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Despite criticism, Clinton says plan is solid

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio (AP) — President Clinton today took on criticism that his economic revival plan calls for many spending increases, saying the boosts are for education and worker training. "We have to do that," he said.

Continuing a cross-country blitz to rally Americans around his economic revival plan, Clinton held a town meeting at the local high school in a style reminiscent of his successful presidential campaign.

Before the appearance, the president jogged in 3-degree weather.

"Which I suppose means I don't have enough sense to be president," he quipped.

Abortion came up early in the questioning when a young man asked, "Do you believe life begins at conception?"

Clinton responded by asking, "Do you believe women who have an abortion should be tried for first-degree murder?"

"Yes, I do," replied the questioner.

The president said he felt the government should not "make criminal activity over which even theologians disagree."

One woman asked why Clinton opted for an energy tax rather than a national sales tax or a lottery.

Clinton said he had always opposed lotteries as fund-raising measures. As for a so-called value added tax, he said he rejected it as "a radical change in the tax system" but said it might be considered "in the years ahead."

He also said that the United States "still has the lowest energy costs by far" among the world's industrial nations.

Critics of the Clinton economic plan have argued that it is weighted too heavily toward raising money through tax increases and not enough toward cutting spending.

"We did actually increase some funds," he said in his introductory remarks.

He said the increases were in such areas as Head Start, educational loans and retraining workers who lost jobs because of defense cuts.

"We have to do that because that's what determines what people's incomes are," he said.

The consummate candidate of Campaign '92 was clearly in his element as he hit the road again for what he referred to as "Day One of America's new direction."

STORYTIME — Childrens' librarian Linda Jones holds the interest of these youngsters by reading to them during storytime at Scurry County Library. Looking on are, left to right, Ty Stone, son of Charley and Dana Stone; Jessica Taylor, daughter of Joe and Vanessa Taylor; and Austin Lyle, son of David and Sammie Lyle. The program is held every Friday at 10 a.m. for 4- and 5-year-olds. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira school trustee files for full term

Place 1 Trustee Darryl Calley, who last year was elected to complete a one-year term on the Ira school board, has decided to seek a full term.

Calley, who is vice president at Snyder National Bank, filed for re-election Thursday afternoon.

"My main objective is to do all I can do to keep the small schools open and provide quality education to rural schools," said the Ira High School graduate.

Calley became the second candidate to file for one of three Ira ISD trustee seats coming up for election May 1. Ira area farmer and rancher Lance Autry filed for Place 3 Thursday morning.

Autry, a life-long resident of the Ira area and a graduate of Ira High School, will be seeking the post held by Ray Sorrells.

The other seat up for election is Place 2, held by Kirby Sterling.

The filing period for Ira school board — as well as Hermleigh and Snyder ISD boards, Snyder City Council and mayor of Snyder — opened Monday. The final day to file as a candidate is March 17.

Calley received an associate degree from Western Texas College in 1982 and a bachelor of business

DARRYL CALLEY

degree in finance and real estate from Angelo State University in 1984. He is a deacon at the First Baptist Church in Ira, a member of the Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club and is on the Snyder Child Day Care Center board.

He and Teena, his wife, have three children: Amanda, 7; Aryn, 4; and Austin, 2.

Early voting in the May election is scheduled for April 12-27.

White House weighing options on immigrants with AIDS virus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is deciding whether to fight or accept defeat following a lopsided Senate vote to keep foreigners with the AIDS virus from moving to this country permanently.

"It's a tough vote," White House spokesman George Stephanopoulos said Thursday after the Senate's 76-23 approval of the ban.

President Clinton promised in his campaign to lift the ban, which currently is a government policy but not a law. It would become a law, however, if the House approves the Senate's action and Clinton signs it.

Stephanopoulos would not say how much effort the White House had put into the issue and when asked whether the administration was giving up, he replied: "We're going to review it."

Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., author of the measure, said the substantial support it found should signal the administration that letting people with the AIDS virus into the country and homosexuals into the military are politically unpopular.

"Frankly, I think President Clinton made a lot of promises to special interest groups that are not in sync with the American people, and this is one of them," Nickles said.

Nickles' amendment was attached to a bill to authorize spending for the National Institutes of Health. The bill itself later passed 93-4. It now goes to the House, where a similar effort is under way to put the ban into law.

Before approving Nickles' amendment, the Senate defeated a move by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., that would have kept current federal policy in place for 90 days while leaving Clinton free to change it after that.

Kennedy, whose measure lost on a 56-42 vote, said the United States had obligations that extend beyond its borders. He said political refugees should not be denied U.S. government protection simply because they have caught a virus.

But Nickles said medical costs could range upward of $100,000 per person with AIDS. And he said the nation's resources should not

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State spends $7.1 million on welfare programs here

The state spent $7,102,836 last year for major welfare programs in Scurry County, according to the Texas Department of Human Services.

"Medical assistance had the biggest impact, with $1,382,369 spent for families and children and $922,481 for the aged and disabled for hospitals, physicians, laboratory, X-ray and other services," said David Maberry, regional administrator for TDHS.

Also, $80,704 was spent for families and children and $279,958 for the aged and disabled for prescribed medicines.

Disproportionate share hospital payments totaled $571,520.

Nursing home costs of approximately $1,516,817 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community care for aged and disabled totaled $290,345.

Food stamps worth $1,667,026 were issued for the fiscal year which ended Aug. 31, while Aide to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) totaled $391,616. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of applicants and issues the coupons.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of AFDC to families where needy children are deprived of support because the absence or disability of one or both parents.

Sales tax rebates show major hike

February sales tax rebates for the City of Snyder totaled $165,314, an increase of 75.31 percent over rebates received a year ago.

According to the State Comptroller's monthly report, the year-to-date total for Snyder is $256,734, an increase of 61.16 percent for the city.

The high percentage of increase comes as a result of a ½ -cent tax increase, ¼ of which was implemented in June of 1992 and ¼ in November of 1992.

Scurry County's sales tax rebates totalled $88,271 for the month, up 31.56 percent from $67,095 received in February of 1992.

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of $212.5 million in February sales tax rebates to 1,071 Texas cities and 109 counties, a 17.3 percent increase over their payments of one year ago.

"The state of Texas has experienced year-over-year employment growth every month since January 1992," Sharp said.

Texas cities received $192.1 million, up 17.5 percent over the $163.4 million they received last February. Counties received a total of $20.3 million for their February rebates, a 15.3 percent increase over the February 1992 rebates of $17.6 million.

This month's payments include taxes collected on December's Christmas sales and reported in January by businesses filing monthly returns. February's rebates also reflect taxes reported by businesses filing quarterly returns for sales made in October, November and December.

February rebates for area cities include:

•Abilene received $2,481,873, up 11.81 percent from the $2,219,639 received last year at this time.

•Andrews received $87,663, up 14.51 percent from the $76,556 rebate check it received in February 1992.

•Big Spring received $434,878, up 5.05 percent from the $413,964 received last February.

•Colorado City received $43,520, down 6.70 percent from the $46,646 received in February of 1992.

•Lamesa received $79,222, up 14.84 percent from the $68,984 taken in last February.

•Lubbock received $2,354,399, up 9.61 percent from the $2,148,032 received last year at this time.

•Midland received $1,376,373, up 17.54 percent from the $1,170,948 received February 1992.

•Odessa received $1,137,967,

(see REBATES, page 8)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Poor ideas and poor inventions rarely get uninvented."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Gene Dow, publisher of the Seminole Sentinel, says there are already enough sins to be concerned about. He quoted a Jesuit theology professor who said the Catholic Church recently compiled its first world-wide addendum to the official list of sins, first established in 1545.

Among the new sins on the list are:

--Failing to vote.
--Drunken driving.
--Forging checks.
--Charging unjust rent.
--Paying unfair salaries.
--Wasting resources (such as conspicuous consumption or pampering pets while people starve).
--Discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin or handicap.
--Tax evasion.
--Doing shoddy work.
--Artifical manipulation of markets to inflate prices.

Larry Crabtree, in the Vernon Daily Record, had a list of famous American fibs that should be added to the sin list.

--The check is in the mail.
--I'll start my diet tomorrow.
--Give me your number and the doctor will call you right back.
--Money cheerfully refunded.
--One size fits all.
--This offer is limited to the first 100 people to call in.
--Your luggage isn't lost, only misplaced.
--Leave your resume and we'll keep it on file.
--This hurts me more than it hurts you.
--I'm telling you this for your own good.
--I just need five minutes of your time.
--Your table will be ready in a few minutes.
--Open wide, it won't hurt a bit.
--Let's have lunch together sometime, and I insist on buying.
--It's not the money, it's the principle.

Ask Us

Q—Why do students get a holiday on March 1 and again so soon March 15-19?

A—March 1 is an early release day for Snyder public school students, who will be released at 2 p.m. March 15-19 is Spring Break and students will have holidays on those days.

In Brief

Death term

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who stalked and then slaughtered a young mother and her 2-year-old son in 1991 has been sentenced to die by lethal injection.

Derrick Sonnier, 25, of Humble, showed no emotion when he was given the death sentence Thursday for the Sept. 16, 1991, murders of Melody Flowers, 27, and her son, Patrick.

"He expected it," said Sonnier's attorney, Wilford Anderson.

"I think he got what he deserved for killing my mama and my brother," 9-year-old Temeka Flowers said after the verdict.

Local

NAACP

Scurry County NAACP Youth Chapter will meet at 6 this evening in the Lincoln Community Center.

SHS '52 & '53

A planning session for the 1952 and 1953 Snyder High School class reunion is scheduled 7:30 p.m. Monday at the home of Ned and Polly Underwood, 3009 Austin.

All exes are invited.

Teachers

All employees of Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Windham schools are invited to hear a teacher retirement representative at 4 p.m. Monday in the junior high auditorium here.

The program, retirement planning regardless of years of service, is sponsored by Scurry County TSTA.

Breakfast

Word is Life Deliverance Church will sponsor a West Texas Country Breakfast from 6 a.m. to noon Saturday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Tickets, available at the door, are $5 for adults and children over 10, $3 for children age 6-9 and free for children under 5. The menu includes all you can eat pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, milk, toast and biscuits.

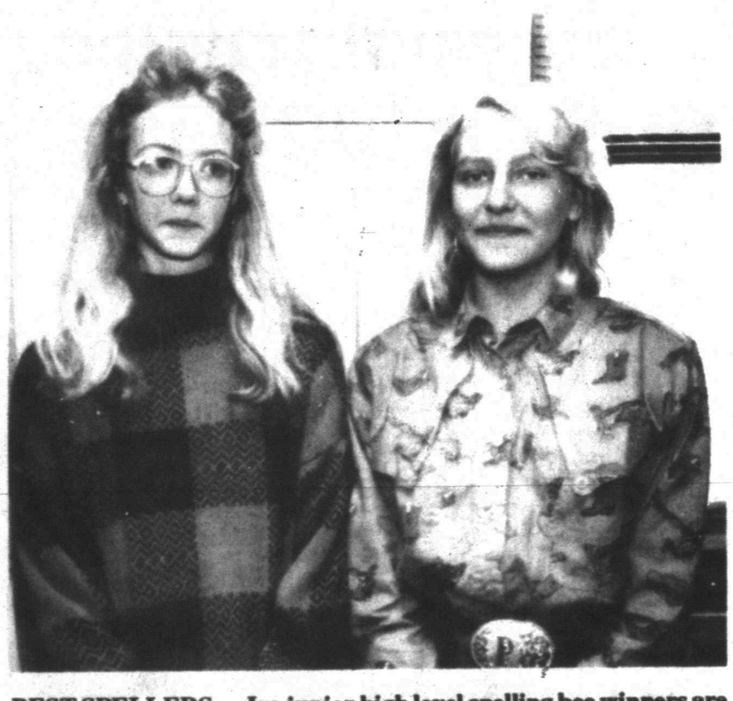
Weather

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low in the mid 40s. Southwest wind 10-15 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy morning. Decreasing clouds and becoming windy in the afternoon. A 20 percent chance of showers. High in the lower 70s. Southwest wind 10-20 mph in the morning becoming west 20-30 mph in the afternoon. Caution advised on area lakes.

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 37 degrees; low, 19 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 35 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 1.72 inches.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:34. Sunrise Saturday, 7:20. Of 49 days in 1993, the sun has shone 43 days in Snyder.

TOP SPELLERS — Ira spelling bee winners, elementary level, are Jerek Brown, left, first place, a fifth grader, and Emily Hardy, runner-up, a sixth grader. Competition was held Thursday morning. (SDN Staff Photo)



BEST SPELLERS — Ira junior high level spelling bee winners are seventh grader Shayla Lee, left, first place, and Paula Nettles, runner-up, also a seventh grader. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hidden guns bill studied

AUSTIN (AP) — Police groups say proposals to allow Texans to carry concealed handguns would lead to more violence, but supporters of the "right to carry" said it would give them a fighting chance against criminals.

Two bills that would set up licensing of concealed handguns were considered Thursday by the House Public Safety Committee. The bills were sent to a subcommittee for further consideration.

Dallas Deputy Police Chief Richard Hatler said allowing citizens to carry concealed weapons would lead to an increase in accidental shootings and presents a threat to police.

For example, he said, officers would not know if a person running toward them with a weapon was friend or foe.

"I will not take the position that there are not situations out there that could be averted if people carried guns. My position is, we will have more instances of violence in our society if this particular law goes through," Hatler said.

But others said they should have the right to carry a handgun.

In dramatic testimony, Suzanna Gratia of Copperas Cove reenacted how a gunman in 1991 killed 23 people, including her mother and father, in a Luby's cafeteria in Killeen.

Ms. Gratia walked around the hearing room pointing her finger as if it were a gun and "shot" people. She contended that if someone had been carrying a gun, the carnage would have been stopped.

"Please do something to make it legal for me," to carry a gun, she said.

State Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, the author of one of the handgun measures, said his bill would "allow some individuals who normally would be victims to walk away, hopefully, with their lives."

TOP SPELLERS AT WEST — Tabitha Towery, second from left, placed first Thursday at West Elementary's spelling bee. Amy Warr, far right, finished in second place. Both are sixth graders. Also pictured is Dorothy Petersen, spelling bee coordinator. (SDN Staff Photo)

Krueger ad solicits examples of federal government waste

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wanted: Federal employees in search of "fat-free" government who have examples of wasteful spending or mismanagement.

In an ad Thursday in The Washington Post, Sen. Bob Krueger urged federal employees to call a toll-free number he has set up seeking examples of waste in government.

"Hi, I'm Bob Krueger. Thanks for your call," the Texas Democrat says in the 30-second recorded message. Krueger, who is running in the May 1 Senate special election, informs the caller he has introduced legislation that would mandate a performance audit of government programs.

"To help pass it, I want to hear from the people who know where the real waste is," Krueger's message says.

The hotline, which guarantees confidentiality, may be serving as a confessional. One NASA employee called in to report receiving in excess of $70,000 salary despite not having any work to perform. "Amazing, isn't it?" said Krueger campaign spokesman Rafe Greenlee.

The $25,000 newspaper ad, paid for by Krueger's campaign, generated more than 200 calls by mid-afternoon Thursday, Greenlee said.

"Everybody who has called in has had an idea about savings," Greenlee said. "Some are very bad, some are undoable but a lot of them are good."

Among the claims of wasteful spending called in, according to the campaign, were:

—More than $1 million dollars in salary bonuses for Energy Department political appointees.

—Government checks made out to 47 different names but going to one person.

—Patients admitted to a veterans hospital for seven days for an outpatient procedure.

"I'm pleased with the way government workers are ready to voluntarily come forward and report instances of waste and mismanagement," Krueger said. "And some of the suggestions we've heard on how to make government a better bargain are great ideas. We're going to incorporate them into our performance reviews."

Greenlee said that "where it's appropriate" Krueger will turn over examples of waste to congressional oversight committees or the inspectors general at federal agencies.

The ad isn't expected to run again. "If we had the money, we'd love to run it in every newspaper next to every federal installation," Greenlee said.

Krueger's ideas for a performance audit and waste hotline derive in part from Texas Comptroller John Sharp, who has conducted performance audits of state government each of the last two years.

"We still have the hotline and continue to receive a lot of public input from it," said Andy Welch, a Sharp spokesman. "It's a real effective way for everyday working people to pick up the phone and talk to somebody about their ideas."

Sharp's first performance audit made recommendations that could save $4.2 billion, some $2.4 billion of which were enacted by the Legislature. The second audit, released last month, recommends $4.5 billion in savings over two years.

Former Senator Bentsen speaks to Austin high school students

AUSTIN (AP) — When McCallum High School students were told to watch President Clinton's economic address, they expected a pop quiz. Instead they got U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen.

Bentsen visited the school Thursday to pitch Clinton's economic plan to the high school juniors and seniors — and it got a passing grade.

"I like the sort of downhomeness of the whole thing. We're all in this together, and we're going to have to pay taxes," said Matt Fuller, student council president.

Fuller, an 18-year-old senior, introduced Bentsen to a cheering crowd of about 300 students gathered in the high school's cafeteria.

Bentsen told the students he chose to talk to them because a lot of the president's plan pertains to the nation's youth.

"What we're talking about is the future of the young people of this country," he said.

Alex Kuperman, a 17-year-old junior at McCallum, agreed.

"The Clinton campaign really seems to be focusing on the youth," he said. "It really does make the youth of America seem like they are part of this nation."

The students asked Bentsen questions touching on education, jobs and the taxes proposed by Clinton.

Bentsen told them Clinton's plan would help cut the deficit, as well as provide jobs for them after they graduate from high school or college.

"We're investing in you, we're investing in Texas, and we're investing in our country with these programs," he said. "This package is aimed at improving the national economy ... and that is the economy you're going to inherit."

Bentsen also reiterated Clinton's promise that the proposed tax increases will be balanced with federal cutbacks.

"It's only fair that we start cutting the bureaucracy in Washington," he said.

Stanfield play

Several names were inadvertently left out of the list of Stanfield Elementary second graders who were in the play "February Musical."

Also performing were Ricardo Madera, Cory Lyons, Alicia Hall, Jamie Bowden, Quinton Traylor, Holly Lee, Joshua Alaniz, Ramona Zamora, Josh Mendoza, Juanito Rodriquez, James Smith and Terri Marshall.

On Dean's List

ABILENE — Freddy Mark Herrington of Snyder has been named to the Dean's List at McMurry University for the fall semester. His wife's name is Patricia.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours and maintain a 3.5 GPA for that semester.

Cosby, NBC plan projects

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Cosby and NBC want to work ratings magic together again, with four movies in 1993-94 and a new series the season after that.

The four "light mystery" movies will evolve into a weekly one-hour mystery series in 1994, NBC West Coast President Don Ohlmeyer said Thursday.

It will be Cosby's sixth primetime series. His first was NBC's "I Spy" during the 1960s.

In the 1980s, Cosby led then-struggling NBC to the top of the ratings with "The Cosby Show." The show ended its eight-year run last season, and the network has lapsed into third place.

This season, Cosby's syndicated revival of the "You Bet Your Life" quiz show drew disappointing ratings. He said it won't be back next season.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Feb. 20, 1993

In the year ahead, improvements in your social life are indicated. However, continue to maintain close ties with old friends. Remember, they are the ones who stuck by you when you were less popular.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In order to accomplish important objectives today, assertiveness and boldness on your behalf will be required. If you're too faint-hearted, it may end up being just another ordinary day. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A close friend who is always rather tight-lipped about finances and private affairs will resent being placed under close scrutiny today. Don't let your curiosity create an incident.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are capable of whatever you set your mind to today, but there's a chance that others may receive more credit for your accomplishments than you reap yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It would be wise today not to boast in advance about things you intend to achieve. There is a possibility that circumstances might not abide by your timetable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might be called upon to manage a critical situation for another today. Treat this matter as if it were your own. Doing anything less could make your venture unsuccessful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might find it necessary today to try to be all things to all people. Unfortunately, this could prove to be an extremely counterproductive concept.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you get off on the wrong track with co-workers early in the day, the situation is not likely to be remedied before quitting time. Forewarned is forearmed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may have a slight edge over rivals today in situations that have elements of competition. However, don't go so far as to take a chance and bet the farm.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Developments in financial or commercial areas could come about to your liking today. However, the problem is that once you have something in your hands, you might get careless and lose it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The right answers could be found today in situations where you rely upon your logic. This may not be true if you put too much credence in hunches or intuitive perceptions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Conditions are a trifle unusual today. You might be fortunate in your material affairs, yet not so lucky in keeping the good will of those involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Social encounters with friends should turn out pleasantly for you today. Conversely, your dealings with business associates might be a pain in the neck.

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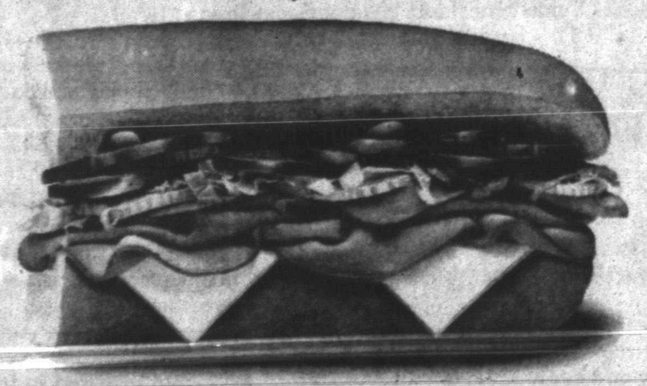

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Dear Abby

Lender's Day in Court Yields a Happy Ending

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you about the letter signed "Practically Broke in Iowa."

I also loaned some money to a friend, and after that I couldn't find him. He never answered my letters, and I couldn't get him on the telephone.

After three years, I took my family's advice. Even though this man had been a very good friend of mine, I took him to small claims court. I didn't think I had a chance of getting my money back because, like the man who wrote to you, I didn't have anything in writing. I was foolish, I know, but I really was naive and trusting, because we were such good friends.

Well, I got all my money back, plus court costs, plus interest on my money!

So, sometimes a verbal agreement is just as binding as a written one. I didn't have a lawyer to represent me. I represented myself! Abby, I don't know what the laws are in Iowa, but I would advise that Iowan who got taken for a ride to look into it.

If you use my letter, please don't use my name. Sign me ...

LUCKED OUT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR LUCKED OUT: Congratulations. You lucked out with a sympathetic judge.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: My problem is actually more of a complaint — not one of major importance, but it has bothered me for years.

I have been "Mrs. Dow" ever since my marriage 44 years ago, and in all that time, I have been called "Mrs. Doe," "Mrs. Dowd," "Mrs. Dowdy" and even "Mrs. Downey."

When I meet someone, I make it a point to say, "My name is Mrs. Dow." Then I spell it, "D-O-W," and they still can't get it right.

I would think almost everyone has heard of the Dow Jones averages — statistics that show the trends of stocks and bonds traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Also, there's the Dow Chemical Co., founded more than a century ago.

I was recently hospitalized, and two nurses insisted on calling me "Mrs. Doe."

All my in-laws seem to have the same trouble. Everyone can say "cow," "now" and "how," but they have trouble with Dow. Can a word with only three letters, pronounced just the way it is spelled, be that difficult?

Thanks for letting me get this off my chest; I feel better now.

MRS. DOW IN FLORIDA

DEAR MRS. DOW: After this hits print, you may have less trouble. I hope so.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Big Problem, Vancouver, B.C.," the large woman who had been constantly mistaken for a man, hit home with me. I, too, am a large woman — 5 foot 11 1/2 and 170 pounds. I am well-proportioned and not fat by any means.

I did all the things you suggested in your letter: wore makeup, more feminine-looking clothes, large earrings, and let my hair grow longer. It didn't help; I still got, "May I help you, sir?" The only time I wasn't mistaken for a man was when I was pregnant.

STANDING TALL IN TUCSON

* * *

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Discrimination dispute goes to court

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Claims of bias within the Texas National Guard have erupted into a $200 million class-action lawsuit filed by Hispanic and black guard members against the governor and guard leaders.

"All of us have suffered professionally, emotionally and financially," said one of the plaintiffs, Maj. Ronald Colunga of the Texas Air National Guard in Houston.

Colunga, who is Hispanic, said he was unfairly demoted in December 1990 to a position with no potential for promotion.

Active and former guard members filed suit Thursday in state district court in Bexar County against Gov. Ann Richards; former governors Bill Clements, Mark White and Dolph Briscoe; Texas National Guard adjutant general Sam Turk; and former adjutant generals William Wilson, James Dennis, Willie Scott and Thomas Bishop.

The plaintiffs claim they were demoted or denied promotions, subjected to selective enforcement of regulations and subjected to racial slurs. The suit seeks $100 million in actual damages and $100 million in punitive damages.

"They've done whatever their country has asked of them, and all they got in return was to be discriminated against, to get thrown out," said Luis Vera Jr., an attorney representing the group.

Vera said his law firm, Heard, Goggan, Blair and Williams, represents more than 100 minority guard members from throughout Texas. He said more are expected to come forward.

"You've got to understand that these people here, especially the ones that are still in the guard, know that they're risking something," he said.

Several plaintiffs at a San Antonio news conference Thursday described discrimination they said they have encountered.

Staff Sgt. Bernard Fucles, a 20-year guard member who is black, said he experienced discrimination during annual training at Fort Hood in Killeen last year when there was an attempt to demote him.

Capt. Guadalupe Garcia, a Hispanic commander of a military police unit, said he was told to send only white soldiers as escorts for military dignitaries. When he assigned blacks or Hispanics, he said, the soldiers were sent back.

Vera said other plaintiffs have subjected to racial slurs. Blacks said they have been called "niggers;" Hispanics said they have been called "bean eaters" and "greasers."

Richards spokesman Bill Cryer said the governor had not seen the lawsuit but has responded to discrimination complaints by appointing a special investigator.

"The discrimination complaints in the National Guard have been investigated," he said. "With the appointment of a new commander out there, I know that he, too, is trying to ensure that there is no discrimination in the National Guard."

The plaintiffs contend the investigator, former state Rep. Juan Hinojosa of McAllen has not been given the tools he needs for the probe, including a budget or staff.

Lt. Col. Ed Komandosky, a spokesman for the Texas National Guard, would not comment on the lawsuit. He said the guard had not received it yet.

Gilberto Jasso, chairman of the civil rights committee of the American GI Forum in Corpus Christi, where the first bias allegations originated, said investigations have shown there is no affirmative action plan in place in the Texas National Guard. He accused Richards and guard leaders of not being responsive to the problem.

"So in effect what we had was a Texas National Guard being run by good old boys out of Austin," he said.

Perot comments

NEW YORK (AP) — Ross Perot has something to say to the creators of the new "Sesame Street" character H. Ross Parrot.

"No. 1, the nose is too small," said the former presidential candidate, appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America" Thursday to discuss President Clinton's economic plan.

"No. 2, it's not a real Texas accent. We've got to help him there. No. 3, my family loves it, my grandchildren love it. No. 4, the Birds of the World organization is up in arms about it."

No bull, boy wins $160,000 in damages

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Jurors have awarded a 13-year-old boy $160,000 damages after finding Galveston County Fair officials wrongfully disqualified his grand champion steer last year.

"I feel great," Eric Glover of Santa Fe said Thursday after the decision was announced.

With the trial over, Eric said he will continue preparing another steer, the son of last year's disputed champion, in this year's competition.

The fair's directors had banned Eric from competing this year after they disqualified his 1,190-pound steer, Husker, but the verdict will allow him to enter the fair again.

Jurors said fair officials were grossly negligent and motivated by spite when they charged the steer was pumped up with air to enhance its appearance.

Larry Hinze, Galveston County Fair and Rodeo Inc. president, refused comment after the verdict. Attorney Kenneth Kaye said the fair will decide later whether to appeal.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 2-19-93
♠ Q 10 7
♥ 7 5 4
♦ A K 7 6 3
♣ Q 10

WEST
♠ 8 6 3
♥ A 10 8 3
♦ Q 10 9
♣ J 9 4

EAST
♠ 9 5 2
♥ J 9 6
♦ J 5
♣ A 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K J 4
♥ K Q 2
♦ 8 4 2
♣ K 8 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 3

Driving on the wrong road

Whenever some declarers come to a crossroads, they always seem to crash.

In today's deal, South thought he was driving cleverly along the main highway when in reality he was heading down a side road that looked attractive but was leading to a cliff top.

Against three no-trump, West led the heart three: four, jack, king. South counted seven top tricks and anticipated getting two more from diamonds. And he knew an avoidance play when he saw one.

South led a diamond to dummy's king, returned to hand with a spade and led a second diamond. If West had played the queen, South was planning to duck in the dummy, keeping East off the lead. However, when West played the 10, declarer put up dummy's ace and led a third round. South was pleased to see West win this trick, but he was less pleased when West promptly switched to the club nine (the high card denying interest in the suit) in answer to his partner's encouraging club-seven discard on the previous trick. East won with the ace and returned a heart: one down.

South's path required finding the diamonds 3-2, with West holding the club ace and West having to win his side's diamond trick. But there was a much better route available. Assuming West's heart three was an honest card, the suit had to be splitting 4-3. If so, South just needed to find West with the club jack. At trick two, South should have finessed dummy's club 10. His nine tricks would have been four spades, one heart, two diamonds and two clubs.

Readers are invited to send card-play questions to Phillip Alder, in care of this newspaper. They can be answered only through the column.

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-974 or 573-2763.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

Schools said preparing for finance plan

DALLAS (AP) — It's big and ugly and no one understands it.

It's the school finance issue, a sticky Texas bugaboo that has had everyone from state legislators to local school officials seeking cover for more than two years.

But relief came this week in the form of a new share-the-wealth scheme, up for voter approval on May 1, that would force the state's wealthiest districts to share with the rest of the class.

That's the good news, educators seem to agree.

"It gives you a framework," said Dan Casey, director of the Texas Association of School Boards.

Still, if voters don't approve the plan by June 1, the courts could shut down Texas schools.

However, as legislators go to work on how to activate the plan, some school districts — such as Austin and Arlington — struggle with two other problems.

The first, local tax caps, often set in the 1940s and 1950s, have been reached and can't be raised without voter approval.

Last year in Arlington, voters thumbed their noses at the idea of a $1.50 maximum rate for every $100 worth of property. So it sits at the $1.20 maximum rate and will remain there for the 1993-94 school year, said Arlington Superintendent Lynn Hale.

If that weren't enough, there's the little matter of the state's promised allocation of $14 million that never came through for this year.

And then there's the enrollment growth problem. Texas expects another 65,000 new students over the next two years. With no room to raise a property tax rate, some districts are stuck with more students and no way to increase revenue.

In Texas, about 54 percent of state school budgets come from property taxes. The remaining 46 percent is funded directly by the state from other revenue sources.

In addition to all of this is what is known as pro-ration allotments that some districts depend on. According to a state formula, school districts receive a certain amount of money based on enrollment and other factors.

For the past several years, both Arlington and Austin have been promised — according to these pro-ration formulas — a certain amount. But when officials recount the students and find they can't pay what they promised, they redistribute the money, forcing districts to adjust quickly.

"Because there was more growth than expected and (the pro-ration) it was redistributed and our share was $14 million less," Ms. Hale said.

In total, Ms. Hale said the school district is facing a $20 million shortfall by next fall.

She added that the district has slashed about $10 million in administrative costs. With a voter base that refuses to increase that cap, cuts are all a district can do.

Austin faces a similar battle.

"We're not certain whether it's $20 (million) or $18 (million shortfall)," said Jeff Prescott, a spokesman for the Austin Independent School District. "The state does it's funding formulas on average daily attendance.

Classified Ads 573-5486

First conviction under fed statute

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department has announced that a Fort Worth man has become the first person in the nation to be convicted under the federal carjacking law.

Convicted Thursday, Demond Lamont Henderson faces a maximum punishment of up to 15 years in prison for violating the Anti-Car Theft Act of 1992, which was signed into federal law last October. Additionally, he was convicted of using a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence, which crarries a mandatory consecutive term of five years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for May 20.

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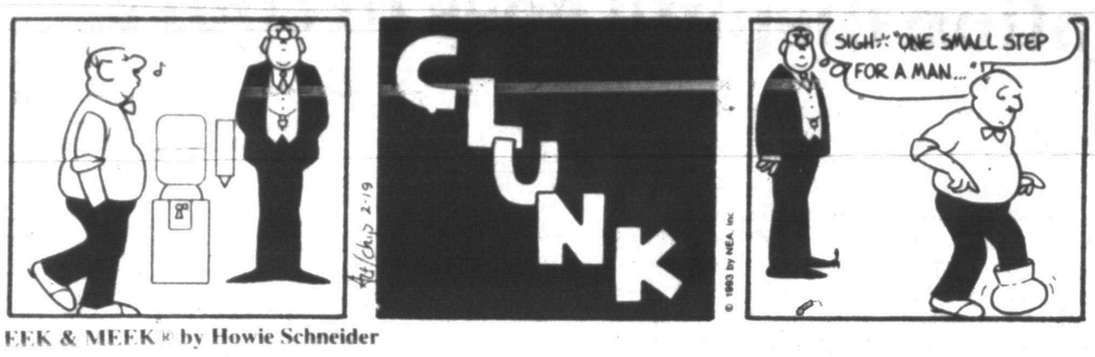

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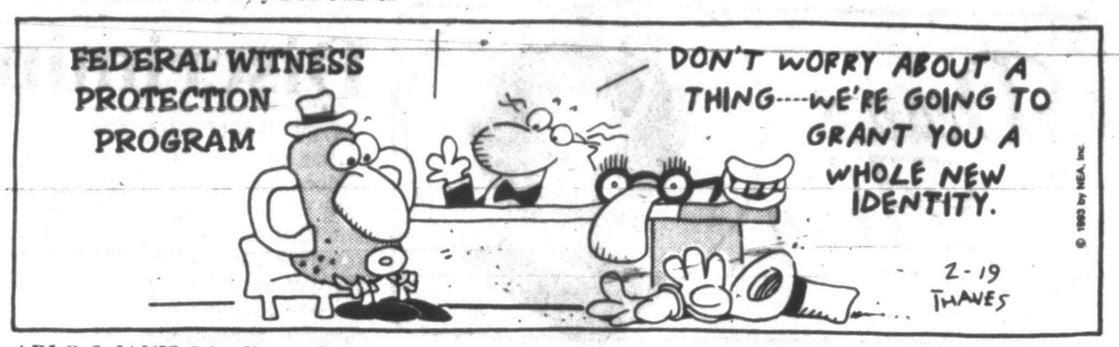

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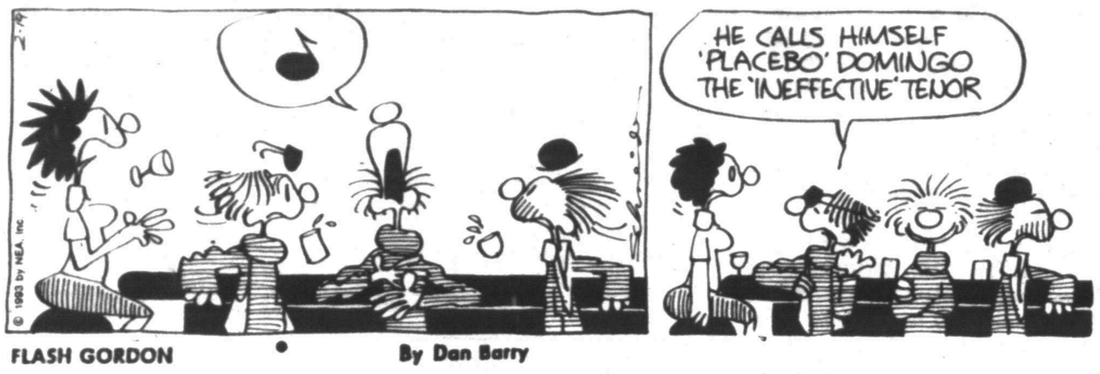

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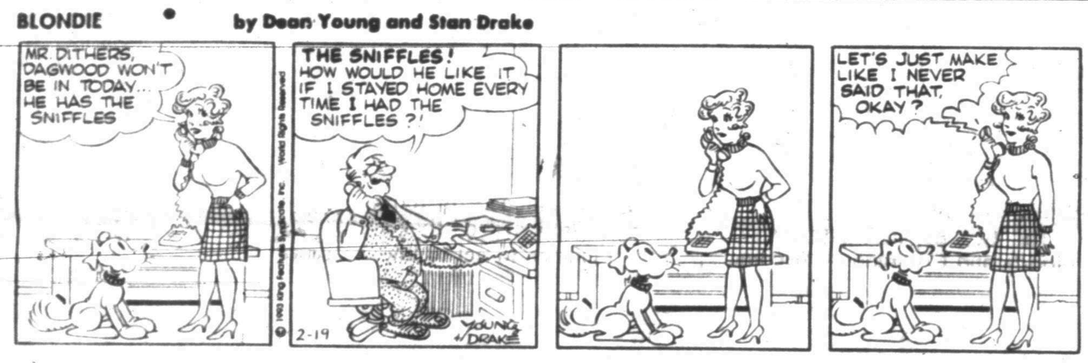

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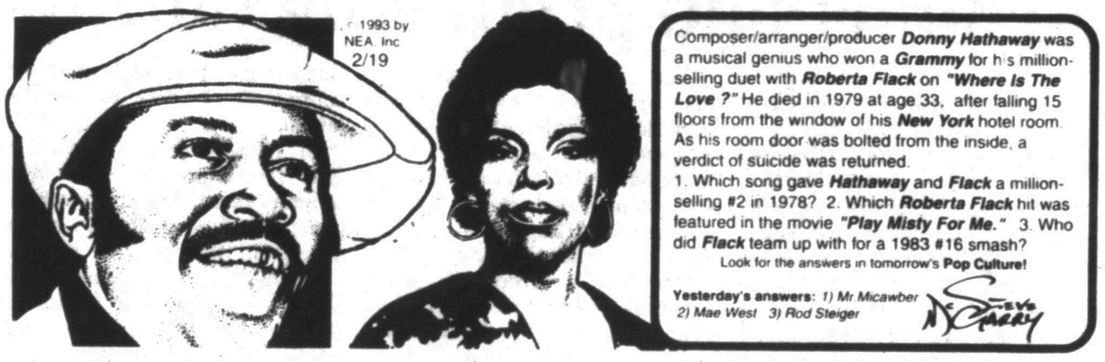

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29 Opp. of NNW
30 Snake
32 High cards
33 Snow runner
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40 Of two colors
41 Army store (abbr.)
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49 Compiler of Thesaurus
51 Crafty
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55 A writer
56 Playful child
57 Comedian Caesar
58 Mormon State

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8 Above
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25 Cubic meter
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39 Between VA and SC
40 Beg
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42 Medical picture
44 Citrus fruit
45 Insect
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50 Western hemisphere assn.
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53 That is (abbr.)
55 Plutonium symbol

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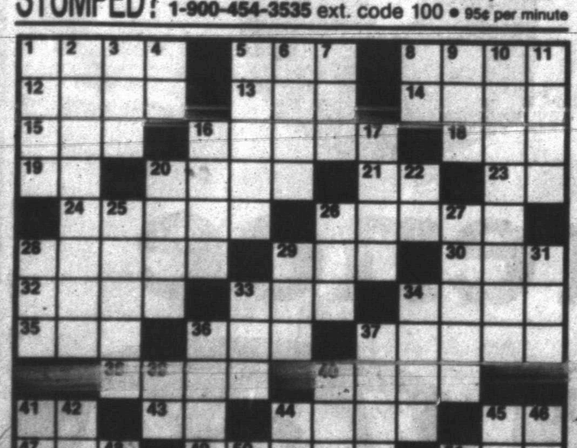

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"IS IT GETTING BORING IN HERE OR IS IT JUST ME?"

Exhibition contest postponed by cold

Thursday's scheduled exhibition baseball game between the Snyder Tigers and the SHS Exes was postponed until today at 6 p.m. due to cold weather.

The current Tigers, who beat Sweetwater in their opening scrimmage of the season 10-5 Saturday, are scheduled to play a group of Tiger exes, led by Snyder junior high coach Charles Bollinger, who was a member of Snyder's 1983 state Class 4A championship team.

Besides Bollinger, other SHS grads scheduled to play in the game are pitchers Ricky Beard, Monty Gamble and Jimmy Velasquez, infielders Ronnie Lewis, Richard Crayton, Tommy Hunter, William Cotton and Paul Gafford, first baseman Barry Davis, catchers Johnny Overton and Ricky Hunter, and outfielders Shawn Ragland and Keith McClain.

The Tigers's final tuneup will come Saturday when Midland Lee visits for a 1 p.m. scrimmage. The regular season begins Feb. 23 when Snyder entertains San Angelo Central.

Dusters fall to NMJC, 92-67

HOBBS, N.M. — Western Texas College and the New Mexico JC Lady Thunderbirds combined for 61 turnovers and 53 fouls in a sloppy 92-67 NMJC win Thursday in women's Western Junior College Athletic Conference basketball action.

"It was a very physical game," said WTC coach Ron Jones, "and we don't like that much.

"We gave up 37 turnovers," he continued, "and that's ridiculous. We played pretty hard most of the game, but that just doesn't get it done in this conference.

"We're not playing smart, we're not getting up and down the floor and we're not taking care of the basketball."

One bright spot for the Dusters Thursday was their performance from the free-throw line.

WTC converted 30 of 37 charity shots, including six of six by sophomore Mary Ann Isom and Lameshia Roland's 8-of-10 effort.

The Lady Thunderbirds were whistled for 31 fouls and allowed 24 turnovers.

New Mexico had four players wind up scoring in double figures, led by Marvina Burton, who scored 17 before fouling out late in the second half.

Cami Williams put in 16 for the Lady Thunderbirds, as did Joy Fisher, and Kevia Ford canned 14.

Western Texas' top offensive producer was freshman Ayesha Howard, who finished with 12 points. Isom, who had the Lady Dusters' only 3-pointer, added 11, and sophomore Allison Garcia scored 10.

The loss drops WTC below the .500 mark for the season with a 13-14 record. The Dusters are 1-8 in WJCAC encounters. New Mexico JC is 16-12 overall and 3-7 within the conference.

The Lady Dusters will take a break from league action Saturday when they visit the North Texas JC leader, Weatherford Junior College.

Game time at WJC is 6 p.m.

WTC returns home Tuesday for a 6 p.m. matchup against Clarendon College in its final appearance at Scurry County Coliseum for the 1992-93 campaign.

Western Texas will wind up the season with a Thursday road battle at South Plains College in Levelland.

NMJC 92, WTC 67

WTC (67) — Gabriel 0 3-4 3; Garcia 4 2-2 10; Howard 5 2-4 12; Isom 2 6-6 11; Huseman 2 5-6 9; Roland 0 8-10 8; Decker 0 2-2 2; Kearney 3 0-0 6; Murrell 2 2-3 6; TOTALS 18 30-37 67.

NMJC (92) — Robinson 1 0-0 2; Fisher 7 0-0 16; Maestas 2 4-5 8; Lee 2 0-0 4; Crittendon 1 1-1 3; Burton 8 1-3 17; Cleman 0 1-2 1; Williams 6 1-2 16; Heinie 3 0-5 6; Ford 6 2-2 14; Keith 2 1-2 5; TOTALS 38 11-22 92.

3-point goals: WTC 1 (Isom); NMJC 5 (Fisher 2, Williams 3). **Total fouls:** WTC 22, NMJC 31. **Fouled out:** WTC — Gabriel; NMJC — Burton. **Records:** WTC 13-14, 1-8; NMJC 16-12, 3-7.

WJCAC basketball

Women

Team	Season		League	
Howard	27	0	9	0
Odessa	23	5	7	2
South Plains	19	7	4	4
Frank Phillips	12	12	3	6
NMJC	16	12	3	7
Western Texas	13	14	1	8

Thursday, Feb. 18
NMJC 92, WTC 67
South Plains 69, Frank Phillips 67
Saturday, Feb. 20
WTC at Weatherford
Odessa at Clarendon
Monday, Feb. 22
Clarendon at Frank Phillips
South Plains at Howard
NMJC at Ft. Bliss

Men

Team	Season		League	
Odessa	25	2	10	1
Howard	23	3	8	2
NMJC	18	10	6	5
South Plains	18	10	5	6
Midland	18	8	4	6
NMMI	11	15	2	8
Frank Phillips	4	19	2	9

Thursday, Feb. 18
South Plains 95, Frank Phillips 83
Odessa at Clarendon
Howard at NMMI
Monday, Feb. 22
NMJC at Midland College
South Plains at Howard
NMMI at Ft. Bliss
Clarendon at Frank Phillips

Pro wrestler commits suicide on family farm

DALLAS (AP) — Friends and relatives of Kerry Adkisson, the most famous of pro wrestling's Von Erich family, say drug addiction and despondency over the deaths of three brothers led to his apparent suicide.

The 33-year-old was found dead of a single gunshot wound to the chest Thursday in a thicket behind his father's farmhouse in rural Denton County. He had been scheduled to appear in a match tonight in Dallas.

Adkisson was the fourth of six brothers in his family to die since 1984 and the fifth overall. If his death is ruled a suicide, it will be the family's third in six years.

"This is the third of my six that has taken his own life," said Kerry's father, Jack Adkisson. "I can cope with this, but Kerry was so special."

The father found his son's body about 2:30 p.m. behind the family farm home about 20 miles north of Dallas, said Denton County sheriff's department spokeswoman Sue Morrison.

Adkisson had gone to the farm about 1:30 p.m. and appeared despondent, his father said. Then he left, saying he was going for a drive.

The body was taken by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner for an autopsy.

The death came just days after Adkisson was charged with cocaine possession. He already was on 10 years' probation for a drug conviction in September.

Jack Adkisson said Kerry had battled a drug problem since becoming addicted to painkillers following a 1986 motorcycle accident in which his right foot was smashed.

The father added that Kerry was bothered by having to wear a prosthesis after surgery failed and the foot was amputated.

"Kerry was a macho man. He was a man's man. The idea of having just one foot really got him," Jack Adkisson said.

Grey Pierson, a promoter at the Sportatorium, the Dallas arena where Kerry was to have appeared Friday night, said he had talked to the wrestler twice on Thursday.

Pierson said Adkisson had long grieved over the loss of his brothers, but he gave no indication he would commit suicide.

NBA roundup...

Houston embarrasses Celtics

by The Associated Press

The proud Boston Celtics, winners of a record 16 NBA titles, are anything but these days.

"It's an embarrassment," center Robert Parish said after Boston established a franchise low by scoring just 29 points in the first half of a 119-84 loss Thursday night to the Houston Rockets.

"It doesn't get much worse than that," Parish said. "If it does, I don't want to see it."

What he saw was an eight-point second period, which almost unbelievably was two points more than the Celtics scored in a quarter against New Jersey in 1990.

The Celtics trailed 45-29 at the half, eclipsing the 30 points they scored in the first half against Milwaukee on Nov. 13, 1990.

That, coupled with the recent thrust of the Rockets, compounded the problem. Houston, which shot a franchise-best 68.5 percent two nights earlier in a 149-111 rout of Philadelphia, canned 58 percent of its shots against Boston. The Celtics shot 38 percent.

Carl Herrera scored a career-high 18 points to lead seven Houston players in double figures. Hakeem Olajuwon had 14 points and got 15 rebounds, and Otis Thorpe 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Minnesota 121, Sacramento 114; Utah 105, Milwaukee 94; San Antonio 103, Philadelphia 98; Phoenix 131, Atlanta 119; Seattle 131, Golden State 116; the Los Angeles Clippers 108, Washington 95, and Portland 105, the Los Angeles Lakers 103.

The Rockets never trailed. They had a 15-2 run to close out the first half, holding the visiting Celtics scoreless for the final 6:09.

Boston's shooting didn't improve until the final minute of the third period when it had an eight-point run to close the gap to 82-49.

Reggie Lewis led Boston with 21 points.

Suns 131, Hawks 119

Phoenix is within a victory of tying a franchise record after winning its 18th consecutive home game.

But Charles Barkley, who got his 14th career triple-double with 25 points, 16 rebounds and 12 assists, wasn't satisfied.

"We haven't accomplished anything at this moment," he said, mindful that the Suns' 38-10 record is the best in the league. "I don't think the first half of the season was a fluke, but we have to come out ready to play (after the All-Star break). Teams will be gunning for us."

Richard Dumas scored a career-high 32 points for the Suns.

Spurs 103, 76ers 98

San Antonio isn't far behind Phoenix in home dominance, with 15 consecutive victories.

Dale Ellis made a club record-tying four 3-point shots in the fourth quarter on his way to 24 points for the surging Spurs.

David Robinson added 19 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs. Hersey Hawkins' 33 points led Philadelphia.

Jazz 105, Bucks 94

Utah is showing its muscle on the road, winning for the fourth time in its last five games as a visitor.

Karl Malone had 26 points and John Stockton 20 points and 11 assists as the Jazz used two second-half spurts to beat slumping Milwaukee.

Timberwolves 121, Kings 114

Christian Laettner had 28 points and 16 rebounds, and Chuck Person and Micheal Williams made long 3-pointers down the stretch for Minnesota.

Williams had 27 points and 11 assists. Person added 26 points as the Timberwolves used their best scoring night of the season to win for just the second time in their last eight home games.

Trail Blazers 105, Lakers 103

Terry Porter's driving layup with 27.1 seconds to go provided the winning points as Portland came from eight behind in the final 3:23.

James Worthy scored 26 and passed the 15,000-point mark for his career, but the visiting Lakers couldn't hold off a late rally led by Porter and Clyde Drexler. The latter scored 20 points, eight in the decisive rally.

Cliff Robinson led the Blazers with 21 points.

Clippers 108, Bullets 95

Loy Vaught came off the bench for 20 points and a season-high 14 rebounds as Los Angeles (26-25) clinched a winning record at the All-Star break for the first time in the history of the Clippers.

SuperSonics 131, Warriors 116

Seattle's Derrick McKey scored a season-high 30 points on 12-of-16 shooting.

Ricky Pierce added 25 points and Eddie Johnson 22 for the Sonics, who are 3-0 against the Warriors this season, including two victories in Oakland.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	34	16	.680	—
New Jersey	30	21	.588	4½
Boston	26	24	.520	8
Orlando	24	23	.511	8½
Miami	18	31	.367	15½
Philadelphia	18	31	.367	15½
Washington	15	36	.294	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	35	17	.673	—
Cleveland	34	19	.642	1½
Charlotte	26	23	.531	7½
Atlanta	24	27	.471	10½
Indiana	23	28	.451	11½
Detroit	21	29	.420	13
Milwaukee	20	31	.392	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	34	15	.694	—
Utah	33	18	.647	2
Houston	30	21	.588	5
Denver	20	30	.400	14½
Minnesota	12	35	.255	21
Dallas	4	45	.082	30

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	38	10	.792	—
Seattle	33	17	.660	6
Portland	31	16	.660	6½
LA Lakers	26	23	.531	12½
LA Clippers	26	25	.510	13½
Golden State	23	30	.434	17½
Sacramento	17	34	.333	22½

Thursday's Games
Minnesota 121, Sacramento 114
Utah 105, Milwaukee 94
Houston 119, Boston 84
San Antonio 103, Philadelphia 98
Phoenix 131, Atlanta 119
Seattle 131, Golden State 116
LA Clippers 108, Washington 95
Portland 105, LA Lakers 103
Friday's Games
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Game
All-Star Game at Utah, 6 p.m.

Dance To Memory Lane
Friday 9-12
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New faces dot rosters as baseball drills start

by The Associated Press

Spring training looks a little different this year.

The two expansion teams — Florida and Colorado — become more than just names on paper this weekend as the Marlins and Rockies start workouts for pitchers and catchers.

Pitchers and catchers from 15 of the 28 teams reported to camp in places like Vero Beach, Sarasota and Scottsdale, with the first official workouts planned for today.

For the Marlins and Rockies, it's also a chance to get to know one another.

In Tucson, Ariz., 63 players reported for the Rockies' first camp, and they spent a lot of time making introductions.

"Whenever I meet someone new — which is almost everybody around here — I repeat their name three times to myself," said Steve Reed, who pitched 18 games for the San Francisco Giants last season.

"There are 63 guys here, and I'm the only guy from the Giants organization. Trying to remember each guy's name, all the way from reporters to the clubhouse guys to the front-office guys and especially my fellow players, well, it's difficult," he said.

"Spring training has been exciting for me for the past 30-some years," Marlins manager Rene Lachemann said.

In Bradenton, Fla., the Pittsburgh Pirates began preparing to win their fourth straight NL East title after losing the likes of Barry Bonds, Doug Drabek, Jose Lind, Danny Jackson, Roger Mason, Alex Cole and others. The Pirates hope new players in camp named Young, Garcia, Martin, Backlund and DeLos Santos can take their place.

"Maybe they should hand out those little name tags to everyone, like they wear at conventions, that say, 'Hi, my name is ...'" center fielder Andy Van Slyke said.

Buick Invitational...

Wind, rain drives up scores

LA JOLLA, Calif. (AP) — Wind-blown and with scores soaring, some of golf's leading players searched for words to describe the dreadful conditions.

"Very British Open-like," Payne Stewart said, then reconsidered. "No, the British Open the last few years hasn't been this bad."

"About the worst wind I've played in," Jay Haas, a veteran of 17 seasons on the PGA Tour, said.

But Craig Stadler may have best summed up conditions at Torrey Pines in the first round of the Buick Invitational Thursday.

"There were a lot better things to do than play golf," he said after battling winds that gusted to 35 mph and even higher in the frequent squalls that produced sheets of rain coming down sideways.

The conditions were so difficult that of a field of 157, only Haas could better par 72. He birdied the last two holes for a 70.

The scores reached into the ridiculous range: a 90 by Mark De Long, a 91 by former World Series of Golf winner Lon Hinkle; 47 others in the 80's; an average for the field of 78.4.

As bad as it was Thursday, today's forecast was even worse: heavy rain and thunderstorms.

"You just have to be very, very patient and never give up. It would be very easy to shoot yourself out of the tournament," Stewart said after a hard-won round of 72 that left him in a tie for second.

John Cook, a $1 million winner last year, could testify to the accuracy of that assessment. He once had it 2-under par, then bogeyed five holes in a row and shot 77.

So could John Daly, Ben Crenshaw and Chip Beck, who had scores of 79, 80 and 81, respectively.

Stewart was tied with Bobby Clampett, Greg Whisman and Kelly Gibson.

The group at 73 included Hal Sutton, Greg Twiggs, Yoshinori Mizumaki of Japan, Jay Don Blake and Joe Durant.

Of those leaders, only Stewart played the longer South course, usually considered two or three strokes harder than the North.

All players will switch courses today, with the final two rounds scheduled Saturday and Sunday at the South course.

Ira seniors plan donkey basketball

The Ira High School senior class will sponsor donkey basketball at the IHS gym Saturday.

Three games will be played, beginning at 7 p.m. with the IHS seniors versus the juniors. The night's second game will feature the senior boys against the Bulldog Exes. A championship game will follow, pitting the two winners against each other.

West Texas Taekwondo will perform demonstrations at breaks between games. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for kindergarten through eighth grade students in advance. Tickets at the door will be $6 and $4. Proceeds from the game will go toward the Class of '93 senior trip.

L'Land, BSHS tangle in playoffs

No. 1 ranked Levelland's second-round battle against Big Spring highlights area girls' basketball playoff action this weekend.

The Loboettes, 26-6, are the District 2-4A champions. They advanced into the area round with a convincing 43-21 win over Borger on Monday.

Big Spring, carrying a 23-6 slate, was the District 3 winner. The Lady Steers received a first-round bye.

The Levelland-Big Spring tilt is set for 7 p.m. Saturday in Lamesa.

In other area girls' games, Blackwell, District 27-A champion, will take on District 28 runner-up Christoval in a bi-district battle at 6:30 p.m. today in Ballinger.

Blackwell enters tonight's contest with a 20-6 record while Christoval boasts a 15-10 mark.

District 27 runner-up, Highland (17-8), will face Panther Creek (19-5) in an 8:30 p.m. matchup today, also in Ballinger.

Canseco to answer battery charge

CHICAGO (AP) — Texas Rangers outfielder Jose Canseco is scheduled for trial April 22 on charges of punching a man at a Chicago nightclub.

The jury trial will be before Cook County Circuit Judge William P. O'Malley in Misdemeanor Court, State's Attorney spokeswoman Nina Cadsawan said Thursday.

Canseco, charged with battery, is accused of striking Steven Basso at the China Club on Dec. 5.

Ditka looks into buying Dolphins

MIAMI (AP) — A group including former Chicago coach Mike Ditka has contacted Miami Dolphins officials about buying part of the club, but team president Tim Robbie said no offer has been received from the group.

Ira, SHS JV reset game

Ira's baseball scrimmage against the Snyder Tigers JV has been rescheduled.

The original game time was 5 p.m. today. The contest has been moved back to 1 p.m. Saturday at the SHS practice field.

The move was made necessary when cold weather forced the Tigers annual exes benefit game's postponement from Thursday to today.

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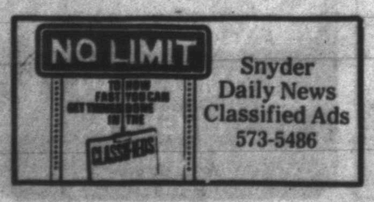

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Buisness Mirror

By John Cunniff
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — After the uproar, a sober and unemotional question will emerge: Will the economic plan presented by President Clinton really cut the budget deficit and stimulate the economy?

It could do one, both or neither, and because of this it will be a tough selling job.

More ominously, could it instead slow economic growth and widen the deficit in the manner of the 1990 tax increases, when the so-called budget summit negotiators promised to all but eliminate deficits by 1995?

That experience soured many Americans, and presents Clinton with an additional obstacle. Not only must he convince Congress his program is wise, but he must overcome the dismal memories and consequences of 1990.

Those memories are open and sore. They are accompanied by fear, and a sense among many voters that they were wronged.

The promised spending cuts never occurred (spending actually grew), the economy slumped, jobs were lost, the anticipated revenue gain turned into a loss of revenue instead, and the deficit worsened.

President Bush also lost his job, with much of the blame for his defeat focused on the economy, whose expansion slowed to a crawl under the burdens of tax rates he had promised would never occur on his watch.

He was defeated by a man who lifted spirits with promises of innovations, including a middle-class tax cut, but who now seeks revenues in a way that will remind some of the old (really only two years old), discredited formula.

Based on that 1990 experience, the belief seems to have spread that the only real way to cut the deficit is to reduce wasteful government spending first, and then "grow" the economy so that it produces needed revenue.

The Clinton plan has elements of that recipe, but it also has the bitter taste of the product cooked up in 1990.

While the administration emphasizes its proposal's greatest impact is on the rich and on corporations, it does place additional stress on already tight household budgets through taxes on oil, gasoline and electricity.

Several factors contribute to the existing stress: unemployment, a very high level of job insecurity, meager increases in personal income, big debts, often unstable real estate prices, and low returns on certificates of deposit.

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Texas could get $500 million from Clinton economic package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas stands to gain half a billion dollars to fix potholes, educate children and revitalize cities if President Clinton's economic stimulus package is approved, a top aide to Gov. Ann Richards says.

The full impact of Clinton's broad outline of short-term economic stimulus, long-term investment and spending cuts won't be known until he submits his complete budget proposal on March 23.

But Jane Hickie, head of the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations, estimated Thursday that the stimulus package Clinton unveiled Wednesday night could mean at least $515 million for Texas.

"A dollar fifty in new federal money is wonderful," Ms. Hickie said, when asked if the funds for Texas are in line with what other states could receive.

"This is far more than just a Band-Aid on a slit throat. This is really some serious money."

Getting Clinton's program through Congress unscathed could be a tall order. Republicans wasted little time in tearing apart the plan and faulting Clinton for focusing too much on tax increases and too little on spending cuts.

Texas Republicans, in particular, found unpalatable the administration's proposed tax increases on gasoline, home-heating oil, electricity, natural gas and other energy sources. The GOP lawmakers said that Texas will be disproportionately hit because it is one of the largest consumers and producers of energy.

But in the stimulus package alone, Ms. Hickie identified for Texas some $184 million in highway funds, $169 million in community development grants, $125 million for school programs and $37 million for water projects.

The community development block grants, to be doled out through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, range from a high of $20 million for Houston to a low of $263,000 for Sherman. The grants are earmarked for revitalizing neighborhoods and stimulating businesses in cities with at least 50,000 residents.

Specifics weren't immediately available on the highway or water development funds.

Ms. Hickie also praised what she termed the administration's strong commitment to Space Station Freedom and the superconducting super collider, two projects that mean billions of dollars to Texas.

The White House commitment to the two controversial programs has been questioned in recent days following a flurry of rumors that the administration either wanted to terminate the projects or slash funding.

Richards was concerned enough by the rumors that she placed a call to White House chief of staff Mack McLarty Wednesday seeking reassurance that both projects would survive.

Clinton is calling for a restructuring of the $30 billion-plus space station program to control cost overruns, but will request the full $2.3 billion sought by NASA for the orbiting laboratory next year.

Governor makes deal to get appointment for Eddie Cavazos

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate has confirmed Gov. Ann Richards' appointment of Eddie Cavazos to the Texas Employment Commission after she made a deal to end partisan bickering that had stalled his nomination.

In the agreement struck late Wednesday night, TEC member James Kaster resigned from the general public representative's seat on the commission.

Richards then appointed Cavazos to Kaster's slot and designated Kaster to the position she originally had nominated Cavazos for — the employer slot.

The Senate voted 27-0 Thursday to confirm both appointments.

The three-member Employment Commission oversees employment, training and unemployment insurance programs. One member must represent employers, one represents labor and one represents the general public.

Making Cavazos the public representative rather than the employer representative was meant to remove opposition of his confirmation from Republicans in the Texas Senate, said Bill Cryer, the governor's spokesman.

"It wasn't a pleasant process, but I am glad that it didn't turn into something uglier than it could have," Cavazos said.

"Anything I can do to help out the governor and Eddie Cavazos is fine with me," said Kaster, who will get a four-year term on the panel while Cavazos gets a two-year stint.

Republicans had questioned whether Cavazos, who runs a commercial real estate office and says he has employed up to four people at a time in various businesses in the past, was qualified to be the representative of the state's employers.

Dane Harris, president of the Texas Association of Business, which had opposed Cavazos' appointment to the employers' slot, was happy Thursday with Richards' deal.

The Senate has "served employers and the Texas economy well by assuring a more balanced agency and fairer representation for employers," Harris said, adding that, "Our objection to Mr. Cavazos was never personal."

Sen. O.H. "Ike" Harris, R-Dallas, who helped iron out the deal, denied accusations that Republican opposition was racially motivated or was an attempt to embarrass the governor.

For the first time this century Republicans hold a third of the Senate and have the power to block appointments.

"It has nothing to do with the issue of race," Sen. Harris said. "And it's not an embarrassment to the governor. When we want to flex our muscle, we will find a lot better deal than this."

Cavazos said the block of his appointment was strictly partisan.

"They (the Republicans) are flexing their muscles and they are going to be doing it again in the future," Cavazos said. "That's the political process."

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, who heads the Senate Nominations Committee, warned against partisan fighting over appointments.

Spelling bee competitions...

Halbert wins at SJHS; Smith garners East win

Two more Scurry County schools, Snyder Junior High and East Elementary, determined their spelling bee winners Friday morning.

Perennial spelling bee champion Chris Halbert, took top honors in the junior high spelling bee. This marks the fourth victory for the seventh grader who won last year's county bee and placed fifth at regional. He also won spelling bees at West in both the fifth and sixth grades.

Runner-up is Katye Galloway, daughter of Bill and Lana Galloway. Third place honors went to Stephanie Whittenburg, dauhter of Steve and Karen Whittenburg. Both girls are eighth graders.

Allen Smith, son of Gary and Ruby Smith, finished in first place at East. Runner-up is Lynzi Curry, daughter of Greg and Billie Curry. Both are fourth graders.

Hermleigh School was conducting elementary and junior high spelling bees today also.

Three other schools conducted spelling bees earlier this week. The top spellers at West include Tabitha Towery, first place, and Amy Warr, second place, both sixth graders. Towery is the daughter of David and Marsha Johnston, and Warr is the daughter of Tony and Cheryl Warr.

Ira spelling bee winners, elementary level, include Jerek Brown, first place, son of Jeff and Debra Brown. He is in the fifth grade.

The runner-up honors went to sixth grader Emily Hardy, daughter of Buddy and Amy Hardy.

Junior high winners include seventh grader Shayla Lee, daughter of John and Ann Lee, and Paula Nettles, runner-up, seventh grader and daughter of Eddie and Renee Nettles.

Top spellers at Northeast Elementary School were determined Tuesday. They include fifth grader Trey Gorman, son of Jack and Kim Gorman, who won first place.

Second place went to Jeremy Goodlett, also a fifth grader, and son of Kenneth and Debi Goodlett.

First and second place winners from each campus will advance to the Scurry County Spelling Bee slated for 9 a.m. March 5 in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College.

The top five spellers in the county will each receive a medal.

The county winner will advance to the regional spelling bee to be held at 1 p.m. April 13 at Monterey High School in Lubbock.

Ballot proposal kept alive by Texas House

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal to authorize $750 million in state bonds to help school districts build facilities will get another chance in the House next week.

The House kept the proposed constitutional amendment alive Thursday with a vote of 93-40. That's enough to move the measure to a second House vote, but short of the 100 votes needed for passage in the 150-member chamber.

Proposed constitutional amendments require two-thirds support of the Legislature and ratification by voters on a state ballot to be enacted. Another vote is planned for Monday.

"Close only counts in horseshoes, I guess," said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo. He's the Senate sponsor of the measure and visited the House chamber for Thursday's vote.

"I aim to talk to them that voted against it," said Bivins, who also noted that 16 lawmakers were absent from Thursday's vote.

If the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the Legislature, it would be on the May 1 state ballot. That's the same day voters will decide a separate school finance proposal to allow the sharing of some local property taxes.

The share-the-wealth property tax proposal is meant to meet a Texas Supreme Court order to equalize funding available to property-rich and poor school districts. School districts rely on state aid and local property taxes.

Supporters of the bond measure said it also is necessary to even out public education funding, as sought by poor school districts in their successful lawsuit against the state.

"The bottom line is if we don't address facilities funding, we ain't out of court," Bivins said. The bond money would be to help poor and rapidly growing school districts with their construction needs, backers said.

An opponent of the measure, Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson, said he was concerned about state debt.

AIDS

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be sapped to pay for foreigners with an expensive and fatal illness.

HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus, is one of a handful of infections the government has decided should be grounds for excluding foreigners from entering this country. The others are syphilis and four other sexually transmitted diseases, along with infectious tuberculosis and a form of leprosy.

Among those appealing to Clinton to lift the ban was Jesse Jackson. He has begun a hunger strike in sympathy with more than 200 HIV-infected Haitian refugees who have been denied entrance to the United States.

Jackson called the Senate vote "a setback to America's credibility."

"To put up a kind of Berlin Wall to people just because they are sick is beneath the promise of America," he said.

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up 7.42 percent from the $1,059,402 taken in last February.

•Post received $22,994, up 6.68 percent from the $21,553 received February of last year.

•Roby received $4,733, up 71.65 percent from the $2,757 taken in February 1992.

•Rotan received $17,491, down 14.65 percent from the $20,493 received last February.

•Sweetwater recieved $215,639, up 28.24 percent from the $168,150 taken in last February.

Police rule out indecency

Snyder police responded to a possible case of indecency with a child Thursday afternoon.

At 3:41 p.m., officers were dispatched to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room for a possible indecency case. Officers made contact with a 6-year-old boy, and determined no assault or abuse had occurred.

In other activity, police handled various complaints, assisted motorists, ran close patrols on homes and businesses and responded to several domestic disputes. No charges were filed and no arrests made.

Greenspan backs Clinton plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan endorsed President Clinton's economic program today, praising it as a serious effort to attack budget deficits that "threaten the stability of our economic system."

Greenspan's prepared comments, handed to reporters before he was to appear before the Senate Banking Committee, represented strong backing for Clinton's program from a key economic policy maker.

"The president is to be commended for placing on the table for active debate the issue of our burgeoning structural budget deficit," Greenspan said.

"Leaving aside the specific details, it is a serious proposal, its baseline economic assumptions are plausible and it is a detailed program-by-program set of recommendations as distinct from general goals," Greenspan said.

He said there would doubtless be debate over the mix of spending cuts and tax increases Clinton has proposed to shrink the deficit by $325 billion in the next four years.

He said he believed getting spending under control was crucial and he hoped Clinton's reform of the nation's health system would contribute significantly toward that.

But, he said, most important was to move quickly to cut the deficit, which he said "will increasingly threaten the stability of our economic system if we continue to fail to address it."

"How the deficit is reduced is very important, that it be done is crucial," Greenspan told Congress.

Greenspan said he could not commit the central bank to specific actions, such as cutting interest rates, because of uncertain economic conditions in coming months.

But the central bank "recognizes that it has an important role to play in this regard," he said.

That comment, coupled with his strong endorsement of Clinton's efforts, were certain to be viewed as at least an implicit pledge that the Fed would stand ready to provide lower short-term interest rates to offset any adverse impact on the economy from Clinton's massive package of spending cuts and tax increases.

Peace talks said endangered by Serb, Bosnian demands

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — After obtaining the Serbs' go-ahead, a U.N. convoy headed for two besieged Muslim-held towns in the east was halted today by a huge crater in the road, U.N. officials said.

Meanwhile, Bosnian radio reported intense shelling of the western Sarajevo suburbs of Azici and Stup, where Muslim-led government defenses appeared to have been pushed back in a fierce Serb offensive.

The 10-truck convoy is seen as a test of the U.N.'s ability to get to Slavic Muslims surrounded by Serbs in eastern Bosnia.

If the convoy reaches Gorazde and Zepa, the Bosnian government may lift a boycott on distributing aid to 380,000 people in Sarajevo. The boycott was imposed to protest what the government considers weak efforts to help Muslims in the east.

U.N. officials in turn accuse Bosnia's warring factions of using food as a political weapon.

U.N. spokesman Barry Frewer said in Sarajevo that the convoy, blocked 25 miles north of Gorazde, received free passage from the Serbs after Gen. Philippe Morillon, the U.N. commander in Bosnia, personally intervened.

But the convoy got stuck 10 miles farther down the road at the village of Kukaviça by a crater measuring 12 by 15 feet, and 61/2 feet deep. U.N. engineers were dispatched with bulldozers to fill the hole.

As fighting flared, hopes for a renewal of peace talks faltered when the Serb delegation said Thursday it would not attend negotiations today at U.N. headquarters. The Serbs claimed discrimination by the U.S. government.

Serbs have been blamed for most atrocities in Bosnia's war and during fighting last year in Croatia. During previous talks at U.N. headquarters in New York, they were restricted to a 10-block area.

Muslim leaders in Bosnia also held back.

Bosnia's U.N. office said President Alija Izetbegovic would not leave Sarajevo to attend the talks unless U.N. peacekeepers guaranteed security for his vice president. A deputy premier was killed by a Serb militiaman last month while driving from Sarajevo's airport in a U.N. armored car.

The peace talks were moved to New York after negotiations in Geneva failed to reconcile differences between the Serbs and Muslims. Only the Croats, the smallest of Bosnia's three main ethnic groups, have signed onto a proposal to divide Bosnia into 10 mostly autonomous provinces.

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	573/8	563/4	571/4	+1/4
Albtsn	481/8	473/4	48	+1/8
AlliedSignal	645/8	641/8	641/4	+1/8
ALLTEL Cp	471/4	467/8	467/8	-1/4
AmStores	38	373/4	377/8	+1/4
Amer T&T	533/8	523/4	533/8	+3/4
Ameritech	737/8	73	731/2	-3/8
Amoco	543/8	533/4	541/4	+1/2
AndarkPtr	331/8	327/8	33	
Arkla	81/8	8	8	-1/8
ArmcoInc	8	75/8	75/8	-3/8
AtlRichfld	1153/4	115	1153/4	+3/4
BakerHughes	215/8	211/4	215/8	+1/4
BancTexas	21/4	21/4	21/4	
BellAtl	541/4	537/8	541/4	+1/2
BellSouth	541/4	537/8	54	
Beth Steel	18	173/4	177/8	-1/4
Borden	247/8	241/2	243/4	
Caterpllr	563/8	561/4	561/4	
Cmdel	363/4	361/4	363/4	+1/4
CenSoWst s	31	303/4	307/8	+1/8
Chevron	753/4	751/4	753/4	+1/2
Chrysler	385/8	38	383/8	+5/8
Coastal	251/8	247/8	25	
CocaCola s	417/8	411/2	413/4	+1/2
ColgP	583/8	58	581/4	+5/8
ComlMetl	271/4	271/8	271/8	-1/8
Cooperln	491/2	493/8	491/2	+1/8
CyprusMn	331/2	331/4	333/8	-1/8
DallSemicn	141/8	133/4	137/8	-1/8
DeltaAirl	47	461/4	463/8	-1/2
DigitalEq	443/4	441/8	443/8	+3/8
Dillard s	461/2	461/4	461/4	-3/8
DowChem	561/2	561/8	561/8	-1/4
DresserInd	181/4	18	181/8	+1/8
DuPont	467/8	461/2	461/2	+1/8
EstKodak	503/8	497/8	501/8	-1/8
EljerInd	91/4	87/8	91/8	+1/2
Enserch	151/4	15	15	+1/8
Exxon	621/4	617/8	621/4	+3/8
FlowerInd	175/8	173/8	171/2	
FordMotor	463/4	46	461/2	+1/8
GTE Cp	363/8	361/4	361/4	
GnDynam	111	1105/8	1103/4	-1/4
GenElct	821/4	815/8	82	+1/8
GnMill	661/8	655/8	657/8	+3/8
GenMotors	391/4	383/4	39	+1/2
GnMotr E	30	291/2	293/4	+3/4
GePacif	675/8	671/8	673/8	
GlobalMar	27/8	25/8	27/8	+1/8
Goodrich	467/8	46	467/8	+11/4
Goodyear	671/4	67	67	-1/4
GtAtlPac	237/8	231/2	237/8	+5/8
Gulf StaUt	175/8	171/2	175/8	
Haliburtn	341/8	331/8	34	+1/4
Hanson	183/8	181/8	181/4	+1/4
HoustInd	471/2	473/8	471/2	+1/4
IBM	503/4	501/8	501/2	
IntlPaper	641/4	633/4	633/4	-1/8
JohnsnJns s	417/8	407/8	411/8	-3/8
K mart s	241/4	231/8	233/8	+1/4
Kroger	165/8	163/8	161/2	+1/8
vjLTV Cp	11-16	5/8	5/8	
Litton s	493/4	493/8	493/4	+1/8
vjLoneStar	21/2	23/8	23/8	
Lowes s	271/8	275/8	271/8	+1/8
Lubys	211/2	211/4	213/8	+1/4
Maxus	7	67/8	7	
MayDSt	68	673/4	673/4	-3/4
Medtronic	81	77	793/4	—2
Mobil	647/8	641/8	647/8	+3/4
Monsanto	521/4	511/4	511/4	-3/4
Motorola s	565/8	553/4	561/2	+3/4
Nationsbk	521/2	515/8	523/8	+11/4
Navistar	27/8	23/4	27/8	+1/8
Nynex	871/2	871/4	871/4	+1/8
OryxEngy	191/8	19	19	
PacTelesis	455/8	451/4	453/8	-1/8
PanhBCp	201/2	197/8	201/2	+5/8
PenneyJC	74	731/2	733/4	-1/4
Pennzoil	551/2	553/8	551/2	+1/8
PepBoys	241/8	24	241/8	
PhelpD s	513/4	511/8	513/4	
PhilipPet	265/8	263/8	261/2	+1/8
PilgrmPrd	71/2	71/2	71/2	
Polaroid s	273/4	275/8	275/8	-1/8
Praxair n	171/8	165/8	171/8	+5/8
Primerica	547/8	533/4	541/2	+11/2
ProctGamb s	493/4	491/2	491/2	
PubS NwMx	103/8	101/4	103/8	
SFePacCp	135/8	131/2	131/2	
SaraLee s	281/4	28	281/8	
SearsRoeb	517/8	511/8	517/8	+5/8
SherwinW	32	317/8	32	+1/8
SmthBck s	32	311/4	315/8	-1/8
SmthBc eqt s	271/2	27	271/4	-1/8
Southern Co	393/4	395/8	393/4	+1/4
SwAirl s	325/8	321/4	321/2	+1/4
SwstBell	711/2	71	711/8	-5/8
Sprint	271/8	263/4	271/8	+3/8
SterlingChm	43/8	43/8	43/8	
SunCo	271/2	271/8	271/8	-3/8
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Templint	481/8	48	481/8	-1/8
Tenneco	431/4	423/4	423/4	-3/8
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TexasInd	281/4	28	28	—5-16
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UnCarbde	163/4	161/2	161/2	-1/8
UnPac	58	577/8	577/8	+5/8
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WalMart	621/4	615/8	613/4	-1/8
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WinnDixie	755/8	743/4	755/8	+5/8
Woolwth	273/4	273/8	273/8	-1/4
Xerox Cp	823/8	811/2	817/8	-1/8
ZenithE	71/8	7	71/8	+1/8

Obituaries

Lena Mae Hart

1913-1993

ASPERMONT — Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church for Lena Mae Hart, 79, of Aspermont with the Rev. Mickey Wagoner officiating. Burial will be in Aspermont Cemetery.

She was the mother of Dick Hart of Aspermont, formerly of Snyder.

Mrs. Hart was born at Guthrie and had lived in Stonewall County most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of Aspermont's First Baptist Church.

She was the widow of Lawson Hart.

Survivors include two other sons, William Doyle Hart of Lubbock and Pete Hart of Abilene; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Criminal trial again delayed

A motion for continuance due to the illness of the defense attorney has been filed in 132nd District Court, causing the postponment of a criminal trial which began Tuesday.

A jury was selected about noon Tuesday and heard the state's evidence Tuesday afternoon. The first delay occurred Wednesday because two defense witnesses failed to appear.

On Thursday, defense attorney Pat Walker of Post became ill, and this morning Walker filed a motion for continuance.

Walker is defending Wayne Melton, 42, of Snyder who is charged with indecency with a child.

Dana Cooley, assistant district attorney, presented the state's case in District Judge Gene Dulaney's court.

Another jury panel has been called for 9 a.m. Monday to hear a civil case filed by Julian Garcia against Neil Rinehart. Garcia is seeking damages for injuries sustained when his vehicle struck a head of livestock.

Representing the plaintiff is W. Richard Forcum of Lubbock, and attorney for Rinehart is Lance Hall of Sweetwater.

Hospital Notes

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DISMISSALS: Abrigo Narsisa, Orbie Richburg.

Census: 47 (Med.-9, Long-Term Care-33, CCU-2, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Bustamante indicted on bribery charges

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Former congressman Albert Bustamante, the target of a 31/2-year grand jury probe, has been indicted on federal charges of accepting bribes in return for his influence in Congress.

His wife, attorney Rebecca Bustamante, also was charged in a 10-count indictment Thursday.

The former congressman vowed to fight the charges in court and win.

"It has been very tough for my family, for myself, for my friends. They (federal prosecutors) have gone under every rock ... using untold millions of dollars to come after me," Bustamante said. "They cost me my election."

Bustamante, a Democrat from San Antonio, lost the District 23 congressional seat in November to Republican Henry Bonilla. Bustamante, once a migrant farm worker, had held the office since 1984.

The indictment alleges during his years in Congress Bustamante accepted money from a food service company, a realty company connected with the politically powerful Jaffe family and the San Antonio law firm Heard, Goggan, Blair & Williams.

Bustamante is charged with one count of racketeering, one count of conspiracy to commit racketeering and eight counts of bribery. He could face up to 20 years in prison and up to a $250,000 fine each on the racketeering and conspiracy charges and two years in prison and up to a $250,000 fine on each of the eight bribery charges.

Rebecca Bustamante is charged in seven counts of aiding and abetting her husband in the acceptance of bribes. She could face up to two years in prison and up to a $250,000 fine on each count.

The government also is using a forfeiture section of the racketeering law to try to get from Bustamante $344,000, the amount the indictment alleges he reaped from the alleged crimes.

On the advice of his attorney, Bustamante did not respond to the specific allegations.

Bustamante is accused of helping Falcon Food and Management Services Inc. of San Antonio renew its contract to provide meals at Lackland Air Force Base in exchange for $35,000 allegedly paid to him in February 1986. The indictment says Bustamante used the money to pay off a mortgage on his Arlington, Va., home.

There was no telephone listing for Falcon Food. The indictment did not name the Falcon Food officials allegedly involved.

Bustamante also is accused of accepting $30,000 in November 1987 from State Realty Inc., a subsidiary of Southwest Merchandising Corp., now known as the Jaffe Group Inc.

Heart attack claims fire chief

GRANITE SHOALS, Texas (AP) — Elation at the rescue of a woman from her burning Burnet County home turned into grief when the Granite Shoals volunteer fire chief died minutes later of a heart attack.

The woman, 65-year-old Julia Cole, was saved by Granite Shoals police officer Kenneth Arther, with help from fire department lieutenant Scooter Lindholm, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Lindholm said an ambulance had just left the home on Lake LBJ with Ms. Cole Thursday when Chief Richard McQuaide Sr., 58, collapsed. Lindholm and Arther began resuscitation efforts and called a backup ambulance.

"I'm sure it didn't take five minutes to get there ... but it seems like an eternity when you're working on reviving someone you know and love," Lindholm said.

McQuaide's son and son-in-law were among the firefighters at the house, said Burnet County sheriff's Sgt. Jimmy Hopkins. McQuaide was pronounced dead at Highland Lakes Medical Center in Burnet, Hopkins said.

Arther, 33, was hospitalized at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio for smoke inhalation and possible lung burns.

He began working as a Granite Shoals police officer Jan. 1. He was called a hero by Hopkins and Lindholm.

Shooting suspect remains at large

DALLAS (AP) — A man suspected in the slaying of a Kimball High School sophomore remained at large today.

The 17-year-old student, Andrew Castillo, was fatally shot Thursday by the 21-year-old man who used to date the victim's girlfriend, a school official said.

Police said Castillo was shot up to 15 times at about 1 p.m. while he was sitting in a car in front of the school building.

Castillo, who was about to drive himself and several other half-day students to a work study program, was waiting for another student when the man, who police identified as Jesse Estrello, rushed the car and shot him.

The three other students in Castillo's vehicle were unharmed.

Castillo was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital where he later died.

GRADUATES — These Western Texas College nursing students graduated Thursday in ceremonies at Trinity United Methodist Church. New grads are, seated, from left, Christine Holland, Christy Barnett, Christina Johnson, Sam Dennis, and standing, Kim Dupree, Red Smith, Nifa Campos, Wendy Wadkins, Linda Sharrock and Lynn Herm, all of Snyder. These students are now qualified to take the state examination to become a licensed vocational nurse. (WTC Photo)

"PINNED" — This group of Western Texas College nursing students were "pinned" Thursday, indicating they have successfully completed half of the 12-month course required to become a licensed vocational nurse. Those pictured are, seated from left, Jacky Seitz of Big Spring, Lisa Haynes of Post, Susan Hickman of Snyder, Maticha Wilkie of Snyder; and standing, Glenda Halverson of Snyder; Betty Curry of Post, Jimmy Pittman of Snyder, Kellie Hills of Roby and Teresa Scott of Snyder. (WTC Photo)

Lawmakers say space station, collider ups, downs not helpful

WASHINGTON (AP) — The recent flurry of conflicting reports about the future of Space Station Freedom has done little to help the embattled program's fate in Congress, some on Capitol Hill say.

But others contend that the Clinton administration has put a halt to the confusion with a decisive show of support for the embattled $30 billion-plus program.

"I think we're going to be just fine," Jane Hickie, a top aide to Gov. Ann Richards, said Thursday after discussing the space station program with Vice President Al Gore's office.

Some place blame for the confusion on the administration and a series of trial balloons floated in recent days to determine the support that exists for the space station.

"The most benevolent thing I could say is there appears to be mass confusion as to exactly what the White House said," said Rep. Jim Chapman, D-Sulphur Springs. "It was at best confusing, if not misleading."

A congressional staffer who works closely on space station issues lamented what he termed the poor consultation by the White House with key lawmakers.

"It's really pitiful from our perspective that we don't have the access at this point to not have to deal with media trial balloons," the aide said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Word last week was that the administration was going to ax the station, much of which is being developed at the Johnson Space Center near Houston. Another program with Texas ties, the superconducting super collider, also was dogged by persistent termination rumors.

Those reports were quickly followed by others that Clinton would slash station funding by 40 percent and demand a wholesale restructuring of the program. It was less clear what would be sought for the super collider.

Lawmakers pressed the administration to clarify its position, many noting that Clinton and Gore had endorsed both projects on the campaign trail. Texas Sen. Bob Krueger and Rep. Jack Brooks, whose district includes the Johnson Space Center, quickly informed reporters the full $2.25 billion requested by NASA for space station would be sought.

A later twist, which emerged Wednesday, is that the administration will request the full funding. But $1.1 billion will be used to scrap the current design and send NASA back to the drawing board to fashion a cheaper design.

Administration officials rushed to explain their use of "termination costs" was just an accounting term and didn't mean the death of the station.

"What we are trying to do is to create a program that is even more effective and make even more contributions to our science," said Marla Romash, Gore's spokeswoman.

Several Texas officials moved quickly Thursday to stress the administration's full commitment to the project.

"If they, and we, are successful, life should be better," said Ms. Hickie, who is head of the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations in Washington. "They are talking about trying to develop a plan on how to restructure this space station so that we can quit fighting over it every year and keep the job base situated in Texas."

But Chapman and others said the earlier mixed signals won't help space station's funding chances in a year when lawmakers are combing for budget cuts.

"It's absolutely sending terrible signals," Chapman said. The rumors are also doing little to reassure foreign participants who have committed some $8 billion to the project, he added.

Full funding is not likely to occur for the $8.2 billion super collider.

Berry's World

"...And, as I was saying to a radio talk-show host just yesterday..."

WTC nursing students graduated on Thursday

Western Texas College nursing students participated in graduation and pinning ceremonies Thursday night at Trinity Methodist Church.

Those who graduated were Christine Holland, Christy Barnett, Christina Johnson, Sam Dennis, Kim Dupree, Red Smith, Nifa Campos, Wendy Wadkins, Linda Sharrock and Lynn Herm, all of Snyder.

These students have successfully completed a 12-month course of training and are now qualified to take the state examination for a licensed vocational nurse (LVN).

Students pinned included Jacky Seitz of Big Spring, Lisa Haynes and Betty Curry, both of post, Kellie Hills of Roby and Susan Hickman, Maticha Wilkie, Glenda Halverson, Jimmy Pittman and Teresa Scott, all of Snyder.

The pinning ceremony indicated the students have successfully completed half of the 12-month course.

Speaker for the ceremony was Shelley Smith, R.N., supervisor at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The program also included a welcome from Gay Hickman, WTC vice president for business, and entertainment from singer Melanie Smith, Snyder High School choir director, accompanied by pianist Sherry Stewart.

The invocation and benediction was offered by Carl Burleson, respiratory therapist at Cogdell, and the professional and recessional was played by pianist Patsy Martin.

WTC Senate gains five

Five new members have been added to the Western Texas College Senate this spring term, filling vacancies from the fall.

New sophomore senators are Heather Harris of Sweetwater, a telecommunications major and a WTC cheerleader; and Jeff Black of Snyder, a drama major and a member of the Baptist Student Union.

New freshman senators are Debra K. Burke of Ira, staff photographer for the Western Texan; Heather Carlson of Camp San Saba, a special education major and a WTC cheerleader; and J.D. Houston of Sweetwater.

Richards announces appointments to Texas Board of Criminal Justice

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards has announced the reappointment of Carol S. Vance of Houston and the appointment of Gilberto Hinojosa, of Corpus Christi, and John R. Ward, of Gatesville, to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

They will serve terms extending through Feb. 1, 1999, pending confirmation by the Senate.

Hinojosa will replace Mamie Proctor of Houston, whose term expired. Ward replaces F.L. "Steve" Stephens, of San Angelo, whose term expired.

Vance was appointed to the Criminal Justice Board in April 1992. He was designated chairman in October 1992.

Vance was the Harris County district attorney from 1966-79 and served as an assistant district attorney from 1958-66. He is currently a partner in the Houston law firm of Bracewell and Patterson.

Hinojosa, 40, is currently serving as justice of the 13th Court of Appeals.

Ward, 38, is the secretary-treasurer of Ward Insurance Agency, Inc.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an enthusiastic reader of your column and have often benefited from your discussion of various aspects of human ailments. My father underwent brain surgery twice in the last three years as treatment for meningioma. Within six months, a CT scan revealed regrowth.

The neurosurgeons are unwilling to do further surgery and advise us to let him live as comfortably as possible without further treatment. His neurosurgeon has given him dexamethasone intramuscularly and prednisolone orally. The latter will continue for about 50 days.

His condition appears to be improving; however, the physician thinks this is primarily due to the effects of the steroid on edema. Is it possible that meningiomas do have receptors for steroids which may then act directly to reduce the tumor?

DEAR READER: Brain tumors (and the treatment for them) often cause brain swelling or edema. This swelling can worsen symptoms, such as headache and weakness.

Cortisone (and other steroid medications, such as prednisolone) will effectively reduce edema. Therefore, these medications are routinely prescribed in situations like that affecting your father, if specific therapy (such as surgery) is no longer feasible.

I am not aware of steroid receptors in brain tumors. Rather, the steroids appear to work by relieving brain swelling in tissue around the tumors. Also, steroids often contribute to a feeling of well-being, thereby making sick people feel less sick. From the information you provide, your father appears to be receiving appropriate care.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A few months ago my fingernails began breaking and peeling. Now they are down to the nub and peeling below the quick. I'm on Nolvadex because I had breast cancer, and I also take Synthroid. My doctor doesn't think the nail splitting is a side effect, so what is causing this condition?

DEAR READER: Nolvadex (tamoxifen) is an anti-estrogen agent, meaning that it blocks the effects of female hormone, a useful goal in women who have had breast cancer that may be enhanced by estrogen.

I can find no reference to the drug's effects on the nails. It can, however, cause rash, cataracts and itching; this suggests that it could have an effect on nail formation and growth. Ask your oncologist (cancer specialist) about this.

I don't believe the Synthroid (thyroid hormone) is to blame.

Because anyone taking chemotherapy for a malignancy can develop protein/vitamin/mineral deficiencies, I suggest you discuss the issue of a well-balanced diet with your doctor. Perhaps a protein supplement or multi-vitamin might help your nail growth.

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

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WTC meat judging team places 6th

Western Texas College's meat judging team placed sixth overall in the Southwestern Livestock Show and Rodeo judging competition held in Fort Worth recently.

Team winnings included third in placings, fifth in beef judging and sixth in pork judging.

Individual awards went to Hud Hudson of Colorado City, who placed fifth in placings and ninth overall. Lanny Zant of Wilson placed eighth in placings.

Other team members competing were Jodie Ellis of Colorado City, Kathy Hobbs of Utopia and Tommi Whitley of O'Donnell.

The team will conclude its judging season in Houston at the national competition the first weekend in March.

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