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Ask Us

Q—If Charlie Reynolds is elected Precinct 1 justice of the peace, will the DARE program be dropped?

A—No. Scurry County Sheriff's Office will continue to provide the DARE program, regardless of the outcome of the March and November elections.

In Brief

Bosnia update

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration today endorsed a report by U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali that gives the go-ahead for air strikes against Bosnia Serbs if they attack peacekeeping operations in two key Bosnia towns.

"We've endorsed that report," Secretary of State Warren Christopher said.

Local

Canyon 4-H

Canyon Reef 4-H Club wil meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Wheels

Snyder Wheels Car Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Shack. Officers will be elected. Visitors are welcome.

Underground

The Rolling Plains Underground Water Conservation District temporary board of directors will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday to fill a vacancy on the board and elect officers.

The meeting will be held in the West Texas State Bank building.

Tiger's Lair

Anyone who ordered a 1994 Tiger's Lair yearbook and paid a deposit must pay the balance by Tuesday or the deposit will be lost and the order forfeited.

Orders are still being taken before and after school in Room 229 until Tuesday. Cost is $35. Payment must be in full. Visa and Mastercharge are accepted.

Nominees

Nominees for Mr. and Miss SHS have been announced. They are, for Miss SHS, Cerise Covey, Amy Holmes, Tammy Logston, Haley Patterson and Annie Ragland.

Mr. SHS nominees are Jeremy Alarcon, Jimmy Henry, Terrell Jones, Jon Patrick and Bucky Williams.

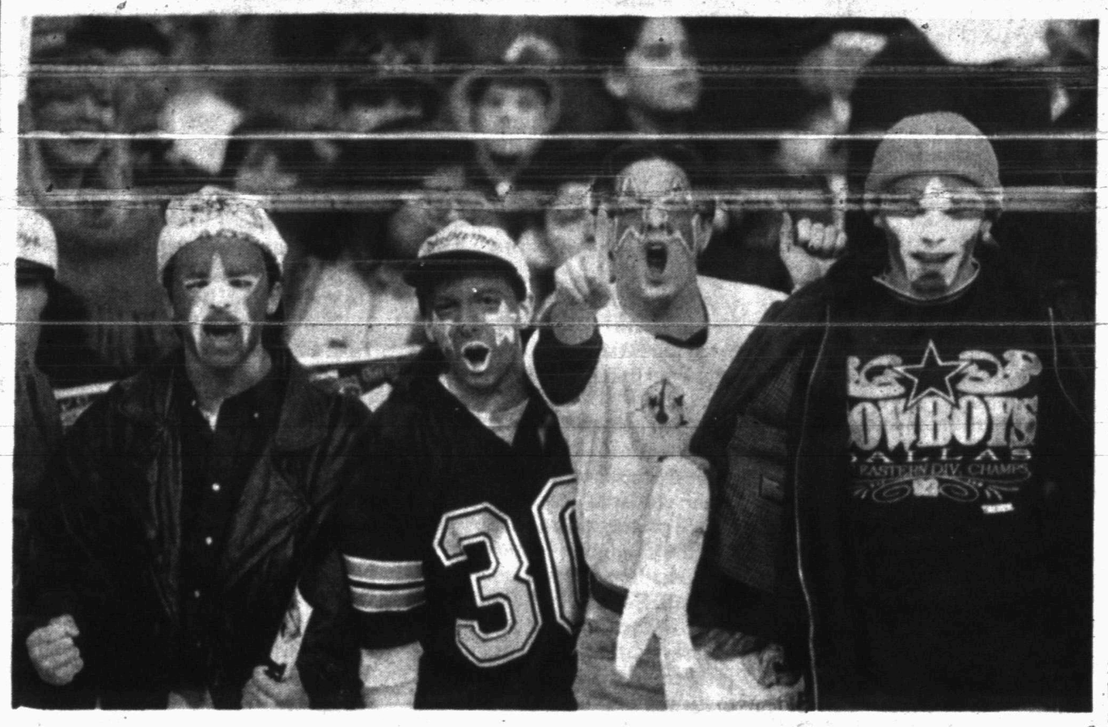
Mr. and Miss SHS will be announced at the Snyder High School Coronation, Feb. 17.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 40 degrees; low, 26 degrees; high Sunday, 45 degrees; low, 21 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 22 degrees; snow flurries; total precipitation for 1994 to date, .53 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy with a few flurries. Low around 15. Light wind. Tuesday, Mostly cloudy. High in the mid 30s. Wind becoming southwest 5 15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:18. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:30. Of 30 days in 1994, the sun has shone 26 days in Snyder.



Cowboys ride herd on Buffalo, 30-13

ON TO VICTORY — No one could accuse these fans of not getting serious in their support of the Dallas Cowboys, who defeated Buffalo 30-13 Sunday in Atlanta to win their second straight Super Bowl title. For the game action, see Page 5. (AP Photo)

Bingo petitions presented to county commissioners

Petitions containing more than 1,000 names asking for a local option election to legalize bingo in the remainder of Scurry County were presented to the commissioners court during its regular meeting this morning.

John Fair, a representative from the Snyder Veteran of Foreign Wars post submitted the petitions. Names of registered voters must now be certified by the county clerk's office.

Fair said that the organization itself believes the petitions contain more than 800 names which can easily be certified by the county clerk.

The petitions ask for an election in Peace Justice Precinct 1 which is all of Scurry County with the exception of Hermleigh. State law requires verification of at least 10 percent, about 464 signatures, of the number of votes cast in the last election for governor.

After the court presents the petitions to the county clerk, that office has 30 days in which to verify signatures. The first available election day is Saturday, May 7.

Bingo is already approved in the Hermleigh justice of the peace precinct, but no games have ever been held in that area.

In other business, the court accepted bids for sealcoating rock for three precincts. Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway recommended the purchase of number 5 rock from TexSand Gravel Products of Sweetwater for $3 per ton.

The court also accepted the purchase of Number 4 rock for Precincts 2 and 3 from R.E. Janes Graves Co. of Abilene for $6 per ton. The rock comes from the Vealmoor plant.

Charlie Bell, county treasurer, presented the quarterly report for

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Fed will raise interest rates, Greenspan says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan put the country on notice today that the central bank would "at some point" begin pushing interest rates higher in order to keep inflationary pressures from getting out of control.

While the Fed chairman left vague the timing of such a rate increase, he gave a strong indication in congressional testimony that rate hikes could come at any time.

He said the issue of when to raise interest rates would be discussed by the Fed's top policy-making committee, the Federal Open Market Committee, when it meets this Thursday and Friday.

While raising interest rates has the effect of slowing borrowing and economic activity, Greenspan sought to assure members of the Joint Economic Committee that the Fed's actions would not be an effort to end the current recovery.

"Such an action would not be taken in order to cut off or limit the economic expansion, but rather to sustain and enhance it," Greenspan said in his testimony.

Increasing interest rates are something the central bank has not done since the spring of 1989. As the country slumped into a recession and then endured a painfully long and weak recovery period, the central bank moved to cut interest rates to their lowest levels in three decades.

But Greenspan signaled today that this period was coming to an end.

He said that short-term interest rates were at "abnormally low" levels currently and he said that the central bank must avoid the mistakes of the past when policy-makers waited too long to respond to inflationary pressures.

DCOS board to meet at 5

The president of the Development Corportation of Snyder's board of directors said that naming an executive director is "forthcoming," but said it could be later in the week, rather than late this afternoon.

The DCOS board interviewed two candididates, Doug Hutchison of Burton and John Castro of Georgetown, last Thursday, and a third candidate, Marie Muse of Mt. Pleasant, on Saturday. After the weekend interview, the board decided to reconvene at 5 p.m. today.

DCOS board president Bill Seale said members of the seven-person economic advisory committee were checking references provided by the candidates today and will report its findings at the 5 o'clock meeting. The DCOS board will also consider a salary and benefits package in today's meeting.

Seale said an executive director could be named today, but that action could also be delayed.

"It depends on how the references and everything comes out. I think that that (hiring someone) will be forthcoming today or tomorrow," he said.

Gillooly will testify against his ex-wife, according to report

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Jeff Gillooly only agreed to testify against ex-wife Tonya Harding after learning that she had dropped their cover story and given him away to the FBI, his brother, John Gillooly, told The Associated Press.

"Whatever implications were made against him, he has to rebut," John Gillooly said Sunday. "If it involves implicating her, that's probably the crux of it."

Jeff Gillooly, who testified before a grand jury Saturday, has agreed to plead guilty in the attack on Kerrigan and will testify against Harding, The Oregonian reported today. The plea was expected Tuesday.

The newspaper said Gillooly agreed to plead guilty to a racketeering charge that carries a two-year prison term.

"Jeff would have fallen on his sword for Tonya if Tonya had told him the truth. But she didn't," Hoevet told The Oregonian. Hoevet didn't return telephone calls The Associated Press placed Sunday asking for comment.

Gillooly, bodyguard Shawn Eckardt, alleged hitman Shane Stant and alleged getaway car driver Derrick Smith have all been charged with conspiracy in the clubbing of Kerrigan on Jan. 6, just before the national championships in Detroit.

Harding has not been charged. With Kerrigan, she remains on the team roster the U.S. Olympic Committee sent to the International Olympic Organizing Committee in Lillehammer, Norway, today.

The U.S. Figure Skating Association has until Feb. 21 to replace Harding with alternate Michelle Kwan, 13, if it decides Harding violated the organization's code of conduct.

A USFSA committee meets Tuesday to consider whether Harding violated the code, committee chairman William Hybl said.

Harding said last week that she first learned of the attack on Kerrigan after she got home to Portland.

SDN Talking Newspaper Poll

Do you feel that Tonya Harding should be allowed to participate in the Winter Olympics ?

Call 573-1300

(Software safeguards will only register one call per person)

RESULTS TUESDAY

Winter weather plays havoc with schedules, travel plans

Snowy weather blew into Snyder late Sunday evening, causing schools to alter their schedules and some travelers to change their plans.

While early morning reports indicated that roads were largely clear except for bridges, local police and area DPS troopers were advising against travel as the morning progressed.

Local dispatchers said police were reporting that as increased traffic caused the snow to melt, it was re-freezing again as ice.

Travel advisories were out along U.S. Highway 84 and Interstate 20.

The weather forced Snyder public schools to curtail its staff development day. Key speakers from Austin and Abilene had to cancel their appearances, and local administrators announced that staff would be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. instead of 3:45.

The day had already been scheduled as a holiday for SISD students.

Ira and Hermleigh schools began classes two hours later than usual. Buses did not run at Hermleigh or the HOBBS Alternative School.

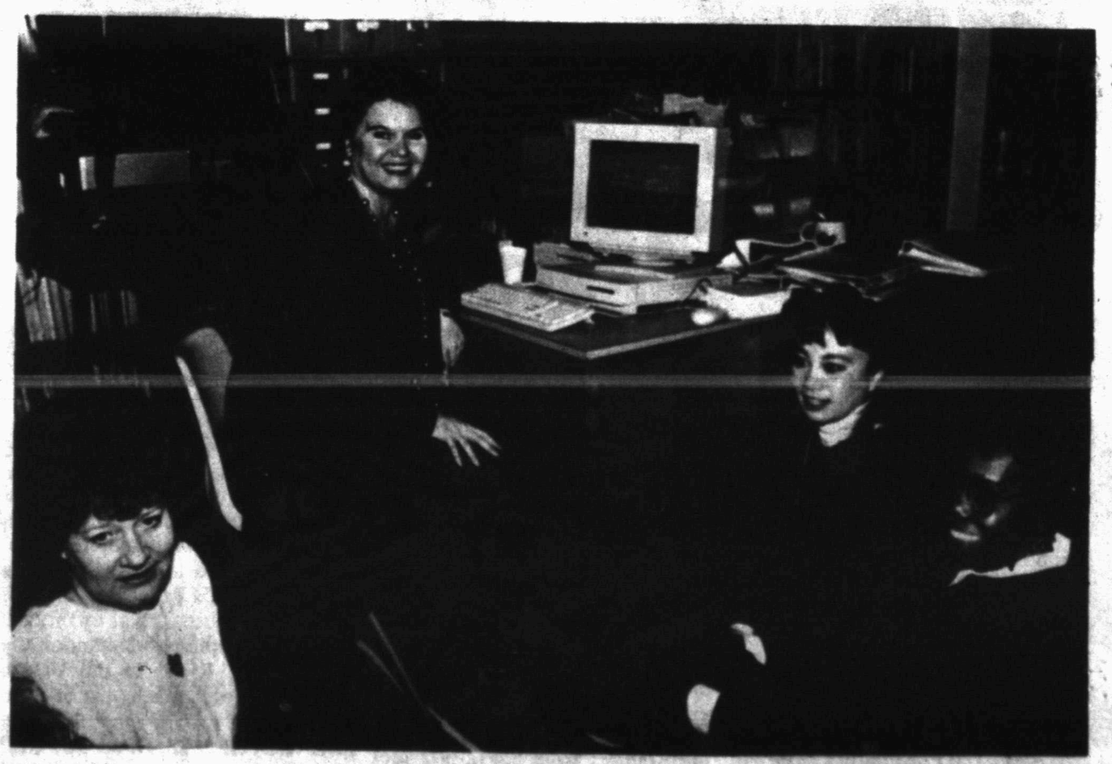
Western Texas College was holding classes, however.

Although city and county business continued as usual, Scurry County Senior Center closed because of the weather.

All of Snyder ISD's junior high and freshman basketball games scheduled with Sweetwater this evening have been cancelled. Junior high tennis matches between Snyder and Colorado City were also called off.

Administrators in Hermleigh and Ira were waiting until later in the day to determine if their basketball games would be played.

Temperatures are expected to remain below the freezing mark today, dipping to a low of about 15 degrees this evening. The moisture is expected to taper off during the evening, although a few flurries are possible. Tuesday's high is expected to hover around freezing, with a high of about 35 predicted.



IN-SERVICE SESSION — Vicki McCraw of Bedford, with the Houghton Mifflin Company, gave a demonstration using computers to first and second grade teachers during in-service at Stanfield Elementary today. Teachers from left are Carolyn Martin, Kim Krueger and Florence Lewis. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Infection requires drug treatment

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 50-year-old male diagnosed with non-specific urethritis with the complication of chronic prostatis and epididymitis. I've been prescribed Floxin to no avail. Would you suggest other antibiotics such as erythromycin or doxycycline, or should I let the natural healing process of my body take care of this?

DEAR READER: This is a question you should ask your urologist. The type of infection you have, which involves the reproductive tract, is often resistant to treatment. Therefore, while Floxin, a potent antibiotic, should do the trick, the specialist may wish to use another type that would be more effective in this situation.

For example, non-specific urethritis, an infection of the tube leading from the bladder, is often treated more successfully with the tetracycline antibiotics, such as doxycycline. The urologist can advise you. I believe that a "wait-and-see" approach could be dangerous.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can fluorocarbons, such as found in hair sprays, have an adverse effect on the kidneys? My wife, who is a beautician, has suffered from swollen joints and hands that were drawn up into claws and caused constant excruciating pain. A rheumatologist found blood in the urine and inflamed kidneys. After being taken off sprays for two months, she is back to normal and the joint pain is gone. Is this lupus, are her kidneys still affected, and what's going on?

DEAR READER: It seems to me that all of us are becoming sensitive to the wide variety of hazards that are part and parcel of modern living. Although hair sprays and aerosols do not commonly damage the body, the potential is certainly there, especially if the products are used improperly and exclusively in closed spaces.

I personally wouldn't have blamed hair sprays for your wife's symptoms. Yet, her story is too compelling to ignore. Even if she were to have a positive blood test for lupus, an autoimmune disease causing arthritis and kidney disease, the sprays seem to have aggravated the situation. Obviously she should avoid breathing aerosols in the workplace.

As to her kidney disorder, you'll have to ask her doctor about that. She may well have suffered an allergic or toxic reaction to the products, and she may need aggressive therapy — such as prednisone — rather than merely avoiding the products in the future. Lupus often affects the kidneys; therefore, your wife should be closely monitored by her doctor.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Lupus: The Great Imitator." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you described outmoded therapy for bedsores. As a home care nurse, I take issue with your suggestions about Maalox, a hair dryer and heat lamp. As any enterostomal therapist will tell you, bedsores require good nutrition and, often, debridement. You owe your readers current information, so that the public will not use any of the outmoded interventions you mentioned.

DEAR READER: In the column you refer to, I answered a reader who asked about home remedies for bedsores, ulcers of the skin that occur in debilitated patients who are confined to bed. In response, I emphasized that the patient's nutritional state was paramount and that a physician should be called in if the pressure sores appeared deep or infected. I also emphasized that the patient must be turned frequently, so that he or she doesn't consistently lie on the inflamed skin, thereby promoting tissue breakdown. Finally, I suggested several simple methods — such as the application of Maalox and the use of a hair dryer — that a layperson could utilize in a home environment.

I was grateful to receive the additional information you sent — as did other enterostomal therapists (nurse specialists in wound treatment) — but, after reading it, I am not inclined to alter my recommendations. For one thing, the material virtually underscores what I said. For another, my techniques do not require special training. Also, they work. The information I gave was an appropriate response to the particular reader's question.

I think you should know that my health column is not written for the health professional. The technical aspects of disease are best obtained through the usual medical sources, such as publications, journals, textbooks, conferences and the like. I don't always endorse the newest drugs, therapies and diagnostic technology, until they have been proved effective. Rather, I try, as a practicing general internist — not a super-specialist — to provide sound and understandable advice about what interests readers. Sometimes, I stub my toe. When I do, I usually print a clarification or a retraction. (Even the major medical publications do this.) However, on the subject of bedsores, I do not believe that my position needs alteration.

If you carefully re-read the original column, you'll see that my homespun suggestions are just that — not an effort to summarize state-of-the-art bedsore management. Hey, cut me some slack.

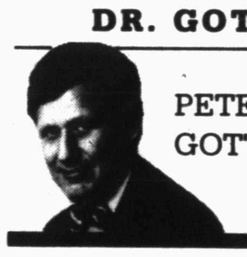
To add to the suggestions I made, I offer the following. Some bedsores heal more quickly in a slightly damp, mildly acidic, sterile environment. Therefore, if drying the area seems ineffective, a change in approach is appropriate. For example, Duoderm (a thin, semi-permeable wound-dressing) may protect the bedsore and aid healing. There are other, similar products, such as Intrasite, Vigilon or Tegaderm — all of which should be used only in the context of total wound care.

Many deep bedsores are infected or filled with necrotic (dead) tissue. For healing to take place, such material must be removed (debrided). Although this procedure may require anesthesia and a surgeon, minor debridement can be carried out in the home (or nursing facility) by nurses. A course of antibiotics (or the use of antibiotic cream) is often necessary. Most bedsores tend to be somewhat moist; as long as they are clean, the moisture may be beneficial. Therefore, the wounds do not need wetting. On the contrary, excess moisture may cause surrounding tissue to deteriorate.

All experts agree with the fundamental approach I outlined: avoidance of continuing pressure on delicate skin, close attention to adequate nutrition, maintenance of a clean environment, and prompt assistance from health professionals when needed.

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DR. GOTT



PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Texas in third place...

Louisiana ranked as most dangerous state in nation

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — The "Most Dangerous State" in America is Louisiana, according to a ranking of states based on crime statistics compiled by a Kansas publishing company.

The second most dangerous state was Maryland, followed by Texas, Illinois and Florida, according to "Crime State Rankings 1994," a 459-page book published by Morgan Quitno Corp. of Lawrence. Rounding out the top 10 were California, Nevada, New York, Arizona and South Carolina.

At the opposite end of the scale, Vermont was found to be the safest of the 50 states, said Scott Morgan, president of the publishing company.

Morgan said the rankings were based on 16 factors, including overall state crime rates, juvenile crime statistics, crime clearances, police protection and expenditures and the change in crime rates over the past five years.

In all, Louisiana ranked No. 1 in two of the 16 categories — its murder rate of 17.4 per 100,000 residents, and its prisoner incarceration rate. The state had 478 people in state prisons per 100,000 residents, compared to the national average of 303 per 100,000.

Louisiana was second in one category, fifth in three, seventh in one, eighth in three, 12th in two, 15th in one, and 22nd, 26th and 33rd in the other three.

"I realize that this distinction is not a flattering one for the beautiful Bayou State," Morgan said. "Certainly, you will find pockets of safe and dangerous areas in any state.

"However, when taken as a whole, the facts speak for themselves. Louisiana has the highest murder rate in the country and ranks high in violent crime and overall crime in general."

Maryland, the No. 2 "most dangerous state" according to the publication, ranked fifth in murder rate, 12.1 per 100,000 residents. Maryland also came up eighth in the prisoner incarceration category, with 380 people in state prisons per 100,000.

Morgan admitted that selecting the top 16 categories used to compile the crime rankings was subjective.

"But when you look at it, I think it's fairly telling," he said. "You can quibble about whether Louisiana is first or fourth, but it is definitely among the top states in the problem of crime."

Maine followed Vermont as the state considered safest. Next came Iowa, North Dakota, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Nebraska, South Dakota, Kentucky, Montana and Wyoming.

The book ranks the states in more than 450 categories, and Morgan said the 16 factors considered the most critical were used in determining which states are most dangerous.

Morgan said his company goes beyond the FBI's annual crime reports in compiling its statistics.

On the overall crime rate, Louisiana ranked fifth with 6,546 crimes per 100,000 residents in 1992. Florida was first, with 8,358, followed by Texas, Arizona and California. In violent crime, Florida was again leader, followed by New York, California, Maryland and Louisiana.

California, the nation's most populous state, led the nation in murders and non-negligent manslaughters in 1992 with 3,921, or 16.5 percent of the national total of 23,760. New York had 2,397, Texas 2,239, Illinois 1,322, Florida 1,208, Michigan 938 and Louisiana 747.

But although Louisiana ranked seventh in the total number of homicides, its murder rate of 17.4 per 100,000 was well above the 13.2 per 100,000 for second-place New York and 12.7 for both California and Texas.

New York had the highest robbery rate in 1992, 596.9 per 100,000 residents, with Maryland second at 429 per 100,000. Louisiana ranked eighth in this category, with 271.4 per 100,000.

Florida was the leader in aggravated assaults, 777 per 100,000, followed by New Mexico, South Carolina, Alabama and Louisiana.

The "Crime State Rankings" book is the latest in a series of annual reference guides which Morgan's company began publishing in 1990. The first in the series, 'State Rankings," compares the states in categories ranging from agriculture, transportation, government finance to social welfare.

For the last three years, the company has used statistics in that book to come up with a "most livable state" award — won twice by New Hampshire and once by Utah. The most recent livability ranking, released last April, ranked Louisiana dead last.

Morgan said he was somewhat surprised to find Kansas ranked 15th on the most dangerous state list, right behind Missouri. He said he would have expected to see it ranked more closely with such other neighboring rural states as Nebraska, which was 44th, and Iowa, which was 48th.

"I guess, though, that you've got urban areas like Wichita, Topeka, and Kansas City, Kan., and then not enough people in the rest of the state to balance it out," Morgan said.

Teen smoking, drug use increases again

WASHINGTON (AP) — After declining steadily for more than a decade, smoking and drug use by teen-agers is on the rise again.

An annual survey of 51,000 high school and eighth-grade youth in more than 400 schools found that fewer teen-agers now see the peril in experimenting with cocaine and other illicit drugs.

The study by University of Michigan researchers found that 9 percent of eighth graders, 19 percent of 10th graders and 26 percent of 12th graders reported using marijuana in the past year — increases of 2 to 4 percentage points from a year earlier.

Eight percent of the eighth graders, 14 percent of 10th graders and 19 percent of the seniors said they smoked cigarettes daily — up by 1 to 2 percentage points.

"With more young people smoking cigarettes and using marijuana, and with the psychological and social constraints on use declining, the stage is set for a potential resurgence of cocaine and crack use in this population," warned Lloyd Johnston, the University of Michigan researcher who directs the study.

The findings provoked an outcry from the Clinton administration.

"These findings are more than a warning signal. They are an urgent alarm we must heed at once," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala.

"Every new generation of young people needs to hear the same clear and unambiguous message: Drugs are harmful. Drugs are deadly. Drugs are illegal. Drugs will destroy your life," she said in remarks prepared for a news conference with Education Secretary Richard W. Riley and Lee P. Brown, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Shalala said she would appeal to the presidents of television networks, movie studios, record companies and sport leagues to intensify efforts to spread the anti-drug message.

Riley said the Education Department would boost spending on programs to "offer children alternatives to the deadly lure of drugs."

The University of Michigan, under contracts with the National Institute on Drug Abuse, has surveyed high school seniors annually since 1975 on their use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. In 1991 it began questioning eighth and 10th graders as well.

Excavated remains of 37 American Indians reburied

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The remains of 37 American Indians whose bodies were excavated from Alamo Plaza during construction of the downtown post office have been blessed by their ancestors and prepared for reburial.

The bones of the Indian women and children were moved to San Fernando Cemetery after they were discovered in 1935.

The remains were exhumed in 1989 for study by the Southwest Texas State University anthropology department.

Now that the study is complete, the bodies are to be reinterred Monday at the cemetery.

Representatives of the Inter-Tribal Council of American Indians gathered at Blessed Sacrament Academy on Sunday for a service honoring the dead.

"These are our ancestors. These are human beings," Gary Gabehart, president of the inter-tribal council, said after the emotional ceremony.

The remains blessed Sunday will be reunited for burial with larger bones and artifacts that were returned to San Antonio on Thursday.

Gabehart said his organization hopes to obtain jewelry and three skulls removed from the burial ground when the bodies first were discovered.

The items now are in the possession of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, official caretakers of the Alamo, he said

Forensic studies show the Indian bodies date from before the battle of the Alamo and are from the colonial period, San Antonio historian Richard Garay said.

Mansion for sale

LOS ANGELES (AP) — So the earth below may roll every now and then, so what? Yakov Smirnoff says his house has a lot of other things going for it.

"We put in ... a sandbox that looks like a sand trap in the back, so it looks like the yard is part of the golf course," the Russian native said.

The comedian is trying to sell his three-bedroom, ranch style Pacific Palisades house for about $2.3 million.

The home was not damaged in the Jan. 17 quake, he added.

"Because it's on the 18th hole, I was afraid it would be in the 18th hole," he quipped.

Pick 3

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

8-2-0

(eight, two, zero)

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 13, 17, 20, 24, 39, 42.

There were 151 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,072. There were 6,546 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $90. And there were 113,872 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $8 million.

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DATE BOOK

Jan. 31, 1994

Today is the 31st day of 1994 and the 42nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1944, U.S. Marines landed on the Marshall Islands, providing the Allies with a major staging area.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franz Schubert (1797-1828), composer; Anna Pavlova (1882-1931), ballerina; Eddie Cantor (1892-1964), comedian; Tallulah Bankhead (1903-1968), actress; Jackie Robinson (1919-1972), baseball great; Carol Channing (1923-), actress, is 71; Norman Mailer (1923-), writer, is 71; Ernie Banks (1931-), baseball great, is 63; Nolan Ryan (1947-), baseball great, is 47; Phil Collins (1951-), musician, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1958, "Jackpot Bowling" premiered on TV, with Leo Durocher as host.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The less I behave like Whistler's mother the night before, the more I look like her the morning after." — Tallulah Bankhead

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1911, Oklahoma recorded its all-time January high temperature, 92 degrees, at Weatherford and Cloud Chief.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 27) and last quarter (Feb. 3).

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Drug sweep captures 300 in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — About 380 people were arrested over the weekend in a citywide sting aimed at crack houses and their patrons, Houston police said Sunday.

"Operation Street Sweep" began Friday with undercover narcotics officers busting 35 known crack houses and arresting accused dealers, said police spokesman John Leggio.

Officers then posed as dealers at the houses on Saturday and arrested anyone who tried to buy drugs, Leggio said. In all, about 380 people had been taken to jail by Sunday morning.

"This is a result of complaints by area residents who are getting tired of seeing these guys sell drugs in and around their neighborhoods," Leggio said.

He added that the operation had been in the planning and investigative stages since last month and that no one area of the city was targeted.

"It was all pretty much evenly distributed throughout the city," he said. "We just didn't go to the north side or the south side."

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

RUWCO Oil and Gas Corp. has completed the No. 1 House in the Gill field, two miles northwest of Ira. The well was completed to produce 113 barrels of 41 gravity oil and no water. Gas-oil ratio was 650-1 with perforations from 6,840-851 feet. Location is in Section 139, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 1-R T.B. Wade in the Sharon Ridge field, 3.5 miles northwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 141, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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Fisher County

Cholla Petroleum Inc. has completed the No. 15-710 in the Newman field, eight miles south of Roby. The well was finaled to produce 11 barrels of 40 gravity oil and 11 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,766-782 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block K, T&P survey.

Marshall R. Young Oil Co. has completed the No. 1-180 Barbee in the FGY field, six miles east of Rotan. The venture was completed to produce 90 barrels of 40 gravity oil and nine barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 1,222-1 with perforations from 5,492-502 feet. Location is in Section 180, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Tauren Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 1 Bomar, a 3,800-foot wildcat located two miles northeast of Roby. Location is in the T.H. Cosby survey.

Nolan County

Encore Engery Inc. will plug and abandon three wells in the Lake Sweetwater Strawn Odom unit, approximately 8.5 miles southeast of Sweetwater. The No. 11 was drilled to 5,900 feet, the No. 15 to 6,1562 feet, and the No. 29 to 4,997 feet. Kaiser Francis Oil Co. will plug and abandon the No. 1 D.S. Riggs in the Vogan field, 2.2 miles northwest of Roscoe. Drilled to 7,300 feet, location was in Section 28, Block 23, T&P survey.

In 1664, the French surrendered New Amsterdam to the British, who renamed it New York.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-1141 or 863-2349.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Twentieth Century; hostess, Mrs. Bernhard Bartels; program, houses of history; 3 p.m.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; hostess, Billie Boren; program, music boxes; 3 p.m.

University Women; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Snyder Police Auxiliary; Snyder National Bank Community Room; 7:30 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-1141, 573-5867.

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

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club Prayer Coffee; ..... 10 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; program by Bernice Parker, "Video Birds IV;" hostesses, Bonnie Fry, Georgia Gray; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

Two governors agree on major issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Gov. Ann Richards and a Republican counterpart ended up agreeing more than disagreeing during a nationally televised discussion on health care, welfare and crime proposals offered by President Clinton last week.

Appearing on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley," Richards, a Democrat, and New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman both challenged positions put forward by their respective party's leaders in Washington.

Each argued that states need more freedom to pursue their own solutions.

At one point, after Richards said federal welfare reform would not work "until they get the boot off the necks of the states," ABC reporter Sam Donaldson asked, "Wait, which one is the Republican here?"

Whitman and Richards both expressed concern that federal "reforms" — especially mandates on small businesses — could endanger economic recovery in their states.

Clinton's health plan would require all businesses to provide insurance for their employees, something business advocates and many politicians say will lead to layoffs.

Richards said business coverage should be optional in the new purchasing collectives the Clinton plan envisions, and any mandates from Washington should be phased in.

"You are not going to be able to ask business to bear the burden of instantly taking over insurance when that insurance isn't being paid for them now," she said. "I don't personally think that you're going to be able to pass any kind of bill that is going to cause job loss because none of us are going to stand for it."

Whitman said practices by insurance companies that exclude coverage for people who already have medical problems must be stopped.

Whitman said she hopes Congress sets broad goals in its health care legislation, such as requiring that insurance transfer when people change jobs but letting the states develop their own rules for that.

She and Richards also said welfare must be reformed at the same time because many people stay on public assistance so their families can receive Medicaid health benefits.

On crime, Richards said she supports Clinton's proposal to mandate life sentences for thrice convicted violent criminals, despite Texas' overcrowded jails and prisons.

"One, you put more police on the street. Two, you keep the bad guys locked up," she said. "It's real simple ... but not allowing those violent offenders back on the street is what will bring down crime in this country. Whether it's three strikes and you're in or you serve your full sentence and no more good time."

West Texas cities jockeying for proposed I-27 extension

LUBBOCK (AP) — From Pecos to Abilene, West Texans are lining up to tout their town as the perfect place to link Interstate 27 with I-10.

A pending study of a new north-south highway through the region is anxiously awaited by boosters who see the road as a pathway to prosperity that could spur unprecedented economic growth and smoother access to oil fields, farms and air bases.

The attitude is "not so much do we need this facility, it's where are we going to put it?" said Will Hagood, senior vice president of HDR Engineering Inc. of Dallas.

The Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation contracted Hagood's firm last month to study whether a new route of some sort needs to link Lubbock with curving I-10 from El Paso to San Antonio.

Officials say the route wouldn't necessarily be an interstate extending I-27, which currently runs the 120 miles from Amarillo to Lubbock.

A new highway could simply follow existing roads in some places, officials say, or blaze a new trail.

But it's a prospective trade boost tantalizing enough to cause some jockeying among neighbors.

"The most immediate gain would be increased trade with Lubbock and Amarillo," said Charles Perry, chairman of the MidlandOdessa Transportation Alliance. "Secondly, it would create a better corridor of trade with Mexico. Third, an interstate highway is an excellent economic development tool."

Midland and Odessa head the westernmost camp, which recommends a route that cuts through the two big Permian Basin cities and then heads through Crane and McCamey.

To the east, Abilene joined forces with Sweetwater and Roscoe to lure the proposed route that direction.

And in the middle, Big Spring and San Angelo are promoting a straight shot to Del Rio.

Everyone mentions the North American Free Trade Agreement as a reason to improve roads to Mexico.

"The interstate highways in this country were mostly built going east to west," Perry said. "Not only do we need to add to I-27, we need to add other north-south routes."

"With NAFTA coming on line, it's a viable project," said Abilene Chamber of Commerce President Charlie Dromgoole. "If NAFTA had failed, it probably would have been a mute point."

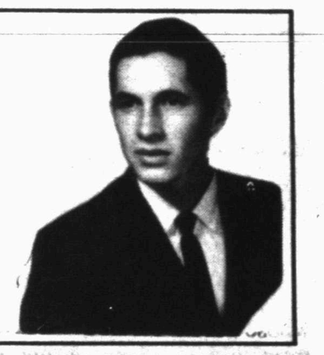
A federal act in 1991 earmarked $2.9 million for what is now called the "Lubbock to IH-10 Route Study."

The engineering firm hopes to narrow down the best corridor — a strip 10-15 miles wide — by Aug. 31. A precise route wouldn't be selected until August 1995.

Factors under study include the region's topography, environmental sensitivity and population centers.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-31-94
♠ A 3
♥ A 9 7
♦ J 10 7 4 3
♣ A 5 4

WEST
♠ K 10 9 6 5 4 2
♥ Q 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ 6

EAST
♠ J 8
♥ K 10 8 2
♦ A 9 6
♣ J 9 7 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 7
♥ J 6 5 4
♦ Q 8
♣ K Q 10 8 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 10

Whenever bridge is played

As long as bridge is played on this planet, the Stayman Convention will be used. Its popularizer, Sam Stayman, died on December 11, 1993, at the age of 84.

Stayman was one of the world's best players. He represented the United States in six world championships, winning the first three postwar titles. He won 19 national championships, most in partnership with George Rapee or Victor Mitchell.

In today's deal, aggressive bidding reached a three-no-trump contract that, as far as I can see, is defeated by any lead but the diamond king or a spade. However, Stayman was favored with the understandable spade lead, which ran around to his queen.

When you have eight top tricks in three no-trump, sometimes the best approach is to establish a non-solid suit. Here, though, that line fails as long as East wins the defense's first diamond trick and returns his remaining spade.

Stayman followed the alternative path of playing off his long suit. He cashed the club king, played a club to dummy's ace, finessed his club 10 and took his last two club tricks. Which four discards could West make?

Not a heart, because declarer would play a heart to the ace and a heart toward his jack. Not two diamonds, because declarer would lead a diamond, removing West's entry. So it had to be one diamond and three spades. But now Stayman could safely play on diamonds for his ninth trick.

Stayman was a tough competitor at the table, who gave no quarter and expected none. He will be missed.

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Many women benefit by resisting attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Experts advise women that it's hard to tell whether to resist a violent attacker even though a new government study finds that many who have talked or fought back think they wound up better off.

"It would be great if there was an easy answer to the question of when to resist," said Dean Kilpatrick, director of the Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at the Medical University of South Carolina. "But it's difficult because it depends on the situation, and each woman faces a unique situation with unique circumstances."

Anticipating that choice, more and more women are taking self-defense courses. Kilpatrick and other experts say a Justice Department study released Sunday helps explain why.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics found:

—61 percent of women who resisted an attacker verbally or physically think they improved their situation.

—23 percent of women who resisted a rape, robbery or assault by arguing, reasoning or fighting back believed the self-protective behavior did not help.

—16 percent weren't sure.

The Justice study found that four out of five women took some protective action when their attacker was an intimate friend or relative; just under three out of four did so when an acquaintance or stranger attacked.

The report comes as the case of Lorena Bobbitt, the Virginia woman who cut off her husband's penis, has expanded public debate over women who fight back. And Congress is working on a crime bill approved by the Senate with new rules of evidence for rape cases, funding for battered women's shelters and training for judges and police about family violence and rape.

Helen Neuborne, executive director of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, a women's advocacy group, said "Congress must immediately pass" these provisions because the Justice report "demonstrates that violence against women in this country has reached epidemic proportions."

The data on women who have resisted comes from 400,000 individual interviews during 1987-1991 with a nationally representative sample of women in the National Crime Victimization Survey. The study estimated 2.5 million women a year were victims of violent crime.

But Kilpatrick pointed out that a small but important minority — the 5,000 or so women murdered in each of those five years — were not available to be asked whether they resisted their attackers.

"What if you knew more than 60 percent found resisting left them better off, 20 percent or so were worse off, but some were killed resisting? What would you do?" the clinical psychology professor asked.

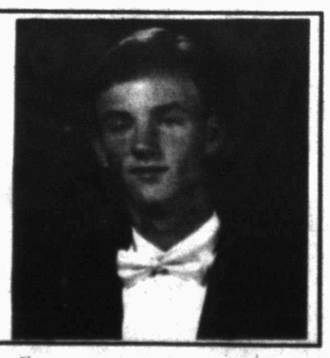
If someone's intent is clearly to kill, a woman might as well resist, Kilpatrick said.

"But some sadomasochists are inflamed to greater violence by resistance," he added. "Broad generalizations are not useful."

Kilpatrick and Diane Alexander, assistant director of the National Victims Center in Arlington, Va., agreed that the Justice study supports a trend in recent years away from uniformly advising women not to resist attacks.

The best such courses avoid fixed responses, like "five things to do to stop a rape," she said. "You have to use basic instincts. It depends on the person, on the situation and on the rapist's motivation."

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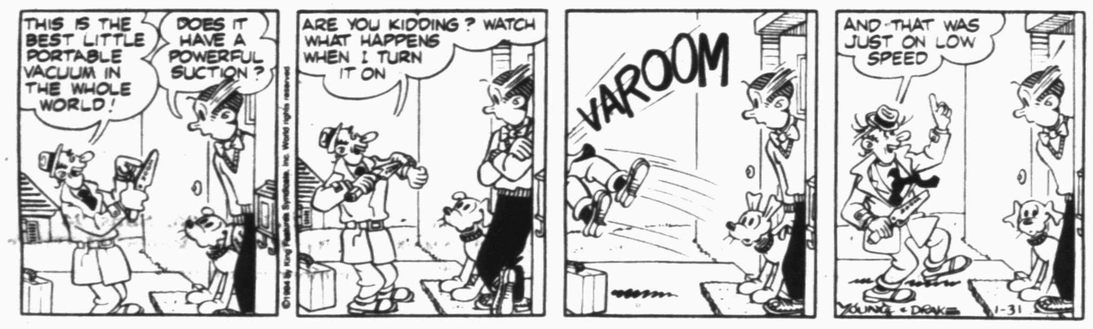
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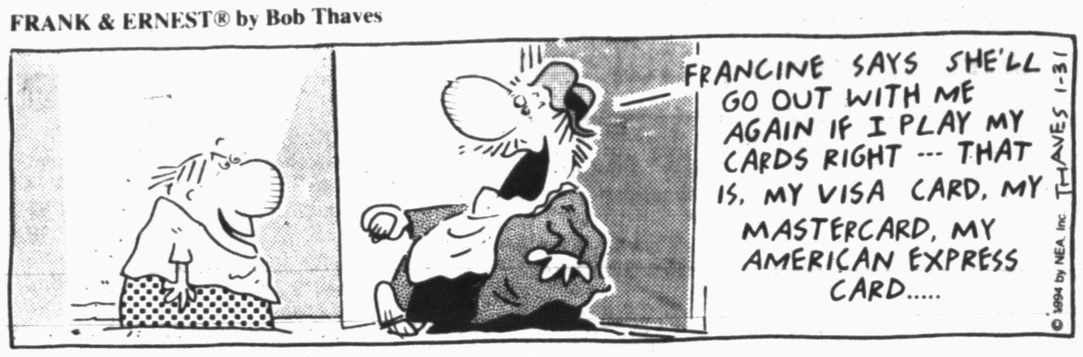
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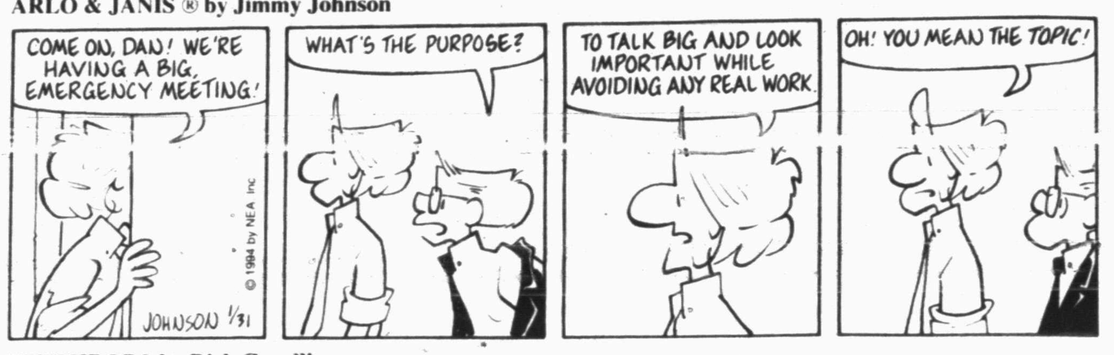
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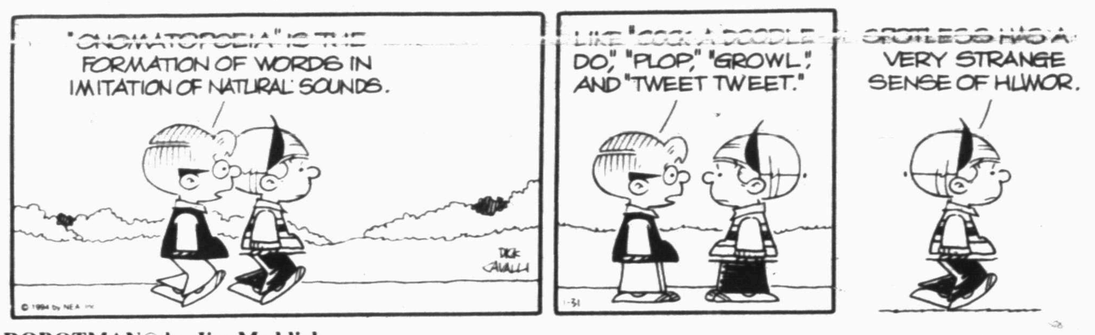
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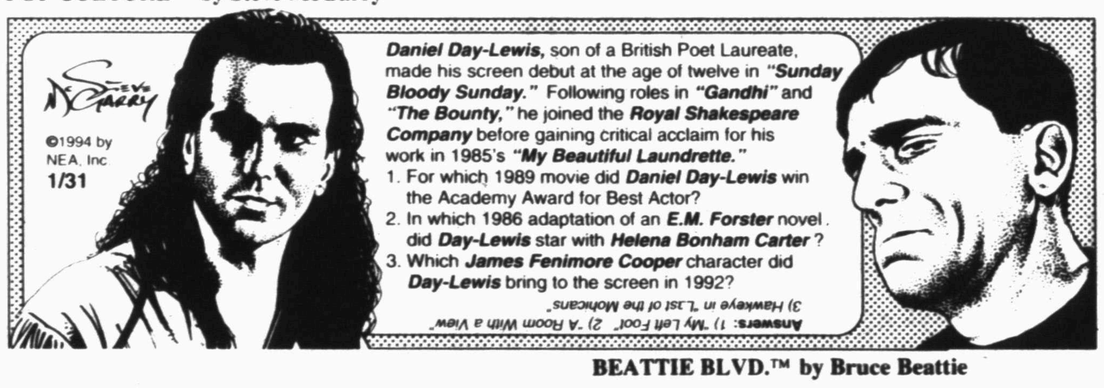
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17 Roof edges
19 Profit
20 Naval officer
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25 Some
26 Hawaiian food fish
30 Single item
31 Pinochle term
32 Trigonometry term
33 Nota —
34 Paradise
35 The man's
38 Periods of time
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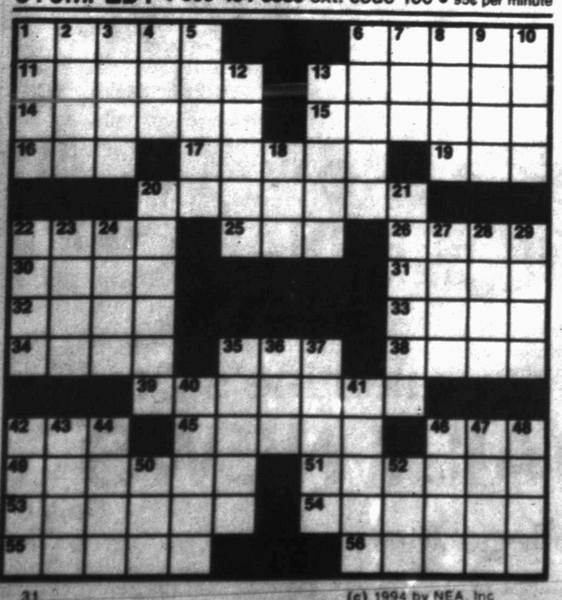
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6 Vice —
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9 Author — Wiesel
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12 Stage play
13 Very hot
18 Coq au —
20 Be present
21 Planks and boards
22 Ponder
23 Oklahoma town
24 Row
27 Sly, sidelong look
28 Arm bone
29 Fruit drinks
35 Bumpkins
36 Profit on bank acct.
37 Quantity of yarn
40 Runner
41 Actor — Murphy
42 Author Emile —
43 Cooled
44 Happy
46 Proof of payment (abbr.)
47 Shady plant
48 Being
50 Gravel ridge
52 — Miserables

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Cowboys repeat with 30-13 victory

ATLANTA (AP) — When the JJs came to town, the Dallas Cowboys were a disaster. Five years later, they're close to being a dynasty.

The Buffalo Bills aren't any closer to an NFL championship than they were when the 1990s began. But, Jim Kelly promised, they'll keep at it until they get it right.

"I think the Cowboys can be [illegible] them," Emmitt Smith said Sunday after leading Dallas to its second straight Super Bowl victory, 30-13 over the self-destructive Buffalo Bills.

Smith rushed for 132 yards and two touchdowns, adding the Most Valuable Player trophy to the MVP honors he grabbed during the season. "As players, we don't think about being mentioned with the same teams in history that you may be considering in your mind. The only thing we're concerned about is winning ballgames and winning championships."

They've done that in remarkable style since Jerry Jones bought the floundering team and made Jimmy Johnson coach in 1989. After a 1-15 record the first season, the Cowboys steadily moved toward the top. They got there last year and, despite what Johnson called "all kinds of difficulties, from injuries to (Smith's) holdout," kept the NFL crown by handing Buffalo its fourth straight Super Bowl defeat.

It is a crown that fits so comfortably, the Cowboys might continue wearing it through the decade.

"This is a confirmation," Jones said. "This is really the Good Housekeeping seal of approval."

Dallas joined Pittsburgh and San Francisco as franchises with four Super Bowl titles. Neither the Steelers, the 49ers — or the Miami Dolphins and Green Bay Packers, other teams with successive Super wins — ever won three straight.

And no team in any sport has been through a championship nightmare such as the Bills are enduring. Not that they're ready to give up the chase, which has seen them fall to the Giants, Redskins and twice to the Cowboys in Super Bowls of the '90s.

"Somebody said in the locker room that we'll go for five in '95," said Thurman Thomas, whose fumble early in the third quarter was returned for a touchdown by James Washington, turning around the game. "But sure it's frustrating when we lose four in a row. At least we could have won one."

This could have been the one. The Bills built a 13-6 halftime lead, outplaying the Cowboys for much of the first two quarters. Steve Christie set a Super Bowl record with a 54-yard field goal, Thomas had a 4-yard TD run and Nate Odomes' interception and 41-yard return late in the half led to Christie's 28-yard field goal. All Dallas had was Eddie Murray's two field goals.

"They played an excellent first half," Cowboys tight end Jay Novacek said, "and they were going on to win the ball game."

Perhaps. But these are the Bills, a team that can overwhelm the AFC, then can't find the formula for the NFC champion in the big game. Of course, no AFC team has mastered that chore: the NFC now has won 10 consecutive Super Bowls.

More often than not, NFC teams have done so with big plays. This time, two unlikely sources came through.

Leon Lett, whose infamous gaffes in last year's Super Bowl and then on Thanksgiving already are legendary, hit Thomas. Safety James Washington, who lost his job to Darren Woodson this season, picked it up and patiently weaved his way to the end zone for a 46-yard touchdown.

"It seemed like I ran forever," said Washington, who also forced Thomas' fumble in the first quarter and had a third-quarter interception. Dallas got 10 points out of those turnovers.

"I don't know what it is," Thomas said. "When we get to this final game, we seem to blow up.

"Overall, I think our team did a great job and I can sit up here and take the blame, because I really did change the momentum."

The Cowboys scored on their next possession as Smith ran in from 15 yards. Smith had 61 of the 64 yards on the drive.

Ahead 20-13, Dallas got more assertive. Buffalo wilted.

By the middle of the final quarter, the only suspense was hether Smith or Washington would be named MVP.

"Emmitt is my frat buddy," Washington said. "If it wasn't for Emmitt, we wouldn't be here, and I have no regrets that he got it. I was hoping to go to Disney World, but since I live in LA, I'll go to Disneyland."

The Bills will go back to western New York, listen to another offseason of runner-up queries and another season of "No, not them" wishes. They'll shrug, go about their business and, quite possibly, be right back in the Super Bowl.

"You know, the thing is I can always smile about it, because we had a hell of a year, and we've shown the resiliency of this team," Jim Kelly said. "I have to know that next year will come around, and our goal is going to be the same. So until anybody proves different, we're still the team to beat in the AFC and we'll do it until we do it right."

With the Cowboys around, that could take a while.

Head to head

Dallas	6	0	14	10	—30
Buffalo	3	10	0	0	—13

First Quarter
Dal—FG Murray 41, 2:19.
Buf—FG Christie 54, 4:41.
Dal—FG Murray 24, 11:05.

Second Quarter
Buf—T.Thomas 4 run (Christie kick), 2:34.
Buf—FG Christie 28, 15:00.

Third Quarter
Dal—J.Washington 46 fumble return (Murray kick), :55.
Dal—E.Smith 15 run (Murray kick), 6:18.

Fourth Quarter
Dal—E.Smith 1 run (Murray kick), 5:10.
Dal—FG Murray 20, 12:10.
A—72,817.

	Dal	Buf
First downs	20	22
Rushes-yards	35-137	27-87
Passing	204	227
Punt Returns	1-5	1-5
Kickoff Returns	2-72	6-144
Interceptions Ret.	1-12	1-41
Comp-Att-Int	19-27-1	31-50-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-3	3-33
Punts	4-44	5-38
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	6-50	1-10
Time of Possession	34:29	25:31

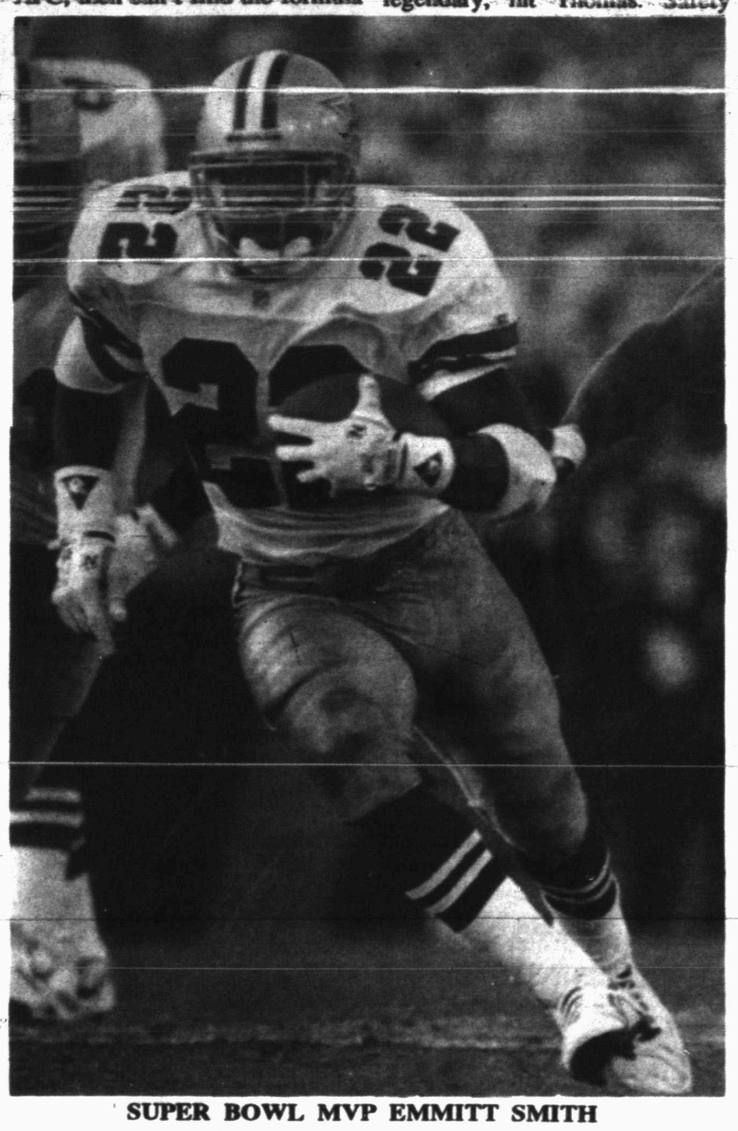
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Dallas, E.Smith 30-132, K.Williams 1-6, Aikman 1-3, Johnston 1-0, Kosar 1-(minus 1), Coleman 1-(minus 3). Buffalo, K.Davis 9-38, T.Thomas 16-37, Kelly 2-12.

PASSING—Dallas, Aikman 19-27-1-207. Buffalo, Kelly 31-50-1-260.

RECEIVING—Dallas, Irvin 5-66, Novacek 5-26, Smith 4-26, Harper 3-75, Johnston 2-14. Buffalo, Brooks 7-63, T.Thomas 7-52, Reed 6-75, Beebe 6-60, K.Davis 3-(minus 5), Metzelaars 1-8, McKellar 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.



SUPER BOWL MVP EMMITT SMITH

Harper hits 22 points in Knicks' 103-93 win

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Thirteen games after he arrived in New York, Derek Harper is starting to feel, and play, like a Knick.

Harper had his biggest scoring night since he left Dallas Sunday night as the Knicks completed a three-game road sweep through the Pacific Division with a 103-93 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers.

In the only other NBA game Sunday, Boston beat Phoenix 106-94.

Harper admits he's been pressing a little too hard trying to fit in with the Eastern Division leaders.

"It's like starting over," he said, "but I feel pretty confident that everything is going to be OK."

Harper's 22-point performance against Portland will go a long way to bolster that confidence.

The Blazers, who had won seven of their previous eight games, shot just 39 percent against the rugged Knicks defense.

Patrick Ewing had 24 points and 10 rebounds for New York despite sitting out part of the contest in foul trouble. He and Harper each scored eight in the final quarter.

Buck Williams had 20 points and a season-high 19 rebounds for the Blazers. Rod Strickland scored 18, Mark Bryant 17 and Clifford Robinson 16 for Portland.

Celtics 106, Suns 94

At Boston, Kevin McHale's number was retired and his longtime teammate showed why he hasn't hung up his uniform yet.

Robert Parish had 14 points and 17 rebounds as Boston won its seventh straight game. The Celtics broke it open after the halftime ceremony in which McHale's No. 32 was raised to the rafters on a banner. They turned a 55-45 intermission lead into an 80-58 advantage with 2:26 left in the third quarter.

The Suns drew within 98-90 with 2:32 left, but Dan Majerle missed two 3-pointers on Phoenix's next possession and Parish rebounded. He fired a 50-foot pass to Sherman Douglas, who went in for an easy layup and a 100-90 lead with 1:51 remaining.

Dino Radja had 21 points and Dee Brown 15 for Boston.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	30	11	.732	—
Orlando	26	17	.605	5
Miami	20	21	.488	10
Boston	20	23	.465	11
New Jersey	19	22	.463	11
Philadelphia	18	24	.429	12½
Washington	14	27	.341	16
Central Division				
Atlanta	29	11	.725	—
Chicago	29	12	.707	½
Charlotte	22	20	.524	8
Cleveland	20	21	.488	9½
Indiana	17	23	.425	12
Milwaukee	12	30	.286	18
Detroit	9	32	.220	20½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	31	10	.756	—
San Antonio	29	14	.674	3
Utah	28	15	.651	4
Denver	20	21	.488	11
Minnesota	14	27	.341	17
Dallas	3	39	.071	28½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	31	9	.775	—
Phoenix	28	13	.683	3½
Portland	25	17	.595	7
Golden State	22	18	.550	9
LA Clippers	15	25	.375	16
LA Lakers	14	26	.350	17
Sacramento	12	29	.293	19½

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia 94, Milwaukee 89
Orlando 103, Washington 99
Miami 113, Cleveland 98
Dallas 108, Sacramento 101
Indiana 119, Houston 108
San Antonio 100, Atlanta 87
Denver 128, Detroit 110
New York 106, Seattle 92
LA Clippers 103, Minnesota 93
New Jersey 120, Golden State 106

Sunday's Games
Boston 106, Phoenix 94
New York 103, Portland 93

Monday's Games
Cleveland at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Australian champions face challenges

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — While Pete Sampras and Steffi Graf reasserted their dominance of tennis by winning Australian Open titles, their biggest challenges are just ahead.

Graf's only real rival, Monica Seles, is expected back soon. And the next Grand Slam event — the clay-court French Open in May — is the one in which Sampras is weakest.

Sampras, who defeated surprising Todd Martin 7-6 (7-4), 6-4, 6-4 in Sunday's all-American final, became the first man in nearly three decades to win Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open consecutively.

Graf needed just 57 minutes Saturday to defeat Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-0, 6-2 and win her fourth straight Grand Slam title. The victory made it 13 straight Grand Slam titles that have been won by either Graf or Seles.

Sampras, the ultimate power tennis player of the 1990s, evoked images of the sport's past while defeating the ninth-seeded Martin. He drew comparisons with boyhood idols such as Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall by overpowering Martin with 126 mph aces and unreturnable groundstrokes.

His match with golfing buddy Martin was a throwback in other ways to the old days of tennis, when gentlemen wearing crisp white outfits were more concerned about performance than personality.

Sampras and Martin, both of whom have been ridiculed at times as boring and too polite, praised each other after a center-court match of outstanding play but little drama. They also thanked the crowd for supporting their style of play.

"It makes it more fun for me when people really appreciate two guys that just go out there and play their tennis," Sampras said. "I think that is the way tennis should be played, with class and someone who doesn't lose his temper and embarrass himself."

Winning a fourth straight Grand Slam title will not be easy for Sampras, who has never gotten past the quarterfinals of the French Open.

"Every time I step out on the the clay I feel like it's a struggle, whereas on hard courts I feel like I can win every match," said Sampras, whose serve-and-volley style is least effective on the slow clay.

Graf, who won her fourth Australian Open title and her 15th Grand Slam championship, overwhelmed Sanchez Vicario with forehand blasts all over the court.

With Seles sidelined since she was stabbed in the back by a spectator during a tournament April 30 in Hamburg, Germany, Graf has taken women's tennis back to the late 1980s — when she ruled the sport.

Many of tennis' top stars — including Seles, Boris Becker, Andre Agassi, Jennifer Capriati and Martina Navratilova — skipped the Australian Open, and attendance was down nearly 10 percent from last year. But a few players got their first taste of Grand Slam success during the event.

Lindsay Davenport reached the quarterfinals, and another 17-year-old American, Chanda Rubin, made the fourth round. Kimiko Date became the first Japanese woman in the semifinals in more than two decades.

Precautions questioned following skier's death

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany (AP) — Was Ulrike Maier's death on the Garmisch ski slope simply a tragic accident that could have happened anywhere? Or is her policeman boyfriend entitled to sue the race organizers because the course was too dangerous?

Opinion appears divided following Saturday's accident that stunned the world of skiing only two weeks before the Winter Olympics are due to start.

Maier, 26, the mother of a 4-year-old girl, broke her neck in a terrifying crash in Saturday's downhill race and died 21/2 hours later.

The state prosecutor opened a routine probe Sunday into Maier's death and examined the scene of the crash. It's believed Maier, a two-time world champion, slid off line and collided with a timing post, causing her helmet to come off.

Helmut Schweighofer, Maier's boyfriend and the father of Melanie, also visited the spot and broke into tears.

He strongly criticized FIS, the international ski federation, and World Cup officials for what he said were insufficient safety measures and indicated the family is planning to sue for damages.

"It won't bring Ulli back, but I intend to fight FIS," he said. "It may save another life.

"They only talk about improving safety, but they never do anything. I can't understand that the timing post was padded only with straw.

"Somebody will die again next year unless they really do something," he said.

Other competitors, including American skier Krista Schmidinger, criticized the track.

"It was like sheer ice, like trying to survive your way down," she said. "The conditions on the hill were poor. It was a really inconsistent track, a sheet of ice in some sections and soft in others. The whole race was very unfair."

But race officials and several coaches said it was safe.

"It could have happened at 50-60 spots on any downhill in the world," said Hubert Ostler, head of the organizing committee.

Chief race referee Kurt Hoch said the timing device was padded with straw-filled sacks, about 20 inches thick, "the normal safety measure."

SWC glance

by The Associated Press

Men

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Texas A&M	5	0	1.000	11	5	.688
Texas	4	1	.800	12	6	.667
Baylor	3	2	.600	12	5	.706
Rice	3	2	.600	11	6	.647
Texas Tech	3	2	.600	8	8	.500
TCU	2	3	.400	5	11	.313
SMU	1	5	.167	3	13	.188
Houston	0	5	.000	2	14	.125

Saturday's games
Texas A&M 69, SMU 60
Texas Tech 91, Rice 72
Texas 110, Houston 78
Baylor 77, Oral Roberts 65

Tuesday's game
Rice at Texas, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's games
Texas Tech at TCU, 7:05 p.m.
Texas A&M at Baylor, 7:35 p.m.
Houston at UT-San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
SMU at Oklahoma, 7:30 p.m.

Women

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Texas A&M	5	0	1.000	13	3	.813
Texas Tech	4	1	.800	16	2	.889
Texas	4	1	.800	12	5	.706
Baylor	2	3	.400	11	6	.647
Rice	2	3	.400	10	7	.588
SMU	2	4	.333	10	5	.667
TCU	1	4	.200	5	10	.333
Houston	1	5	.167	6	10	.375

Saturday's games
Texas 100, Houston 76
Baylor 84, Oral Roberts 65
Texas Tech 72, Rice 58
Texas A&M 77, SMU 65

Tuesday's game
Southwest Texas at SMU, 7 p.m.

Wednesday's games
TCU at Texas Tech, 7 p.m.
Baylor at Texas A&M, 7 p.m.
Texas at Rice, 7 p.m.

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 30, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous rankings:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (51)	15-1	1,587	2
2. North Carolina (3)	17-3	1,429	4
3. Kansas (2)	19-2	1,425	3
4. UCLA (1)	14-1	1,401	1
5. Connecticut (7)	18-1	1,358	6
6. Arkansas	14-2	1,293	5
7. Kentucky	16-3	1,170	9
8. Purdue	17-2	1,088	7
9. Louisville	16-2	1,074	12
10. Temple	13-2	1,072	10
11. Massachusetts	16-3	997	8
12. Arizona	16-3	944	13
13. Michigan	13-4	799	15
14. Indiana	12-4	796	11
15. Syracuse	13-3	582	14
16. Wisconsin	13-3	540	16
17. Ala.-Birmingham	16-2	502	20
18. St. Louis	16-1	361	23
19. California	12-4	338	—
20. Missouri	14-2	328	24
21. Maryland	12-4	313	18
22. Minnesota	14-6	305	17
23. New Mexico St.	16-1	204	25
24. Florida	16-3	188	—
25. Cincinnati	14-5	138	—

Other receiving votes: Marquette 131, Xavier, Ohio 116, West Virginia 103, Illinois 53, Boston College 47, Georgia Tech 22, Virginia 17, Mississippi St. 13, Alabama 9, Mississippi 9, Penn 9, Texas 7, Michigan St. 6, Brigham Young 5, Kansas St. 5, Oklahoma St. 4, Tulsa 4, Washington St. 3, DePaul 1, Miami, Ohio 1, Oklahoma 1, Providence 1, SW Louisiana 1.

WJCAC basketball

Women

Team	Season		League	
Howard	24	1	4	1
Western Texas	17	7	4	1
South Plains	15	5	3	1
NMJC	13	8	2	2
Odessa	13	9	0	4
Frank Phillips	10	7	0	4

Thursday, Jan. 27
WTC 78, Frank Phillips 61
Howard 72, Odessa 62

Monday, Jan. 31
Frank Phillips at Odessa, 6 p.m.
NMJC at South Plains, 6 p.m.

College hoops

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EAST
Loyola, Md. 94, William & Mary 81
Massachusetts 76, Rhode Island 47
Minnesota 92, St. John's 64
St. Peter's 63, Manhattan 52

SOUTH
Coppin St. 70, Delaware St. 56
Kentucky 91, Auburn 74
North Carolina 85, Wake Forest 61
Troy St. 88, Buffalo 72

MIDWEST
Ala.-Birmingham 60, Dayton 52
Illinois 88, Indiana 81

FAR WEST
California 85, UCLA 70

Snyder frosh trip Abilene

Patrick Cumbie scored 30 points to pace Snyder Saturday as the freshmen Tigers tripped Abilene High, 88-70.

Ricky Henderson added 28 and Matthew Fambro put in 13.

Today's scheduled home meeting with Sweetwater was cancelled due to bad road conditions. The next scheduled outing for the SHS frosh is set for Saturday at Colorado City.

Junior high contests cancelled

Junior High and freshmen basketball games and a junior high tennis match were cancelled this morning due to icy road conditions in the area.

Snyder Junior High girls were to have visited Sweetwater for both seventh and eighth grade basketball games today. Freshmen, eighth and seventh grade boys' home games against Sweetwater were also cancelled, as well as the junior high tennis match in Colorado City.

Ira officials were to decide later today whether to travel to Westbrook for the Bulldogs' slated junior high contests.

Hermleigh will let tonight's scheduled visiting team, Highland Junior High, decide whether their game will be played.

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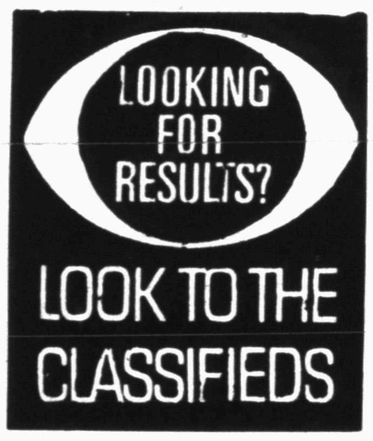
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Family of physicians reunites in W. Texas

SAN ANGELO (AP) — No telling what medical specialties the Alexanders might have included in their immediate family tree, if only they hadn't run out of offspring.

There are three physician sons and all of them have now returned to practice in their hometown.

Dr. Eugene P. Alexander and his wife, Libby, still live in the same modest home in which they brought up Ross, John and Robert.

Warm with paneling and pictures of trios of boys, it's the house where Ross and John shared a childhood room and where Robert grew up as L.B. His father said L.B. first stood for Little Brother and, later on, other names only a brother would put up with.

The Alexander sons are different, but each was drawn to the world of medicine by their father's contentment with that profession since he opened a private practice in 1950.

"It's probably the same way it happens in a lot of other fields, where someone goes into the same profession their parents went into," said Ross Alexander, the eldest and a dermatologist like his father.

"He enjoys doing what he does, and he has a good lifestyle."

"No night calls!" piped in the fatherly Alexander, roaring momentarily in laughter as he is apt to do. His sons grinned.

"I suppose if he'd been an OB (obstetrician) with no backup, it might have made a little difference," Ross added.

John, the middle son, eyed veterinary medicine as a boy.

"The vet I was working with ... told me I needed to go into medicine," John recalled. "The patients will talk to you, but they won't bite you."

None, so far, at least, has bitten John Alexander, a radiologist, but he does get called in during the night sometimes.

Robert Alexander, the youngest, returned to San Angelo in August and now operates a practice in orthopedic and spine surgery.

Robert was the last to finish medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, the last to occupy the Galveston apartment all three boys called home during their years there.

In hindsight, said John, the family probably should have bought that apartment, having paid rent there more than 12 years.

The Alexander brothers' first recollections of their father's vocation involve periodic visits to his office, when they'd occupy themselves while he saw patients or dictated notes.

"(We'd) piddle around," said John, "mess around in the waiting room, or push the buttons and talk on the intercom."

The quieter, younger Robert, according to his family, consistently maintained that he was going to be "the real doctor" in the family.

"So when somebody breaks their leg in the middle of the night," father Alexander interjected, the "real doctor" gets to get out of bed and go to the hospital.

Robert's claim to fame, his family testified, is he played on one of the few San Angelo Central High School Bobcat football teams to beat Permian High School twice in a row.

What about present-day sibling rivalry?

John proclaimed his radiology association is "independent" from the hospitals and therefore "gets along with everybody," but the other two Alexander brothers work with competing clinics.

Texas is no stranger to medical dynasties. A recent article in Texas Medicine lists family after family of doctors, some three or four generations strong.

But few of those find an entire family practicing in their hometown, particularly if it's not a large city.

Besides family, said the Alexander brothers, San Angelo has safer streets, advantages for children, and familiarity.

"I know all the surgeons here," said Robert, "and they know me."

"It makes it kind of nice," John added. "The older guys, you don't have to win their trust. They already know you."

"Older guy" Eugene P. Alexander said the situation is livable, to say the least: "When my fence blows down, all I've got to do is call one of them over to help me build it back again."

At 78, the eldest Alexander entertains no plans of retiring soon, saying ever-so-seriously, "My heart still beats."

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1994

In the year ahead your earning capacity will be considerably enhanced. In fact, you might be able to generate income in several different ways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you are buying an expensive item today about which you know little, take a friend along who has expertise in this area, so you'll know if the item is all it's represented to be. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your ideas and suggestions could be superior to those of your peers today, yet they may fail to follow your lead because your sales pitch might not be convincing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Sometimes you're very adept at determining the hidden motives of others, but today you might pick up an array of negative signals where none are being emitted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Involvements in expensive diversions could cause you spender's remorse if you overdo it. Sometimes we can be a bit extravagant without regrets, but not today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Where your career is concerned today, be careful when dealing with persons who have created complications for you in the past. They might still have a few tricks up their sleeves.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you use your imagination negatively today, it could have an extremely unsettling effect on your psyche. You'll have two strikes against you going in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's not always best to know a friend's deep, dark secrets. A pal might want to confide something in you today about which you may be better off not knowing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Matters which are of significance to your mate might not be of equal concern to you today. This could create a problem if you act with too much indifference.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your productivity will continue to diminish if you persist in working with methods today that haven't cut the mustard. Find a better way of doing things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When involved with your peer group today do not elect yourself to positions of authority solely on your own ballot. If they want you to run something, they'll collectively vote you in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It may be wise not to even attempt to do distasteful tasks or assignments today, because if you do get them finished, which is questionable, you might not like the end results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Instead of keeping your observations to yourself today, you might take it upon yourself to openly criticize others. Speaking of bad moves, this could turn out to be a lulu.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: J.L. Clark, Ira; Nell Hammit, 3701 Sunset; Billy Hughes, Portales, N.M.; Verna Roe, 4508 Houston; Brandy Beall, Rt. 3 Box 157; Luther Brown, 3729 Ave. U; Sherry Early, 5140 CR 475; Bonnie Hodge, Rt. 3 Box 114 B; Lois Lasater, Portales, N.M.; Chan Moore, 2006 37th; Joan Head, 8776 CR 264; Stella Pylant, 2109 41st; Delores Rios, 3000 Ave. J; Brittni Chaidez, 1706 Ave. R.

DISMISSALS: Mavis Brumbelow, Jerrick Spells, Brandy Beall, Bonnie Hodge, Lois Lasater, Sherry Early.

Census: 54 (Med.-12, Long-Term Care-37, CCU-2, OB-2, Nursery-1).

Births

Michael and Joan Head of Snyder announce the birth of their son born at 9:21 p.m. on Jan. 29 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 11 ounces.

Senior Center sets Clayton band Tuesday

Entertainment in the center this week will include a performance by Hoss Clayton and his band at 11 a.m. Tuesday; an appearance of the Local Yokels at 11 a.m. Thursday; and the Sing Along at 11:30 a.m. Friday.

The Kitchen Band will go to Snyder Nursing Center for a program at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Sunshine Choir will rehearse at 10 a.m. Friday.

The Tri-Chem textile painting class will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday.

A 55 Alive defensive driving course will be offered in the Senior Center on Feb. 15 and 16. Classes will meet from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-2 p.m. Persons enrolling must attend all sessions to qualify for a certificate of completion which entitles them to discounts on some types of automobile insurance. Details about the course can be obtained in the Senior Center office.

Special events in the center in February will include the election of a valentine king and queen. The title winners will be introduced in the center on Feb. 14. Senior citizens may vote for the king and queen from Feb. 9-11.

Transportation to the Senior Center is available Monday through Friday. Senior citizens will be picked up at their homes and returned there. They may also make arrangements for transportation for medical appointments or to take care of other business by calling the center office at 573-4035.

Officers note five arrests

Snyder area peace officers made five arrests over the weekend and early today.

Police arrested a 37-year-old woman for public intoxication at 10:47 p.m. Saturday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room.

At 5:13 p.m. Sunday, officers responded to a family disturbance in the 100 block of Canyon. They arrested a 35-year-old woman for public intoxication and a 41-year-old man for Class C assault/family violence and resisting arrest.

At 8:14 p.m. Sunday, officers responded to a disturbance in the 500 block of 27th Street where they arrested a 39-year-old man on a warrant for failure to appear.

At 2:23 a.m. today, police arrested a 19-year-old man in the 2200 block of Avenue T for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 9:35 a.m. Saturday, Richie Thomas contacted the sheriff's office in reference to his son's Huffy bicycle having been stolen. A report for theft was filed.

A woman contacted officers at 4:39 p.m. Saturday in reference to some subjects attempting to break into her residence. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed. The woman contacted police again at 7:37 p.m. in reference to one of the subjects scratching her car. Police filed a report for Class A criminal mischief in regards to the second complaint.

At 11:55 p.m. Saturday, a woman contacted police in reference to another woman using obscene language toward her. A report for harassment was filed.

Police also received a report that the windows had been broken out of a 2-ton truck at Snyder Truck & Tractor. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed. That call came in early Sunday morning.

Olmos, Bracco wed

NEW YORK (AP) — They don't have time for a honeymoon just yet, but Edward James Olmos and Lorraine Bracco got married anyway.

Olmos, the grim police lieutenant on "Miami Vice," and Bracco wed Friday in a private ceremony at a Manhattan hotel, Paul Bloch, Miss Bracco's publicist, said Sunday. He declined to provide details.

Bracco was nominated for an Oscar for "GoodFellas."

It was the second marriage for both.

First big snowstorm hits parts of Texas

AMARILLO (AP) — Single-digit temperatures and more than a foot of snow shut down parts of the Panhandle this morning in Texas' first big snowstorm this winter.

"It's slow going — a lot of snow-packed and icy roads," said National Weather Service forecaster Ed Andrade in Amarillo, where bright sunbeams were reflecting off 10 inches of snow. Schools and some businesses were closed.

Amarillo's temperature was 11 degrees.

"Even though the sun is out, it's not melting," Andrade said.

Fifteen inches of snow pretty much paralyzed Silverton except for ranchers out to feed their cattle, said Diana Ivory, a clerk at Allsup's Convenience Store in the town about 70 miles southeast of Amarillo.

"All you see is snow, not hardly any mud," Ms. Ivory said. "It's real pretty."

Portions of North Texas were expected to get up to 6 inches of snow by noon today.

Snow began falling in the Amarillo area about dawn Sunday. By late Sunday, the snow had moved into the Lubbock area.

A winter storm warning was issued for the region between Lubbock and the Midland-Odessa area. New snow was falling across the area Sunday night.

The NWS issued a snow advisory for much of North Texas for early today, to remain in effect throughout the day.

Rain changed to moderate snow late Sunday in the Abilene, Wichita Falls and Greenville areas. The weather service said the rain would change to snow as the depth of the cold air near the surface increased and as the freezing line accelerated toward the southeast.

A winter weather advisory was issued through tonight for most of South Central Texas. The area covered by the advisory is along and north of a line from Eagle Pass to Karnes City to LaGrange to Huntsville.

Forecasters warned that the winter weather will begin as rain and sleet in the Hill Country and then change to sleet and snow.

Authorities warned that road conditions across the northwestern half of North Texas would deteriorate rapidly as roads become snow packed and hazardous. Snow and possibly blowing snow will also obscure visibility.

But the snow is expected to begin tapering off in the evening hours.

After wind chill readings near zero overnight, wind chills were expected to remain in the single digits throughout today, because of north winds averaged 10 to 20 mph.

The accumulations around Amarillo made some roads virtually impassable; the falling snow and a whipping northeast wind cut visibility to less than one mile on Sunday.

Department of Public Safety dispatchers in Amarillo said all roads were open Sunday, although travel was slow and hazardous. The DPS said no major accidents were reported, but some trucks slid off the road.

Petro Truck Stop at Amarillo reported more trucks than usual on Sunday, with Super Bowl Sunday a draw. The bad weather and poor road conditions gave truckers a legitimate reason to stay put and watch the Super Bowl game between the Dallas Cowboys and the Buffalo Bills, officials said.

Disc jockey doesn't let blindness deter him

LITTLE CYPRESS (AP) — Employing someone who is disabled is no more difficult than employing anyone else, business owner Gary Stelly says.

The Texas Commission for the Blind recently honored Stelly's company, KOGT 1600-AM radio station, north of Orange, as the Outstanding Small Business in Texas for its efforts to help disc jockey Terry Lyons, who is blind.

"He hasn't been any more trouble than dealing with any other employee," Stelly said. "I think if people out there are willing to take a chance, there are things that handicapped people can do just as well as those who are not handicapped, and they should take that chance."

Lyons has an afternoon radio show on the 1,000-watt country-and-western music station.

"I've got a great boss, and a job that I love," he said.

Lyons success at KOGT made the station stand out among 36 competitors for the award, commission board member Ann Masterson of Houston said. The state commission presents five awards annually to companies and government offices that accommodate and promote employment of the blind.

"To us (KOGT is special) because it has a blind employee with a responsible position. He's not given a midnight to 4 a.m. shift, but rather a prime time slot," Masterson said.

"He has shown his worth and been given proper recognition for it. Terry is treated just like any other employee and judged on his merits, which is what we hope for in the workplace."

KOGT's computer has a half-line braille screen and is attached to a printer that produces copy in braille, a system of dots that blind people read by touching the raised letters.

KOGT used commission grants to refit its computer with software to convert type into braille for print.

In the radio booth, all compact discs and many older records are labeled with braille tape so Lyons can identify the music and its length, which eliminates any need for help while he is on the air.

Masterson said the fastest growing field for the blind in the private sector is as a medical transcriber in metropolitan Houston.

Judge will hear motions

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — An attorney says he's working on a plea agreement for a 72-year-old folk healer accused of helping arrange a contract killing of a high school student.

Defense attorney Edmund Cyganiewicz said last week it was "very probable" that his client Maria Mercedes Martinez would plead guilty to a lesser offense and could become a witness for the prosecution.

Dora Garcia Cisneros, 56, is accused of enlisting Mrs. Martinez and three others in a conspiracy to kill Joey Fischer after the 18-year-old broke off a relationship with Mrs. Cisneros' daughter.

Fischer, an honor student at an upscale Roman Catholic high school, was gunned down in front of his Rancho Viejo home on March 3, 1993.

Jury selection was scheduled to begin today in the capital murder trial of Mrs. Cisneros, Mrs. Martinez and Daniel Garza, 43, who is nicknamed "El Guero" — The Fairhaired One.

District Judge Rogelio Valdez was scheduled to consider a motion today by Mrs. Cisneros' attorney asking that she be tried separately from the other defendants.

Her attorney, Tony Canales, also is seeking to block a recorded conversation between Mrs. Cisneros and Mrs. Martinez from entering into evidence at trial.

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	711/8	701/2	71	+1/4
Albtsn s	257/8	255/8	255/8	-1/4
Alldsignal	785/8	783/8	781/2	+1/8
Alltel s	28	273/4	28	+1/4
AmStores	421/2	413/4	417/8	-5/8
Amer T&T	567/8	561/2	561/2	-1/8
Ameritech	415/8	411/8	415/8	+3/4
Amoco	531/2	531/4	533/8	+1/4
AndarkPtr	473/4	475/8	473/4	-1/8
Arkla	83/8	81/4	81/4	-1/8
Armcolnc	67/8	65/8	63/4	
AtlRichfld	1111/8	1101/2	1107/8	+1/4
ATMOS	291/2	291/4	291/4	
Aviall n	175/8	171/2	175/8	
BakerHughes	20	193/8	193/4	+1/8
BancTexas	11/2	13/8	13/8	-1/8
BellAtl	573/8	57	57	-1/8
BellSouth	603/4	603/8	603/8	-1/4
Beth Steel	233/8	231/8	233/8	
Borden	153/4	155/8	153/4	+1/8
Brit Pet	671/2	671/4	673/8	+11/8
Caterpllr	105	1023/4	1045/8	+1
CenSoWst	293/4	291/2	295/8	-1/8
Chevron	921/4	917/8	921/4	+1/2
Chrysler	617/8	605/8	613/4	+17/8
Coastal	31	305/8	303/4	-1/4
CocaCola	411/8	401/2	41	-1/4
ColgatePalm	601/8	595/8	595/8	+1/8
Comlvlsti s	265/8	263/8	263/8	-1/8
CooperIn	411/4	41	411/4	
CyprusAmax	30	293/4	297/8	-1/8
DallSemicn	171/2	171/8	171/2	+3/8
DeltaAirl	557/8	551/2	551/2	-3/8
DigitalEq	305/8	293/4	297/8	-5/8
Dillard	363/8	353/4	361/4	+3/8
DowChem	635/8	623/4	631/2	+7/8
DresserInd	215/8	211/4	215/8	+1/2
DuPont	553/8	543/4	553/8	
EstKodak	44	435/8	435/8	+1/8
EljerInd	85/8	81/4	81/2	+1/4
Enserch	177/8	175/8	173/4	+1/4
Entergy	371/8	37	371/8	+1/4
Exxon	661/8	655/8	66	+1/4
FlowerInd	20	195/8	20	+1/2
FordMotor	67	661/8	663/8	+11/8
GTE Cp	345/8	343/8	345/8	+3/8
GnDyn	921/8	911/2	913/4	-1/8
GenElct	1081/8	1071/4	1075/8	-1/4
GenMills	591/2	591/8	593/8	+1/2
GenMotors	605/8	597/8	601/2	+11/4
GenMotors E	291/8	287/8	291/8	+3/8
GaPacif	751/8	743/4	751/8	-1/4
GlobalMar	37/8	33/4	37/8	+1/8
Goodrich	411/4	411/8	411/8	
Goodyear s	471/4	463/4	471/8	-3/4
GtAtlPac	24	233/8	231/2	-1/4
Haliburtn	32	313/8	313/4	+1/2
Hanson ADS	215/8	213/8	213/8	+1/4
HoustInd	455/8	451/4	451/4	-1/4
IBM	577/8	571/4	573/8	-3/8
IntlPaper	751/8	743/4	75	+1/8
JohnsnJns	421/2	42	421/2	
K mart	197/8	195/8	195/8	-1/4
Kroger	217/8	213/8	213/4	+1/4
Litton	685/8	681/8	681/8	-5/8
vjLoneStar	23/8	21/4	21/4	-1/8
Lowes	61	603/4	61	+1/8
Lubys	223/4	221/4	223/4	+1/2
Maxus	51/4	51/8	51/4	+1/8
MayDS s	395/8	391/2	395/8	-1/8
Medtronic	837/8	831/4	833/8	+1/8
Mobil	811/2	807/8	81	-1/8
Monsanto	771/8	765/8	765/8	-3/8
Motorola s	1003/8	99	99	—11/8
Nationsbk	501/8	493/4	50	
Navistar s	257/8	251/2	251/2	-3/8
Nynex s	411/4	407/8	411/8	+1/2
OryxEngy	183/8	173/4	18	+1/2
PacTelesis	573/4	571/8	575/8	+5/8
PanhECp	251/4	243/4	251/8	+1/4
PenneyJC s	521/8	52	52	
Penzoil	545/8	543/8	541/2	-1/8
PepBoys	28	271/4	273/4	+1/4
PhelpDodge	54	53	535/8	+3/8
PhilipPet	29	287/8	287/8	+3/8
PilgrmPrd	81/4	81/8	81/8	-1/8
Polaroid	341/8	337/8	337/8	
Praxair	191/8	187/8	19	
ProctGamble	60	593/4	597/8	+1/8
PubS NwMx	133/8	131/8	133/8	+1/8
RoyalDutch	109	1085/8	109	+5/8
SFePacCp	245/8	243/8	241/2	
SaraLee	231/4	221/2	221/2	-3/4
SearsRoeb s	551/8	545/8	543/4	-1/4
SherwinW	341/2	343/8	341/2	+1/8
SmthBchADS	323/8	321/8	321/8	-1/8
SmthBc eqt	293/4	291/2	291/2	
Southern Co	435/8	433/8	431/2	-1/8
SwAirlines s	373/4	371/8	371/2	+5/8
SwBell s	413/8	403/4	411/4	+1/4
Sprint	361/8	353/4	36	+1/4
SterlingChm	41/8	41/8	41/8	
SunCo	313/8	31	311/4	-1/8
TNP Ent	173/4	175/8	173/4	
Tandy	463/4	465/8	465/8	-3/8
TempIlnl	525/8	521/2	521/2	+1/4
Tenneco	573/8	567/8	57	+1/2
Texaco	67	665/8	667/8	+1/8
TexasInd	321/4	32	321/8	+3/8
TexasInst	717/8	703/4	711/2	+1/2
Tex Util	393/8	387/8	387/8	-1/4
Textron	591/4	591/8	591/8	-1/8
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Trinty s	441/4	431/2	433/4	-3/8
TritonEngy	303/8	301/8	303/8	+1/4
Tyler	63/8	61/8	63/8	+3/8
US West	441/4	435/8	435/8	-1/2
USX Delhi	171/2	171/4	171/4	-1/8
USX-Marathn	181/2	181/8	181/4	
USX-USS	441/8	431/4	44	+1
UnCarbde	247/8	243/8	243/4	+3/8
UnPac	665	44588	44/8	+5/8
UnitedTech	651/4	65	651/4	+1/4
Unocal	291/8	29	291/8	+1/8
WalMart s	263/4	261/2	263/4	+1/4
WstnGasRs	341/2	341/2	341/2	-1/4
WestghEl	141/4	137/8	141/8	
WinnDixie	503/8	50	50	-3/8
Woolwth	261/8	253/4	253/4	-1/4
Xerox Cp	971/2	951/2	971/4	+45/8
ZenithE	8	77/8	8	+1/8

Arafat, Shimon Perez report breakthrough in Gaza talks

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said today they had cleared most of the major hurdles for a deal to turn over control of the Gaza Strip and Jericho to the Palestinians.

After negotiations that lasted into the early morning hours, Arafat said he and Peres would meet again in about a week in Cairo, Egypt, to finalize the deal.

Peres played down remaining differences, saying he was more optimistic than ever before.

"There had been very complicated problems," he said. "We were able to negotiate many of them, maybe most of them."

When asked what the two sides disagreed upon, he laughingly replied, "the drafting."

Peres was to leave this morning for Washington, while Arafat is to meet with Swiss officials and address the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

All weekend, Arafat and Peres displayed a new friendliness during joint appearances in this snow-covered Alpine resort. They were in Davos to attend the World Economic Forum, a privately organized gathering of political and business leaders from around the world.

The PLO leader took Peres by the hand Sunday to lead him up the stairs to the stage for a debate, during which they sat next to each other.

The brotherly gesture caused a stir when it was televised in Israel. It contrasted sharply with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's hesitation to shake Arafat's hand at the Sept. 13 signing of the Israeli-PLO accord that set up the current talks.

Israeli sources said the outstanding issues related to technical border questions. The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said an outline agreement had been reached on how much land around Jericho would come under Palestinian autonomy, and on security questions.

The question of border control around the new Palestinian areas has been particularly thorny. The two sides have been searching for a way to meet Israeli concerns about keeping out terrorists while not infringing on the Palestinian sense of sovereignty.

After a morning of talks with Peres, Arafat told the forum a final deal to begin the Israeli withdrawal would be reached "very soon."

Peres told Israeli television both sides made sacrifices. "With all the concessions, each side was faithful to itself," he said.

The Israeli team had "conceded on issues of image, of feeling," he said, apparently referring to more Palestinian flags and a greater Palestinian presence at the borders of the autonomous zones.

He said the Palestinians "gave in on security issues."

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said the two had agreed to keep Israeli agents from being visible at border crossings, apparently referring to suggestions that they would be behind one-way mirrors. Egypt has been a key facilitator in the Mideast talks.

Israel Radio cited Egyptian sources as saying there would be joint Israeli-Palestinian patrols in Gaza, apparently referring to securing roads to Jewish settlements.

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the year ending Dec. 31. Bell said the county's financial position was "essentially the same" as 1992. Cash balance was $4.6 million, down some $313,000 from the same time last year. Bell also reported a $15,000 increase in revenues from inyestments income.

The court also rescinded a bid for 89 percent octane unleaded fuel approved last week. The bid was awarded to Bill Burns Oil Co. It was reported that the product could not be delivered at the bid price for 89 percent octane fuel only. Commissioner Ralph Trevey was to meet with the supplier to discuss options.

Also approved was a line-item transfer for Precinct 3. Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. said he had failed to budget for one employee who was eligible for a three percent pay raise. The budget amendment moves $507 from supplies to general salary.

Judge Bob Doolittle presided at the meeting and commissioners attending were Gannaway, Trevey, Gray and Roy Idom.

Obituaries

Mamie Lemons

1914-1994

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Fluvanna Baptist Church for Mamie Lemons, 79, who died at 7 a.m. today in Snyder's Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Officiating will be the Rev. Stan Wilson and the Rev. Thomas Hall. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born in Bosque County, she married H.B. Lemons on Dec. 24, 1936 in Snyder. Mrs. Lemons had lived in Fluvanna since 1927 and was a member of the Fluvanna Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, H.B. Lemons of Fluvanna; two sons, Hurston Lemons Jr. of Fluvanna and Bobby Lemons of Colorado City; a daughter, Darlene Jacob of Abilene; a brother, J.O. Pylant of Corona, Calif.; a sister, Stella Kelly of Van Nuys, Calif.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Accounts conflict...

Marines open fire on Somalian crowd

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — U.S. Marines in a convoy carrying American diplomats opened fire near a crowded food distribution center today, and at least five Somalis were reported killed and many were wounded.

A U.S. spokesman said the Marines shot after the convoy was fired on by at least two Somali gunmen. Somali witnesses said no one shot at the Americans and speculated that the Marines fired because they believed several hundred Somalis in the street outside the food center were trying to block the convoy.

U.S. officials said the convoy of three Humvees and two cars carrying two American diplomats was on its way to meet with representatives of clan leader Mohamed Farrah Aidid's coalition.

The U.S. spokesman, Stevenson McIlvaine, said the 22 Marines in the convoy reported they were fired on around 11 a.m. by at least two Somali gunmen, one from the bush and another from outside a building. He said they believed they hit two gunmen.

No American was injured but one Humvee was struck by two bullets and another by one shot, McIlvaine said.

The commander of Bangladeshi troops guarding a nearby traffic circle said that there could have been snipers but that his men did not see any. "The first fire that attracted our attention was American fire," said Maj. K.G. Haider.

Haider also said he felt the Marines fired "indiscriminately toward the crowd."

McIlvaine disagreed with the witnesses' accounts on nearly all points. He said the Marines know only to fire in self-defense.

About 5,000 American servicemen are still in Somalia as part of the U.N. peacekeeping force, but the U.S. contingent is gradually withdrawing to meet President Clinton's order to be gone by March 31.

The U.S. mission began Dec. 9, 1992, when a U.S.-led multinational military force landed to protect relief supplies in this Horn of Africa country where 350,000 people died the previous year from famine and clan warfare. At least 32 Americans died in Somalia since the humanitarian mission began.

Moments after today's shooting, dozens of Somalis shouting "Americans, Americans! See what they did!" picked up the bodies of wounded and dead, put them on wheelbarrows and rolled them away.

Somalis said at least five people died.

Journalists arriving at the scene from a nearby hotel saw the bodies of a woman and man in the street with wounds to the neck and head. The body of an elderly man lay near a blood-spattered wall. People lifted a writhing woman with head wounds off the street and placed her onto a wheelbarrow.

Mumi Greek, a Somali who said he was walking past a gas station near the food center, blamed the incident on the Americans.

Purr-fect antidote to Capitol stress

BEAUMONT (AP) — His name is Winston Churchill Wilson, but for now his friends call him "Bubba."

He'll likely have to fill some pretty big, uh, paws.

Bubba is a 2-month-old Himalayan cat that prowls through the offices in Washington, D.C., of U.S. Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Lufkin.

The paws he'll fill? They belonged to a fellow Himalayan named Khyber, Wilson's beloved cat who died Nov. 24, the day before Thanksgiving.

"He was an important presence in the office," said Wilson's press secretary Elaine Lang in a telephone interview from Washington.

"People in the district who had heard about Khyber would ask about him when they came to visit," Lang said. "He would greet people in the hallway. One time, we had 40 Russian visitors to the office who lined up to get their picture taken with the cat."

Khyber fulfilled an important therapeutic function for Wilson's busy Capitol Hill staff, Lang said.

"This is a very stressful place," Lang said of the seat of the federal government. "We have a problem with tension and Khyber definitely was the most effective tranquilizer I'd ever come across. You just cannot believe how nice it is to pick up a purring cat, especially one as personable as Khyber."

Winston Churchill, or Bubba, hasn't yet earned the right to his distinguished given name, Lang said.

"He's still a baby brother" to Itaewon, Wilson's surviving feline that now assumes the title Senior Cat.

"He's doing his best to teach Bubba the ropes," Lang said. "And Bubba is having a wonderful time."

But like most little brothers, Bubba has plenty to learn, she said. Bubba, like Khyber, came from Wilson's hometown of Lufkin.

Khyber was a refugee from the Humane Society shelter in Angelina County. Bubba is a gift from a Wilson friend who owned a cat that had fathered a litter of kittens. Still unclear is whether Bubba will become the new poster cat for Wilson.

Lang said Khyber posed for posters touting causes that included animal protection. Khyber's death did produce at least one positive result, Lang said.

When word got back to the 2nd Congressional District of the feline's passing, constituents made donations to the Humane Society in Khyber's memory.

"People laugh when I say it," Lang said, "but he was very important to us here."

Ag Dept. eyes trafficking in pets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concerned about protecting animals, the Agriculture Department wants to make it easier to control trafficking in pets.

Its proposal would require that licensed animal dealers, exhibitors and auction operators maintain standardized animal identification records on USDA forms. This would affect about 6,000 licensees.

Although some form of animal identification record is currently required, there is no standardized form.

"We need this change to strengthen enforcement under the Animal Welfare Act," said Patricia Jensen, deputy assistant secretary for marketing and inspection services. "We want to better equip the inspectors in the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service so they can control pet trafficking."

Under the proposed change, licensees would have to certify that they are in compliance with the new identification requirements, as well as other requirements of the act, before their license is renewed.

Under the Animal Welfare Act, animal dealers, exhibitors and auction operators must be licensed or registered with APHIS. The act requires that regulated individuals and businesses provide animals with care and treatment according to standards established by the inspection service.

"Animals protected by the law must be provided with adequate housing, handling, sanitation, food, water, transportation, veterinary care and shelter," said Jensen. "Animal Welfare Act regulations also prohibit licensees from obtaining animals under false pretenses, misrepresentation or deception."

The act is enforced through unannounced inspections. During fiscal 1992, the agency says, it imposed nearly $300,000 in fines for violations of the act and revoked or suspended 14 licenses.

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Dear Abby



Couples 'Living in Sin' May Have Morals Firmly in Place

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This is in reply to "Old-Fashioned," who wrote about the "in-your-face immorality" of living together prior to marriage.

When I was 24, I became engaged to a wonderful young man named Gary. We started planning our wedding when I felt a small lump in my breast. I went immediately to my doctor, who sent me to an oncologist. My worst fears were confirmed: It was breast cancer.

My parents, who lived 300 miles away, came to be with me for the surgery (mastectomy), but eventually had to go home. They returned as often as they could during my treatments, but they couldn't be with me all the time.

When I was sick from the chemotherapy, Gary stayed with me and slept on the floor beside my bed. He cooked what little food I could eat and held my head when I vomited. He cleaned my house and did my laundry. It soon became apparent that between driving back and forth to my house, caring for me and handling his job, poor Gary was exhausted, so I asked him to please move in with me. Believe me, there was no hanky-panky.

We are now happily married and my cancer is in remission. So, Abby, please tell "Old-Fashioned" that not all people who live together are immoral. And remember, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." (Matthew 7:1)

SHARON

DEAR SHARON: My prayers are with you and Gary. After this is published, I'm sure that thousands of readers will add their prayers to mine. God bless you.

DEAR ABBY: This could save a life — or a family. Please alert your readers to the danger of leaving fireplace ashes where they can start a fire.

A neighbor cleaned out his fireplace and placed the supposedly "dead" ashes in a cardboard box on the back porch. Since the ashes looked dead, he intended to wait until morning to take them out to the trash can.

In the middle of the night, the ashes burned through the box and set the porch on fire. Since the smoke alarms were inside the house, they were useless. The family was lucky to escape with their lives.

Our fire chief said dead ashes are a constant source of house fires every winter. Please alert your readers.

BETTY H. IN PENDLETON, ORE.

DEAR BETTY: Thank you for a valuable reminder. According to the fire officials my staff consulted, ashes should be stored in a metal can with a lid for several days before disposing.

DEAR ABBY: My niece recently married. She is pregnant. The young couple and my niece's parents are planning a large church wedding (with a white wedding dress) and reception to take place 10 months after the original vows, when the baby will be about 2 months old. Is this socially acceptable? If it is, which date would they celebrate as their anniversary?

CURIOUS AUNT

DEAR CURIOUS AUNT: Any time a couple wants to enter into holy matrimony is "acceptable." And they should celebrate their anniversary on the date of their original vows.

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DEAR READERS: If you or a member of your family has been treated by a psychiatrist, doctor or other health-care professional for alcoholism or drug addiction, and are willing to describe any problems, mistakes or bad outcome encountered in your treatment, please write and tell me about them. Your name and that of your doctor will be held in strict confidence. I plan to share your letters with the Group for Advancement of Psychiatry, a highly respected group of psychiatrists who are eager to know about your experiences.

Please send your letters to: Dear Abby, Treatment Survey, P.O. Box 539, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Clinton oks IRA's visa request

WASHINGTON (AP) — With President Clinton's approval, the political leader of the outlawed Irish Republican Army is finally getting permission to come to the United States. The hope is that Gerry Adams' brief admission will contribute to peace.

Eight times in the past the Sinn Fein leader was denied a waiver to government rules banning leaders of organizations deemed to be promoters of terrorism. This time he won out after lengthy deliberations that involved Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

The president "supports this difficult decision and believes it will help advance the cause of peace in Northern Ireland," the White House said Sunday.

Through a Sinn Fein press release Adams had declared his opposition to violence against innocent civilians. It was issued after Adams consulted with the U.S. consul-general in Belfast. He will attend a private conference on Northern Ireland Tuesday in New York and then go home.

The visa is good only for 48 hours. Adams cannot go more than 25 miles from New York while in the country nor engage in fund-raising.

The British government had opposed the waiver, which Attorney General Janet Reno issued. Some 40 members of Congress, led by Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., had pushed to admit Adams.

"By granting the visa, President Clinton has demonstrated the U.S. commitment to do our part to bring peace to Northern Ireland," said Kennedy.

A spokesman for British Prime Minister John Major's office said the British government "understands that Mr. Adams has said he wants to see an end to violence and wants to embrace" the December declaration.

"The government hopes Mr. Adams' attendance ... will impress upon Sinn Fein and the Irish Republican Army the need to end violence permanently" — a prerequisite for all-party talks cited in the declaration — said the spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "It's deeds that count," he added.

Governors say...

Welfare reform cannot mandate jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's governors are applauding President Clinton's focus on welfare reform and the war on crime, but they fear the initiatives will weigh too heavily on state treasuries and impose too many restrictions.

The governors are warning that states cannot afford a requirement to find welfare recipients a job before cutting off benefits.

And they don't like a Republican-sponsored $3 billion prison-building provision in a Senate-passed crime bill: states could send overflow inmates to 10 new regional prisons, but only if they adopted "truth in sentencing" laws requiring felons to serve 75 percent of their sentences.

"Don't put some foolish regulations or guidelines on us," North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt said Sunday at a National Governors Association meeting. It's a message the governors will carry to the White House today for a meeting with Clinton. The president hosted his former colleagues in a black-tie dinner Sunday night, saying, "I miss you, and I'm glad you're back in town."

Clinton has not endorsed the "truth in sentencing" provision, and the governors' position may help administration officials who would prefer to offer prison-building grants to states instead of building new federal facilities.

On welfare, Democrats and Republicans alike applauded Clinton for promising a major reform effort this year. The governors said they were in broad agreement with Clinton's goals, including a two-year limit on benefits in exchange for expanded child care, job training and job placement programs.

Like crime, welfare reform has proven a popular election-year issue, and governors are rushing to endorse time limits on benefits and copying reform experiments already under way in states such as Wisconsin and Michigan.

But the governors said they were worried that there will not be enough private sector jobs for welfare recipients and said many states cannot afford the alternative of creating additional public sector and community service jobs.

Oklahoma Gov. David Walters, a Democrat, said governors were eager to expand programs that move welfare recipients into work but that the White House should "not make it a precondition that we guarantee a job — because we can't."

Republican Gov. Pete Wilson of California said his staff estimated it would cost $432 million the first two years and $826 million in 1998 for his state to provide jobs to welfare recipients if required to do so. "That is not a welcome development," he said dryly.

One of the key architects of Clinton's welfare initiative, Mary Jo Bane, an assistant secretary of health and human services, said the administration did not have a reliable estimate of how much moving welfare recipients into jobs would cost but said she thought Wilson's estimates high.

She promised the Clinton plan would "pay for itself" through savings in welfare and other entitlement programs.

As for crime, the governors welcome the 100,000 new police officers contained in the Senate-passed crime bill and appear likely to accept Clinton's request that they help him push for swift action in the House.

Doctors offer medical care via new satellite

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Five people underwent long-distance eye examinations over the weekend in one of the first tests of a NASA satellite deployed by the space shuttle Discovery last year.

Six Houston medical specialists tried out the $363 million Advanced Communications Technology Satellite on Saturday by examining patients in Boulder, Colo., more than a thousand miles away.

Color images of the retinas of five patients from the Fitsimons Army Medical Center in Denver were beamed to the Johnson Space Center. Doctors spent about 45 minutes examining them.

On four of the five cases, the local medical specialists arrived at the same diagnoses as doctors in Colorado. In the fifth case, the examination was interrupted by the patient's constant blinking.

During a similar exercise last weekend, the Houston doctors were right in five of six cases.

The space agency believes that the technology might soon allow remote areas access to health care from such institutions as Houston's Texas Medical Center, one of the world's leading medical complexes.

Dr. Roger Billica, chief of medical operations at Johnson, said "that is one of the biggest challenges in medicine right now."

"Telemedicine" has been used for decades, but such medical advances as CAT scans and ultrasound have outpaced the transmission limits of traditional phone lines and many satellites.

NASA's new satellite, deployed in September, provides transmission beams 20 times more powerful than standard satellites and allows individual users to hook up to each other with space-based switchers.

ACTS also uses an uncluttered part of the spectrum with bands five times wider than those used in traditional transmissions.

Such advances are only now allowing doctors to use high-resolution imagery, such as retinal photography, to diagnose patients many miles away.

"The whole intent here is to see whether we can provide health care to remote sites of the world or country without having patients travel long distance and do it at a cost that is comparable to traditional medicine or cheaper," said Charles Lloyd, a NASA medical projects office manager.

Mexican national extradited on drug charges

HOUSTON (AP) — A Mexican national described by authorities as a major drug-trafficking kingpin has been extradited to face a federal indictment, the FBI said.

Juan Antonio Ortiz, 39, who had been in a Mexican prison since last May, was transferred to jail in Houston last week to await his March 15 trial, said FBI special agent Jim Conway.

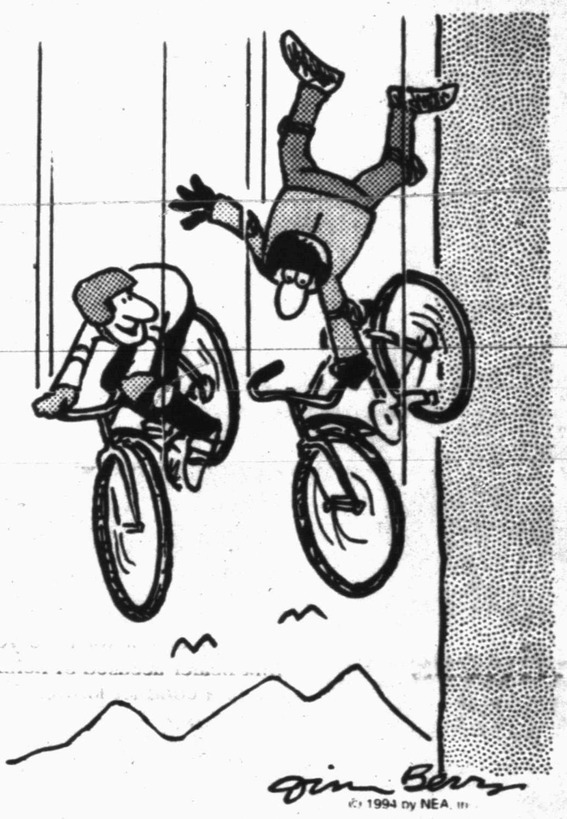
Ortiz and eight others were indicted last year on charges of conspiring to distribute bulk quantities of cocaine and marijuana and laundering millions of dollars in drug proceeds. The indictment is sealed.

"They ship thousands and thousands of tons of cocaine into the United States every month," Conway said.

Conway called Ortiz "a major player" in the Juan Garcia Abrego organization, which is based in northern Mexico. The ring is a major shipment arm of the Cali cartel in Colombia.

Conway said Ortiz, who allegedly was responsible for shipping drugs and laundering money that was sent back to Abrego, laundered $25 million during April 1990 alone.

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Health care, not all spending, increases deficit

By Alan Fram
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — When it comes to the "D" word — deficit — President Clinton and Democrats will grab good news wherever they find it in their election-year battle against conservatives over spending cuts.

There's a little-noticed nugget that should serve Clinton well in a report by Congress' top budget analyst — projecting strikingly lower federal deficits for the next few years than the office had expected last January.

The paper by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office made headlines last week.

But the study also said that for the next decade, every piece of the $1.5 trillion federal budget should hold relatively steady but one: The brisk growing portion spent on Medicare and Medicaid, the government's giant health insurance programs.

This means political ammunition for Democrats, who can argue that despite conservatives' claims, it's not overall federal spending that's to blame for the deficit mess.

Instead, the culprit is two programs in particular: Medicare for the elderly and disabled, and Medicaid for the poor. And it's those very programs, Democrats can say, that Clinton wants to pare as part of his campaign to overhaul the nation's health-care system.

Conservatives, who plan to crusade for ever-deeper budget cuts this year, argue that federal spending is growing and growing.

They're right. The budget office report says that overall, federal spending should grow from $1.5 trillion this year to $2.4 trillion in the year 2004.

During the same period, the congressional analysts say the deficit will be $223 billion this year, dip to $166 billion in 1996, and zoom upward to $365 billion in 2004.

But the budget office says that over that same decade, Medicare will grow from $160 billion this year to $435 billion in 2004. Medicaid will balloon from $86 billion in 1994 to $250 billion 10 years later.

That's growth exceeding 10 percent a year for both programs, a rate unmatched elsewhere in the budget.

Another measure used by the budget office makes the Democrats' case in a different way.

Analysts like to compare the federal budget to the size of the country's economy, in order to see how much of the money available in the entire nation the government is eating up.

By that measure, the congressional analysts found that the budget will be 22.2 percent of the economy this year, shrink a bit, and hit 22.1 percent in the year 2004.

In stark contrast, Medicare is expected to grow steadily from 2.4 percent of the economy this year to 4 percent in 2004. And Medicaid should rise from 1.3 percent this year to 2.3 percent in 2004.

Compared to the size of the economy, no other category of spending is expected to grow over the decade. Social Security, the biggest federal program, is expected to remain constant. Defense, foreign aid and many domestic programs are actually projected to shrink.

That's vivid evidence, Democrats will say, that it's Medicare and Medicaid that are feeding the government's red ink. Everything else the government does, from building new courthouses to paying benefits to federal retirees, is pretty much under control.

Conservatives will argue that whatever the numbers show, tens of billions of dollars can still be saved by cutting wasteful programs throughout the budget.

EDITORS' NOTE: Alan Fram [illegible] the budget for The Associated Press.

Texas Board of Criminal Justice says...

Paroles down, but system still a mess

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Although inmates are being kept behind bars longer, the state prison system is still a mess and Texans are justified in their outrage, a member of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice says.

"The criminal-justice system in Texas is still broken even though there have been great strides to improve (prison) capacity," attorney Allan Polunsky of San Antonio said.

"A lot of people have no faith in the system. They are upset and I don't blame them," Polunsky said.

Thousands of murderers and other violent criminals continue to roam the streets, he said.

The San Antonio Express News reported in its Sunday editions that in San Antonio alone, almost 4,000 convicted felons are living freely, having been paroled after serving only a fraction of their prison sentences.

Among the 1 million people living in the city, eight have been convicted of capital murder, 61 of murder and about 800 of rape or other violent crimes.

Nonetheless, state officials say, as new prisons are built, the number of paroled prisoners continues to go down.

The state paroled 20,794 prisoners last year, a 11.5 percent drop from 1984, when 23,486 were paroled, and a 45.3 percent decrease from the record year, 1990, when 38,041 were released early.

In 1992, about 3,100 of the Bexar County parolees — about 1 in 5 — were imprisoned for violent offenses, officials said. The number of violent offenders whose paroles are revoked statewide is not tracked.

But Jesus Zapata of San Antonio, who supervises the parole offices in 45 South Texas counties, says the worst parolees — the ones who most often get in trouble again — are actually the property criminals, such as burglars, auto thieves and drug addicts, he said.

"In 1975 when I was a (parole) officer, my best parolees were aggravated robbers, murders, rapists," Zapata said. "The most difficult now are burglars, auto thieves, petty thieves, forgers, the drug users," Zapata said. "And we have a lot of them."

The state's parole system has made front-page news in past years because of controversies surrounding the releases of Raul Meza and Kenneth McDuff, among others.

Meza was mandatorily released from prison after serving 11 years of a 30-year sentence for the rape and murder of 8-year-old Kendra Page of Austin in 1982. After being run out of several Texas towns, including San Antonio and Uvalde, Meza now is under parole supervision in Austin.

McDuff, sentenced to death in 1966 for the shooting deaths of two teen-age boys and the rape-strangulation of their young companion, was twice paroled after his sentence was commuted to life in prison.

McDuff was convicted last year in the 1992 slaying of a Waco convenience store clerk and was returned to death row. He's being tried now for the December 1991 murder of an Austin woman.

Woman finds peace in mom's arrest

TYLER (AP) — With her mother in jail, Tammy Russell says she's finally at peace with their father's death in a burning house 15 years ago.

Mildred Russell is in the Smith County Jail, charged with murder in the death of her husband, Jack, early on Jan. 22, 1979.

The Tyler Times-Telegraph, in Sunday's editions, quoted Mildred Russell, 49, as saying she left home after her husband threw an ashtray at her. She says she returned home to find the house had burned and her husband dead.

But Tammy Russell disputed the story, telling the newspaper that her mother loaded her, her two brothers and a sister into a car and that her father died in the fire while they drove around the neighborhood.

"We rode behind the house up and down the street, about a hundred times, slowly," Ms. Russell said. "We stayed driving in that area of that house all night long. ... I told her two times that the house was on fire and she wouldn't stop. She said it was the neighbor's chimney."

In December last year, investigators reopened the investigation into the fatal fire, which originally was ruled an accident. Mrs. Russell was indicted Jan. 18.

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