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Ask Us

Q—When will junior and senior level courses be offered by Abilene Christian University on the WTC campus, and what will the per-hour cost be for tuition?

A—The proposed starting date would be the fall of 1994 and the tuition cost would be at ACU's normal rate.

Local

Alliance

Scurry County Ministerial Alliance will meet for prayer at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Willow Park Inn. A meeting will follow at 10 o'clock.

Financial aid

A financial aid workshop for juniors and seniors and their parents will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Snyder High School Student Center.

HISD

Hermleigh ISD trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to consider an extension of the superintendent's contract, a policy on participation in graduation exercises and cooperative purchasing agreements.

Holiday

A student holiday and in-service scheduled Jan. 14 at Hermleigh ISD has been changed to Jan. 21, administrators have announced. The original school holiday, Jan. 14, will now be a regular school day.

Ira ISD

Ira public school trustees will consider agreements with Colorado and Snyder ISD during a meeting set for 8 p.m. Thursday.

The agreements are Option 4 pacts under Senate Bill 7 which allow Ira ISD to "purchase" weighted average daily attendance from the two school districts.

Also on the agenda is an interlocal agreement to enter a bidding and purchasing cooperative and consideration of the superintendent's contract term and salary.

Cogdell

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will consider accounts payable and will recognize outgoing board members during a meeting set for 8 a.m. Thursday in the hospital board room.

Out-going board members are Doug Foster, who is retiring, and Dr. Jim Palmer, who has asked not to be appointed to another term.

Also on the agenda are a board self-evaluation summary, a review of conflict of interest statements and approval of previous minutes.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 60 degrees; low, 33 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 34 degrees; no precipitation.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 30-35. Northwest to north wind 5-15 mph. Thursday: Mostly sunny. High in the mid 60s. Northwest wind 5-15 mph. Becoming west.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:01. Sunrise Thursday, 7:43. Of 11 days in 1994, the sun has shone 11 days in Snyder.



MESQUITE FIELD DAY — A mesquite field day was held today in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College. Several speakers were to address an increasing interest in mesquite lumber as a high quality hardwood used for home building, floors and furniture. From left are Helene Tutt of Snyder; Connie Tutt of Rotan; Dr. Fehrlin of Houston; David Perino of Tucson, Ariz.; George Wartsbaugh of Ennis; David Miller of Bastrop and kneeling, Peter Felker of Texas A&M-Kingsville. (SDN Staff Photo)

President will ask for special counsel in Whitewater flap

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today will ask for appointment of a special counsel to investigate his investment in a controversial Arkansas real estate development, a senior White House official said.

The White House will announce the decision later today, said the official, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The reversal of the White House policy came as Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole called for appointment of a special Senate committee to investigate the Clintons' 1980s investment in the Whitewater Development Corp. The White House had no immediate action to Dole's demand.

"Regardless of what the attorney general does, Sen. Dole feels Congress ought to be involved on a bipartisan basis, just as it has been in controversies in the past," said Dole spokesman Clarkson Hine.

The White House for weeks has opposed Republican demands for an independent investigation of the Whitewater investment, arguing that an ongoing Justice Department investigation was adequate. Echoing the White House, Reno has said she did not believe it was neceassary for her to appoint a special counsel, and has said that if she did Republicans would then question the investigator's objectivity.

But Republicans have been relentless in their criticism of White House handling of the controversy, and the calls by a growing number of Democrats for Clinton to call for an independent review stripped the administration of its argument that Republicans were trying to embarrass Clinton.

The senior aide declined to discuss the White House decision prior to the announcement planned later today, except to say that under Justice Department regulations the White House would have no say in whom Reno picked to lead the investigation.

Fourth quarter...

Bank deposits show rise

Total bank deposits in Snyder showed a slight fourth-quarter rise, based on year-end reports of three local financial institutions.

The figures are computed on call reports as of Dec. 31 from West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank and from Snyder Savings and Loan Association. AmWest and American State Bank do not report individual branch data.

Deposits of the three financial firms at the close of 1993 were $189.3 million, an increase of $4.6 million when compared to the third quarter of 1993.

The total deposit figure was down $11.4 million when compared to the end of 1992. Some of the year-end decline against the previous year is attributed to the shifting of public funds from one institution to another.

Total loans at the close of 1993 were $83 million, compared to $82.7 million at this time last year, an increase of $300,000. When compared to the third quarter of 1993, year-end loans were down $400,000.

Snyder National Bank reported Dec. 31 deposits totaling $85 million, an increase of $3.9 million when compared to the third quarter of 1993 and a decline of $2.7 million when compared to the final quarter of 1992.

Deposits at West Texas State Bank were $72.9 million at the close of the year, compared to $71.8 million on Sept. 30, an increase of $1.1 million. WTSB deposits were down $6.7 million when compared to the end of 1992.

Snyder Savings' deposits were $31.4 million at year-end, a drop of $400,000 compared to the third quarter of the same year, and down $2 million compared to the close of 1992.

Total loans at Snyder National were $29.1 million, a decline of $2.1 million when compared to the quarter's previous total of $31.2. When compared to the final three months of 1992, SNB loans were down $1.4 million.,

Loans at WTSB totaled $38.3 million, an increase of $900,000 since the third quarter of 1993, and an jump of $200,000 since the end of 1992.

Loans at Snyder Savings totaled $15.6 million at the close of 1993, an increase of $800,000 over the third period of 1993, and an increase of $1.5 million when compared to the end of 1992.

Commission increases TU rates by some 10%

AUSTIN (AP) — Action by state regulators means TU Electric Co. residential customers would pay about 10 percent more per year, about 5 percent less than the company wants to charge, according to a TU estimate.

The Public Utility Commission, which regulates electric and telephone rates, plans to take a final vote on the rate case Jan. 26.

In a meeting that lasted until late Tuesday night, the PUC devised a plan to allocate an estimated 8.8 percent, $435.15 million rate increase among the company's 2.2 million customers in 92 counties.

Besides the price boost for residential customers, the panel proposed to hike rates for commercial customers by about 9 percent, large industrial customers by about 10 and cities and school districts by about 17 percent, said Steve Houle, TU Electric's rates manager.

All the rate increases are lower than what TU Electric began charging in August on an interim basis. That month, the Dallas-based company increased overall prices 15.3 percent.

Increases of some customer groups, such as wholesale customers and outdoor lighting, would be below the new 8.8 percent figure, said TU Electric spokeswoman Joan Hunter. She added, "These are just ballpark numbers."

The new rates, which are being challenged by the company, would take effect in March, Houle said. Customers would be refunded based on the difference between interim rates and those approved by the commission beginning in April, he said.

Auditions continue

Auditions for "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music" will be held at 7 this evening in the college theatre.

The play is a joint Ritz Community Theatre and Western Texas College drama department production,.

There are roles for three men and two women in the contemporary comedy, set in the vicinity of a country western club in Houston.

Scripts may be checked out from the Fine Arts office or from director Mike Endy at WTC.

For additional information, call Endy at 573-8533 ext. 233 or Ellie Dryden at 573-9739.

Production dates are Feb. 17-20 and 24-27 at the Fine Arts Theatre.



BLOOD DRIVE — Renee Pickard, technician with United Blood Services of Lubbock, prepares Charles Holloway for donating blood during Tuesday's blood drive here. (SDN Staff Photo)

Blood drive results in 181 units drawn

A number of people had to be turned away from Tuesday's blood drive because they were battling the effects of influenza, but officials reported 118 units drawn.

"It was a real successful drive, especially considering how many people have had the flu here recently," a drive spokesperson said.

Homer Godair received an eight-gallons pin while Cecil Boren and Elizabeth Jenkins received seven-gallon pins. Bob Travis received a six-gallon pin.

Others receiving pins were Britt Canada, four gallons; L.D. Ballard, three gallons; Dwaine Williams and Billie Jackson, two gallons; and Rex Glass, Lola Wagner, Rayburn Burgess, Linda Longorio, Phyllis Parks and Olan Culp, one gallon.

Receiving $5 gift certificates from Jaramillo's Restaurant were Rayburn Burgess, Dwaine Williams, Ruby Washburn, Beatrice Olivarez, Denise Wood, Billie Jackson and Karen Franklin.

Receiving $5 gift certificates from Spanish Inn were Marsha Lovelady, Zelma Irons, Ethel Head, Brian Blair, Walter Reneau, Olan Culp and Clint Haywood.

Winning the Sunday buffet for two from Willow Park was Linda Longorio.

Businesses participating included Dairy Queen, Sonic Drive-In, Whataburger, Taco John's, McDonald's, Golden Corral, Wal-Mart, Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppe, Gill's Fried Chicken and Lawrence IGA.

Also assisting were Bar-H-Bar, Ben Wilson Supply, McWilliams Pharmacy, The Shack, Kmart, Pizza Hut, Golden Corral and Scurry County Coliseum.

Scurry County Senior Center VIVA volunteers assisted as well.

The drive was sponsored by Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Scurry County Advisory for United Blood Services.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Discipline is like cabbage. We may not like it, but surely it would be good for somebody else."

Mark Ham, a Snyder High School grad who is band director in neighboring Roby, has teamed up with some others to record what we think is some pretty good easy-listening.

Some may call it "elevator music," but we like it because it doesn't give you a headache. The only problem, easy listening doesn't sell as well as say, country and western.

Somebody suggested that Ham might record some C&W and he responded with something about "pride." Guess he could do one type for fun and the other for food.

We don't really know whether it's the catchy tune or the unusual lyrics, but C&W remains the rage. You know the type, "Queen of my double-wide trailer with the polyester curtains and redwood deck."

We haven't heard all these songs, but some lyrics recently came across our desk. We heard this one: "I'm gonna erase your name from the blackboard of my heart."

Try to put a tune with these C&W lines:

--If fingerprints showed up on skin, I wonder whose I'd find on you.

--I get tears in my ears from lying on my back crying over you.

--I was a couch potato, and she crossed me off her diet.

--Every fella needs a dog, but why did mine have to be you.

--She can't fill your shoes — there's just no way. But she sure looks great in your lingerie.

--If someone that loves me could hurt me this bad, just think what a stranger could do.

--The third time she was two-timing me was the last time I showed her the door.

--I feel like a buzzard on a desert where nothing ever dies.

--I'm too weak to fight your man of the week.

--It just dawned on me what sundown does to you.

--I used to like your cooking 'till you microwaved my heart.

--She sets me on fire like kindlin' wood, but she can't hold a candle to you.

--I cried when I picked up your jewelry case, honey, 'cause it throwed out my back again.

--Your picture in the moonlight keeps the crows out of my corn.

--I painted our old barn today with the makeup you left behind.

--I've got athlete's heart, and it's itching for you.

Astrograph
By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday
Thursday, Jan. 13, 1994

The course you are presently pursuing should produce the types of rewards you anticipate in the year ahead. However, if you begin making unnecessary changes it could throw everything off kilter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It might be wise not to attend special sales today that offer unique bargains for unique merchandise. There's a chance you may buy things you'll never use. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be optimistic regarding your objectives today, but also be careful not to stamp "Mission Accomplished" on projects which are too early to call.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Before swinging into action today reanalyze your motivation to be certain it justifies your course of behavior. There's a strong probability it might not.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Think twice before advising friends about their problems today. Although your suggestions will be sincere and well-intentioned, they could be faulty.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) For the sake of harmony today, keep unpopular opinions to yourself. If you champion views with which others disagree, it could cause serious friction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your work habits might be far beneath their usual standards today. Tasks or assignments you treat indifferently may have to be completely redone at a later date.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Guard against inclinations to overindulge today. The extra food that passes through your lips may later look unsightly on your hips.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you extend an invitation to others today, be absolutely certain it is sincere. It looks like they will accept your kind offer of hospitality.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your "easy come, easy go" frame of mind today could work to your detriment if you play things too loose. Treat serious matters with the respect they deserve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're in a pretty good cycle for personal gain, but you could also have some peaks and troughs regarding your extravagant whims. Today they may be rather strong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) There's a chance you might step out of character today and put on some pretenses and airs in order to impress others. Poor results are likely, because it's a role you're not apt to play well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Forego temptations today to embellish the facts a bit in order to add spice to your tales of accomplishments. You'll attract attention, but not the kind you'll appreciate.

Scientists think a single aurora may carry millions of megawatts of power, enough to provide all the electricity the U.S. would ever need if the energy could be harnessed.

Researchers learn where Nazi fled

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Researchers sifting through hundreds of thousands of documents are finding detailed accounts on how Nazi criminals and collaborators entered Argentina after World War II.

The files, released by President Carlos Menem almost two years ago, have provided some tidbits on infamous Nazis such as Josef Mengele.

"With every day of work, we find more names," said Beatriz Rubel-Gurevich, director of an eight-member research team sponsored by Jewish organizations. "And there are a lot more files to look at."

The researchers are uncovering most of the details at the Foreign Ministry archives.

One of the best-documented cases is that of Milan Stoyadinovich, pro-Nazi prime minister of Yugoslavia, who signed a cooperation accord with Italy in 1937 and visited Adolf Hitler in 1938 before being forced to resign the following year.

Documents seen by The Associated Press show that the Foreign Ministry rejected his visa request in June 1947 after the U.S. State Department warned that he might try to enter South America.

But a top ministry official intervened, writing in a memorandum that Stoyadinovich was "a person of recognized morality" and recommending that he receive a visa.

Later memos indicate that the foreign minister and immigration director personally approved Stoyadinovich's visa. In August 1947, his wife and two daughters were allowed into Argentina. Stoyadinovich followed them a month later. Reseachers have no information on what became of him.

But for Hanny Dreifuss Hirschheimer, a 20-year-old German Jew, Argentina's doors were shut.

Her May 1946 visa application, made to the Argentine Embassy in Uruguay, received the following response from an official there: "In addition to being a Jew, I have negative reports on her past. Therefore I believe that entrance should be refused."

Foreign Ministry records show that those exact words were written on the applications of many Jews who applied for visas.

"But to believe that there was only one, pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic Argentinan would be a mistake," said head researcher Adrian Jmelnizky. "There were many politicians and officials who openly opposed immigration based on ideology."

Many Jews and Nazis immigrated to Argentina through embassies that sold visas to anyone.

It has been widely debated in Argentina whether the 1946-55 government of Juan Peron was ideologically aligned with Hitler or allowed Nazis into the country because of their scientific and military expertise.

But documents found by the researchers show that many Argentine diplomats openly admired German nationalism and xenophobia, and didn't object to anti-Semitic policies.

The archives also show that many Nazis lived in Argentina without fear of being captured.

Mengele came to Argentina under a fake identity on an International Red Cross passport, but later used his own name. In 1958, more than a year after Germany requested his arrest, Mengele felt confident enough to ask his university in Germany to restore his medical degree, which was taken away after the war.

Mengele is believed to have left Argentina in the 1960s for Paraguay or Brazil. He drowned in Brazil in 1979.

Special prosecutor named

FORT WORTH (AP) — A special prosecutor has been named to preside over the DWI trial of former Denton County assistant district attorney Lisa Ryan, who is running unopposed in the GOP primary March 8 for the newly created Tarrant County Criminal Court of Appeals.

County Criminal Court Judge Pete Gilfeather on Tuesday appointed Roger Jones, who has been an assistant district attorney in Denton County for the past five years, to pursue the misdemeanor DWI charge against Ms. Ryan, 32.

Ms. Ryan, who was charged with driving while intoxicated on New Year's Eve, worked as a prosecutor in Tarrant County from 1987 to 1990. She is free on $1,000 cash bail.

Tarrant County District Attorney Tim Curry said he wants a special prosecutor because Ms. Ryan still has many friends in his office. Her first court appearance is scheduled for March 16.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its editions today, quoting sources in the county Republican Party, said she has been urged to withdraw from the race.

If Ms. Ryan withdraws, her name will remain on the ballot and the Republican Party will not be permitted to pick another candidate. That would give the job to Democratic candidate Mamie Bush Johnson.

Ms. Ryan was stopped while driving her black Chevrolet Suburban in the Stockyards area of Fort Worth on New Year's Eve.

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Dr. Gott
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Water is unlikely link to PVCs

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm male, in my early 40s, diagnosed with PVCs. After eliminating salt and sugar from my diet to no avail, I avoided drinking chlorinated tap water. Sure enough, after switching to bottled water, the PVCs vanished within a week. Perhaps chlorine and other ions interfere with the electrochemical functioning of the heart's pacemaker. Your view?

DEAR READER: The infinitesimal amount of chlorine present in municipal water supplies is too small to have an appreciable effect on the body. Thus, in my view, there is no relation between chlorine and the heart.

Nevertheless, I am intrigued by the apparent effect your drinking water has on your heart rate. Here's the problem.

Premature ventricular contractions (extra heartbeats) occur in almost everybody from time to time. They are often related to stress, fatigue, nicotine and caffeine; they are also harmless, except in cases where they may reflect a heart disorder, usually diagnosed by a cardiogram or other tests. PVCs may come and go. Therefore, I suspect that the chlorine/PVC relation may be pure serendipity: two unrelated events occurring close together.

People have a need to find order in a world that appears chaotic. Consequently, it is human nature to assume that if B follows A, A must have caused B. However, as George Gershwin wrote, it ain't necessarily so. In fact, the two events may be totally divergent. The strength of the A-B relation lies in how impressive A or B is (an eclipse or volcanic eruption, for instance) or how often the two events occur in proximity. Superstitions are built on this sort of thing.

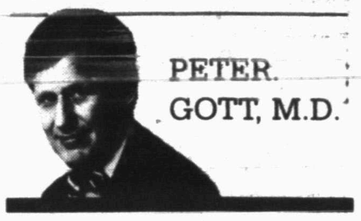
The value of the scientific method is that it can help people discover true cause and effect relations. In your case, for example, maybe something else is going on. You may have decided to walk to the store to purchase bottled water. (Exercise can reduce the frequency of PVCs.) You may have cut back on colas, tea or coffee. (The caffeine may cause PVCs.) Or there may be some other behavioral change of which you are unaware.

I suggest that you experiment by alternating tap water with bottled water, at the same time keeping your daily activities unchanged. See what happens. Let me know the outcome.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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PETER GOTT, M.D.

Radiation experiments abetted by cold war, doctors' attitude

NEW YORK (AP) — Early in 1957, when the Soviet Union had acquired the H-bomb but hadn't yet put Sputnik in orbit, the U.S. government told its citizens that some of them would have to be sacrificed to assure America's survival.

"We must gamble with the probability of radiation damage to a few individuals in order to secure the survival of the total society," C.W. Shilling of the Atomic Energy Commission said in a speech at Hunter College. "The game we are playing with Russia ... is for keeps."

That response to the fears aroused by the Cold War contributed to a series of human radiation experiments in the 1940s and '50s that some scientists say were dangerous and ethically indefensible.

Hundreds of pregnant women, prisoners, mentally ill and others were exposed to radiation, sometimes without even being told they were part of an experiment.

The attitude toward radiation was so casual that doctors did experiments on their own, without informing their superiors.

"It is probable that some clinicians were doing 'ad hoc' research that was not approved either locally or centrally, and for which no formal record exists" the Department of Veterans Affairs said in a statement Saturday.

The extent of that experimentation may never be known.

Many of the radiation experiments, which would never be allowed today, reflect not only Cold War fears but also what was then a far different public attitude toward doctors.

"Informed consent was informal," said Francis Masse, director of radiation protection programs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "It used to be the doc putting his arm around your shoulder and telling you it wouldn't hurt. And you would trust the doctor and consent to it."

"To hear that such things went on in the 1940s and 1950s is regrettable, but not surprising," said Dr. Robert Levine, who teaches medical ethics at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Today, elaborate procedures are used to assure that patients are fully informed of an experiment's risks and benefits before they volunteer. In the postwar years, those standards were just beginning to evolve, Levine said.

"What we essentially had was the so-called community standard of informed consent," he said. "That is, in getting informed consent you had to do whatever the community of practitioners considered appropriate."

In other words, doctors know best. "It wasn't until 1957 that we realized other people might have an interest," Levine said.

Even in the 1950s, however, some doctors strenuously objected to the Atomic Energy Commission's willingness to endanger volunteers without their knowledge.

The experiments "have a little of the Buchenwald touch," Dr. Joseph Hamilton, an Atomic Energy Commission biologist, wrote to a senior commission official in 1950. The reference was to the wartime experiments conducted by the Nazis on concentration camp prisoners.

Those experiments led, after World War II, to the creation of the Nuremburg Code. Its first principle says that the willing participation of informed subjects is a moral requirement for human experimentation, according to Arthur L. Caplan, director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics at the University of Minnesota.

"It is indisputably clear that in terms of moral requirements you were supposed to get the knowledgeable consent of your subjects. You couldn't fool them, you couldn't deceive them, you couldn't lie to them," Caplan said.

"In that sense, the experiments we're talking about fail dismally. They are clearly in violation of the standard we articulated in Nuremberg."

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Dear Abby



A Little Word Research Cures Man's Curious Itch

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Almost all pharmacies use "Rx" as an identifying symbol, so I have been asking pharmacists the origin of this symbol.

Thus far, I have asked perhaps two dozen in different parts of the country, and not one of them was quite certain.

"It's probably Latin," say some.

"I think it's a Greek derivation," say others.

A few have said, "Why not ask Dear Abby?"

So I am. You may use my name.
AL BENNETT, EVERETT, WASH.

DEAR AL BENNETT: To paraphrase my Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, Rx is the symbol used at the beginning of a prescription and means "take."

The Henry Holt Encyclopedia of Word and Phrase Origins offers this slightly more elaborate definition:

"Rx. The Latin 'recipere,' 'take this,' provides the R in the symbol Rx used by pharmacists for centuries, while the slant across the R's leg is a sign of the Roman god Jupiter, patron of medicine. The symbol looks like Rx and is pronounced that way."

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I was intrigued by the letter about Johnny Lujack because of an incident that took place in 1945 after Johnny Lujack had become a household name.

I was a corporal in the Army Air Corps, stationed at Boca Raton, Fla. I was on a three-day pass and had gone to Palm Beach. Late one night, I was walking down a deserted street when a motorcycle careened down the street, skidded at high speed, throwing the driver into the middle of the roadway, unconscious.

I raced to give him aid, and an ensign on the other side of the street also raced to help him. Together we hailed a car and helped the injured party into the car and saw him off to the hospital.

The ensign and I talked for a minute, then went for a cup of coffee. He asked me where I was staying. I told him I was sleeping in the lobby of a nearby hotel, but I had to get out by 6 a.m. because it was against the rules to rent a hotel room to an enlisted man.

The ensign invited me to share his room as he had twin beds. Then he said, "Maybe we should introduce ourselves."

I said, "My name is Emil Kohn." He replied, "Mine is Johnny Lujack."

EMIL KOHN, TEMPE, ARIZ.

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DEAR ABBY: I just want to thank you and everyone who participated in your Operation Dear Abby and wrote to those of us in the service who are doing tours throughout the world. Each and every one of our jobs is difficult and the rewards are scarce. I used to wonder whether people thought of us back home. But now I can lay those thoughts to rest.

I hope that you print this so those who wrote will realize how important a simple 10-minute letter is to those of us thousands of miles from home.

On behalf of the U.S. Armed Forces, I thank you.

EMFA MICHAEL E. BURKE,
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3 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

Almost all you need to know

By Phillip Alder

Let's take a second look at the excellent new book by Englishmen Terence Reese and David Bird, "All You Need to Know About Play" (Gollancz, $25, 800-274-2221). Of course, it doesn't contain *everything* you need to know; and, in my opinion, it has some material on rare squeezes that could have been omitted. But, along with the many full deals, there are several single-suit combinations to demonstrate what is possible in this fascinating game.

Today's deal is in one of the defense sections. Take the East seat. Against six spades, your partner leads the club 10. Declarer wins in hand with the queen, cashes his spade ace and plays a spade to dummy's king, partner following both times. Now comes dummy's singleton heart. How do you defend?

North's two-heart response was a transfer bid showing at least five spades. South jumped to three spades to show a maximum with four-card support.

You are faced with a perennial problem. When a side-suit singleton is led from the dummy, should you win with the ace or duck? Usually it is right to play low *smoothly*.

Of course, if the ace is the setting trick, take it. But otherwise what might be lost on the roundabout normally comes back with interest on the swings. Maybe declarer has a K-J combination he must guess correctly. Or the deal is like this one. If you win with the heart ace, declarer has two discards for dummy's diamond losers; whereas if you duck, sacrificing one heart trick, your side receives two diamond tricks in return.

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Keyboard communicators questioned

FREDERICK, Md. (AP) — The 9-year-old autistic girl had been communicating with an electronic keyboard for four months when her therapist asked what was bothering her one day.

With help from the therapist, she typed, "Hepulldownmypants." And later, "itrytogetawaybuthecaughtmeandyelledatme."

A few days after that, a detective and a social worker interviewed the girl. This time she typed "heputhisupme."

The translation, according to prosecutors: "He put his up me."

The allegations have led to rape charges against a retarded aide at the girl's school and have stirred debate over the reliability of "facilitated communication."

Facilitated communication is used to help people with autism and other disabilities that rob them of speech. A therapist supports the person's hand or arm and offers encouragement as he or she spells out messages on a keyboard or ABC board.

In the Maryland girl's case, she typed out the allegations in 1992 as her therapist, Cecilia Hedges, stabilized her arm.

After a doctor concluded the girl had a "healed sexual injury" to the vaginal area, David Ross, 27, was charged in May with raping the youngster between 1989 and 1991 at the Rock Creek School for special education students.

Douglas Biklen, a special education professor, helped introduce facilitated communication to America after learning about it in 1989 from an educator in Australia. He is director of the Facilitated Communication Institute at Syracuse University.

Like Biklen, advocates contend that with help from a facilitator the knowledge and intellect of people without speech can be tapped. Critics, however, claim that facilitated communication is a sham and that in many cases, it's the facilitator's messages that are typed.

During a hearing Monday in Circuit Court, the reliability of the practice was debated.

"I've had several successes with children but have also had some that I don't feel it works for at all," Ms. Hedges testified. "My experience with (the girl) is that it does work with her."

But Howard Shane, a specialist in communications disorders at Children's Hospital in Boston, said he thought it was implausible that the girl, who was functioning at the level of a 2-year-old, could type messages with the intellectual ability of a 10-year-old.

"Without instruction, she could write? She could read?" Shane asked.

And Marcia Datlow Smith, a psychologist from Rockville, testified that she found that her patients typed gibberish and random letters when they were being guided by facilitators who did not know the answers to questions being asked.

Scott Rolle, an attorney for the defendant, asked the court to exclude the girl's typed messages from the trial, which is scheduled to begin June 21.

The judge compromised and ordered a test to determine whether the therapist influenced the messages. Details of the test have not been worked out.

According to the defense attorney, facilitated communication has made its way into more than a dozen court cases.

DATE BOOK

Jan. 12, 1994

Today is the 12th day of 1994 and the 23rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1991, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution authorizing the president to use force to expel Iraq from Kuwait.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edmund Burke (1729-1797), political writer-statesman; John Hancock (1737-1793), American Revolutionary leader; John Singer Sargent (1856-1924), painter; Jack London (1876-1916), writer; Tex Ritter (1907-1974), singer-songwriter; Joe Frazier (1944-), boxing great, is 50; Kirstie Alley (1955-), actress, is 39; Dominique Wilkins (1960-), basketball player, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, Joe Namath and the New York Jets upset the Baltimore Colts, 16-7, in Super Bowl III.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Life don't run away from nobody. Life runs at people." — Joe Frazier

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1912, Iowa's all-time low temperature, 47 below zero, was set at Washta.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (Jan. 11).

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State Democratic leaders say...

Nat'l GOP funded defeat of school bill

AUSTIN (AP) — State Democratic leaders are complaining that the Republican National Committee's $400,000 contribution to help squash a Texas school finance plan was primarily intended to make Democratic Gov. Ann Richards look bad, The Dallas Morning News reported in a copyright story.

Records show that the group's contribution aided in the downfall last May of a proposed constitutional amendment called the "Robin Hood" aimed at equalizing funding among school districts, the newspaper said in today's editions.

"For a party that claims to champion local control, it's mighty hypocritical for the national Republican Party to bankroll a local Texas issue," said Ed Martin, executive director of the state Democratic Party.

The finance plan, whose premise was to redistribute money from financially well-to-do school districts to poorer districts was backed by Democratic Gov. Ann Richards.

Democrats charged Tuesday that the GOP interfered with a state ballot issue to embarrass Richards before her re-election campaign.

Margaret Justus, a spokeswoman for the campaign to pass the amendment said: "It's clear that they wanted to see this as a scar on Ann Richards' record. They saw it as a personal attack on her, and that was unfortunate."

Austin political consultant Bill Miller, who worked on the campaign to pass the amendment, said he doesn't blame the RNC for funding the opposition campaign. But, he believes the donation should have been revealed publicly before the election.

"They didn't do it on principle. They did it for politics," he said. "They wanted to embarass Ann and weaken her before her re-election."

State Republican Chairman Fred Meyer defended the party's involvement saying it was to help Texas Republicans opposed to the plan.

"Everything was on the same side: going after Ann Richards, going after Robin Hood and supporting the Republican" candidates vying for the Senate seat in the May 1 special election, Meyer said.

Although there are limits for federal elections, Texas has no ceiling on such contributions. So, the donations, which comprised nearly 60 percent of the opposition group finances, were not illegal.

The bulk of the $400,000 paid for a telephone bank to urge amendment opponents to the polls, according to campaign records with the Texas Ethics Commission.

RNC spokesman Keith Carroll said the national group sent the money because the Texas GOP was on record opposing the amendment. He said that the group had made similar contributions to other states. But, Carroll was unable to cite examples.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Lotto Texas Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in this order:

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(nine, eight, three)

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; LaVerne Lee, watercolor; hostess, Nettie Fay Gardner; 9:30 a.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Willow Park Inn; prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave M, 8 p.m. For more information call 573-1141, 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

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

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

Forth Worth to get trial

AUSTIN (AP) — A date for U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's trial on ethics charges hasn't been set, but the place has — Fort Worth.

Mrs. Hutchison's lead attorney, Dick DeGuerin, applauded the decision Tuesday by Judge John Onion Jr. to move the trial to Fort Worth, the county seat of Tarrant County.

"It's about as typically Texas as a metropolitan area could be," DeGuerin said. "All we wanted from the very beginning has been a fair trial, a fair jury uninfluenced by politics. I think that Tarrant County can give us that."

But the question of when the trial would be held hasn't been settled.

Mrs. Hutchison's side contends that the Travis County District Attorney's office is trying to delay going to trial to hurt her re-election campaign.

Prosecutors say Mrs. Hutchison's attorneys work behind the scenes to delay the process while publicly proclaiming they want a speedy trial.

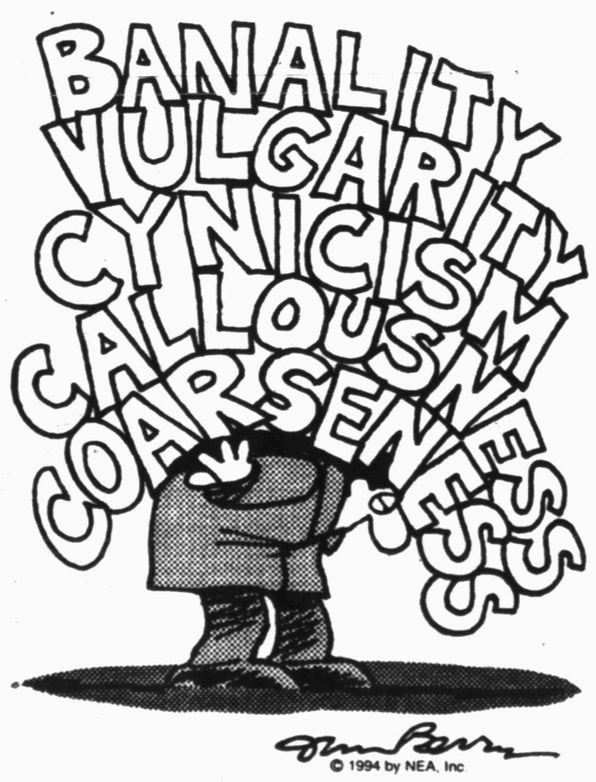
Mrs. Hutchison, a Republican, faces charges that she used her previous office as state treasurer for personal and political gain, then altered records to coverup her activities.

She has denied any wrongdoing and claims the charges are part of a Democratic plot to hurt her election campaign. Mrs. Hutchison, 50, became the first woman senator from Texas by winning a special election June 5. She now seeks election in 1994 to a full six-year term.

She faces two counts of official misconduct, tampering with a government record and tampering with evidence. If she is tried on all the counts at the same time and convicted, she would face a maximum of 20 years in prison.

Also Tuesday, a Travis County grand jury re-indicted Mrs. Hutchison on a misdemeanor charge of official misconduct.

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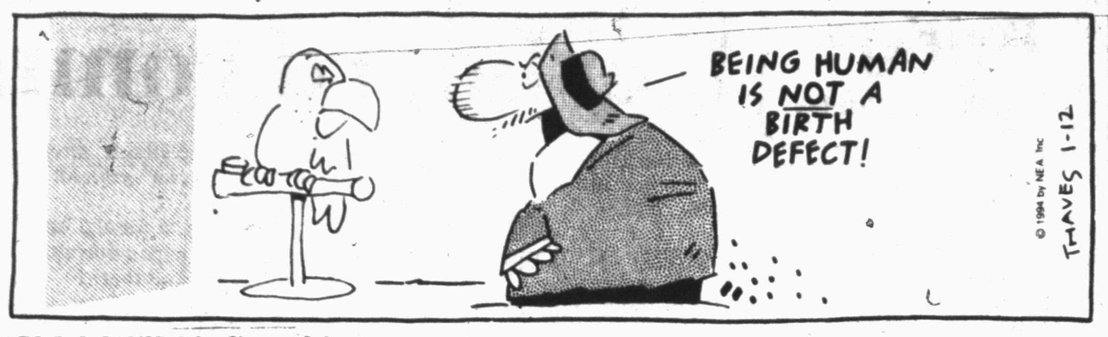
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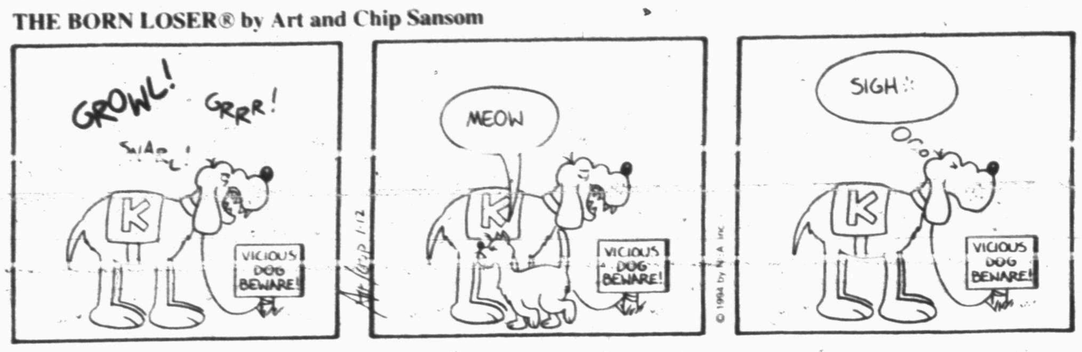
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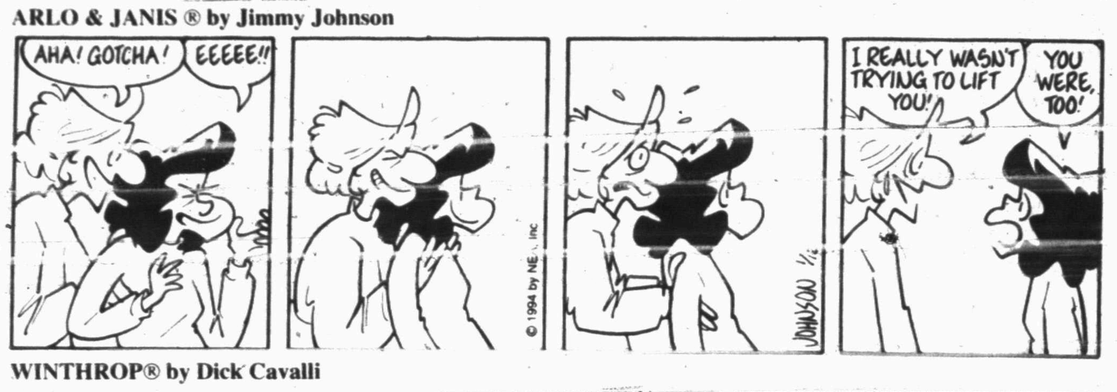
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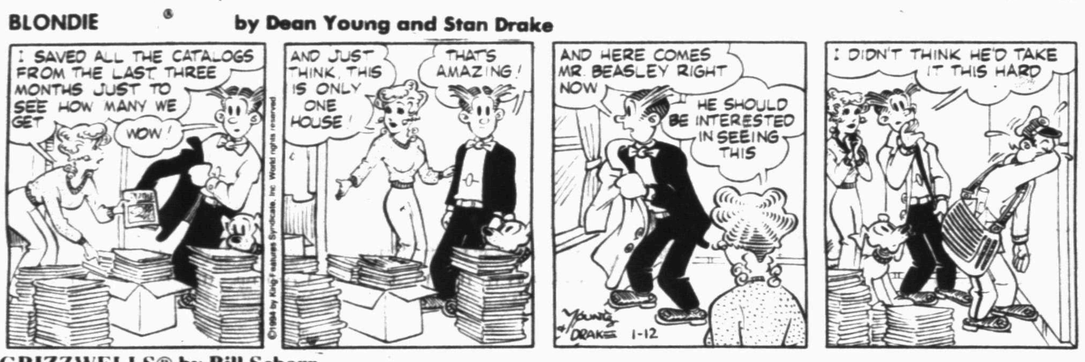
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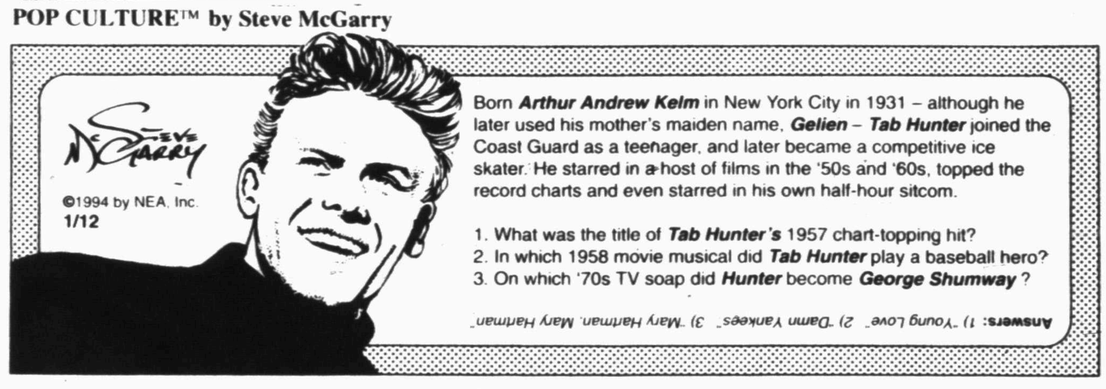
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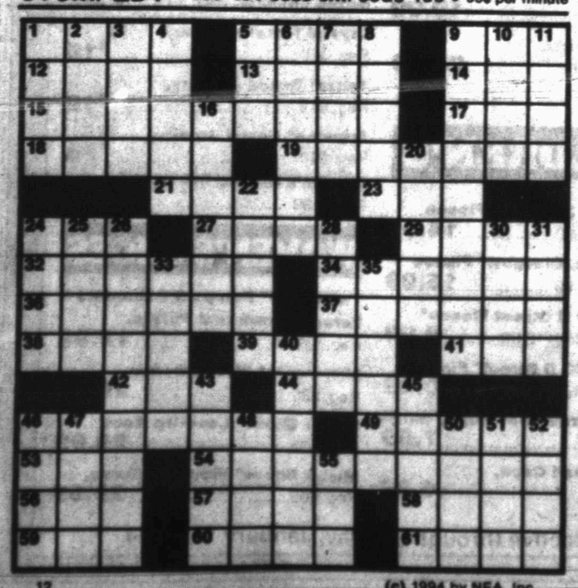
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Lady Cards thump Westbrook, 57-33

HERMLEIGH — Hermleigh's Lady Cardinals captured their second straight District 21-A basketball victory Tuesday, stopping Westbrook, 57-33.

The Lady Cards, 10-6 overall and 2-0 in loop encounters, blew the game open with a 20-4 run in the second quarter that gave them a 31-14 halftime advantage.

Connie Payne did it all for Hermleigh Tuesday, scoring 14 points, snagging 12 rebounds and getting eight steals.

Brandi Bates, who also swept a dozen boards, wound up with 12 points, six steals and four assists, while Sheri Sandefur scored 12. Kelly Gonzales finished with 11.

Amanda Rich hit nine to lead the Lady 'Cats, who slipped to 3-9 and 1-1.

Hermleigh's boys, without the services of standout Chris Lambaren in the second half due to a twisted ankle, fell to the Wildcats, 58-50, in Tuesday's late game.

Hermleigh led 30-29 at the half on the strength of Lambaren's 10 in the first two periods, but was outscored 29-20 in the final 16 minutes.

Ricky Sosa paced the Cardinals with 18 points, a team-high 10 rebounds, four steals and four assists. Lambaren had seven rebounds and three steals to go with his 10 points in just a half of play, and Chris Roemisch, who was credited with three steals, and Freddie Martinez each canned six.

Greg Conaway supplied the Wildcats with a game-best 20 points.

Hermleigh slides to 3-11 on the campaign and 1-1 since beginning loop play. Westbrook improves to 6-7 and 1-1.

Hermleigh will visit Scurry Couty rival Ira Friday with the girls' loop lead on the line. Games are slated to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Girls

Westbrook	10	4	9	10	-33
Hermleigh	11	20	9	17	-57

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — Bates 12, Sandefur 12, Roemisch 4, Moore 4, Gonzales 11, Payne 14; Westbrook — Rich 9; **Records:** Hermleigh 10-6, 2-0; Westbrook 3-9, 1-1.

Boys

Westbrook	10	19	10	19	-58
Hermleigh	14	16	8	12	-50

Leading scorers: Hermleigh — Sosa 18, Lambaren 10, Blair 4, Roemisch 6, Luna 4, Hardy 2, Martinez 6; **Records:** Hermleigh 3-11, 1-1; Westbrook 6-7, 1-1.

SPORTS

Levelland tops Lady Tigers in District 2-4A cage contest

LEVELLAND — Even though the Snyder Lady Tigers held Levelland scoreless from the perimeter Tuesday, the Loboettes used 20 transition points and a tough inside game to post a 51-20 District 2-4A girls cage win.

"They had to score almost all their points from inside or on short jumpers," Snyder coach Steve Qualls said. "I thought our defense played pretty well in the backcourt.

"Where we got in trouble was trying to break their press. It wasn't really what they did to us, but what we did to ourselves on offense.

"The girls gave a great effort," the coach pointed out. "We just didn't stay within the framework of the program. We didn't do a very good job of running the offense.

"That's not to say we're down and out, by any means. All these things can be corrected. I think it'll be a different story next time we play them.

"We made them work hard for their scores, but their press brought out a lot of weaknesses we need to work on."

Another area of concern for Qualls following Tuesday's game is offensive rebounding. The Lady Tigers grabbed 22 boards on the night, but only five on their own end of the court.

"That's something to look at," the coach said, "but it's also a credit to Levelland. They were really blocking out well."

Senior Annie Ragland hit four 3-pointers and a pair of free throws to lead SHS with 14 points on the night. Meriah Worthen added four and Trish McGrew ended the game with two.



ANNIE RAGLAND

Levelland's Trina Pinner tied Ragland for scoring honors with 14 points, all in the opening half.

"After she scored so many in the first half," Qualls said, "I sicked Trish and Marissa (Barrera) on her. They did a really good job on Pinner. She didn't score at all in the last two quarters."

The Lady Tigers slip to 7-12 on the season, 0-2 in loop games, while Levelland improves to 19-3 overall and 2-0 since opening league play.

In other district action Tuesday, Lamesa played state-ranked Frenship close before losing 46-43, and Plainview hammered Estacado, 84-22 on Monday.

Snyder will travel to Wolfforth Friday for a meeting with Frenship in the first game of a doubleheader, featuring the SHS boys' loop opener against No. 13 Frenship.

Snyder	3	8	2	7	-20
Levelland	14	14	11	12	-51

Leading scorers: Snyder — Ragland 14, Worthen 4, McGrew 2; Levelland — Pinner 14, Stout 12; **Records:** Snyder 7-12, 0-2; Levelland 19-3, 2-0.

2-4A basketball

Girls

Team	Season	District		
Frenship	20	3	2	0
Levelland	19	3	2	0
Plainview	14	9	1	1
Lamesa	9	13	1	1
Snyder	7	12	0	2
Estacado	1	18	0	2

Monday, Jan. 10
Plainview 84, Estacado 22
Tuesday, Jan. 11
Levelland 51, Snyder 20
Frenship 46, Lamesa 43
Friday, Jan. 14
Snyder at Frenship
Lamesa at Estacado
Plainview at Levelland

NCAA scholarship decision could lead to BCA boycott

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The threat of a national boycott of coaches and players hangs over college basketball, possibly as early as Saturday's games.

The head of the Black Coaches Association said the BCA is calling for a boycott, including white as well as black players and coaches, in protest of the NCAA's refusing to add a 14th scholarship to men's basketball.

"In all likelihood there will be a boycott, but I am reluctant to give you a time and date," Rudy Washington, head coach at Drake, said Tuesday from his office in Des Moines.

"Players and coaches are expected to participate," Washington said. "And they're talking about the rest of the season, like the baseball strike."

In the stormy history of NCAA affairs, there has never been anything approaching a national boycott. The repercussions of such an action seemed staggering to NCAA convention delegates as they adjourned Tuesday and headed home.

Washington said BCA officials would meet by phone late Tuesday to decide when to make their play.

"At this point in time, right now, it's a go. Every coach I talked to said they were going to do it," Washington said.

NCAA officials met twice with BCA officials in the last hours of the NCAA convention and held out hope that a boycott could be averted. In the meantime, all 33 Division I conference commmissioners scheduled a conference call for 1 p.m. EST Thursday to discuss their strategy.

"There certainly is the possibility of continued dialogue," NCAA executive director Cedric Dempsey said.

White coaches, as well as the National Association of Basketball Coaches, were in sympathy with the BCA.

"I find it appalling that our administrators did not respond to the outcrying from the NABC and also the Black Coaches Association," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski.

NCAA schools, dominated by the powerful NCAA Presidents Commission, voted Monday not to restore a 14th basketball scholarship two years after the convention voted to cut scholarships from 15 to 13.

The BCA maintains minorities are particularly hurt by cutting scholarships.

The Presidents Commission cited costs and the need to hold firm on reform measures. The presidents also indicated to the BCA the scholarship could be added next year if savings could be found elsewhere.

Dempsey declined to say whether he believes there will be a boycott.

"If there's to be a boycott, how long a boycott?" he said at a news conference following the convention's adjournment. "We could play speculative games related to that. I don't see that it would be profitable."

It is not clear how many coaches would participate in a boycott. The BCA has about 3,000 members, but that number includes head coaches and assistants from all divisions in men's and women's programs, as well as high school coaches.

Black coaches have said dropping the scholarship will deny 330 young men, mostly African-Americans, access to education. But others said not all the 297 Division I schools use their full scholarship limit anyway.

"Of the 64 teams in the last NCAA tournament, the average squad size was 13.7," Dempsey said.

"The problem with this issue is that it has evolved into far greater symbolic significance than anyone predicted," he said.

The boycott was approved by the BCA's legislative committee, which includes coaches George Raveling of Southern Cal, John Thompson of Georgetown and John Chaney of Temple.

Robinson paces Spurs in win

by The Associated Press

David Robinson found four ways to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Robinson had 27 points, 12 rebounds, 10 assists and eight blocks Tuesday night, leading the Spurs to a 108-98 victory at San Antonio.

He fell two blocks short of becoming the third player in NBA history to record a quadruple-double — posting double figures in four categories. Nate Thurmond did it in 1974 and Alvin Robertson in 1986.

"David was David," Spurs forward Willie Anderson said. "He does everything every night for you. There's nothing he can't do for you."

Robinson's triple-double was the 12th of his career, and second of the season against the Timberwolves. He made nine of 14 shots from the field and the line.

"He's a terrific player — one of the best in the league, no doubt," Minnesota center Luc Longley said. "His lateral speed out on the floor gives me problems."

San Antonio outscored Minnesota 30-17 in the third period to take an 88-66 lead, and cruised to its eighth victory in nine games.

"We started a little slow, and we let them hang around," Robinson said. "In the second half, we just defended better and we shut them down."

Rookie Isaiah Rider scored 26 points for Minnesota, which lost for the seventh time in nine games.

Elsewhere, it was New York 98, the Los Angeles Clippers 77; Washington 115, New Jersey 100; Denver 94, Detroit 86; Indiana 82, Milwaukee 76; Charlotte 95, Phoenix 93; Sacramento 103, Miami 95; Portland 108, Seattle 99; and Golden State 122, the Los Angeles Lakers 117.

Trail Blazers 108, Sonics 99

At Portland, Rod Strickland had 22 points, 10 assists, eight rebounds and no turnovers as the Trail Blazers handed Seattle only its fourth loss in 30 games. The Sonics never seriously threatened after Portland pulled away early in the second quarter. Clifford Robinson had 27 points and rookie James Robinson added a career-high 20 for Portland. Detlef Schrempf and Gary Payton scored 19 apiece for Seattle.

Warriors 122, Lakers 117

At Inglewood, Latrell Sprewell scored 29 points and Golden State fought off a late challenge by Los Angeles. Sprewell's 3-pointer with 5:25 left in the third period gave Golden State the lead for good, 76-74. Golden State led 106-90 before the Lakers rallied to 117-112 with 30 seconds left. Rookie Nick Van Exel scored a season-high 28 points for the Lakers.

Kings 103, Heat 95

At Sacramento, Wayman Tisdale scored 23 points and the Kings used a late 11-0 run to beat Miami. The loss broke a four-game road winning streak for the Heat, and denied coach Kevin Loughery his 600th pro victory. Walt Williams and Lionel Simmons had 18 points each for the Kings. Steve Smith led Miami with 26.

Knicks 98, Clippers 77

At New York, Patrick Ewing scored 31 points and the Knicks outscored Los Angeles 29-15 in the third period to hand the Clippers their sixth straight loss. John Starks scored eight of his 19 points during the third-period surge that broke the game open. Danny Manning finished with 16 points for the Clippers.

Nuggets 94, Pistons 86

At Auburn Hills, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf scored 10 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter as Denver extended Detroit's losing streak to 10.

Bullets 115, Nets 100

At East Rutherford, Washington scored a season-high 68 points in the first half.

Hornets 95, Suns 93

At Phoenix, Hersey Hawkins' 3-pointer with 2:46 left gave Charlotte the lead for good over the cold-shooting Suns.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	22	9	.710	—
Orlando	19	13	.594	3½
Miami	16	14	.533	5½
New Jersey	13	19	.406	9½
Philadelphia	13	19	.406	9½
Boston	13	21	.382	10½
Washington	10	22	.313	12½

Central Division

Atlanta	22	7	.759	—
Chicago	21	10	.677	2
Charlotte	19	14	.576	5
Indiana	13	17	.433	9½
Cleveland	13	18	.419	10
Milwaukee	9	23	.281	14½
Detroit	8	23	.258	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	27	5	.844	—
Utah	22	11	.667	5½
San Antonio	23	12	.657	5½
Denver	16	17	.485	11½
Minnesota	10	22	.313	17
Dallas	2	29	.065	24½

Pacific Division

Seattle	26	4	.867	—
Phoenix	24	7	.774	2½
Portland	19	15	.559	9
Golden State	17	14	.548	9½
LA Clippers	11	20	.355	15½
Sacramento	11	22	.333	16½
LA Lakers	11	23	.324	17

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Houston at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
LA Clippers at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

L'land downs SHS JV girls

LEVELLAND — Levelland went on an 8-0 spurt right before the final buzzer to make Tuesday's win over Snyder seem pretty one-sided.

"We had them within nine points with about two minutes to play," said SHS head coach Steve Qualls after Levelland's 47-30 win. "They had that little run at the end.

"The (SHS) girls did a good job on them. They really played a good team and they played them tough."

Snyder was led by Darla Blackwell and Jina Miller, who each scored six points. Sharon Gulseth added five and Tiffany Garza and Edwina Brooks chipped in four apiece.

The JV squad will face Frenship there at 5 p.m. Friday.

Freshmen A blasts BSHS

Snyder's freshmen boys' A team ran its season record to 12-1 with Monday's 61-34 thrashing of Big Spring.

The Tigers were led in the victory by Ricky Henderson's 15 points and 19 from Patrick Cumbie.

Matthew Fambro added nine, Richard Canas chipped in seven and Patrick Jordan accounted for five.

Snyder A captured a win of 60-34 over Coahoma, and a 53-44 decision over San Angelo Lake View on Saturday to claim the championship of the Big Spring tournament.

The freshman B squad, in its first game since the holiday break, fell to Big Spring Monday, 38-31, in spite of LeDerrick Richardson's 8 points, seven from Dan Pulattie, and Robert Durst's five.

Snyder A will return to action Saturday when it hosts Levelland in an 11 a.m. contest at SHS. Both teams will visit Sweetwater Monday, Jan. 17.

Carlton set for HOF vote

NEW YORK (AP) — By tonight, Steve Carlton will be headed to New York, where his election to the Hall of Fame is expected to be announced. Orlando Cepeda hopes to join him.

Results of the voting will be released at 6 p.m. EST today, and Carlton is an overwhelming favorite to become Cooperstown's newest member.

While Carlton is eligible for the first time, Cepeda is the sentimental choice in his 15th and final chance in balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Don Sutton and Phil Niekro, both 300-game winners, along with Tony Perez, Graig Nettles, Ron Guidry and Bruce Sutter are among the other candidates.

Carlton is the only pitcher to win four Cy Young Awards.

Frosh girls rally for win

BIG SPRING — Erica Garvin scored a game-high 19 points as Snyder rallied from a 10-0 first-quarter deficit to hand Big Spring a 36-31 freshmen girls' cage loss Monday.

Devon Reed added seven for the Lady Tigers.

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Lady 'Dogs notch road win over LHS

LORAINE — Ira's Lady Bulldogs moved to 2-0 in the District 21-A basketball race Tuesday with a lop-sided 56-23 victory over Loraine.

The Lady 'Dogs took a 10-6 lead in the opening quarter, then moved to a 21-10 halftime advantage. A 16-5 run in the third boosted the margin to 37-15, before an 18-6 fourth-period surge.

Jody Rankin of Ira led all scorers with 18 points, followed by Jennifer Rankin's 12, 10 from Angie Robinson, a season-high eight for Misty Chance and Casey Calley's six.

Sharing scoring honors for Loraine were Likita Atkins and Natasha Atkins with seven points apiece.

Ira moves to 8-9 overall, while Loraine drops to 3-10 in all games and 0-2 within the loop.

Loraine exploded for 62-second half points in the nightcap Tuesday, handing the Ira boys a 110-56 loss.

Alvin Crawford, who scored 39 points and James Lopez, who finished with 24, paced Loraine, which boasted a 48-23 halftime lead over the visiting 'Dogs.

Ira's top offensive producer was Coy Henderson, who nailed 21 points. Ronal White added eight, and Cory Beltz put in six.

The IHS boys fall to 3-12 in all games and 0-2 in 21-A action.

Loraine, the preseason choice to repeat as district champ, is 13-2 on the season and 2-0 in loop games.

Girls

Ira	10	11	16	18	-56
Loraine	6	4	5	6	-23

Leading scorers: Jody Rankin 18, Jennifer Rankin 12, Robinson 10, Chance 8; Calley 6; Northcott 2; Loraine — L. Atkins 7, N. Atkins 7; **Records:** Ira 8-9, 2-0; Loraine 3-10, 0-2.

Boys

Ira	12	11	18	15	- 56
Loraine	19	28	32	30	-110

Leading scorers: Ira — Henderson 21, White 18, Sterling 8, Beltz 6, Howard 2, Davis 2; Loraine — Crawford 39, Lopez 24, Finley 13; **Records:** Ira 3-12, 0-2; Loraine 13-2, 2-0.

21-A basketball

Girls

Team	Season	District		
Hermleigh	10	6	2	0
Ira	8	9	2	0
Highland	9	7	1	1
Westbrook	3	9	1	1
Loraine	3	10	0	2
Blackwell	2	14	0	2

Tuesday, Jan. 11
Highland 52, Blackwell 37
Ira 56, Loraine 23
Hermleigh 57, Westbrook 33

Boys

Team	Season	District		
Loraine	13	2	2	0
Highland	10	5	2	0
Westbrook	6	7	1	1
Hermleigh	3	11	1	1
Blackwell	7	10	0	2
Ira	3	12	0	2

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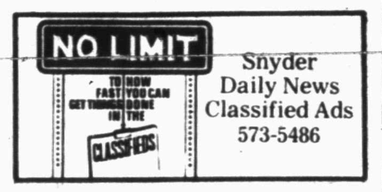
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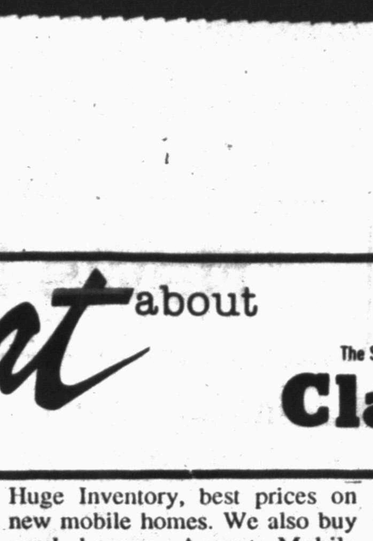
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10 unit apt. cmplx.	35T
4-2-4, ch/a, 1001 Ave. E.	49.5T
3101 Ave. K.	12T
2215 42nd, 3-2-1.	34.9T
3301 Ave. A, 3-1, den.	24T
2701 Ave. G, Duplex.	21T
Est. Beauty Shop exc. location.	
3112 Ave. C, 4-1-2, w/w.	39T
2503 College, Comm. bldg.	45T
2200 40th, 3-1, ch/a.	30T
E 3-2, ch/a, jac. & shop.	25.9T
Own. Fin., 1010 30th.	13.5T
3405 44th, 3-2-2.	55T
3007 40th, 2-1.	18.5T
Lg. strg. bldg., 3 doors.	30T
2 miles W., 4-2-2cp, red.	65T
9 mi. S., 3-2, 2.5A, s/s.	47.5T
3111 El Paso, 29T red.	27.5T
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4103 Avondale, 3-2.
209 37th, 3-2-2.
2605 30th, 4 bdr. 79T.
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3725 Ave. V, 3-1-1, $32T.
1001 Ave. E, 4-2-3. $49.500.
C-City Lake, 3-2-2, $70's.
4111 Eastridge. 3-2-2, $34,500.
Westridge, 4-3½, CP.
4200 Lubbock, 3-2-2, plus shop.
4500 Galveston, 3-2-2, $89,500.
3808 Galveston, 3-2, $40T.
2202 43rd, 3-2,$48,500.
Cedar Creek, 3-3-2.
3205 Ave. A, 4-2-CP, $25T.
3782 Avondale, 3-2, $40's.
3725 Sunset, 3-1-1, 20's.
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2411 26th St., 2-1-2, cp, shop, $15.9.
Ira, 3-2-2, carport. $29.5.
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3-2, w/det. gar. Reduced $20's.
3733 Avondale, 3-2, w/apt., $45T.
3505 Irving, Nice, 3-1, shop, $40's.
2709 Austin, 3-2, red., $40.
1503 Ave. R 3-1-1-1cp; 500 30th, 20's.
Lots, Midland, 47th St., Cedar Creek.
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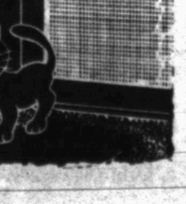
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Picture Perfect, 2 bd. w/living & den, wet bar, kitchen isle, 3702 Muriel. Price Reduced.
4-3-2, pool, in the $90's.
4115 Eastridge, 3-2-2, $32T.
El Paso St., 3-2-2, $60's.
Country, 2-1½, 14 acres.
West 30th, 3-2-2, $80's.
3505 44th, 3-2-2, covered patio.
2601 Ave. A, 3-2, 5 acres.
209 37th, 3-2-2, brick, $62,000.
Cedar Creek, 3-3-3, $85,000.
40 acres, near Dunn, $20,000.
2212 41st St., 3-1½, CH/A.
2202 43rd St., 3-2, den.
2215 42nd, 3-2-1, $34,900.
3406 44th, $32,000.
2211 27th ST., 4-2-2, $45,000.
4501 Denison, corner lot, brick.

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Treasurer rejects GOP criticism of tax merger

AUSTIN (AP) — State Treasurer Martha Whitehead is shifting collection of tobacco taxes to the comptroller's office, a move that is lighting up the campaign debate.

Mrs. Whitehead, a Democrat, favors abolishing the Treasury, while the Republican candidates favor keeping the agency.

Mrs. Whitehead said Tuesday that the transfer would trim from 24 to 11 the number of Treasury employees involved with the tax and save the state $571,000 by the end of the current two-year budget cycle.

The Treasury would remain responsible for administering the tax, while the comptroller would handle auditing, enforcement and permitting functions, she said.

"They (the comptroller's office) are the tax collectors. We are the state's bankers," Mrs. Whitehead said.

"When you've got another state agency with 500 auditors and 300 tax enforcement officers already on the payroll, it makes sense to use those people, reduce the size of government and save taxpayer dollars," she said.

David Hartman, a Republican seeking the post, has criticized the transfer of duties. In addition, a lawsuit was filed Monday by a Midland County tobacco wholesaler, seeking to block the shift.

"By this arrogant power play, not only have most of the Treasury's experienced tobacco tax audit and enforcement personnel been dispersed by transfer or discharged, the state may have suspended its legal authorization to enforce the tobacco tax laws," Hartman said.

Mrs. Whitehead, who was appointed by Gov. Ann Richards, said the GOP criticism was peculiar.

"I honestly believe that these Republicans are abandoning the goals and ideals of their own party when they try to block smaller, more efficient government by resorting to this lawsuit which is, in my opinion, a cheap political ploy," Mrs. Whitehead said.

Hartman called the transfer of duties "an illegal and unconstitutional power play which could cost the state lost tax revenues."

He said the Legislature in 1989 assigned tobacco tax collections to the Treasury and that the job shouldn't be transferred without lawmakers' OK.

But Mrs. Whitehead said Treasury and comptroller's office lawyers and the attorney general's office had OK'd the contract. She said it's a common practice among state agencies.

"There's absolutely no legal problem. It's a valid interagency contract. We have 55-plus interagency contracts with the Treasury right now," she said.

Kevin Moomaw, a spokesman for Hartman, said there's a big difference between contracting for a service such as printing and the collection of taxes.

"They clearly understand they've got a problem, or they wouldn't be saying they'd be keeping some of the responsibilities at the Treasury while transferring the duties over to the comptroller," he said.

In other political news Tuesday:

— Dallas businessman Richard Fisher, a Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, became the first Senate candidate to begin airing television commercials.

In three spots airing in East and South Texas, Fisher brands Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Democratic Congressman Mike Andrews and Democratic candidate Jim Mattox "old-time money politics."

The commercials display newspaper headlines about House bank overdrafts written by Andrews; the indictment of Mrs. Hutchison, who has pleaded innocent to state ethics charges, and the indictment of Mattox, who was found innocent of a commercial bribery charge in 1985 and re-elected attorney general the following year.

Fisher spokesman Martin Johnson denied that the commercials sought to portray the three as anything other than "professional politicians who may or may not be involved in anything. It's just asking a rhetorical question."

Federal S&L cleanup agency collects little funds in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — In Texas, savings and loan failures were as plentiful as tumbleweeds, but the government's effort to recoup an estimated $200 billion in losses has hardly matched the task.

The Resolution Trust Corp. failed to issue a single subpoena in 99 of the 122 investigations of thrift officials handled by its three offices in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio from 1989 to early 1993, according to subpoena logs at the S&L cleanup agency.

Not a single RTC case against Texas S&L operators ever reached a jury. The few officials who were sued usually settled out of court for pennies on the dollar.

The recovery effort has been so poor that one of the RTC's most productive attorneys in Texas, Tom Burnside, quit in disgust last year and later told Congress his bosses "just wanted to bury the S&L mess in an unmarked grave."

The Treasury Department recently sent an investigative team to Texas to find out what went wrong.

Its first recommendation was harsh: All remaining cases against S&L insiders should be transferred to the RTC's sister agency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., according to officials close to the review. The officials spoke only on condition they not be identified by name.

The RTC has handled the bulk of the Texas S&L recovery cases, but before it was created in 1989 such investigations were run by the FDIC.

The General Accounting Office estimates that with interest costs calculated, thrift losses in Texas will cost taxpayers $200 billion — or $800 each for every man, woman and child in the United States.

The RTC, however, had recovered just $90 million from Texas through June 1993, the last available date for which records are available. And only $12 million of that came from officials who ran the failed thrifts and their attorneys. The rest came in nationwide settlements with major accounting firms.

The agency has proven its ability elsewhere to recover funds. In one probe — the notorious Charles Keating-Lincoln Savings case — the agency recouped $125 million on losses of more than $2 billion.

No recovery in Texas has neared that success.

A member of the presidential commission that studied the S&L crisis said he was stunned at the failure of the RTC in Texas, which had the most S&L losses of any state.

"There is no good explanation for the facts, in terms of the need for an aggressive effort to go after these assets," former Georgia Rep. Elliott Levitas said. "The result is that the taxpayers pick up the bill. It just jumps out at you that the question why this happened has yet to be answered."

Thomas Hindes, who heads the RTC division that pursues thrift officials, declined to comment on the Texas situation — as did top legal officials in the agency's Dallas office.

RTC spokesman Steve Katsanos defended the agency's performance, saying it has aggressively pursued all the S&L insiders it thought it could get money from.

"We feel confident that we have had a vigorous program," Katsanos said. "If we are doing an investigation, and someone is providing us the information we are looking for, there is no need to go to court to enforce a subpoena."

The subpoena is a vital tool to determine exactly how fruitful pursuit of recovery from an S&L official might be, as well as helping find out where misused thrift funds ended up.

Questions remain about why so few S&L officials in Texas have been subpoenaed or found liable for thrift losses.

Arturo Vera-Rojas, an RTC legal manager in Dallas, reported in a July 26, 1993, memo obtained by the AP that he knew of "many similar cases evidencing poor investigatory planning and performance."

His 10-page memo detailed several instances in which investigators wanted to continue pursuing cases against thrift operators that he thought were unwarranted.

Vera-Rojas did not return a reporter's telephone call seeking elaboration.

Extensive turnover also has had an effect — not a single lawyer who recommended a Texas lawsuit against S&L wrongdoers in 1991-92 is still handling the same case, agency records show.

Some wonder whether politics may have played a role.

"There is a difference between a legitimate investigation and a lot of what we see in this process," Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said during a hearing in September. "(There were) billions and billions of dollars, an extraordinarily obvious political interconnecting network. And somehow, somewhere, this thing got shut down."

Added Senate Banking Committee Chairman Don Riegle, D-Mich: "The government (was) in effect taking a dive here...."

Katsanos said several internal probes have found no hidden political agenda behind the RTC's lackluster recovery in Texas.

"In those instances where a determination has been made not to bring a case, there are valid reasons for not doing so," he said.

One RTC lawyer in Dallas assigned to four failed S&L's with losses of more than $2 billion logged just 127 hours over 14 months on the complex cases — an average of just two hours a week, according to his own time sheets.

The lawyer, Rex Taylor, issued seven subpoenas and recovered just $315,000, the documents showed. Taylor referred calls to Katsanos, who declined comment on the cases.

Case files and interviews with RTC officials reveal another oddity of the government's S&L pursuit in Texas — the agency's lawyers and investigators seldom cooperate.

In theory, the two should work like prosecutors and police detectives preparing a case for court.

But an RTC attorney and three investigators, all speaking on condition of anonymity, told the AP that agency lawyers have been prevented from talking to investigators working on the very same cases.

"Communications — electronic mail, phone calls — from the attorneys have just stopped. And my phone calls don't get returned," said one RTC investigator. "I can't get any explanation or guidance on the matters I'm working on."

Three other RTC officials related similar stories.

Burnside, who was responsible for two-thirds of the Texas recoveries before he left his job, told lawmakers he, too, received orders from his bosses not to discuss a high-profile case he was managing with RTC officials in charge of the case or top RTC officials in Washington.

"The RTC investigators were the heart and soul of the pursuit," said Burnside, now an attorney in St. Louis. "Too often, their solid work was stonewalled while their attorneys refused to follow the money trail."

Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Tuesday as compared with Monday prices.

	Tue.	Mon.
Refined Products		
Fuel oil No. 2 NY bbr bg gl fob	.4922	.4760
Gasoline unl prem RVP NY bbr bg gl fob	.5039	.4950
Gasoline unl RVP NY bbr bg gl fob	.4252	.4175
Prices provided by Oil Buyer's Guide.		
X-prices are for RVP grade of gasoline.		
Petroleum - Crude Grades		
Saudi Arabian light $ per bbl fob	12.35	12.35
North Sea Brent $ per bbl fob	14.05	14.05
West Texas Intermed $ per bbl fob	14.85	14.65
Alask No. Slope del. US Gulf Coast	13.10	12.75
Alask No. Slope del. West Coast	10.85	10.57

Trainer Don Cameron saddled only one Kentucky Derby starter, Count Fleet, the 1943 winner.

Unilateral cease-fire declared in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Carlos Salinas de Gortari declared a unilateral cease-fire today in southern Mexico and said soldiers were ordered not to fire unless they come under attack.

In a nationally televised speech, he called on the rebels to turn in their arms and promised to pardon them. There was no immediate response from the insurgents.

The military said troops had taken control of all conflict zones in the state of Chiapas except for the small town of Guadalupe Tepeyac, just north of the border with Guatemala, where about 500 rebels were entrenched.

Troops were advancing toward Guadalupe Tepeyac and would be there as soon as they can repair roads destroyed by the rebels, the military said earlier in a statement.

The rebels of the Zapatista National Liberation Army said they would negotiate with the government if the military stopped bombing, withdrew its soldiers and recognized their movement.

Otherwise, they threatened to carry the war to Mexico City, where bombings linked to the uprising that began New Year's Day have put the government on alert and residents on edge.

The uprising began in Chiapas, 390 miles southeast of the capital. Rebels occupied towns for days, saying they were fighting for better living conditions and an end to the exploitation of Mexico's native indians.

They pulled back into hideouts in remote areas when the army started to move in. Officials said 107 people have died in the fighting.

In the capital, newly appointed peace commissioner Manuel Camacho Solis met with Roman Catholic leaders from southern Mexico, including Bishop Samuel Ruiz of San Cristobal de las Casas, an outspoken defender of indigenous rights. It was the first attempt to negotiate an end to the rebel uprising.

"It's necessary to rebuild the political process in the region," said Camacho, who stepped down as foreign minister to take the job.

Obituaries

Donald Ford

1934-1994

Services for Donald D. Ford, 59, of the Polar Community are set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Danny Williams and the Rev. F. R. "Bear" Williams. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery, with arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 15, 1934 in Scurry County, Mr. Ford died at 2 a.m. today in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his father, E.E. Ford.

Survivors include his mother, Willie Ford of Polar; and his brother, Carlos Ford of Stephenville.

Eugene Payne Jr.

1903-1994

CLOVIS, N.M. — Services for Eugene Payne Jr., 90, of Clovis will be at 10 a.m. MST Thursday in Steed-Todd Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Terry Anderson officiating.

Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. CST in Terrace Cemetery in Post.

Mr. Payne, brother-in-law of Mrs. Sam (Helen) Cross of Snyder, died Tuesday in the Retirement Ranch.

Born in Colorado City, he married Catherine Francis Custis in 1929 in Post. She died on Jan. 29, 1988. He was a rancher and a member of First United Methodist Church of Clovis.

Other survivors include a son, Tom Payne of Santa Rosa, N.M.; two daughters, Helen Fortenberry of Waco and Francis Clewein of Encino, N.M.; a brother, Dick Payne of Plains; a sister, Francis Sanders of Clovis; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	707/8	70	701/4	
Albtsn s	257/8	255/8	253/4	-1/8
Alldsignal	787/8	781/4	781/4	
Alltel s	281/2	28	28	-1/2
AmStores	44	433/4	433/4	-1/4
Amer T&T	55	541/4	541/4	-5/8
Ameritech	751/4	747/8	747/8	
Ameritech wi	377/8	373/4	373/4	+1/4
Amoco	537/8	531/4	531/4	-3/8
AndarkPtr	455/8	453/8	451/2	-1/4
Arkla	8	77/8	8	
ArmcoInc	61/2	61/4	61/4	-1/8
AtlRichfld	1083/8	1071/2	1071/2	-3/8
ATMOS	281/4	28	28	+1/8
BakerHughes	213/8	207/8	207/8	-3/8
BancTexas	13/4	15/8	15/8	
BellAtl	561/4	557/8	56	+1/8
BellSouth	571/8	563/4	563/4	-1/8
Beth Steel	211/8	205/8	203/4	-1/8
Borden	157/8	151/2	155/8	+1/8
Brit Pet	653/4	653/8	653/8	+1/8
Caterpllr	911/4	897/8	897/8	-3/4
CenSoWst	301/2	301/4	303/8	
Chevron	91	897/8	903/8	-3/8
Chrysler	601/4	583/4	583/4	-7/8
Coastal	281/4	28	281/8	+1/8
CocaCola	431/8	425/8	425/8	-1/8
ColgatePalm	615/8	607/8	613/8	+1/4
ComlMetl s	28	273/4	28	
Cooperln	51	505/8	505/8	-3/8
CyprusAmax	28	275/8	275/8	+1/2
DallSemicn	167/8	163/8	163/4	+3/8
DeltaAirl	563/8	56	561/8	+1/8
DigitalEq	363/4	361/4	363/8	-1/4
Dillard	365/8	361/2	365/8	
DowChem	597/8	591/4	595/8	+3/4
DresserInd	211/2	213/8	211/2	
DuPont	52	511/2	517/8	-1/8
EstKodak	453/4	451/8	453/8	-5/8
EljerInd	7	67/8	67/8	-1/8
Enserch	173/8	171/8	173/8	+1/8
Exxon	647/8	645/8	645/8	+1/8
FlowerInd	191/8	187/8	19	
FordMotor	685/8	673/8	671/2	-3/4
GTE Cp	347/8	345/8	343/4	-1/8
GnDyn	913/4	911/2	915/8	
GenElct	1057/8	1051/8	1053/8	-1/4
GenMills	621/8	613/4	62	+1/8
GenMotors	601/8	587/8	59	-1/2
GenMotors E	281/2	281/4	283/8	
GaPacif	723/4	717/8	72	-3/4
GlobalMar	41/8	4	4	-1/8
Goodrich	411/2	413/8	413/8	-1/4
Goodyear s	463/4	453/4	457/8	-1/2
GtAtlPac	245/8	243/8	241/2	-3/8
Haliburtn	321/4	311/2	311/2	-1/2
Hanson ADS	201/2	203/8	201/2	+1/8
HoustInd	46	455/8	455/8	-1/4
IBM	587/8	581/4	581/4	-3/8
IntlPaper	731/8	715/8	713/4	—11/8
JohnsnJns	447/8	441/8	441/8	-3/8
K mart	201/8	197/8	197/8	-1/8
Kroger	203/4	201/2	205/8	+1/8
Litton	691/2	69	693/8	+3/8
vjLonestar	21/4	21/4	21/4	+1/8
Lowes	607/8	60	60	-5/8
Lubys	227/8	223/4	223/4	+1/8
Maxus	51/4	5	51/8	
MayDS s	393/4	391/8	391/2	+1/4
Medtronic	811/2	811/4	811/4	-1/8
Mobil	795/8	79	791/4	
Monsanto	771/4	77	77	-1/8
Motorola s	947/8	931/8	941/4	+2
Nationsbk	495/8	487/8	487/8	-5/8
Navistar s	253/8	251/4	251/4	-1/8
Nynex s	411/8	403/4	41	-1/8
OryxEngy	175/8	173/8	171/2	+1/8
PacTelesis	553/4	551/2	551/2	
PanhECp	233/8	231/8	231/8	+1/8
PenneyJC s	527/8	52	521/8	-3/8
Pennzoil	541/8	533/8	533/8	-5/8
PepBoys	261/2	26	263/8	+1/8
PhelpDodge	513/4	513/8	511/2	+3/8
PhilipPet	293/4	291/2	291/2	-1/4
Polaroid	343/4	345/8	343/4	-1/8
Praxair	17	163/4	167/8	-1/4
ProctGamble	587/8	577/8	581/8	-3/8
PubS NwMx	117/8	113/4	113/4	
RoyalDutch	1071/2	1061/2	1061/2	-5/8
SFePacCp	231/2	231/8	231/2	+1/8
SaraLee	257/8	251/2	255/8	+1/8
SearsRoeb s	523/4	517/8	517/8	-7/8
SherwinW	343/8	335/8	333/4	-7/8
SmthBchADS	30	293/4	293/4	-1/2
SmthBc eqt	281/2	281/8	281/8	-3/8
Southern Co	431/4	427/8	431/8	
SwAirlines s	363/4	361/2	361/2	+1/8
SwBell s	393/4	39	391/8	-1/2
Sprint	355/8	345/8	353/8	+11/8
SterlingChm	4	37/8	4	
SunCo	32	311/2	311/2	-1/2
TNP Ent	173/8	171/4	173/8	
Tandy	451/2	443/4	447/8	+1/8
TempleInl	531/2	533/8	531/2	
Tenneco	537/8	533/8	533/4	+1/4
Texaco	661/4	655/8	655/8	-1/2
TexasInd	313/4	313/4	313/4	-1/4
TexasInst	697/8	69	691/8	+21/8
Tex Util	401/8	393/4	393/4	-3/8
Textron	60	591/4	591/4	-3/8
Travelers s	40	395/8	395/8	-3/8
Trinty s	451/4	447/8	45	-1/8
Tritonngy	315/8	311/2	311/2	
US West	443/8	437/8	441/8	-1/8
USX Delhi	163/8	161/4	163/8	+1/4
USX-Marathn	171/4	17	17	-1/8
USX-USS	411/2	41	41	+3/8
UnCarbde	223/8	221/8	221/4	
UnPac	657/8	65	651/4	-5/8
UnitedTech	647/8	64	647/8	+11/8
Unocal	29	281/2	281/2	-1/8
WalMart s	253/4	253/8	255/8	+1/8
WstnGasRs	33	33	33	
WestghEl	133/4	131/8	135/8	-3/8
WinnDixie	50	491/2	491/2	-3/8
Woolwth	251/8	247/8	25	+1/8
Xerox Cp	921/8	915/8	915/8	
ZenithE	81/2	81/8	81/8	-1/8

Three arrested by local police

Snyder police made three arrests Tuesday.

Officers arrested a 13-year-old boy as a runaway at 4:09 p.m. in the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue Q.

Also at 4:09 p.m., officers arrested 30-year-old Terri Lynn Jackson on a Taylor County warrant for revocation of probation. The arrest was made in the 600 block of 34th Street.

At 9:36 p.m., police arrested a 22-year-old woman in the 1600 block of Avenue E for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Larry Jaramillo contacted police at 4:10 p.m. in reference to someone taking two puppies from his yard. A report for Class B theft was filed.

Officers worked a one-vehicle accident at 4:11 p.m. at 3100 Houston Parkway. A 1992 Pontiac driven by Heather Ward of 3207 Houston struck a fence owned by Charlie Bell. Damage to the fence is estimated at $100.

Cogdell Hospital personnel contacted police at 6:15 p.m. in reference to a possible dog bite. In talking with parents of the two-year-old, police determined that the child and become tangled in the dog's chain and pulled across some barbed wire. No bite had occurred.

Utility payment assistance offered

Applications for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program are being taken from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 until 4 p.m. today and Thursday at the Parks Club in Winston Park.

The Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) consists of the Energy Crisis Program, Elderly Assistance and Co-payment.

All clients will be required to bring proof of identification, residency, citizenship, social security cards for all members of the household, and proof of income for all members of the household. All clients must also bring in their current utility bill.

Applications are also scheduled to be taken in Snyder at the Parks Club on Feb. 9-10, March 9-10, April 13-14, May 11-12 and June 8-9.

UWSA meets

Local and national issues were discussed during Tuesday's meeting of United We Stand, America.

Area coordinator, Carl Nunn, presided over the meeting and began by speaking of the impact of the organization on a national, state and local level in 1993.

Rebecca Boyd and Lynda McCormack gave a presentation on economic development which included research on the Development Corporation of Snyder's expenses, and their findings on how surrounding communities are working toward economic growth.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of the half-cent sales tax.

United We Stand, America will meet again on Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in Towle Park Barn. All meetings are open to the public.

News Briefs

Radiation experiments' review set

WASHINGTON (AP) — An outside panel of scientists will review government records on human radiation experiments to isolate any where ethical standards were violated, administration officials say.

The panel, to be named by President Clinton, also may make recommendations on possible compensation to victims of experimentation, but a final plan will be up to Congress, the officials said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, thousands of callers continued to clog a telephone hot line at the Energy Department, many of them with claims that they were subjected to radiation exposure during the Cold War. In recent days, there have been between 400 and 700 calls an hour to the DOE phone bank, meaning many could not get through, department spokesman Michael Gauldin said.

Despite that, Gauldin said, DOE had completed interviews with 4,000 people. Of those, about one-fifth claimed to have been improperly exposed to radiation as part of experiments conducted in the three decades beginning in the 1940s.

Thousands of other callers who are veterans have been referred to the Department of Veterans Affairs, which also has opened a hot line.

The Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments, to be named by Clinton later this month, is expected to identify cases where radiation experiments clearly violated ethical standards, officials said.

The panel probably will review hundreds of thousands of documents and interview some victims. It will include health physicists and specialists in radiology and medical ethics, Gauldin said.

"We felt it was important to choose a non-governmental body to make these determination," he said.

He said the civilian review group is "going to be given broad range" in analyzing the data once it is assembled and make judgments on whether the experiments were within proper ethical bounds — both as they existed then and now.

The Energy Department hot line number is 1-800-493-2998. It is open from 8 a.m. EST to 11 p.m. EST.

Non-prescription pain reliever ok'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — A drug formerly used as a prescription treatment for arthritis now can be sold as an over-the-counter pain reliever.

The Food and Drug Administration approved naproxen sodium for non-prescription use Tuesday but has asked that dosage instructions be changed.

The drug previously had been available only as a prescription arthritis drug under the trade name Anaprox. Naproxen had been available since 1976 under the trade name Naprosyn.

Nonprescription naproxen sodium will be sold in tablets containing 200 mg naproxen and 20 mg sodium.

It becomes the first over-the-counter pain reliever containing a new analgesic ingredient to be approved by the FDA in a decade.

"Naproxen's long record of use clearly indicated that the drug could be sold over the counter, provided the manufacturer modified its dosage and labeling," said FDA commissioner David A. Kessler.

Naproxen sodium in its non-prescription form will be manufactured by Syntex Laboratories of Palo Alto, Calif., and marketed by Procter & Gamble Co. of Cincinnati under the trade name Aleve.

The last non-prescription pain reliever based on a new analgesic ingredient was ibuprofen, which was approved by the FDA for over-the-counter sales in 1984.

In its non-prescription form, naproxen sodium is approved for the relief of minor pain associated with headache, toothache, muscle ache, backache, the common cold, arthritis and menstrual cramps, and to reduce fever.

Human rights changes not enough

NEW YORK (AP) — A State Department draft report says China has not improved human rights abuses enough to warrant renewal of special trading status, The New York Times reported today.

The newspaper quoted unidentified senior administration officials as saying the report underscored warnings by President Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher that China faces loss this year of its "most-favored-nation" trade status.

The Times said that by one analysis loss of this advantage would mean that U.S. customs duties on Chinese-made goods would jump from the current 8 percent to 40 percent.

The Times said the annual report, now under final review before being sent to Congress next month, contends that while China improved its human rights performance in some areas last year, there were also serious setbacks. It said this included arbitrary arrests and torture and ill-treatment of political and religious dissidents.

The government in Beijing also continues to use repression to maintain control of its population, primarily through its security forces, the newspaper quoted the report as saying.

Meanwhile, a Republican congressman just back from China said he told officials there they will have to do better on human rights and expressed concern that Clinton will "whitewash" the situation.

HUD to integrate housing project

HOUSTON (AP) — Three single black women with children and one single black man have been chosen to move into an all-white public housing complex in Southeast Texas that was seized by the government for failing to integrate, according to a source.

The four families were scheduled to move into Vidor's only public housing complex sometime this month, a source close to the federal integration effort told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros took control of the complex in September after a previous effort to integrate the project failed.

Four black families who had been living in the 74-unit project since February 1993 moved out, complaining of constant racial harassment and threats.

Cisneros had promised to move in about 10 to 12 black families when he took over the complex.

But the source said HUD officials have had a hard time persuading poor black families to move to Vidor, a city about 100 miles northeast of Houston.

Less regulation, more access studied

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Vice President Al Gore suggested that the communications companies serving as the construction crew for the information superhighway could escape burdensome regulation by offering their products to everyone.

His audience reacted warily.

"The answer's going to be in the details," media mogul Rupert Murdoch said at Tuesday's "information superhighway summit."

The gathering was held to look at the coming merger of entertainment, telephone and computer technologies. Experts say people will someday select movies, shop and visit the library from their homes, offices and classrooms.

Rather than offer federal financing, the Clinton administration wants business to develop and invest in the technology needed to make the highway a reality. That could cost as much as $400 billion over the next 20 years.

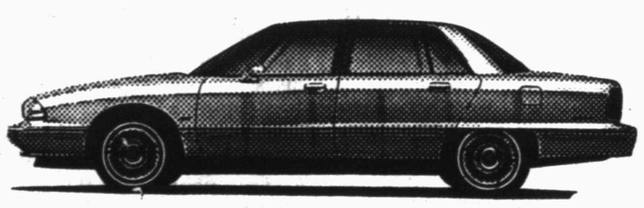
To increase competition while assuring fairness in the high-tech future, the Clinton administration wants more flexible communications laws, Gore said.

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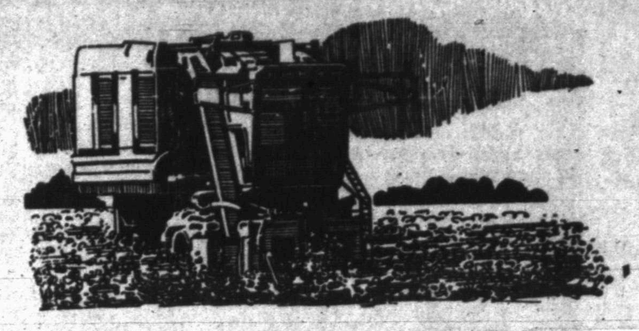
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Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Even consumers who plan to eat a healthful lunch, may find themselves wrapped up in work until well past lunch time. By then, hunger hits and all the food in sight looks good.

There's a better way to settle those hunger pains than going to the nearest vending machines, according to Colleen Pierre, an ambassador for the American Dietetic Association. Pierre's solution is to keep two "Nutrition Emergency Kits" — one in your briefcase and another in your desk drawer or glove compartment.

A nutrition kit should contain foods that are close to a meal without too much fat, calories or sodium. It should have protein, vitamins, minerals and fiber.

The Food Pyramid can be used as a guide to find out the number of servings. In some cases, a rough count of the calories and grams of fat can be done to see if your emergency nutrition kit meets your needs.

Read the nutrition Information on the labels. Remember to count 4 grams of fat as a teaspoon if you are counting your fats by teaspoons. Also, keep in mind that there are no "junk" foods. You can include most any food in moderation as long as you plan or allow for it in the total food you have within that day or the next two or three days. Forgetting to adjust for them is what gets us into trouble with those extra pounds that seem to come from nowhere.

Pierre's two quick lunches are part of the 1,800 calories a day for women and 2,800 calories a day for men. She allows 30 percent of the calories to come from fat and 2,400 mg. of sodium a day. Each food must be individually wrapped for freshness and safe at warm or room temperatures. The kits are short on fruits and vegetables so add them later.

Briefcase emergency kit

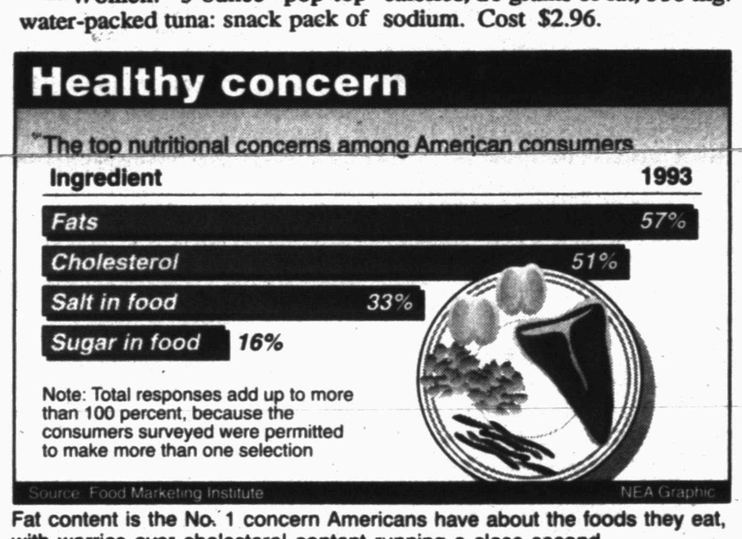
—**Women:** One low-fat granola bar (4-6 grams of fat per bar); shelf-stable low-fat (2 percent) chocolate milk; 1 4-ounce box of raisins. This adds up to 420 calories, 9 grams of fat, 170 mg. sodium. Cost: 87¢.

—**Men:** The above, plus two more granola bars. Total: 640 calories, 17 grams of fat, 300 mg. sodium. Cost: $1.35.

Desk drawer kit

—**Women:** 3-ounce pop-top water-packed tuna: snack pack of light vanilla pudding; fruit snacks mix, includes dried fruits, (no nuts); 8-ounce box orange juice; two packages sesame bread sticks (salad bar type or 5-6 saltine crackers in a sandwich bag.) Total: 452 calories, 7 grams of fat, 400 mg. sodium. Cost: $2.36.

—**Men:** All the above, plus 1 ounce salted peanuts. Total: 622 calories, 21 grams of fat, 538 mg. sodium. Cost $2.96.



Fat content is the No. 1 concern Americans have about the foods they eat, with worries over cholesterol content running a close second.

Hunter education course is planned

BIG SPRING — A course in hunter education has been scheduled for Feb. 19-20, beginning at 8 a.m. in Big Spring, according to Boyce Hale, hunter education instructor.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, if you were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, and you are age 17 and over you must successfully complete a hunter education course; ages 12 through 16 must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older; and under 12 years of age you must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older.

However, any individual may take the course on a voluntary basis and is encouraged to attend regardless of requirements, according to Terry Irwin, Texas Parks and Wildlife Division.

"The course is open to adults and youngsters and will include instruction in rifle, shotgun, handgun and primitive sporting arms handling and safety; outdoor responsibility and ethics; laws and regulations; wildlife conservation and identification; hunting traditions, field care of game; and wilderness first aid and survival," Hale added.

The minimum age of certification is 12 years. Students 12 years of age or older successfully completing the course will be issued a hunter education certificate from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Those less than 12 years of age will receive a certificate of attendance, but must take the course again after turning 12 for proper certification. The course cost is $5 and pre-registration is required.

Nearly 350,000 Texans have already completed the hunter education course which is mandatory in 47 other states.

For more information, contact Boyce Hale at 915-267-6957 or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Hunter Education section in Austin at 1-800-253-4536 or 512-389-49999.

Dense fog reported

by The Associated Press

Much of North Texas was under heavy fog today, the result of Tuesday's rainfall combined with light winds and cooling overnight.

The fog created headaches for morning commuters in the metroplex, with visibility reduced to one-fourth mile at Dallas and near zero at Fort Worth. Visibility at or below one-fourth mile was reported at Lufkin and Paris also.

Temperatures were mild this morning, with readings in the lower 40s to near 50. The warmest readings today were in eastern sections of North Texas, with both Lufkin and Longview hovering near 50 degrees.

Winds were light and variable, prime conditions for dense fog.

In West Texas, high clouds were expected for all but the Panhandles. Temperatures at 4 a.m. were in the 30s and 40s except for a 19-degree reading at Dalhart. Winds were west to southwest at 5 to 10 mph.

Highs today across West Texas were expected to range from near 50 in the northern Panhandle to to near 70 along the Rio Grande. Lows tonight should range from the 20s in the north to the 30s in southern sections.

Two men get probation for killing eagle

BEAUMONT (AP) — A federal judge has sentenced two men to three years probation in connection with the shooting of a bald eagle.

U.S. District Judge Howell Cobb on Tuesday sentenced Liberty residents Lloyd Holder and Olyn Dwayne Hendricks. The men earlier pleaded guilty to transporting and possessing a bald eagle.

In August, federal authorities filed misdemeanor charges against the two men, along with Dayton resident Charles Junior Wood and his wife, Janyce Lucas Wood. Charges were later dropped against Mrs. Wood.

The men were accused of illegally possessing and transporting a bald eagle whose corpse Texas Parks and Wildlife officials found March 6 at Hendricks' residence.

Holder had said he shot the bird because he thought it was a chicken hawk. Hendricks told authorities he told Holder to shoot the bird, assistant U.S. Attorney Tracey Batson said.

Cobb also ordered Holder and Hendricks to each pay $1,925.25 in restitution to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Game officials estimated the value of a bald eagle as $3,850.50 if the bird was sold for commercial gain.

The judge also ordered Wood to pay a $600 fine. Wood earlier pleaded guilty to taking and possessing a migratory bird.

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U.S. Feed Grains Council to meet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., will give his perspective on the world political situation and experts will discuss the outlook for China at the 34th membership meeting of the U.S. Feed Grains Council.

The council said the program for the meeting will stress that U.S. agriculture's ability to "build for tomorrow" depends on its ability to adapt to changing market conditions.

Other speakers at the meeting Feb. 6-9 in Scottsdale, Ariz., will include Gene Moos, undersecretary of the Agriculture Department, speaking on the departmental reorganization and the effects of the NAFTA and GATT trade agreements; and David Hardy, formerly of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, speaking on political unity within the agricultural community.

In Wichita Falls...

Ratite breeders set seminar

"What's In Store For '94" is the focus of an upcoming seminar on the future and care of ostrich, emu and rheas.

Anyone interested in learning more about this rapidly growing industry, is invited to attend the seminar sponsored by the National Ratite Breeders Association. This three-day educational event has breeders and speakers coming from all over the U.S. to share their experience and knowledge.

The seminar and trade show will be held Friday, Jan. 21 through Sunday, Jan. 23, 1994 at the Ramada Hotel in Wichita Falls.

The event will display ranch supplies, equipment and magazines targeted for the industry. Ratite products will be on display, such as leather goods, emu oil and items handcrafted from ratite products. There will also be concessions featuring ratite meat.

Some of the speakers include Mike Walker, Bettye Odle and Wayne Bolan, on "The Ostrich, Emu & Rhea Business - Present & Future". Bob Schuman of Colorado will take a look at "Preparing for Tomorrow's Slaughter Market".

Dr. Kenny Page of the University of Georgia will discuss "Research & Preventative Maintenance of Ostrich, Emu and Rheas". Ralph Childers of the USDA will share "How Farmers Home Administration Can Help With Diversified Agriculture".

Also, experienced breeders will teach beginner sessions as well as advanced breeder sessions about the raising of these birds.

Anyone wishing to attend this educational and trade show needs to call the National Ratite Breeders Association office at (402) 291-6722. Or, for more information regarding the trade show, contact Sid Smith at (405) 347-2618.

U.S. orange exports reach record tonage

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. orange exports reached a record 556,348 metric tons in the 1992-93 marketing year and were valued at $280 million, also a record, the Agriculture Department says.

The major U.S. customers are Canada, Japan and Hong Kong, accounting for more than 80 percent of total shipments, said a report by the Foreign Agricultural Service on world horticultural trade and U.S. export opportunities.

"Although production of U.S. oranges is forecast down in 1993-94, the good quality of the crop, some improvement of the Japanese economy and a lower European fruit production will maintain good U.S. orange export prospects in 1993-94," it said.

Total citrus production in major producing countries in the Northern Hemisphere in 1993-94 is forecast at 40.8 million metric tons, 4 percent below last season's record output. A metric ton is 2,205 pounds.

"This projected decline is largely due to lower orange production in the United States, Mexico and Spain," the report said.

Total orange production in selected countries is forecast at 23.1 million tons, down 5 percent from the previous year.

Grapefruit production is expected to decline 6 percent, to 3.3 million tons, because a smaller crop is forecast in the United States.

"A projected 23 percent reduction in Spain's lemon output will likely reduce production in the Northern Hemisphere by 4 percent in 1993-94, to 2.87 million tons," it said.

But total tangerine production is projected up 2 percent for 1993-94, to 10.1 million tons. Production of other citrus, mostly limes, is forecast up 3 percent, to 1.46 million tons.

Spain is the world's largest exporter of fresh citrus, marketing more than half its total production.

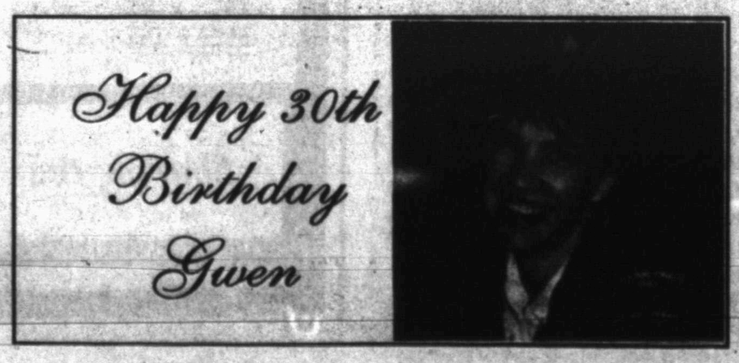
"The bulk of Spain's exports are expected to go to traditional markets such as Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Holland and Belgium," the report said.

Total citrus production in the United States for the 1993-94 season is forecast at 13.1 million tons, 6 percent below the previous harvest.

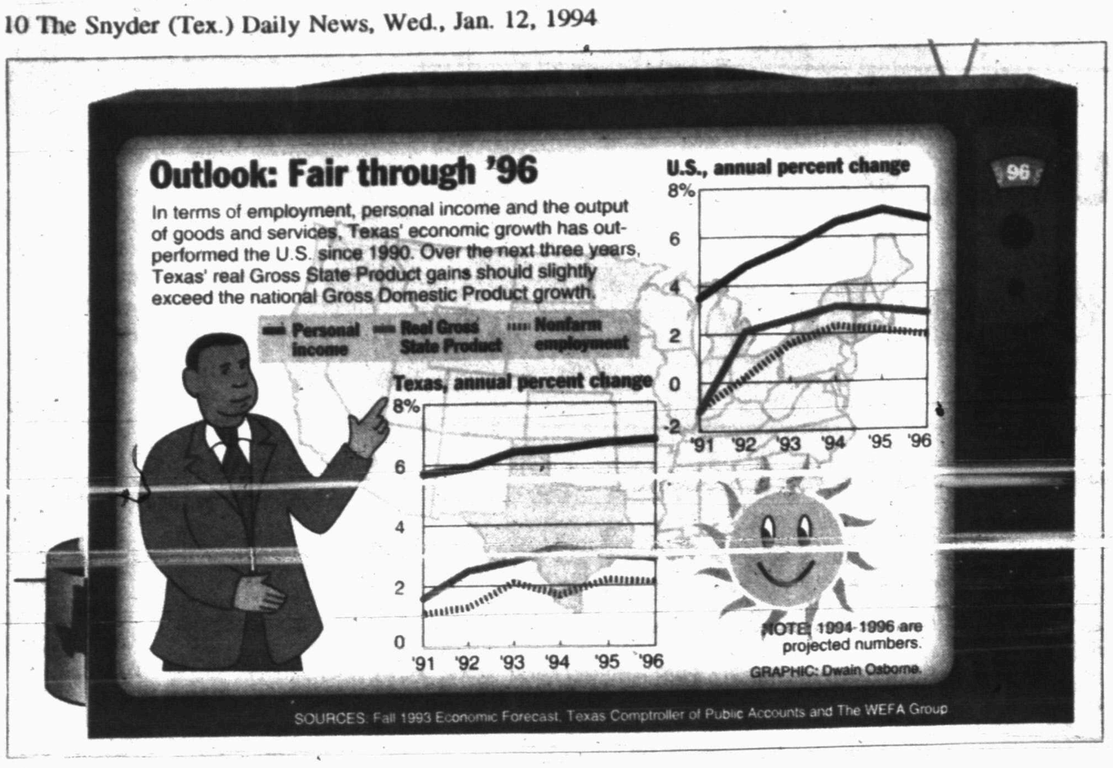
Sweetwater cattle auction

The market was steady to higher on a run of 1,207 head of cattle for the Jan. 5th sale. Stocker calves steady to higher with feeder cattle 2cwt higher. Pairs and bred cows steady with packer cows and bulls steady.

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DOT says border crossing can handle NAFTA traffic burden

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's border crossings already may be congested, but the Transportation Department suggests they're capable of shouldering the additional traffic resulting from the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Despite estimates that trade between the United States and Mexico will surge 65 to 70 percent by the turn of the century, federal transportation officials aren't recommending an infusion of federal money to the border.

While the nation's border bridges, tunnels and federal inspection facilities were rated as adequate in the short term, DOT found fault with the roads leading to the border crossings.

"Arterials leading to and from border crossing sites are ... under stress and will be hard pressed to handle significantly greater amounts of cross-border traffic," DOT said in a study released Tuesday.

The report, which analyzed NAFTA's likely impact on the nation's transportation systems, drew immediate criticism from two Texas congressmen whose districts border Mexico.

Reps. Ron Coleman and Henry Bonilla praised DOT for conducting the study, but vigorously disputed the agency's assessment that the border crossing infrastructure is adequate.

"The reality is that our present facilities, including staffing levels, are inadequate to meet the current levels of trade," said Coleman, D-El Paso.

Agreed Bonilla: "I completely disagree with the report's assumption that border crossing facilities are adequate for the foreseeable future."

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that border crossing facilities in Texas already have problems," added Bonilla, R-San Antonio.

The study affixes blame for border congestion and often hours-long delays on poor traffic management, complex inspection requirements by different federal agencies and inadequate paperwork.

The analysis rejects calls for a separate federal fund to pay for the border's infrastructure needs. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said improvements could be funded through greater efficiency in managing border crossings and financing from private sources.

In releasing the report, Pena announced that he will meet here in March with his Mexican and Canadian counterparts to discuss NAFTA's pressures on the three nations' transportation infrastructure.

"A central issue the Department of Transportation will bring to the table is that of reducing traffic delays, congestion and pollution that degrade the quality of life in our border communities," Pena said. He reminded reporters he is familiar with border conditions, having grown up in Brownsville.

Other issues to be discussed at the March meeting include implementation of NAFTA's provisions for the liberalization of cross-border truck, bus and rail commerce; and harmonization of the three nations' licensing, safety and operating rules.

Pena also announced the creation of a task force that will bring together representatives from a dozen federal agencies to find ways to improve border operations and plan for future needs. Panel members are expected to be named in the coming days.

"The border task force will seek ways to better coordinate inspections, staffing, hours of operation and particularly new technologies to speed people and cargo across the borders without compromising federal responsibility for control of immigration, public health, agricultural pest, illegal drugs or other contraband," Pena said.

While opposing the idea of a separate border fund, DOT officials are lobbying the Clinton administration to push hard for next year's share of a massive 1991 bill intended to provide $155 billion over seven years for transportation.

Residents downstream from superfund site say they weren't alerted

LEAGUE CITY (AP) — Some residents of a subdivision who claim federal officials failed to promptly notify them of contaminated water supply may take legal action, according to a published report.

The Houston Post reported Tuesday that some Clear Creek Shores residents are considering the legal action, accusing federal regulators of not protecting them from harmful chemicals in the water near their secluded waterfront homes.

Homeowner Brian Foye said he and his family have been waterskiing in Clear Creek for three years and the government's failure to warn residents of contaminants could have devastating effects on their health.

"We shouldn't even touch the water. The effect is that we no longer have waterfront property, which we paid a premium for," he said.

The presence of toxic chemicals in the Clear Creek Shores subdivision about 30 miles south of Houston was known to at least three government agencies in May 1993, The Post reported. However, a public health warning against eating fish from the creek wasn't issued until November.

The source of the pollution has not been identified but the Brio Superfund site upstream is suspected.

John C. Meyer, director of Superfund enforcement for EPA's regional office in Dallas, indicated Monday he learned Clear Creek water tests conducted in May were found to be "right at or below" the safety standards used in Texas.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission also believed contaminant levels were not a threat to human health after studying the EPA's water sample results.

But Meyer said he now questions whether the results of fish tissue samples are accurate.

Water samples were taken in Clear Creek by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in May, tipping officials to the contaminants.

Fish tissue sampling, conducted in November by state health officials, confirmed amounts of dichloroethane and trichloroethane, two industrial solvents suspected to cause cancers of the liver and kidneys, and carbon disulfide, a third solvent thought to cause nervous disorders.

Tests also showed levels of the pesticide chlordane, thought to cause liver cancer, at twice the federal safety limit.

Low expectations expressed for Clinton-Yeltsin summit

By Larry Ryckman
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's new lawmakers have low expectations for this week's U.S.-Russian summit, but they're hoping President Clinton will at least get to know a variety of political factions.

"This is a meeting of friendly presidents — that's all," said Grigory Yavlinsky, leader of a pro-reform bloc in parliament. "What kind of concrete results can one expect today and here in Moscow?"

Clinton arrives late today for a four-day round of meetings in which he and President Boris Yeltsin are expected to focus on the proliferation of nuclear weapons, the possible expansion of NATO and Russia's economic difficulties.

Yeltsin ally Mikhail Poltoranin, a deputy in the State Duma, the powerful lower chamber of parliament, expected little of substance to come out of the summit but said the event itself would be important.

"First of all, I expect the strengthening of personal contacts between Yeltsin and Clinton," he said. "This is important too. Secondly, Clinton will smell the air of Russia and will understand that (the situation) here is more complex than what is perceived in the United States. And the contact here is also important for the cooperation between our countries."

Ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky, who was pointedly left off the list of people Clinton will meet, told reporters Tuesday that Clinton's snub was a favor.

"I thank very much Mr. Clinton for his refusal because it's a very big gift for me," Zhirinovsky said, speaking in English. "Next elections I will receive more voices (votes) than now because Mr. Clinton refused to have a meeting with me, and Russian people will see with whom he has meetings in Moscow."

Zhirinovsky, who leads a major faction in the State Duma, said he and Clinton would have found plenty to talk about.

"I could discuss with him the war in the Balkans, in the Central Asian republics, and economic relations between Russia and the West," he said. "We need no help from the West. We can help ourselves."

Boris Nemtsov, the reformist governor of the Nizhny Novgorod region and a deputy in parliament's upper house, supported Clinton's decision to avoid Zhirinovsky.

"The argument that he (Zhirinovsky) was elected by the people, of course, is very strong," Nemtsov said. "But if you remember that Hitler was also elected by the people then it follows that it's not absolutely necessary. ... He, of course, will use it to inflame anti-American sentiment in Russia on the one hand.

"And on the other hand, if Clinton meets Zhirinovsky now, Zhirinovsky will look like a respectable politician, which we really don't want."

Lawmakers, of course, are not the only ones offering views on the Clinton-Yeltsin summit.

Georgy Arbatov, director of the Institute of the U.S.A. and Canada, said he hoped Clinton would back away from the West's previous focus on tough economic reforms in Russia.

"The greatest aid they can give us is to stop giving bad advice," Arbatov told the Interfax news agency.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Larry Ryckman has been a Moscow-based correspondent for The Associated Press since 1991.

Pageant entrants plan public visit in Mexico soon

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — City officials are denying a report that concern over possible rebel activity prompted them to try to hush advance publicity of a scheduled visit by 51 Miss USA pageant contestants.

"On the contrary, the mayor is very proud that the visitors will be here. It's totally public," Blanca Beltri, spokeswoman for this city of about 600,000 across the Rio Grande from Brownsville, said Tuesday.

No rebel activity has been reported near the U.S.-Mexico border since a New Year's Day uprising by Indian peasants in the southernmost state of Chiapas.

But the fighting, plus weekend bomb blasts in Mexico City and the Pacific tourist haven of Acapulco, has put Mexican political leaders on edge.

"It (the fighting) is very far from us," Beltri said. "We have security. We are taking all the precautions so that everything will be secure when the visitors arrive."

Earlier Tuesday, Al Clark, a coordinator of the event hired by host South Padre Island, said Matamoros officials had sought to avoid advance notice of a dinner party for the contestants hosted by Mayor Tomas Yarrington Rubalcava.

Clark described the dinner, scheduled for Feb. 2, as a private affair.

Matamoros contributed $100,000 to help bring the pageant to South Padre Island, said Harold Wheeler.

NOTIFICATION OF FmHA'S FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has received an application for financial assistance from Snyder Senior Citizens, Inc... The specific elements of this proposed action are construction of a 40-unit FmHA Section 515 rural rental housing apartment complex in Snyder, Texas the south side of Snyder, Texas, on Cogdell Boulevard.

FmHA has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed action and has determined that it will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment . Therefore, FmHA will not prepare an environmental impact statement for this proposed action.

Any written comments regarding this determination should be provided within 15 days of this publication to Mr. L. George Ellis, State Director, FmHA, 241 North Pine, Suite 2LB, Abilene, Texas 79601-5928. FmHA will make no further decisions regarding this proposed action during this 15 day period. Requests to review the FmHA environmental assessment upon which this determination is based or to receive a copy of it should be directed to the above address.

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