	-1/4
DigitalEq	33	327/8	33	+1/4
Dillard	337/8	331/8	331/4	-1/2
DowChem	645/8	641/8	645/8	+1/4
DresserInd	243/4	243/8	245/8	
DuPont	573/4	573/8	575/8	+1/8
EastmnCh n	401/2	401/4	403/8	+1/8
EstKodak	453/8	451/4	453/8	+1/8
Enserch	15	143/4	147/8	-1/8
Entergy	323/4	325/8	325/8	-1/4
Exxon	653/4	653/8	653/4	+1/8
FlowerInd	18	177/8	177/8	
FordMotor	623/4	617/8	623/4	+1 1/8
GTE Cp	321/8	313/4	313/4	-1/8
GnDyn	905/8	901/2	905/8	-1/4
GenElct	1035/8	1031/4	1033/8	+1/8
GenMills	557/8	555/8	557/8	+1/8
GenMotors	601/2	597/8	601/2	+7/8
GenMotors E	351/4	347/8	351/4	+5/8
GaPacif	675/8	663/4	675/8	+3/8
GlobalMar	45/8	43/8	41/2	-1/8
Goodrich	437/8	435/8	433/4	
Goodyear s	441/2	44	443/8	+1/4
GtAtlPac	271/4	267/8	271/8	+3/8
Haliburtn	325/8	321/4	323/8	+1/8
Hanson ADS	203/4	201/2	205/8	-1/8
HoustInd	367/8	365/8	367/8	+1/8
IBM	573/8	567/8	57	—1 1/4
IntlPaper	691/2	69	691/2	+3/8
JohnsnJns	393/8	391/8	391/8	
K mart	185/8	181/4	181/2	+3/8
Kroger	247/8	243/4	247/8	
Litton	321/4	32	32	-3/8
vjLoneStar	21/8	21/8	21/8	
Lowes	691/8	68	69	+7/8
Lowes wi	345/8	34	345/8	+3/4
Lubys	231/2	233/8	231/2	
Maxus	5	47/8	5	
MayDS s	441/2	44	441/2	
Medtronic	823/8	815/8	821/4	+5/8
Mobil	801/8	793/4	801/8	+3/8
Monsanto	801/8	783/4	80	+1 1/2
Motorola s	1077/8	1063/4	107	-3/8
Motorola wi	541/2	54	54	-1/4
Nationsbk	475/8	471/4	471/4	-1/8
Navistar s	251/8	247/8	25	-1/8
Nynex s	363/4	361/4	363/8	-1/8
OryxEngy	171/4	17	171/8	-1/8
PacTelesis	55	547/8	55	-1/8
PanhECp	223/8	221/8	221/4	
PenneyJC s	561/2	561/8	561/4	
Pennzoil	541/2	541/4	543/8	+1/8
PepBoys	273/8	27	273/8	+3/8
PhelpDodge	575/8	571/8	571/4	-1/2
PhilipPet	29	277/8	287/8	-1/8
PilgrmPrd	91/8	91/8	91/8	-1/8
Polaroid	33	325/8	327/8	-3/8
Praxair	183/4	185/8	183/4	
ProctGamble	561/2	553/4	56	
PubS NwMx	13	13	13	
RoyalDutch	1031/2	1031/8	1033/8	+3/8
SFePacCp	247/8	245/8	245/8	-1/4
SaraLee	221/8	215/8	217/8	-1/4
SearsRoeb s	471/2	465/8	467/8	-1/2
SherwinW	321/4	313/4	321/4	+1/4
SmthBchADS	291/2	291/2	291/2	-1/8
SmthBc eqt	265/8	263/8	263/8	-1/2
SouthCo s	203/8	201/8	201/4	
SwAirlines s	345/8	343/8	341/2	+1/4
SwBell s	41	405/8	403/4	+1/8
Sprint	361/4	357/8	357/8	+1/8
SterlingChm	65/8	63/8	61/2	+1/8
SunCo	35	341/2	345/8	
TNP Ent	175/8	175/8	175/8	+1/8
Tandy	427/8	421/2	427/8	+5/8
TempleInl	481/8	48	48	
Tenneco	571/8	567/8	567/8	
Texaco	671/8	663/4	667/8	-3/8
TexasInd	391/4	39	39	-1/4
TexasInst	883/4	871/8	871/4	—13/8
Tex Util	377/8	371/2	375/8	-1/4
Textron	575/8	571/4	571/4	-1/4
Travelers s	375/8	37	373/8	+1/2
Trinty s	413/8	411/8	413/8	+1/4
TritonEngy	301/8	291/2	291/2	-5/8
Tyler	61/8	61/8	61/8	+1/8
US West	401/4	397/8	40	-1/8
USX Delhi	153/8	151/8	151/4	+1/8
USX-Marathn	173/4	175/8	175/8	
USX-USS	401/2	401/8	403/8	
UnCarbde	257/8	255/8	253/4	-1/8
UnPac	591/2	591/8	591/2	+1/2
UnitedTech	677/8	671/2	675/8	-1/8
Unocal	283/8	28	281/8	-1/8
WalMart s	281/8	275/8	275/8	
WstnGasRs	29	281/8	281/8	—1
WestghEl	131/4	13	131/8	
WinnDixie	581/4	577/8	581/4	+1/4
Woolwth	197/8	191/2	197/8	+1/8
Xerox Cp	991/4	991/8	991/8	
ZenithE	11	107/8	107/8	

Federal move portends higher interest rates for consumers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve may not be slamming the brakes on the economy, but it is easing off the accelerator. As a result, consumers and businesses can expect a range of interest rates to rise.

After the Fed's announcement Tuesday that it was tightening credit for a second time this year, analysts predicted higher rates on everything from adjustable mortgages to auto and small-business loans.

The increases could start coming quickly if large commercial banks decide to follow the Fed's lead and boost their prime lending rate, a key benchmark rate that affects a variety of business and consumer loan rates.

The prime rate has been at 6 percent since July 1992, but analysts believe the Fed's continued credit tightening will spur an increase, although they were split on the timing.

Some economists predicted that banks would start pushing the prime rate higher starting today, while others argued that banks are enjoying nice profits currently and may be content to wait until the Fed raises rates again.

After a five-hour meeting of Fed policy-makers, the central bank issued a brief statement Tuesday saying it planned to tighten credit conditions slightly.

Analysts viewed the wording of the announcement as signaling that the Fed had decided to push its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to 3.5 percent, up from 3.25 percent currently.

They expected that view to be confirmed by the way the Fed handles its open market securities operations today.

Swoopes

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tion. "He was really great — from the first moment we met, he treated me like he'd known me all his life. Someday, if there was a pro league for women, I would like to be like Michael Jordan."

Someday, says Swoopes' agent, Nancy Lieberman-Cline, it might happen.

"Sure, I think that with all the increased interest in women's basketball at the college level, it could happen," says Lieberman-Cline, "although I think this time the logical outlet for it would be the NBA. ... They have the marketing, the contacts, the financing — they would be the logical choice."

As for Swoopes, Lieberman-Cline says the European option remains open.

"I think the future looks very bright for competitive women's basketball," she says, "especially if your name is Sheryl Swoopes."

For the moment, Swoopes says she would love to play pro basketball (in this country) or maybe coach. Meanwhile, life has other rewards.

"It's just a wonderful thing to me," she says, "the way all these people feel about me. And I really consider it an honor that kids look up to me as a role model.

"This is almost like a dream world."

Fifth winner claims share

AUSTIN (AP) — The fifth and final share of last week's record $77 million Lotto Texas jackpot has been claimed.

But James Counsil Jr., 50, of Houston, said the $15.4 million piece of the pot won't mean many big changes in his life.

"I still drive a Ford, and I'll continue to drive a Ford," he said Wednesday.

Counsil said he plans to keep working. He'll share his winnings with his four children and buy a new home, he said.

Counsil and four others correctly guessed the six numbers drawn March 16. Each winning ticket brought a $773,000 check along with 19 more annually for $771,000.

Two of the four other winners were bought by office pools and two were held by individuals.

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fourth place finish in the NJCAA National Tournament.

Gray has just completed his second season at Howard College after an 80-48 run at San Saba High School, including a pair of district titles, a bi-district championship, a Class 2A regional crown and a trip to the state tournament in Austin.

Gray has also worked as an assistant at Sam Houston State University.

Portley led Ranger to a 15-14 mark this season, helping the RJC women to their first appearance at the Region 5 tournament in seven years.

The selection committee at WTC includes Ham; Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction; Dr. James Durham, Dr. David Kattes and Bill McGlothing, assistant professors; Gay Hickman, vice president for business and finance; trustees Carl Williams and Dr. Jay Kidd; and Tami Wesson, instructor.

Following a decision by the committee, the choice will be presented to school president Dr. Harry Krenek, and to the entire college board.

The position came open earlier this year when WTC coach Ron Jones was hired by Midland College to head its new women's program.

Jones guided WTC to a 19-13 record and its first appearance in the regional tournament in four years.

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shipped in April, Defense Minister Rhee Byoung-tae said today.

The United States also has agreed to joint military exercises which had been put on hold in an attempt to coax the North into negotiations. Discussion was under way to conduct the war games either in the spring or fall, Rhee said.

North Korea today accused the United States of "pushing the situation of the Korean peninsula to the brink of war." A North Korean news agency broadcast monitored in Tokyo said the North is "fully prepared to answer dialogue with dialogue and war with war."

The South Korean troops would have been placed on a lower level alert because of President Kim Young-sam's weeklong visit to China and Japan starting Thursday.

North of the border 30 miles from Seoul, North Korea's 1.1-million-strong army was holding winter field exercises, Rhee told a parliamentary committee.

North Korea was reported to have held a large-scale civil defense exercise last week, and has stepped up propaganda broadcasts along the 155-mile frontier with South Korea.

Loudspeakers along the border, in a puzzling change, have been heard referring to the North Korean president's son and heir apparent as "president," Rhee said.

South Korean officials said they were checking whether there was an error, or whether it signaled a transfer of power from 81-year-old Kim Il Sung to his son, Kim Jong Il, 51.

Buttafuoco leaves jail

EAST MEADOW, N.Y. (AP) — Joey Buttafuoco made the transition from public enemy to private citizen this morning, walking out of jail and into a black stretch limousine.

"I'm done. ... Everything is cool," said Buttafuoco, his 129-day prison stay for statutory rape behind him. "I did what I had to do to end it, and now I'm going home."

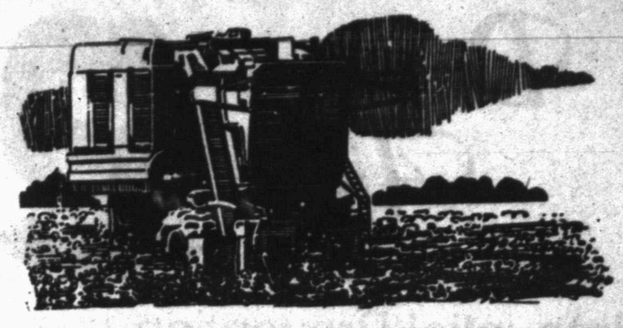
Buttafuoco had an emotional reunion with his brother and father after exiting the jailhouse gate at about 8:45 a.m. His release came 60 days early from a six-month sentence for the statutory rape of Amy Fisher, the teen-age girl who is serving her own sentence for shooting Buttafuoco's wife.

The 38-year-old Buttafuoco, who dropped 30 pounds in jail, had to get past camera crews from the networks, syndicated news magazine shows and even the Comedy Central cable channel.

Before he talked to them, Buttafuoco, the owner of an auto body shop, fulfilled a contractual obligation by giving an exclusive interview with the TV show "A Current Affair," which reportedly paid $100,000 for the privilege.



Scurry County Country





Diversified

By Mike Morrow,
County Extension Agent

A soil test is the right first step toward a more beautiful lawn.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has launched a new program called SOIL TEST that helps home gardeners determine the best fertilizer and the correct amount for their lawns based on individual soil tests, rather than general recommendations for geographic areas.

A soil test helps prevent overfertilizing your lawn. Adding more of any nutrient than a lawn can use costs extra money, may contribute to disease problems, and the excess nutrients may contaminate groundwater sources.

"Applying just the right amount of plant nutrients prevents excessive leaf growth at mowing time. These clippings are usually bagged for trash pickup, which strains our landfill capacities," said Dr. Michael Hickey, who is the director of the TAEX Plains Soil Testing Laboratory in Lubbock.

As more home gardeners follow the "Don't Bag It" lawn care plan, where clippings are recycled back into the lawn, nutrients in these clippings return to the soil and, in time, back to the plant as food.

"SOIL TEST now so you'll be ready for the growing season," Hickey said.

"The odds are you'll need some fertilizer, but probably less than you think. Find out for sure with a SOIL TEST."

The extension service is encouraging homeowners to pick up a SOIL TEST kit at retail stores where fertilizers are sold, or from county extension offices. The kit contains simple directions, a plastic bag for the soil sample and information card.

The $13 cost covers the soil analysis, preparation of the report and postage.

For about the cost of one bag of fertilizer, you can get information that could reduce what you spend on fertilizer. Allow 10 working days to receive your personal SOIL TEST lab results.

The report will tell you what nutrients are already in your soil and which formula of fertilizer, if any, to use and how much you need to put on your lawn. The report recommends how much fertilizer to apply at first, as well as during the rest of the year. It takes all the guesswork our of fertilizing your lawn.

"There's no more confusion about the numbers on the bag. Instead, use your SOIL TEST report when you buy fertilizer. It's one more way you can give your lawn the best start while protecting the environment."

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Ag Calendar

March 29- Pasture and Forage Management Workshop 8 a.m. Fluvanna Community Ctr.

March 29 - Predator Control Meeting 7 p.m. Senior Citizen Center Dining Room

Tips for having a beautiful lawn

Your lawn may be less than perfect, with bare spots, thin turf and too many weeds. Improve it with these tips from garden experts at the Toro Company:

— Start over from scratch if your lawn is more than 50 percent weeds. Till the old turf under and re-seed with new, improved cultivars like tall fescues. These grasses have long roots that resist drought damage and need less mowing and fertilizing.

— Get the best grass for your area. The county extension agent or your local gardening center probably have good suggestions. Skip the generic bargains; named varieties of seed will get you to best quality.

— Set your mower blades lower in early spring. That will collect surface debris on the lawn. If you have more than an inch or so of thatch — those tangled surface roots that can choke the lawn — use a special rake or an attachment that can be mounted to the front of the mower.

— Scrape bare and thin spots with a metal rake and apply a mixture of topsoil and seed. Then put a light layer of straw over to keep the seed from blowing or being eaten by birds. Keep the area moist for at least a week and avoid mowing until the seed is established.

— If your soil is clay-type and dense, rent a core aerator. This takes out plugs of soil that will allow air, water and nutrients to reach the grass roots. The plugs can be left on the lawn, where they will break down in a week or so and help reduce the thatch layer.

— When the grass starts greening and the weather turns warmer, raise the cutting height of your mower blades so that only about a third of the blades are being cut each time. Mulch the clippings by using an adaptor for that purpose or with a dedicated mower that chops them mp repeatedly so that they break down almost immediately after they're returned to the turf.

— Fertilize in mid to late spring with a slow-release, naturally based fertilizer that will encourage deep root growth. Dense roots will help choke out weeds and reduce the need for pesticides. Using fast-release fertilizers offers a quick cosmetic greening, but it also causes excess top growth that will require more mowing.

One merino sheep can produce nearly 5,500 miles of wool fiber in a year, at the rate of two-thirds of a mile an hour.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

The goal of good parenting is to guide children and youth from dependency to independence and self-responsibility — a demanding process that takes a long time. Parents behave and act in a variety of ways to achieve this goal.

Young people become independent and responsibile when they are empowered. However, most parents are highly skilled at "enabling" and unskilled at "empowering" their children and adolescents.

Enabling involves getting between the child or adolescent and life experiences to minimize the consequences of their choices. It involves protecting the adolescent from the consequences of the choices they made. Enabling responses include:

- •Doing too much for them
- •Controlling or punishing
- •Overprotecting and rescuing
- •Lying for them
- •Giving them too much
- •Living in denial

Empowering involves turning over control to the adolescent as soon as possible so that they have the power over their own lives. It involves letting children and adolescents suffer the consequences of the choices they make. Empowering responses include:

- •Doing nothing with love (listening and giving emotional support and validation without fixing or discounting)
- •Teach life skills
- •Working on agreements through family meetings or joint problem-solving
- •Letting go (without abandoning)
- •Deciding what you will do with dignity and respect
- •Sharing what you think, how you feel and what you want (without lecturing, moralizing, insisting on agreement or demanding that anyone give you what you want)
- •Sticking to the issue with dignity and respect.

Comparing the list of enabling responses and empowering responses makes it easy to see the difference. Unfortunately, the enabling responses are second nature to most parents.

The difficult part of empowering adolescents is that this power over their own lives often leads to mistakes and failures. Only when parents understand that learning from one's own mistakes and failures is an important part of a successful life process, can they understand the importance of using empowerment rather than enabling in guiding youth.

Forage field day set Tuesday in Fluvanna

Soil and water conservation, high quality forage production for livestock and wildlife, revegetation of deteriorated rangeland and old cropland, and obtaining a sustainable level of forage production are management goals which keep landowners and researchers investigating new and old plant materials for range seeding. Although production on some land may be improved by grazing management alone, most land requires grazing management, brush and weed control, and/or seeding to restore production potential.

The most common objective of rangeland seeding is to alter vegetation composition. This is usually done because of need for more or higher quality forage. Occasionally, a better seasonal balance of forage is needed. Other objectives met through rangeland seeding include soil stabilization, improved water infiltration, improved vegetation ground cover for reduced water runoff, and improved wildlife habitat.

In order to address questions cattlemen may have in reaching the above objectives, a Pasture and Forage Management Field Day will be held on Tuesday morning, March 29, at the Fluvanna Community Center. The program will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and coffee. At 8:30 a.m., Dr. Don Dorsett, extension forage specialist from College Station, will speak on "Improved Pastures for our Area". More specifically, Dr. Dorsett will discuss types and varieties of grasses suited for our area, establishment of grasses, and management for grazing and/or haying (fertility, water requirements, and weed control).

J.F. Cadenhead, extension range specialist from Vernon, will be on hand to discuss stocking rates for native and improved pastures as well as seasonal trends in forage quality.

At 10:30 a.m., the program will move to the Blankenship farm, north of Fluvanna, for a look at established stands of Kleingrass, WW Spar Yellow Bluestem, and WW Ironmaster Yellow Bluestem used in rotational grazing with native pasture and wheat. The program will conclude at noon.

Private applicator license holders will have the opportunity to obtain two continuing education units for recertification with TDA.

The program is being sponsored by the Scurry, Borden, Mitchell, and Garza County offices of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and is free and open to the public.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market was steady on a count of 988 head of cattle for Feb. 16th sale. Stocker and feeder cattle steady with fleshy cattle 5 cwt lower. Pairs and bred cows active with packer cows and bulls steady.

STEERS
—300-400: 110-122.
—400-500: 100-112.
—500-600: 90-100.
—600-700: 84-93.

HEIFERS
—300-400: 95-110.
—400-500: 88-100.
—500-600: 84-90.
—600-700: 77-85.

—BRED COWS
—Good: 620-700.
—Older and plainer: 500-600.

Pairs
—Good: 750-1000.
—Older and plainer: 550-750.

PACKER COWS
—Good: 47-58.
—Low yielding: 42-47.

PACKER BULLS
—Good: 64-69.
—Low yielding: 60-64.

TCGA convention slated April 8-9 at Lubbock Center

AUSTIN — the largest gathering of Texas Cotton industry associates will be at the 87th annual Texas Cotton Ginners' Association (TCGA) Convention and Trade Show. It will bring over 5,000 people to Lubbock, April 8-9. The Convention will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The show's theme, "Technology: Key to Advancement into the 21st Century" will be prevalent in the exhibit hall. Over 175 exhibitors will be at the trade show with the latest technology in the cotton industry.

According to Tony Williams, executive vice president of TCGA, "this was a good year for cotton production in Texas. This years' trade show will promote this and the technology available for future years."

The show officially opens at 9 a.m. Friday, April 8 and will run through Saturday evening, concluding with an awards banquet. The banquet will salute the past officers and welcome the new officers into the role of leaders in our industry.

A tour of Lubbock, with transportation and lunch courtesy of TCGA, will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Antique shopping, lunch at Lakeridge Country Club and a tour and tasting of Llano Estacado Winery will be the highlights of this tour.

Saturday afternoon, the 22nd annual Natural Fibers Fashion Design Competition will be held at Allen Theater on the Texas Tech University campus. This event is sponsored by Texas Food and Fiber commission.

Also on Saturday, a workshop titled, "Understanding Tax Exemptions for Cotton Gins" will be conducted at the Civic Center. Regulations on sales tax for gins are undergoing changes and this will be covered in the workshop.

This convention is open to the public and admisson is free.

Colorado City livestock auction

COLORADO CITY — All classes of cattle were steady on 979 head sold at the Colorado City Livestock Auction on Saturday, March 19.

Heifers: 200-400, 90-120; 400-600, 85-90; 600-800, 78-85.

Steers: 200-400, 100-130; 400-600, 85-100; 600-800, 80-85.

Bred cows good: 650-790; older bred cows: 450-600; pairs good: 750-900; older pairs: 550-650; good packer cows: 50-56; fat bulls: 46-50; packer bulls: 60-70.

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Apply now for low-interest Economic Disaster Loans

LUBBOCK — Business depending on farmers and ranchers in Borden, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Kent, Lubbock, Lynn and Scurry counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Drought and high winds which occurred March 1 through Nov. 23, 1993 caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other federal agencies. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing applicatons is Oct. 3, 1994.

Loans may be approved for up to $500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are four percent (4%) and terms may extend to 30 years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, busineeses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.

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Dear Abby



Prenuptial Prevention May Avoid Future Cure

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: After reading about the woman who was upset because her fiance wanted a prenuptial agreement, I had to write.

She should be happy about it — unless she plans to "take him to the cleaners" someday.

How I wish I had had a prenuptial agreement! I am presently in the final stages of a very messy divorce. My house, which was in my name alone for four years prior to our marriage, is now his by law!

The lawyer who prepared a "quit-claim" deed for me in 1984 incorrectly put both our names on it. This was supposed to be a "quit-claim" deed in the event that if I died first, my husband could continue to live in my house as long as he wanted to, then it would go to my daughter. Not so! Now I have to pay my husband half the appraised value of my home in our divorce settlement. It was paid for by my money that I inherited from my parents before I married him!

How's that for a trusting spouse? He doesn't need the money; he has a good retirement plus Social Security. I still work, and will have to for several more years, just to pay him off.

I trusted him 10 years ago, and look where it's gotten me. If you print this, it may help someone out. Use my name if you must; otherwise, sign me ...

LEARNED THE HARD WAY

DEAR LEARNED: Your name is not necessary, but many men as well as women could benefit from your costly experience, so thanks for writing. For varied viewpoints, read on:

DEAR ABBY: A prenuptial agreement is a vote of no confidence. I come from a family whose parents are divorced. (My father is on his sixth marriage.)

I spend much time trying to figure out what makes a marriage work. Albert Einstein once said, "You cannot simultaneously prepare for and prevent war."

BEEN THERE (AND BACK)

DEAR ABBY: Prenuptial and postnuptial agreements can be hazardous to your pocketbook!

My mother was married for 24 years to my stepfather. Seven months after they married, under duress, she signed an agreement stating that everything would go to his children.

His children refused to give up her part of the estate, thinking that the agreement would hold. It didn't.

After lawyers' fees and court costs, everyone ended up losing. Worst of all were the bitterness and stress everyone involved experienced.

SANDRA GILLESPIE, GEORGIA

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Apprehensive" about signing a prenuptial agreement:

Follow Abby's advice about getting your own lawyer. Then, if you decide to go ahead with the marriage, be prepared for a life of yours and mine — not ours.

You will then have a business arrangement, not a marriage. And you will never be an equal partner.

It is not a good idea; too much caution and lack of trust will make the partner with less feel undervalued.

LIVING WITH IT

DEAR ABBY: The best advice I ever received was a suggestion for a prenuptial agreement. The suggestion was rejected for the reasons cited by "Apprehensive." The biggest mistake of my life was getting married without it.

My recommendation: Insist on it. After all, she has rights and interests to be protected, too. If they strike an equitable agreement, they probably won't need it. If they can't reach an agreement, they'd better not get married.

WALTER A. FIDDER JR., LEBANON, PA.

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Today's sourdoughs chase golden dreams with high-tech gear

JACKSONVILLE, Ore. (AP) — Jim Dodson stuck the tip of his Goldspear in the crushed rock and water flowing out of the ore mill at the Oregon Belle mine and watched the yellow light flash.

"When that yellow light comes on ... 90 percent of the time there's gold," said Dodson, a tax consultant and miner.

Jacksonville, not far from the California state line, was built in the 1850s by rugged prospectors who gave up homes, farms and businesses to hunt for gold with picks and shovels.

Modern sourdoughs have it much easier. They can consult do-it-yourself videos and mining magazines before ever stepping outside, and can use sensitive electronic gear to find the gold, gas-powered dredges to sluice it out of creek gravel, and automated gold pans to separate the flakes from the sand.

Dodson has spent 35 years perfecting his dousing technique, an ancient art used by the monks who accompanied the Spanish conquistadors. He holds dousing rods — a pair of wood dowels — and relaxes until he feels the pull from the Earth that means gold.

But he also swears by his Goldspear, an instrument made in England that measures the density of gas given off by metals in water.

"You can go right up a creek bed and test where the gold's at, as long as it's close enough to the surface," he said. "It just eliminates enormous amounts of washing and testing and all that."

Keene Engineering in Northridge, Calif., a maker of mining gear, sells 500 dredges and other pieces of motorized equipment a year, and as many as 200,000 gold pans. General manager Pat Keene estimated that recreational prospecting generates $20 million a year around the country.

"Gold prospecting is probably the last form of entrepreneurship where a man can actually go out and live off the land," said Keene, who spends his vacations dredging gold on the Yuba River in Northern California.

"A lot of the easy gold has been picked out by the old gold miners. Now people have to be a little smarter about it. That's where the technology comes into demand."

Gold is selling for around $390 a troy ounce, up from $330 a year ago.

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Suspects who reach border said safe

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Heriberto Puentes Pizana, charged with killing a teen-ager he never knew in exchange for an envelope stuffed with cash, may be beyond the reach of U.S. law.

Puentes sits in a Mexican prison for car theft. And just as it did in the Wild West, the border still protects fugitives.

"If you reach the border of your country, you are home free," said R.C. Williams, a 26-year veteran lawman on the U.S. side.

Puentes' case has angered many people in South Texas, where he and another Mexican face capital murder charges in the slaying of 18-year-old Joey Fischer last year.

But Williams has seen it work both ways. A few years ago, Mexican police sought U.S. citizens in the shooting of two people in Puentes' hometown of Matamoros, which is across the Rio Grande from Brownsville. Sheriff's deputies in Brownsville questioned the suspects but did not return them to Mexico because of their U.S. citizenship.

"Politicians have to get together and work these things out," said Williams, a former Customs agent who is now senior chief deputy in Cameron County.

The extradition issue caused a diplomatic uproar after the Drug Enforcement Administration paid bounty hunters to kidnap a Mexican doctor in the 1985 torture-murder of DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena.

The doctor was eventually cleared of all charges in Los Angeles, but relations were further strained in 1992 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the kidnapping was allowable.

Since the North American Free Trade Agreement, pressure has been building on Mexico to send people like Puentes to U.S. courtrooms.

The United States and Mexico signed an extradition treaty in 1978, but they fulfill fewer than 10 percent of the extradition requests made. The requests include cases in which fugitives are wanted for crimes in their home countries.

Rep. E. Clay Shaw Jr., R-Fla., is still waiting for action on the deal he made with President Clinton for his "yes" vote on NAFTA last year — a promise from Mexico to extradite Serapio Zuniga Rios, a Mexican accused of kidnapping and raping the 4-year-old niece of Shaw's office manager.

Mexican authorities say NAFTA has no bearing on the case.

Meanwhile, Cameron County authorities are translating a pile of paperwork into Spanish as they prepare an extradition request for Puentes, 21. His alleged accomplice is believed to be at large in Mexico.

Dora Garcia Cisneros of Brownsville was sentenced to life in prison earlier this month for paying the two Mexicans $3,000 to kill a young man for breaking up with her daughter.

Puentes has denied any involvement in the murder but said he doesn't trust justice in the United States, which unlike Mexico has the death penalty.

"In the event that I can't defend myself as I want to, they will give me the lethal injection," Puentes said in a recent jailhouse interview.

Oscar Ponce, an assistant district attorney in Brownsville, said Puentes will more likely be charged and tried in Mexico, where he could get up to 40 years in prison. Mexican citizens can be tried at home for crimes committed abroad; the other country sends its evidence in writing to Mexican prosecutors.

Los Angeles police said similar efforts have brought convictions for crimes committed in California.

"We've had better than moderate success," said Detective Gilbert Moya, a supervisor of the foreign prosecutions unit, which has filed 200 homicide cases in Mexico since 1985.

Farmers endorse Mattox

AUSTIN (AP) — Hoping to rally support in rural Texas, Jim Mattox is focusing on farm issues in his bid for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate.

On Tuesday, a group of 21 farmers formed "Farmers and Ranchers for Mattox."

"People say Jim Mattox is a pit bulldog," said Doug Seal, a cotton and wheat producer from Wellington and state chairman of the Democratic Agriculture Caucus.

"Well, I want a pit bulldog fighting for the family farmers and ranchers of Texas," he said.

Mattox faces Dallas financier Richard Fisher in the April 12 runoff.

If elected, Mattox said, he would back family farmers on issues such as health care, free trade and the environment.

"During this race, how many times have you heard people talk about issues affecting family farmers and ranchers?" Mattox said. "Our family farmers and ranchers are getting lost in these political campaigns."

Seal and other farmers said Mattox had a strong voting record for farmers when he served in the state House and U.S. Congress.

Mattox said of Fisher, "I suppose he knows nothing about farming."

Robin Rorapaugh, Fisher's campaign manager, said, "I haven't noticed Jim Mattox out there plowing the fields."

She said Fisher would work toward increasing farmers' access to credit and reducing regulations.

Caution advocated at crossings

AUSTIN (AP) — Officials urged motorists to "look, listen, live" when approaching a railroad crossing.

"Sometimes you beat the train, sometimes the train beats you, but ... when it's a tie, it's deadly," Gary Featherling, coordinator of Operation Lifesaver, said Tuesday as the promotional Union Pacific train traveled through Austin.

Texas has the most track of any state in the nation — approximately 13,000 miles — and leads the nation in train and car accidents.

In 1993, 399 collisions statewide resulted in 55 fatalities and 139 injuries, according to Operation Lifesaver. Those numbers have been steadily decreasing since 1989, when there were 676 collisions, 93 fatalities and 361 injuries.

Featherling said he believes a part of the reason for the decrease is through education efforts, such as Operation Lifesaver, which is a rail industry-supported program that teaches railroad crossing safety.

Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson said motorists should be cautious when approaching a railroad crossing because most accidents between trains and cars occur when drivers are distracted.

"Fifty-five percent of accidents occur on beautiful, bright days when you should be able to see a train," he said.

"The bottom line is, these trains on average weigh 6,000 tons. The car weighs 11/2 tons. If you hit a train, it's over."

Mike Cochran, the conductor driving the promotional train, said, "You see people run around the gates every day. They won't pay any attention to flashing lights; don't look to see if there's a train coming."

No mishaps occurred on the short roundtrip through Austin, but Featherling said it was not unusual to see cars crossing illegally in front of the train.

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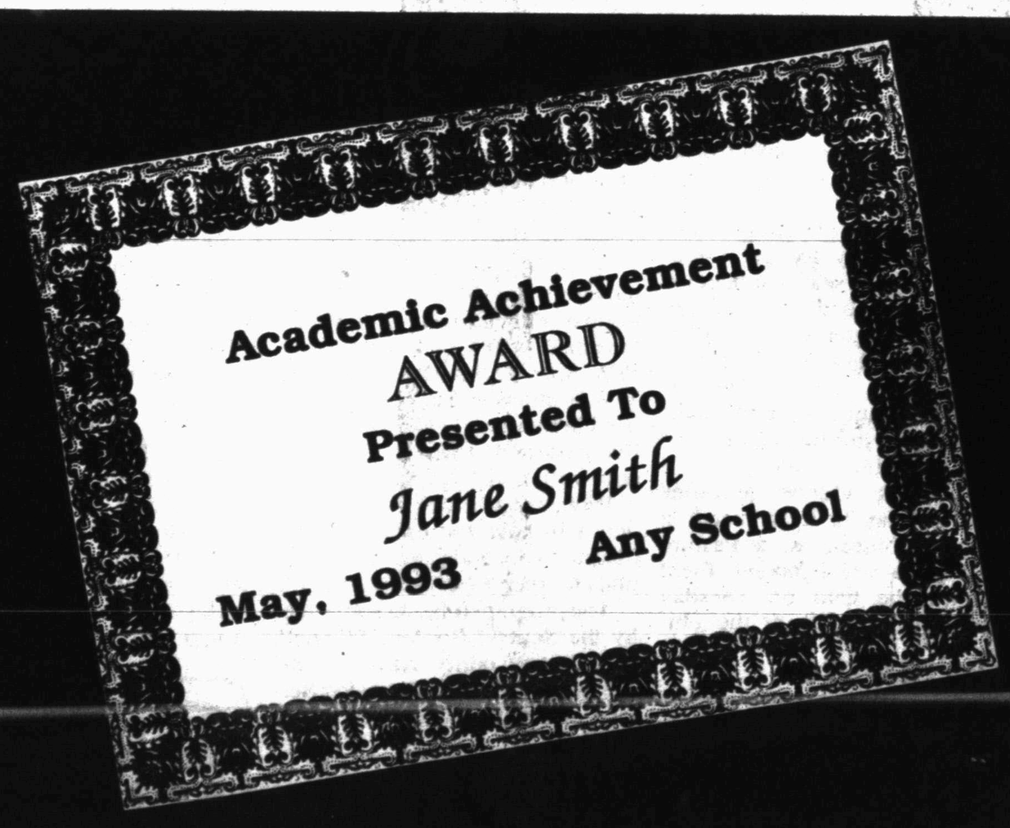
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