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THURSDAY

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Ask Us

Q—February is School Board Appreciation Month. What are our schools going to do about it?

A—School board members were each presented with a certificate acknowledging their efforts during the Feb. 10 board meeting. Supt. Dalton Moseley also expressed words of appreciation at that time.

Local

Healthcare

The Benny Benitez Band will perform at 7 this evening at Snyder Healthcare Center. The public is invited.

TAP

Targeting All Parents sessions upcoming include: this evening at 7 in the county library, Building Self Esteem Within the Family; and Friday, at 7 p.m. at Snyder National Bank, Communicating Within the Family.

Ira K-12

Ira K-12 will hold open house on Monday, beginning at 6 p.m. when parents may visit classes. At 6:45, refreshments will be served in the cafeteria, followed at 7 by a practical parenting awareness session. At 7:15, a tribute to Texas children video will be shown.

Early release

Monday will be an early release day for Snyder ISD. Students will be released at 2 p.m. and buses will run their regular routes.

Teachers will remain on their campuses until 4 p.m. to discuss curriculum issues and plan activities for the spring semester.

Pancakes

The annual Snyder Kiwanis Pancake Feast is scheduled Saturday from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the West Elementary cafeteria.

Tickets are $3.50 per person, free for children under age six. A remote control color television set will be given away.

Inhalant abuse

Jim Osti, technical assistance advisor with the Texas Prevention Partnership, will be at the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse office Friday to help form a coalition against inhalant and poison abuse.

The public is invited to attend the presentation, which will begin at 3 p.m. in the CADA office at 2513 College Ave.

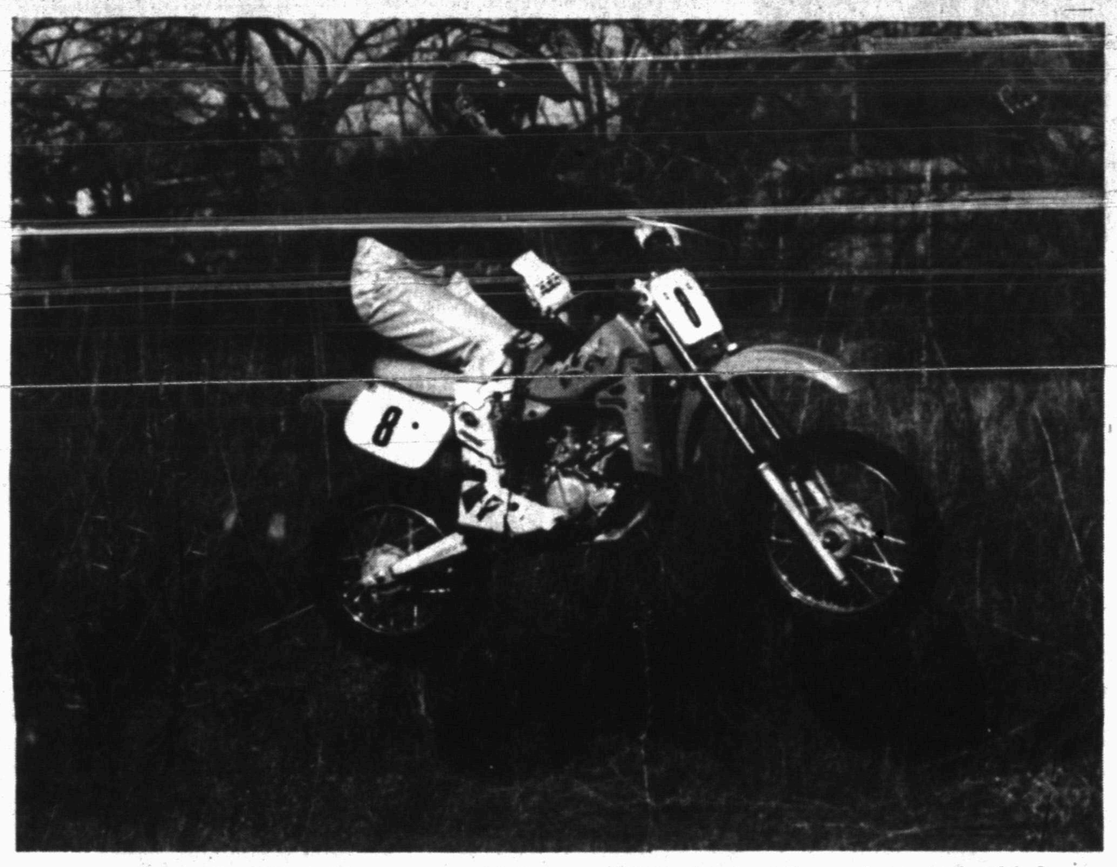
For more information call 573-1141 or 1-800 658-6722.

Weather

Snyder Area Forecast: High Wednesday, 60 degrees; low, 25 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 30 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 1 inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight: Mostly clear. Low in the mid to upper 30s. Southwest to west wind 10-15 mph. Friday: Partly cloudy and cooler. High 50-55. Wind becoming north to northeast 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:38. Sunrise Friday, 7:15. Of 54 days in 1994, the sun has shone 49 days in Snyder.



CATCHIN' SOME AIR — Eleven-year-old Jason Dennis hurdles a jump on his motorcycle in preparation for Saturday's arenacross at the coliseum. Admission is $6 at the door; fans under six and over 60 are free. Practice begins at 3 and qualifiying heats at 5 p.m. Jason is the third generation to race in his family, and is the son of Tracy and Sam Dennis of Snyder. (SDN Staff Photo)

Curbing crime key problem in Russia, Yeltsin says today

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia must launch a crash effort to combat crime in 1994 and make free-market reforms less painful, President Boris Yeltsin told parliament today in his first annual State of the Nation address.

"The problem of the year is curbing crime," Yeltsin told both houses of parliament, meeting together for the first time in the Kremlin. "Organized crime ... is trying to take the country by the throat."

Looking healthy and speaking energetically, the 63-year-old Russian president said free-market reforms must continue, but the government should help the poor and make economic changes bearable for ordinary citizens.

"Our task is to find a reasonable balance between the pace of reform and the social cost," he said.

Although the speech focused on domestic issues, Yeltsin indicated that military spending would rise and said Russia would no longer make "unilateral concessions" in foreign policy.

"Russia has the right to be tough and firm when it is necessary to protect its national interests," he said.

Some lawmakers complained afterward that the 50-minute speech was long on rhetoric but short on specific proposals. "We need more concrete and decisive actions," said ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky.

The speech did not mention either the arrest of an alleged Russian "mole" in the CIA, or the parliament's amnesty of the leaders of the 1991 Soviet coup and the hard-liners who battled Yeltsin in October.

Beforehand, however, presidential spokesman Vyacheslav Kostikov called the amnesty im-

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Jury finds inmate guilty

A 132nd District Court jury this morning found a 37-year-old Price Daniel inmate guilty of sexual assault, an offense which occurred at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility last Sept. 6.

It took a jury composed of five women and seven men less than an hour to find James Thomas Mayse guilty. Shortly before noon, testimony began in the punishment phase of the trial.

The jury will assess the punishment which could range from 5 to 99 years or life. Mayse was serving a sentence for robbery after being convicted in Ector County.

District Judge Gene Dulaney is presiding over the proceedings. District Attorney Ernie Armstrong prosecuted the case and Mayse is represented by Craig Hulhanek, with the Inmate Legal Service in Huntsville.

Call for cease-fire...

Muslims, Croats sign pact

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Muslim and Croat military leaders signed a cease-fire that could bring peace to about a third of Bosnia and build momentum for an end to all fighting in the former Yugoslavia.

Previous cease-fires have collapsed. But that was before NATO's threat of air strikes silenced Serb guns around the capital, Sarajevo, and increased diplomatic efforts to end the 22-month war.

The cease-fire starts Friday at noon (6 a.m. EST) and covers central Bosnia and the Muslim-held besieged city of Mostar and other areas in the south where Muslims and Croats have battled since April. It was signed in Zagreb, Croatia, following four hours of talks Wednesday.

"The principles and mechanisms that were successful in Sarajevo are applicable here" and had been worked into the accord, said Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, commander of U.N. forces in Bosnia.

In Washington, however, Secretary of State Warren Christopher was cautious in speaking to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, saying NATO's success in Sarajevo cannot easily be replicated elsewhere.

The most serious agreement yet between the Muslim-led government and Croats, the truce came amid renewed efforts by the United Nations, NATO and especially the United States and Russia to bring peace to Bosnia.

But a new note of discord emerged between Russia and the West on Wednesday when Boris Yeltsin lashed out at NATO for threatening air strikes against Russia's traditional allies, the Serbs, without asking Russia first.

The Russian president reiterated his proposal for a summit between Russia, the United States, France, Britain and Germany to end the war. But the United States and Germany were cool to the idea.

Yeltsin's proposal, announced Tuesday, would build on the Russian initiative last week that persuaded Bosnian Serbs to withdraw heavy weapons from Sarajevo following NATO's ultimatum to do so or face air strikes.

Yeltsin's press secretary, Vyacheslav Kostikov, said some NATO leaders had shown "barely veiled disappointment" that Russian diplomacy made the bombing unnecessary.

CMH board oks purchases, employee evaluation report

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers this morning approved capital equipment purchases and the annual performance evaluation report.

The board approved $20,000 in funds for the purchase of a diesel generator which will supply emergency power to the older portion of the hospital. The decision came after the board was advised that the present generator, which is 40 years old, is testing at approximately 75 percent of its peak load.

The board briefly discussed other options, including an overhaul of the present generator, before opting to take funds from the depreciation account to purchase a new generator.

Also approved was approximately $188,000 for orthopedic equipment. These include a C-Arm, a portable X-ray machine, at approximately $125,000; a fracture table at about $37,700; small instrument sets at about $20,000; and screws for ankles and arms at $6,000 to $7,000.

The board also approved $3,915 for a Holter monitor.

Board members heard and approved the annual employee performance review. Barbara Parker, human resources director, reported that 202 performance evaluations were completed and 98.15 percent indicated satisfactory or better performance. Three unsatisfactory evaluations were recorded. Of those, one individual was terminated, one resigned and the other requested PRN status, which means he or she can only work when called upon by the hospital.

Leslie Robinson, regional comptroller for St. Mary of the Plains Hospital, provided the board with January's operating report. The report indicated an average daily census of 15, a long-term census of 38, 1,262 home health visits, 54 surgeries, 11 newborns and 676 emergency room visits.

The hospital had a net income of $79,938 for the month.

Sue Mize, board member, reported that the Foundation Advisory Committee had received $102,212 in donations at the end of the year. Through donations, 36 rooms have been renovated, one more has been pledged, and 14 remain. She also noted that renovations were going on in one OB room, a waiting room and the hospital lobby.

Present for the meeting was Jeff Reecer, who will be taking over as the new CEO at Cogdell in March, following his obligations as administrator at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. Current Cogdell CEO Tim Lancaster, who has accepted a vice president's position at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene, also announced this morning that his final day at Cogdell will be March 11.

All board members were present for the meeting, to include Mize, Ted Crenwelge, Jimmy McMillan, Bill Wilson III, J.B. Tate Jr. and G.A. Parks Jr.

It's early, but policy to curb violence seems to be working

It may be too soon to tell, but it appears a new SISD policy implemented to take stronger measures against student violence is working.

Three fights, resulting in the arrest of six juveniles, have occurred at the junior high and high school since the policy was inacted Jan. 14.

Two fights occurred at the high school on Feb. 11 and were unrelated, said SHS Principal Larry Scott. Four juveniles, including two junior high students who were taking a course at the high school, were picked up by officers and taken to the police department.

Snyder Junior High School reported a fight between two juveniles on Tuesday, and both of those students were taken into custody by police.

The new policy was prompted by a Jan. 7 altercation at the south parking lot of the high school which resulted in a 15-year-old student suffering a broken leg.

The policy states that police are to be called for any fights on campus and charges of disorderly conduct will be filed against the students involved. Judiciary penalties range from a fine of $1 to $100 and a probation period, possible community service and counseling.

In addition to those penalties, a student will receive one day of off-campus suspension and five days of suspension from attending or participating in extracurricular school activities for a first-time offense.

A second offense will result in a one day off-campus suspension and 10 days suspension from extracurricular activities. A third offense results in the student being assigned to the HOBBS Education Co-op for the remainder of the school year.

Police are also called when a student is found to be in possession of weapons, drugs or alcohol. Such offenses carry a punishment of 30 days of in-school suspension and a 30-day suspension from extracurricular activities, coupled with whatever judiciary penalties are assessed.

Scott said that although fights on campus in the past occurred in spurts, ranging from two or three in one week to none in a one month period, the point had to be made that fighting on campus would not be tolerated. There have been no incidents of drugs, alcohol or weapons on campus.

In addition to the new disciplinary policies, the school has hired a police officer to be at the high school from 11 a.m. until noon and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. as another means of detering juvenile violence.

Snyder ISD Superintendent Dalton Moseley said he has noticed a decline in the number of calls to his office since the policy was inacted.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If the people who always apologize for wasting your time really meant it, they wouldn't do it."

The name isn't important.

A man turned in a rental truck up at I.E. Martin's Quick Service on College Ave. The man said he had unloaded his family's belongings at a new home in Snyder.

The truck had been rented in the Dallas area. Naturally, the customer was asked what kind of work he was planning to do in Snyder.

His answer was revealing: "Don't know, but I'm sure not gonna live in Dallas any longer."

The theme of getting away from congestion, crime and assorted urban problems may be the story some firm's CEO needs to hear. While we are not without our problems, most of Snyder's traffic jams are solved when the red light turns green.

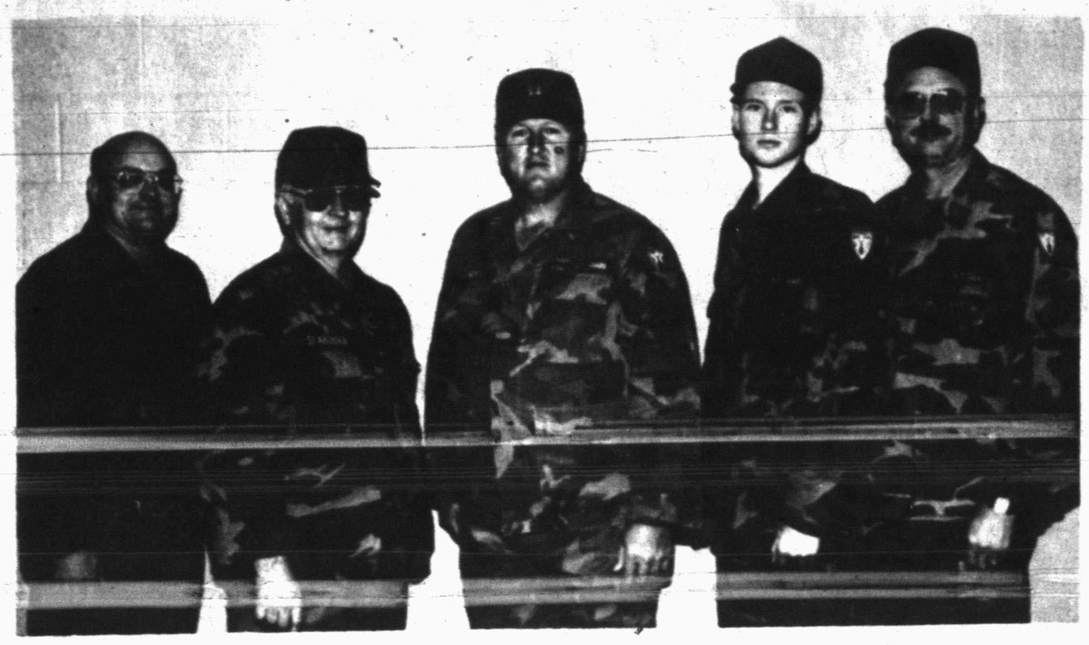
Speaking of small town virtues, we recently read a story about a group of caring citizens in Van Horn, in far West Texas.

The story began when a woman from Arizona couldn't find the miniature safe in which she kept her jewelry. The safe was disguised as a soft drink can.

She called her brother in San Antonio who had recently visited her. The brother said he had mistaken the safe for a soda and took it with him on his drive home. When he couldn't get the can open, he tossed it in a dumpster in Van Horn.

She called city hall and learned the can had likely ended up in the city landfill. The woman boarded the next plane to El Paso, rented a car and raced to Van Horn to start her search.

A group of local volunteers came to assist. Three hours later, just as they were about to give up, a volunteer found the soda can safe. When opened, the jewelry was still inside.



ATTEND SPECIALIST COURSE — Six members of Snyder's Texas State Guard who recently completed a four-hour Security Specialist Course held recently in Coleman are, from left, Sgt. James Aaron, 1st Lt. Thomas Seabourn, Capt. Terry Rumpff, Pvt. Michael Johnson and Staff Sgt. Les Thomas. 2nd Lt. Terry Miller is not pictured. The Texas State Guard, established in 1940, helps with natural disasters and aids in police action. The local TSG was reorganized in 1991. (SDN Staff Photo)

Unsuccessful bidder protests

AUSTIN (AP) — A company that bid unsuccessfully to operate an automated welfare system in Texas has filed a formal protest accusing the state of violating procedures in awarding the contract to another company.

Deluxe Data Systems, Inc., of Milwaukee, Wis., asked the state on Wednesday to disqualify a $200 million contract awarded to GTECH Administrative Services Corp., of West Greenwich, R.I.

The agreement calls for GTECH to operate an electronic welfare system using bank-style cards beginning this fall.

"We did receive the protest, but I have not reviewed it," said Jessica Shahin, a Texas Department of Human Services spokeswoman for the new electronic welfare system.

"We feel very good about the contract award. A protest is an available process and we will go through it. But we feel good about everything we did in this process."

Deluxe officials said the state violated several procedural guidelines. One included allowing GTECH to change its bid price after the deadline established by the Department of Human Services, according to the protest.

Deluxe also said in its complaint that Human Services' awarding the contract to GTECH was in conflict of interest because GTECH received assistance from a former state employee whose staff helped develop the criteria for the bidding.

"This is the first protest of a government award we have ever filed and is not the action of a disgruntled loser," said Tom McLaughlin, vice president of government services at Deluxe Data.

"When we lose fairly, we congratulate the winner and move on. However, the Texas procurement process was seriously flawed and we believe it tipped the playing field in GTECH's favor."

Andy Welch, a spokesman for Texas Comptroller John Sharp, said the bid by Deluxe would have cost the state $15.6 million more than GTECH's bid over the seven-year contract.

Welch said under Deluxe's bid, the state would have had to pick up costs for everything from marketing and public information to telephone lines and fax machines.

"The appeals process certainly is provided for under state law and we certainly expected it," Welch said. "But we know we got the best bid."

The program, called electronic benefits transfer, will use Harris and Chamber counties as its first test sites. Sharp said plans call for the program to expand statewide by 1996.

The program will provide "Lone Star Cards" to food stamp recipients and those getting Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

McDuff victims' kin want death penalty

SEGUIN (AP) — Family and friends of murder victim Colleen Reed say they want to make sure Kenneth McDuff is never free again. And if that takes executing him, they say he should be executed.

McDuff, 47, one of the most notorious criminals in Texas history, escaped the death penalty as a young man, only to win parole and kill again.

On Wednesday, a Guadalupe County jury convicted McDuff in the rape-slaying of Miss Reed, 28, who was abducted from an Austin carwash Dec. 29, 1991.

For McDuff, it was the third time he has been convicted of capital murder. "I expected it," he said after the verdict was announced in Ms. Reed's case. "I'm not upset."

For Miss Reed's family and friends, the verdict is just the first step. The punishment phase of McDuff's trial starts Friday and is expected to last a week.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. "There are certain people who deserve the death penalty, and we feel like he's one of them," said David Counts, assistant district attorney.

"Death or life, at this point, I don't care as long as he's never free again. I don't want that man ever, ever to hurt another family again," said Miss Reed's sister, Lori Bible.

Miss Reed's former fiance, Oliver Guerra, said he doubts McDuff will ever be free but, he added, that's what people said in 1968 when he was sentenced to die for the slaying of a teen-age girl near Fort Worth.

"It's important that we get him off the streets forever. And if the only way the state can gaurantee that is through lethal injection, then so be it," he said.

"It's not revenge," Guerra added. "It's more trying to protect our families and our friends that are still out there who can some day become victims because people like this beat the system over and over again."

McDuff said he is innocent in Miss Reed's death. Although her body has never been found, she is presumed to be dead.

The main evidence in the case was the testimony of Alva Hank Worley, 36, who said he and McDuff abducted Miss Reed.

What followed was a night of rape and torture of Miss Reed, Worley said.

He said the last time he saw Miss Reed, McDuff was placing her in the trunk of his car and said he was going to "use her up."

Worley said he confessed to police because he felt guilty.

But McDuff's attorneys said Worley was trying pin the crime on McDuff to save himself.

Attorney Chris Gunter said Worley gave at least five different statements to police and lied on the witness stand when he told the jury he did not negotiate with prosecutors for better treatment in exchange for his testimony.

Berry's World



"Let me tell you about my mommy."

Firecreek, PetroVietnam have reached agreement

FORT WORTH (AP) — Fort Worth oil company Firecreek Petroleum is one of the first to take advantage of the end of the trade embargo with Vietnam.

But ties with Vietnam are nothing new for Firecreek president John "Rick" Taylor, 48. He was shot down twice as an Army helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War.

"I'll admit that I was scared to death when I went there last summer," Taylor said. "I didn't know if they would scorn me or shoot me. But I found out that they welcome Americans. For them, the war is long over. Remember, they've fought other wars since the Americans left."

Firecreek Petroleum and Vietnam Oil & Gas Corp., or PetroVietnam, signed an agreement Feb. 16 in Hanoi to explore for oil on a 10,000-square-mile region of the Mekong Delta, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Wednesday. Firecreek began negotiating with PetroVietnam in June.

"We basically have a concession block that is everything south of Hanoi, as well as offshore to about 35 miles," Taylor said.

He said Firecreek will take in joint venture partners. "We will start out with a half-dozen or so people and a couple of wells, but this could expand to involve several hundred people within a few years," Taylor said.

Until now, Firecreek has drilled and operated wells in Texas, Illinois, Kentucky and Nebraska. The privately held company does not divulge financial details of its business dealings.

Taylor did two tours of duty during the Vietnam War, in 1966-67 and 1971-72, as an Army helicopter pilot. He was shot down twice, but both times was rescued without serious injury.

Lone winner gets millions

AUSTIN (AP) — The single Lotto Texas winner in Houston has seized a jackpot of $40 million, or $2 million a year for 20 years. That's $166,666 a month. About $5,480 a day. That's $685 an hour if you put in a good eight-hour day.

Less 28 percent for the Internal Revenue Service, of course, which would reduce the take after taxes to only $1.44 million a year, $120,000 a month, $3,836 a day. Bummer!

Only one ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

Lotto tickets sold quickly and waiting lines grew lengthy as Texans scrambled at the last minute for chances at the $40 million jackpot.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 6, 8, 32, 36, 37 and 50.

Lottery spokesman Steve Levine said the Lottery recorded its first $3 million hour between 6 and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Sales were wildest at 7 p.m. Wednesday, when they were ringing up at $60,000 per minute.

Wednesday's sales reached $21.7 million, the third-best sales day in the history of Lotto Texas.

Sales on Sunday and Monday both set records, Levine said. Sunday sales totaled $755,000, while Monday's was $2.8 million.

Tuesday sales hit $6.1 million, second only to the record $6.8 million sold the week of July 7, 1993, when the Lotto Texas jackpot was its largest ever at $50 million.

Total sales from Saturday to Wednesday's draw was 31.3 million, Levine said.

Wednesday was the third time since the Lotto Texas game began in November 1992 that the jackpot had climbed to $40 million or more.

Pick 3

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

2-8-7

(two, eight, seven)

Madden to appear

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fox Broadcasting can't wait to show off one of its newest staff members: National Football League commentator John Madden.

Football season is months away, but Madden will host the Fox TV movie "Rise and Walk: The Dennis Byrd Story" on Monday.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Feb. 25, 1994

New partnership arrangements may play key roles in your affairs in the year ahead. It looks like you'll make some good choices that could produce mutual benefits.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Persons with whom you'll be involved today will be taking their cues from you and if you treat them in an uncooperative manner, don't be surprised if they treat you similarly. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might not be too good a judge of your own talents and abilities. There's a chance you could take on something serious that you may not be able to manage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you inadvertently offend a friend today, make a quick apology and let the matter drop. If it is rehashed, the pal who forgave you might get angry again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't throw your weight around today when functioning in a managerial capacity. Your control over subordinants may be only marginal to begin with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your ability to articulate your position might be severely restricted today, not necessarily by others, but by you. If you have something to say, say it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In all money related matters today, be sure to set up accurate records with appropriate receipts. Later on your numbers and someone else's might be in conflict.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Guard against inclinations today to fight windmills or go against odds that are stacked against you. Before attacking, wait until you have a more leveled playing field.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An assignment you tried to slip through as completed might have to be done all over again today. If you don't do it right this time, you'll just have to do it again a third time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Strive to be diplomatic and tactful in social situations today. If not, there is a possibility you may bring up issues that's very divisive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is one of those days when it might be best not to volunteer. For example, you could do something for another and if it doesn't live up to his/her expectations, be severely criticized for your efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today if you're required to do any mental work that deals with facts and figures, you'd better have someone reliable check your accomplishments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A need for instant gratification might lead you into a position today where you take on a long term obligation that could turn out to be extremely burdensome.

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BABY SHOWER — A baby shower was given in honor of Mindy Wills in the Fluvanna Baptist Church on Jan. 29 at 2:30 p.m. Pictured from left are Dorris Martin, grandmother-in-law of the honoree; Jacqueline Wills, honoree's mother-in-law; Cornelie Williams, her mother; Frances Allen, her grandmother. (Contributed Photo)



PATRIOTIC HAPPENING — Piano students of Joann Snyder presented a recital of patriotic music on Feb. 18 at her home. In the top picture are, from left, front row, Kate Wright, Amber Alexander, Jennifer Newman, Sara Potts, Joanna Burk, Kasey Collier; back row, Katie Potts, Stephanie Alderete and Jessica Dea. In the bottom photo are, front row, Beth Clements, Morgan Miller, Carcie Posey, Erin Cooley, Gerrico Greenlee; back row, Justin Boyd, Brandon Scott, Joshua Key, Cole McLeod and Jared Boyd. (SDN Staff Photo)

Penwomen study, read poems

Scurry County Penwomen joined in supporting Snyder's beautification committee and heard a program on poetry at its recent meeting held in the home of Dorothy Cox.

Mary Westmoreland, who serves on the beautification committee, suggested that members donate money or plants to the project.

Jean Everett presented a program on *What is Poetry? What is Prose?* After quoting John Wheelock, "Literature is divided between poetry and prose," she said that we call Psalms poetry, but they are written in prose — they do not rhyme. Poetry also uses rhythm, she added, and some prose can have rhythm.

"Poetry, like all the arts is a revelation. It reveals the poet and rediscovers and shares life around us. The Psalms are an example of Hebrew poetry. Although, it doesn't rhyme, it is poetic," Mrs. Everett said.

In explaining two types of narative poems, she said that a ballad tells a story and an epic tells the life of a famous person. Some authorities add a third type of narative poem called romance.

She concluded by reading a poem, "Drinking From My Saucer," written by Flossie Johnson, an aunt of her husband, Jess Everett. The poem is about drinking coffee from a saucer, because her cup overflowed with blessings.

During the presentation of orginal work, Burk read two poems, "Since You Went Away," and "For Gigi."

Garnet Quiett read her poem, "How Goes the Winter Season," and a religious item printed in Mature Living magazine, "The Sparrow's Message." Another religious writing, "Joyous Homecoming," was published in the February issue of Mature Living.

Cox brought the word of encouragement on "How to Sum up Your Life."

Refreshments were served at the conclusion. The next meeting will be March 16 in the home of Mrs. Quiett, and visitors and writers are welcome.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

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Opening lead: ♥ K

Pay your premiums

By Phillip Alder

No doubt you have car insurance, house insurance, life insurance, maybe even income-tax insurance. But perhaps the strangest insurance is sold in Japan. Golfers pay about $50 a year to insure against hitting a hole in one, because if they do ace a hole, it costs a fortune. Not only must they pay for a round of drinks at the 19th hole, but they also have to buy expensive presents for their friends.

In bridge, you should occasionally take out insurance. When you can see the winning defense, don't sit back and hope partner finds the play. Take charge; grab the bull by the horns; run the show.

West opened with a weak two-bid, showing a good six-card suit and some 6-10 high-card points. East made a pre-emptive raise to game, but it didn't succeed in shutting out South.

West led the heart king. Seeing two losing hearts in the dummy, East thoughtlessly encouraged with the seven. South happily ruffed West's heart continuation, drew trumps and ran the diamond jack. In desperation, East ducked. Suitably duped, declarer finessed his diamond eight. But after East produced the king, South claimed the rest of the tricks.

Knowing West has six hearts, East should realize there is only one heart trick for the defense. And that diamond suit in the dummy is threatening. Rather than hoping partner will switch to a club at trick two, East should overtake with the heart ace and switch to the club queen himself. One down instead of one over.

Always keep track of your target: the number of tricks needed to defeat the contract.

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Raitt protests waste

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Bonnie Raitt gave 'em something to talk about in Minnesota when she joined a rally protesting a plan to store more nuclear waste in the state.

"Don't kid yourselves," Raitt said Wednesday. "Nobody else is going to take this waste. Minnesota is going to be stuck with it."

Northern States Power Co. wants to store highly radioactive nuclear waste in steel casks outside its Prairie Island plant along the Mississippi River.

NSP says the storage would only last until a permanent repository is established. But some are skeptical that a new site for the waste will ever be found.

Disney to tell Kerrigan's life story

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Nancy Kerrigan's story is a gold mine, whether or not she wins a medal.

Walt Disney Co. has made a deal with the figure skater for a TV story of her life, a children's book and theme park appearances. No one's saying what the contract is worth, but Disney says it isn't contingent on a medal.

The agreement was signed Friday after Olympic officials agreed that it wouldn't threaten her amateur standing during the Winter Olympics, Disney Television spokesman Gregg Taylor said Tuesday.

"Even without the recent brutal attack on her, Nancy Kerrigan's life is a true American story with the ability to inspire all of us," said Steve Tisch, who will produce the Kerrigan profile on ABC television.

Cosmorama club hears Galloway's school program

Cosmorama Study Club met on Feb. 16 in the Martha Ann Woman's Club for a program on Scurry County schools by Mrs. Georgene Galloway.

A business meeting followed, with Mrs. Mippy Brownlee presiding.

Hostesses were Mmes. Doug Flynn and David Harlin.

The club's next meeting will be Wednesday, March 23, at MAWC at 4:15 p.m. with Classic Interiors presenting the program. Hostesses will be Mmes. Frank Miller, Renal Rosson and Derwin Thompson.

The Maryland Toleration Act provided freedom of worship for all Christians. It was passed by the Maryland Assembly in 1649.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

Targeting All Parents; Buildng Self Esteem Within the Family, topic; Scurry County Library, 1926 23rd Street; 7-8:30 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Targeting All Parents; Communicating Within the Family, topic; Snyder National Bank, 1715 25th Street; 7-8:30 p.m.

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.

What came to be called "The Blitz" began in the fall of 1940, when London underwent the first concentrated night air raids of World War II. In the first three nights, thousands were killed or seriously injured. The RAF prevented invasion during 1940, but the civilian population suffered massive bombing before the tide turned.

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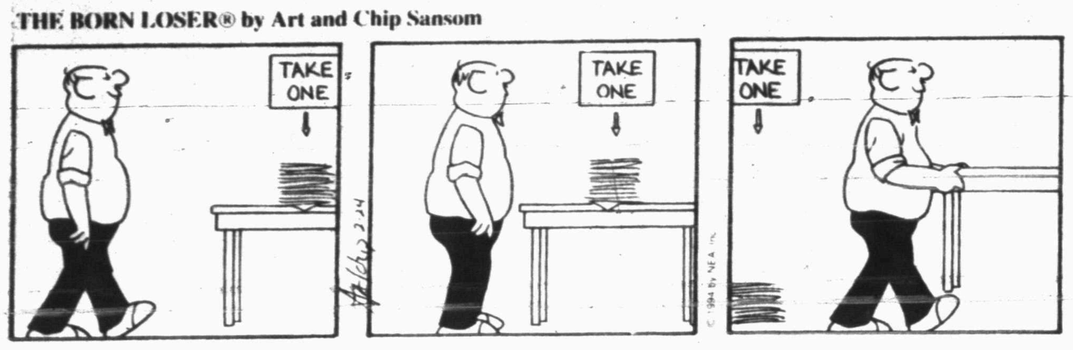
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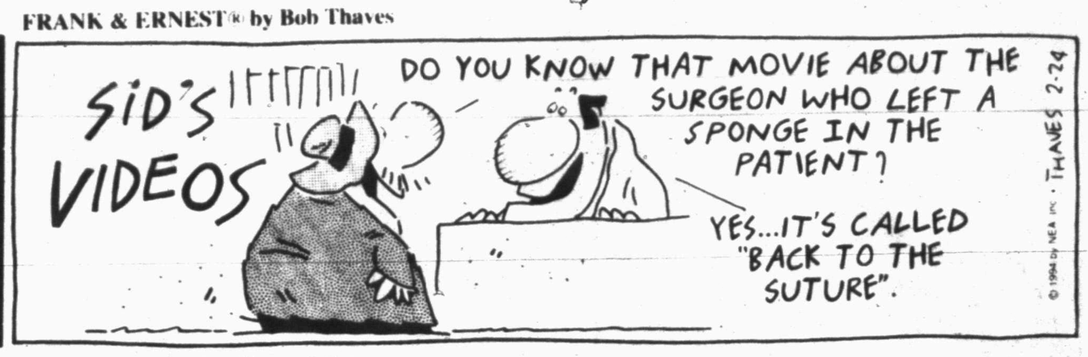
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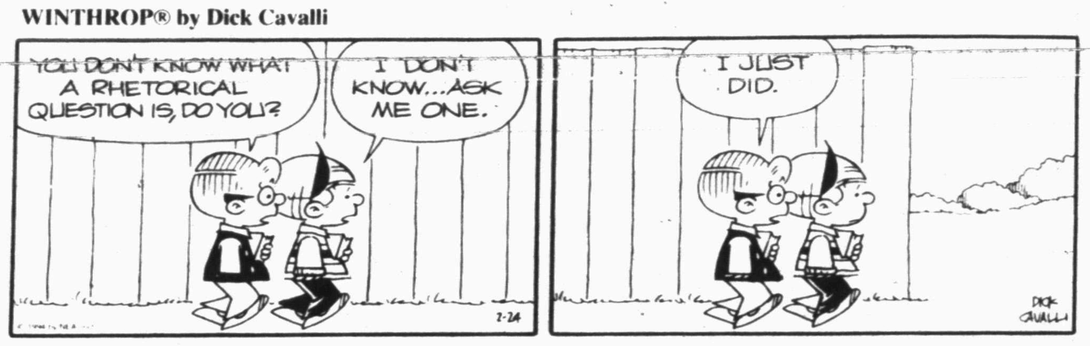
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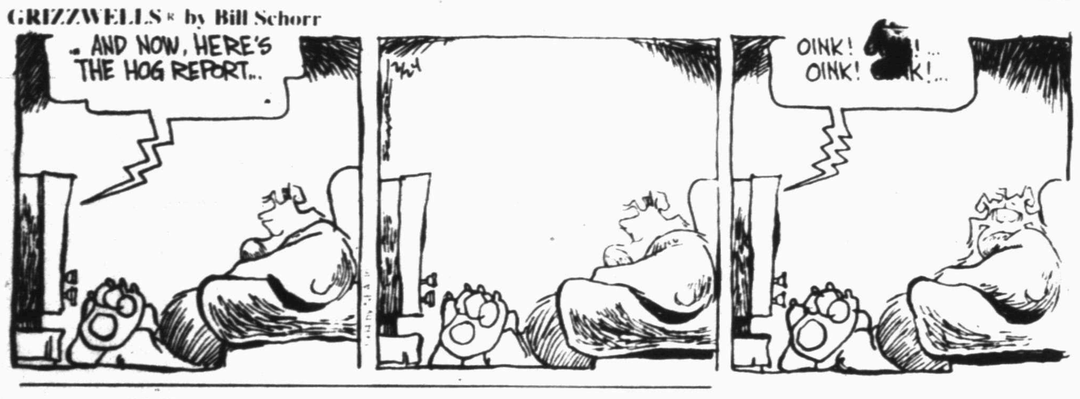
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15 One — — time
16 Proverbial back-breaker (2 wds.)
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22 Actress — Moran
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27 Ad —
30 Fill with love
32 Poland's Lech —
34 Public official
35 More than 10
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40 Dispatch
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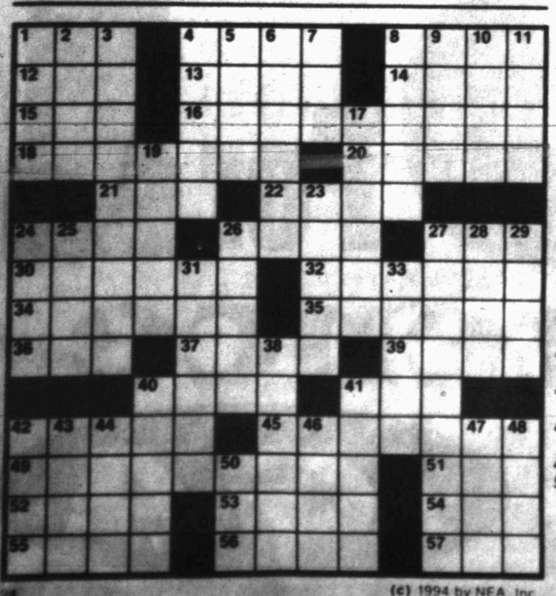
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10 Small ship
11 Carpenter's tools
17 — staircase
19 South American animal
23 Less cooked
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25 Soon
26 Test for fit (2 wds.)
27 Old Testament book
28 Two words of understanding
29 Prohibits
31 Painful experience
33 Pretend (2 wds.)
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40 Young salmon
41 More uncommon
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43 Once — a time
44 Actress — Perlman
46 Entertainer — McEntire
47 First-rate (2 wds.)
48 Tidy
50 Mrs. in Madrid

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Track teams begin season at Frenship

Snyder athletes begin the spring track season with a trip to the ABC Tiger Relays, held at Frenship High School in Wolfforth.

Competition, which will be held Friday and Saturday, will include approximately 30 teams from the area, including boys' and girls' teams from SHS.

Snyder's boys, coached by Tommy Doyle, are expected to be strong in the the shot-put, where Emiliano Chaidez, Derek Freeman and Chris Denson, are returnees from the 1993 team.

In addition, Denson and Chaidez will probably throw the discus.

Other expected to make a splash for the Tiger thinclads are brothers Terrell and Anthony Jones, who will run sprints and relays, Jason Miller, who will run the 400 meters and hurdles, as well as participating in the long jump and high jump; and sprinters David Wagner, Tony Robles and Ricky Lott.

Boys' track
Feb. 25-26: ABC Tiger Relays, Frenship; **March 5:** Mustang Relays, Andrews; **March 12:** Canyon Reef Relays, Snyder; **March 26:** Seminole meet; **April 1:** Mustang Relays, Sweetwater; **April 9:** Big Spring meet; **April 15-16:** District 2-4A meet, Frenship.

Girls' track
Feb. 25-26: ABC Tiger Relays, Frenship; **March 5:** Mustang Relays, Andrews; **March 12:** Canyon Reef Relays, Snyder; **March 26:** ECISD Relays, Odessa; **April 1:** Mustang Relays, Sweetwater; **April 9:** Big Spring meet; **April 15-16:** District 2-4A meet, Frenship.

The Tigers will visit the Mustang Relays at Andrews March 5, then will host the Canyon Reef Relays on March 12 before taking a vacation during Spring Break.

The SHS boys will attend meets at Seminole, Sweetwater and Big Spring, before the District 2-4A meet, set for April 15-16 at Frenship.

Coach Patty Grimmett's girls' team will be led by a pair of returning regional qualifiers.

Kristi McClure, who advanced to the regional meet in '93 as a shot putter and hurdler, and Vicky Green, who was one of the top discus throwers in District 2-4A a year ago will anchor the SHS squad.

Sprinters for the Lady Tigers will include Kelly Clay and Paige Gayle from last year's team, while Edwina Brooks is expected to run in relays and enter the long jump and triple jump and Jina Miller is pencilled in as a high jumper and hurdler.

Jamie Prather, a member of the SHS cross-country team, will run distances for the Lady Tigers.

"We've got a lot of freshmen and first-time track people out this year," said Grimmett.

"We're looking real strong, but we'll know a lot more after this first meet."

The Lady Tigers will also attend the Andrews meet, then host the Canyon Reef Relays. They will resume the track schedule March 26 with a trip to Odessa for the Ector County Independent School District Relays, then travel to Sweetwater and the Big Spring meet before the loop gathering at Frenship.

Baylor accepts Big Eight offer

WACO (AP) — Baylor wasted little time accepting the Big Eight's invitation to jump from the Southwest Conference, and Baylor president Herbert Reynolds says the other three SWC schools that were invited also are leaning toward acceptance.

Baylor, the smallest of four SWC schools asked to join the Big Eight, on Wednesday became the first to leave the nearly 80-year-old conference. The university's regents voted unanimously to accept the invitation.

Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech also were asked to be part of the new conference, and have scheduled teleconferences this week to announce their decisions.

"We (the schools' presidents) have had conversations. I think there are some very strong inclinations on the part of the other three," Reynolds said after a 21/2-hour regents meeting.

"I do think the other presidents will present everything to their boards, just as we did to our board, with the belief that they will see the wisdom of this," Reynolds said.

Baylor's decision likely spells the beginning of the end of the SWC. Baylor, A&M and Texas all are original conference members, and Tech is a longtime member.

"We are delighted and excited that our board unanimously voted to accept the invitation that's been offered," said Thomas Powers, chairman of the Board of Regents.

"We think the financial possibilities of this new alliance are exciting," Powers said. "We're certainly saddened by the demise of the Southwest Conference. I think it was something that was going to happen sooner or later."

Reynolds said Baylor received the invitation late last week after the Big Eight schools voted unanimously to ask the four schools to join. A formal announcement of the merger appeared to need only the rubber-stamp of the regents at the schools.

"We're looking forward to the challenge," Reynolds said. "I believe it's a new era for us."

Disintegration of the SWC began in 1990 when Arkansas left to join the Southeastern Conference. Reynolds said the 16 presidents of the SWC and Big Eight began meeting informally shortly after Arkansas' departure.

If Texas, Tech and A&M accept the Big Eight's offer, Houston, Rice, Southern Methodist and Texas Christian will have to fend for themselves.

The offer was designed to find the best possible television contract beginning in 1996-97. The Big Eight, with other conferences already signed with networks, decided having the four SWC schools would make for a more lucrative offer.

SCC's Groundhog tourney slated

Snyder Country Club's annual season-opening event, the Groundhog Golf Tournament, is slated for Saturday and Sunday.

A full 36-team field will begin play in the 2-man scramble with noon shotgun starts both days.

Teams will be flighted by the lowest handicap of the partners. For more information contact SCC club professional Rick Mammolite at 573-7101.

WTC golfers to play in NMMI tournament

Expect some improvement from the Western Texas College golf team when they take to the course for the NMMI Invitational, a 54-hole tourney set for Friday and Saturday in Roswell, N.M.

The Westerners finished in 11th place at the season-opening Suntree Invitational in Melbourne, Fla. two weeks ago, and that just wasn't good enough for coach Milton Ham.

"We didn't play well, at all," Ham said. "The weather there was great, the golf course, although it was tough, was in good shape.

"I think we just tried a little too hard, maybe. The effort was fine, and I know we'll get better, but our scores were not good."

Western Texas is led by Sweetwater sophomore Chris Rogers, who posted a team-best 240 at Suntree Country Club on rounds of 81, 79 and 80.

The Westerners, Midland College, Odessa College, New Mexico JC and host NMMI make up a rugged contingent from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference expected at the tourney.

Action begins with a practice round today, followed by 36 holes Friday and a final 18 on Saturday.

Tourney starts with Snyder facing Bowie

The Snyder Tigers opened play in the 3-day Best of the West Classic baseball tournament in San Angelo at 10 a.m. today when they faced Austin Bowie.

Junior right-hander Lee Idom was the expected starter in Snyder's first-rounder.

Following the Snyder-Bowie tilt at Lake View High will be the 12:30 p.m. Plainview-Lake View game.

A win by the Tigers in their opener would pit them against the Lake View-Plainview winner at 10 a.m. Friday.

First-round action at San Angelo Central will feature the 10 a.m. contest between Lamar and Coronado and El Paso Bel Air taking on Central at 12:30 p.m.

Best of the West Classic
Thursday's games
Austin Bowie vs. Snyder, 10 a.m., Lake View
Lake View vs. Plainview, 12:30 p.m., Lake View
Lamar vs. Coronado, 10 a.m., Central
Central vs. Bel Air, 12:30 p.m., Central
Snyder-Bowie loser vs. Lake View-Plainview loser, 3 p.m., Lake View
Lamar-Coronado loser vs. Central-Bel Air loser, 3 p.m., Central.

Ragland selected all-district

WOLFFORTH — Snyder's Annie Ragland claimed a spot on a talent-laden All-District 2-4A girls' basketball team, selected by coaches' votes Wednesday at Frenship High School.

Ragland, a 5-6 senior guard, was a second-team pick and the only SHS representative on the team.



ANNIE RAGLAND

Ragland's 15 points per game placed her third in the area in scoring this season, while her 5.7 rebounds were fifth.

Top honorees on the first team include co-MVPs Trina Pinner of Levelland and Frenship's Dalawna Meloy as well as Newcomer of the Year, Plainview's Katrisa O'Neal.

Pinner, a 5-9 senior guard, led the Loboettes to the loop championship in 1993-94, while Meloy, a 5-11 post, guided FHS to a runner-up spot in the district and a playoff appearance.

Levelland's Dean Weese and Sam Tipton of Frenship were honored as Coaches of the Year.

Joining Weese from LHS were first-teamers Joyce Howard, a 5-4 senior guard, and 5-9 junior post Marissa Hesse.

Making the first squad from Tipton's Lady Tigers were 5-11 junior post Summer Lawlis.

Lamesa standout Kechia Mason and Plainview's Roslynn Dunn round out the first team.

Joining Ragland on the second team are Levelland senior guards Barbie Stout and Misty Voss, Kristy Babbs of Frenship and Plainview's Leticia Crosslin.

Honorable mentions go to Yolanda Jenkins and Carris Sisson of Frenship, Stephanie White of Plainview, Estacado's Patricia Jackson and Amy Yoder of Lamesa.

All-District 2-4A
Girls basketball
Co-MVPs: Dalawna Meloy, senior, Frenship; Trina Pinner, senior, Levelland.
Newcomer of the Year: Katrisa O'Neal, freshman, Plainview.
Coaches of the Year: Dean Weese, Levelland; Sam Tipton, Frenship.
First team: Kechia Mason, senior, Lamesa; Joyce Howard, senior, Levelland; Summer Lawlis, junior, Frenship; Roslynn Dunn, senior, Plainview; Marissa Hesse, Levelland.
Second team: Annie Ragland, senior, Snyder; Kristy Babbs, senior, Frenship; Barbie Stout, junior, Levelland; Leticia Crosslin, senior, Plainview; Misty Voss, senior, Levelland.
Honorable mentions: Amy Yoder, Lamesa; Stephanie White, Plainview; Yolanda Jenkins, Frenship; Carrie Sisson, Frenship; Patricia Jackson, Estacado.

O'Neal leads Orlando to victory over Pacers

by The Associated Press

For three minutes, the franchise lay motionless on the court in obvious pain.

It was perhaps the scariest three minutes in Shaquille O'Neal's career, but it turned out to be no big deal.

After knocking knees with Indiana's Derrick McKey, O'Neal collapsed to the floor and stayed there for about three minutes. He went for X-rays at halftime, then returned in the third quarter to lead Orlando to a 103-99 victory over Indiana that tied the franchise-record for consecutive victories (five).

"I was a little worried when it first happened because I thought I might have sprained it," O'Neal said. "I had this immediate pain that shot through me, so I didn't move for a minute until I was sure it had gone away."

O'Neal never lost a step after returning to the game. He scored six points in his first two minutes back, then had three dunks and a key steal to put the game away after Indiana got to 94-91 with 3:40 left in the fourth.

In other games, Utah beat San Antonio 106-102 in double overtime, Portland defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 121-112, Atlanta edged Seattle 99-92, Chicago trounced Golden State 123-100, Denver beat Boston 102-94, Cleveland topped Washington 106-96 and New Jersey defeated Philadelphia 106-102.

Netters ready for FS event

Senior singles entrant Christina Gonzales will lead the SHS tennis team into the Fort Stockton Invitational tournament Friday and Saturday.

Gonzales captured the girls' singles crown at last weekend's West Texas Championships at San Angelo with a 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 verdict over Odessa Permian standout Jacque Robinson in the final.

Other top finishers for SHS last week include boys' doubles players Salvador Aguirre and John Purcell who lasted to the semifinal round at San Angelo, and Michelle Spencer and Katie Thornton, who moved into the quarterfinals in girls' doubles before falling.

The tourney draw at Fort Stockton will be announced Friday morning. Matches will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. both days.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
New York	36	16	.692	—
Orlando	31	20	.608	4½
Miami	27	25	.519	9
New Jersey	27	25	.519	9
Boston	20	33	.377	16½
Philadelphia	20	33	.377	16½
Washington	16	37	.302	22½
Central Division				
Atlanta	36	16	.692	—
Chicago	36	16	.692	—
Cleveland	29	24	.547	7½
Indiana	26	25	.510	9½
Charlotte	23	28	.451	12½
Milwaukee	15	38	.283	21½
Detroit	13	39	.255	23
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	37	13	.740	—
San Antonio	39	15	.722	—
Utah	35	19	.648	4
Denver	26	27	.491	12½
Minnesota	15	36	.294	22½
Dallas	7	46	.132	31½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	37	14	.725	—
Phoenix	34	16	.680	2½
Portland	32	21	.604	6
Golden State	31	21	.596	6½
LA Lakers	19	31	.380	17½
Sacramento	18	34	.346	19½
LA Clippers	17	34	.333	20

Wednesday's Games
New Jersey 106, Philadelphia 102
Cleveland 106, Washington 96
Orlando 103, Indiana 99
Atlanta 99, Seattle 92
Chicago 123, Golden State 100
Denver 102, Boston 94
Utah 106, San Antonio 102, 2OT
Portland 121, L.A. Clippers 112
Thursday's Games
Dallas at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New York at Houston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

WJCAC basketball

Women

Team	Season		League	
Howard	28	2	8	2
South Plains	18	8	5	4
NMJC	16	10	5	4
Western Texas	18	12	5	5
Odessa	17	10	4	5
Frank Phillips	12	11	1	8

Monday's games
Howard 91, Odessa 76
WTC 77, Frank Phillips 61
Thursday's games
Odessa at Frank Phillips
South Plains at NMJC
Regular season ends

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Kerrigan in battle for gold

LILLEHAMMER, Norway (AP) — Nancy Kerrigan showed the world she can handle the pressure. And that, she admitted, was what mattered most.

There's no talk today of Kerrigan having the jitters, making untimely mistakes, not being tough enough. Not after just about everyone, even Tonya Harding, watched her skate like a champion while half-expecting her to crumble.

Now, having vanquished both Harding and her own insecurities, Kerrigan breezes into Friday's conclusion of the figure skating with the confidence of someone whose huge burden has been lifted.

"No one would complain leaving the Olympics feeling good about themselves," she said. "That's really what I came here for.

"If I get a medal, that's even better."

Lyubov Egorova of Russia was seeking an astonishing 10th career medal today in her 10th Olympic race, the women's 30-kilometer cross-country skiing. A gold would be her seventh, most all-time in the Winter Olympics; any medal would tie her with former Soviet Nordic skier Raisa Smetanina for tops overall.

The 27-year-old Siberian native said earlier this week that she didn't think she would win. But she said that before her last gold-medal victory, too.

Japan today won only its third gold medal in Winter Games history when it successfully defended its Olympic title in the team Nordic combined, easily defeating Norway and Switzerland. Deborah Compagnoni of Italy built a sizable lead after the first run of the women's giant slalom. No American was in the top 10.

As the Olympics headed toward their final weekend, Egorova and the Russians stood first in the unofficial medals race with 10 golds and 21 overall — close to the all-time Winter marks of 11 and 29, by their Soviet predecessors.

"We have said that if we win nine gold medals, we can have a good night's sleep," said Valentin Sych, head of the Russian delegation. "Now we've won 10 — and now I cannot sleep because we have the chance of winning even more!"

Also on the schedule today were the men's and women's aerials skiing finals and the women's 500-meter short-track speedskating. Four consolation hockey games included the Czechs vs. the Americans, 6-1 losers to unbeaten Finland in the quarterfinals Wednesday.

Two freeze-frame images summed up Wednesday's much-anticipated showdown in the technical programs, which count for one-third the total scores: A beaming, relieved Kerrigan as she ended her near-flawless routine with a flourish at center ice. And a grim-faced Harding clapping mechanically as she watched from a glassed-in VIP box over the Hamar Olympic Amphitheater rink.

Tigers to compete in Midland event

Fresh off a fourth-place finish at the weekend Plainview Invitational, Snyder's boys' golf team will compete at the Midland Tall City Invitational Friday and Saturday.

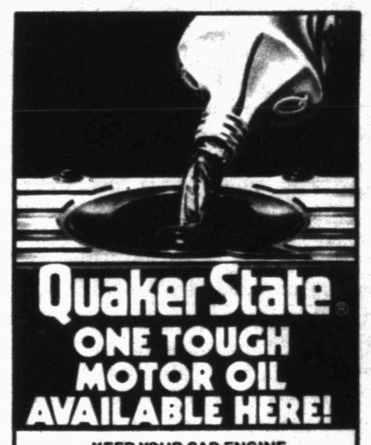
Boasting a 21-team field, including 5A powers Lubbock Monterey, Odessa Permian, Midland Lee, San Angelo Central, Denton and Fort Worth Paschal, the tournament will be a stern test for the Tigers.

"It's a tough field on two tough courses," O'Day said. "It'll be good for our kids to play in a tournament like this."

The tourney will begin with Friday's round at Midland Country Club and will wind down with 18 holes Saturday at Green Tree Golf Club.

The Tigers fired a team-total 653 at the 36-hole Plainview event last week, led by senior Jeff Armstrong, who carded a 161, including a team-best 76 during Friday's first round.

Snyder's Lady Tigers will tangle with Andrews and Frenship in an 18-hole match Saturday at Sundown Golf Course in Sundown.



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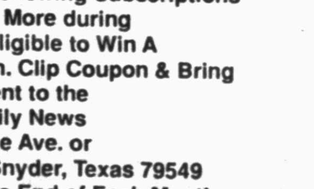
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SJHS band wins in solo, ensemble

Snyder Junior High School band students received many solo and four ensemble first division medals Saturday during the solo and ensemble contest at Texas Tech University.

First division soloists include Zack Briseno, Erin Scott, Karomy Drum, Chad McMillan, Corey Ballard, Kersten Fishel, James Aguilar, Chris Halbert, Kenneth Darlin, Kristen Lelek, Starling Shields, Christy Tankersley, Amber Lyle, Kim Northcott, Emily Bavousett, Gabby Lucero, Todd Hall, Krista Villarreal, Lori Sanders, Traci Eicke, Joey Steakley, Jennifer Perez, Marielena Guerrero, Windy Wood, Erica Cox, Michael Hensley, Joe Cheyne and Christi Ervin.

Those receiving second division certificates were John Coffman, Lupe Guerra, Mark Cave and Ray Vasquez.

Ensembles winning first division medals include Amber Lyle, Starling Shields and Christy Tankersley, flute trio; Krista Villarreal, Lori Sanders and Erica Cox, clarinet trio; Todd Hall, Erin Scott, Joey Steakley and James Aguilar, brass quartet; Karomy Drum, Chad McMillan, Chris Halbert and Joe Cheyne, percussion.



WINNING BAND STUDENTS — Snyder Junior High School band students who competed Saturday at Texas Tech University are from left, back row, Zack Briseno, Erin Scott, Karomy Drum, Chad McMillan, Corey Ballard, John Coffman, Kersten Fishel, Lupe Guerra, James Aguilar, Chris Halbert, Kenneth Darlin; sitting; Kristen Lelek, Starling Shields, Christy Tankersley, Amber Lyle, Kim Northcott, Emily Bavousett, Gabby Luera; kneeling, Todd Hall, Krista Villarreal, Lori Sanders, Traci Eicke, Joey Steakley, Jennifer Perez, Marielena Guerrero, Windy Wood; front row, Erica Cox, Mark Cave, Ray Vasquez and Michael Hensley. Joe Cheyne and Christi Ervin are not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rock 'n' Roll casino breaks ground

LAS VEGAS (AP) — B.B. King and Eddie Van Halen, guitar-shaped roulette tables and chandeliers made from gold saxophones: it must be the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

The guitar greats, along with singer Chris Isaak, were on hand for the ground-breaking of the resort-casino that Hard Rock Cafe founder and president Peter Morton is touting as "the world's first rock 'n' roll hotel-casino."

The casino will be decorated with music and movie memorabilia. The 345-room hotel is scheduled to open in December 1994.

Also planned is the Hard Rock Beach Club, which will feature live concerts and an interactive television shopping network. A Hard Rock Cafe opened here in 1990.

Education weak

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker says state education leaders were "abominably weak" to remove one of her stories from a statewide reading test at the behest of a conservative group.

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BANDSMEN OF THE MONTH — January Bandsmen of the Month at Snyder Junior High School are Joey Steakley, left, 8th grade, trombone; and Dusty Ashby, 7th grade, tuba. (SDN Staff Photo)

Not all follow skaters

FORT WORTH (AP) — While most of the world was locked in on Lillehammer, Tonya and Nancy skated with the Sons of the Desert at Billy Bob's Texas.

Nobody seemed to give much of a hoot. But, hey, some did.

"We're not makin' no big deal out of it," grumped Billy Minick, general manager of Billy Bob's, which modestly claims to be the biggest honky tonk in the world.

Frankly, Minick and most of the folks at Billy Bob's were not much taken with the Olympic saga of U.S. figure skaters Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan.

"Nah," said Georgia Sioulas of Montreal, Canada. She wasn't interested.

"I'm sick of it," said Leesa Hughes of Salt Lake City. "I'm sure we'll see the reruns."

While millions of Americans were riveted to their television screens, and the events in Norway, Billy Bob's was rocking.

For those who don't know Willie Nelson from Willie Mayes, or Garth Brooks from Mel Brooks, Billy Bob's is the Carnegie Hall of redneck revelry.

Three times the Academy of Country Music's club of the year, Billy Bob's, with 42 bar stations and an oversized dance floor, is the sudsy showcase for C&W's greats and not-so-greats.

While CBS TV showed Nancy Kerrigan skating into first place in Norway, the Sons of the Desert were knocking out something called "Rock My World."

As Tonya Harding stumbled into 10th place, the band was tuning up.

Customers forked over $3 Wednesday night to enter the giant saloon for dancing and drinking, giving little note to the Kerrigan-Harding escapade.

Interest in the icy intrigue eroded further in the face of "Billy Bob's Buck Night," which permitted customers to purchase for a $1 their choice of beer, bar drinks, wine, barbecue sandwiches, soft drinks or popcorn.

Unlike Manhattan, there were no special drinks such as the Kerrigan Kamikazee or the Harding Slammer.

Still, with more than a dozen TV sets scattered around the joint, the C&W crowd was hard-pressed to totally ignore the widely ballyhooed showdown in a snow-covered Norwegian village.

"Skategate," they call the whole affair, which stems from an infamous whack on one of Nancy's celebrated knees seven weeks ago.

"It was overblown to begin with and it's gone totally out of sight," said Bill Sioulas, here with his wife from Montreal for an American Airlines training school.

Jon Jones, a Fort Worth accountant, was at Billy Bob's because "I come out here every Wednesday night."

Between dances, and with the band on a break, he said:

"Tonya did like I expected. She's not as graceful as Nancy, but she's got more power in her legs."

Most smokers get hooked as teens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most smokers are hooked by the time they are 20, and quitting can be just as hard for teen-agers as it is for adults, the surgeon general said today.

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, in a 314-page report to Congress, said "young people face enormous pressures to smoke," with some of that pressure applied by the nearly $4 billion the tobacco industry spends to promote it wares.

The 23rd surgeon general's report was devoted entirely to the topic of adolescent smoking and how to prevent it.

"Clearly, young people are being indoctrinated with tobacco promotion at a susceptible time in their lives," Elders wrote in a preface to the study, "Preventing Tobacco Use Among Young People."

She called for higher taxes on cigarettes, strict enforcement of laws against selling tobacco to minors and other steps to discourage teen-agers from trying their first cigarette.

The report prepared by the Office on Smoking and Health concluded that "most adolescent smokers are addicted to nicotine and report that they want to quit but are unable to do so." They experience relapse rates and withdrawal symptoms similar to those of adults.

"Early addiction is the chief mechanism for renewing the pool of smokers. Most people who are going to smoke are hooked by the time they are 20," Elders said.

Thomas Lauria, a spokesman for the Tobacco Institute, said the industry "agrees with many points in the current surgeon general's report. We have worked hard to prevent tobacco use among young people."

But "there's little in this report that would substantiate the allegation that we're trying to hook kids," Lauria added. Cigarette ads are "aimed at the 46 million to 50 million American adults who smoke."

The government's own data indicates "that almost 60 percent of smokers start after they are age 18," said Lauria.

Among the report's major conclusions:

—Tobacco is often the first drug used by those young people who use alcohol, marijuana and other drugs.

—Adolescents are more likely to smoke if they do poorly in school, have friends who use tobacco and have lower self-images.

—Cigarette advertising appears to increase young people's risk of smoking by creating the perception that more people smoke than actually do and by making it, in Elders' words, "look cool."

The report could fuel demands for new restrictions on tobacco advertisements, including the "Joe Camel" cartoon ads that Elders' predecessor, Antonia Novello, inveighed against. Camel, buoyed by a sales rise, has just added a Josephine Camel to its cast of characters.

During World War II, the Italian fleet surrendered to the Allies in 1943.

A French report blames noise for 70 percent of the neuroses reported in the Paris area.

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Branch Davidian murder case goes to jury

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Once again, the apocalyptic legacy of David Koresh lingers in a wait-and-see quagmire.

The world watched a deadly 51-day standoff end last year when the Branch Davidian compound burned with Koresh and 78 followers inside.

Waiting this time centers on a courtroom.

Jurors today resumed deliberating the fate of 11 Davidians accused of ambushing and murdering four federal agents. If convicted, the defendants face up to life in prison.

"I gave up trying to guess how long juries will take, or what they're going to decide, years ago," U.S. District Judge Walter Smith said today on the courthouse steps.

The jury could sort through more than 1,400 items of evidence and the testimony of more than 130 witnesses since the trial started Jan. 12.

"They've paid attention, taken notes," said defense attorney Dan Cogdell. "I expect careful and slow deliberations."

"I feel good," said defense attorney Jeff Kearney. "I like the court's instructions."

A key portion of the instructions from Smith stated that if a defendant believed he or another was in "imminent danger of death or serious bodily harm," deadly force can be used in self-defense.

Defense attorneys contend that the Davidians feared for their lives when 75 armed federal agents attempted to arrest Koresh and search his Waco-area compound for illegal weapons Feb. 28. The raid turned into a shootout that left four agents and six Davidians dead.

But prosecutor Ray Jahn, in closing arguments Wednesday, said the Davidians had been stockpiling guns, grenades and gas masks for a war on the government.

The agents "died because they made one fatal mistake. They misjudged the zeal and the murderous intent of those who followed 'David Death,' " Jahn said.

Prosecutor John Phinizy disputed claims that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms used excessive force.

"They didn't use enough force. They went up against an armed camp — not a home, not a church — an armed camp," Phinizy said.

Earlier for the defense, Cogdell displayed photographs of FBI-driven tanks bashing in the compound in an attempt to end the standoff April 19 with tear gas.

"This is not an assault. We will not be entering the house. ... Promise ya, we will not be entering the house. We're here to help you. ... Come on out — no tanks, no assaults," said Cogdell, sarcastically paraphrasing an FBI message broadcast outside the battered compound.

He urged jurors to send a message that they won't tolerate what he called governmental arrogance and misconduct.

"A blanket conviction of everybody at that (defendants') table will give everybody in law enforcement a blank check ... it will tell them, 'Whatever you want to do is fine,' " Cogdell said during closing arguments.

Mike DeGeurin, who represents Paul Fatta, quietly read from the Bill of Rights, quoting religious freedom and protections from unreasonable search and seizure.

"You don't have to agree with the Davidian faith to defend their right to exercise it," DeGeurin said.

Jahn responded: "This is a country of laws and not men."

"You can worship anything you want to. You can worship a golden chicken. You can worship a golden calf. You can worship David Koresh," the prosecutor said. "Religious zeal does not justify ... criminal activity."

Retaliation for Russian spying...

Lawmakers call for aid cutoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — With members of Congress calling for a suspension of U.S. aid to Russia over a major spying incident, the Clinton administration awaited a reply from Moscow to its demand that Russian officials involved in the alleged espionage be withdrawn from Washington.

Officials speaking on condition of anonymity also disclosed Wednesday that the alleged betrayal by CIA counterintelligence officer Aldrich Ames resulted in the deaths of at least two officials of the former Soviet Union who spied for the United States.

The New York Times reported today that at least 10 Soviet citizens were killed, including the first two intelligence officers the FBI had ever recruited from the Soviet Embassy in Washington and a senior Soviet counterintelligence official in Moscow responsible for catching American spies.

And in an apparent major break for investigators, Ames' wife, Rosario, began cooperating with the government after she and her husband were arrested Monday, an official disclosed Wednesday.

It was unclear how much light she could shed on the extent of damage caused by Ames' alleged spying over nearly a decade, or whether her assistance would be useful mainly in buttressing the case against her husband.

U.S. officials said they had demanded in a number of contacts in Washington and Moscow that Russia withdraw its intelligence officials who were directly involved with Ames.

State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said there had been no answer by Wednesday night. "If they don't take action, we will," White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said.

President Clinton tried to strike a balance between tough talk about the spying and assurances that the case won't disturb the post-Cold War thaw in U.S.-Russian relations.

Clinton characterized the case as a very serious security breach, but he said it did not "undermine in any way shape or form the policy we have followed the last year toward President (Boris) Yeltsin and his government and the forces of change in Russia."

"The relationship is bigger than handling this espionage case," McCurry told reporters. While the United States is demanding a serious response from Moscow, he added, "We have manifest interests that go far beyond this particular case."

In the Senate, Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas called for a halt to aid to Moscow unless the Russians cooperate in the Ames prosecution and stop spy activities in this country. "This affair threatens the foundation of our relationship with the new republic of Russia," he said.

Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, and other lawmakers joined in the call for an aid freeze.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate appropriations subcommittee on foreign assistance, said the Senate is not scheduled to vote on aid to Russia for several months, but if it were taken up today, "it wouldn't pass."

McCurry rejected a suspension of aid, saying that move would thwart U.S. goals of helping Russia complete market reforms and democratization.

Clinton suggested he was reluctant to interrupt aid since much goes to projects such as disarming Russia's vast nuclear weapons arsenal.

In Moscow, Russian officials played down the Ames case and said it should not provoke "excessive political emotions." Some said the United States continues to spy on Russia.

The Ameses were charged Tuesday with conspiracy to commit espionage, a charge that carries up to life imprisonment upon conviction.

The Justice Department accused them of selling U.S. national security secrets to the Soviet Union and later the Russian government for $1.5 million.



DINAH SHORE

D. Shore dead at 77

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Entertainer Dinah Shore, whose career spanned radio, television and concert performances, died today. She was 77.

Miss Shore, who won 10 Emmy Awards, died at her home here after a short illness, said publicist Stephanie Masters.

Jury finds Cook guilty

GEORGETOWN (AP) — Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Kerry Max Cook, who has been found guilty in his third capital murder trial in the 1977 slaying of Tyler secretary Linda Jo Edwards.

After an initial conviction was thrown out in 1991 and a second trial ended in a hung jury, Cook was again convicted Wednesday in the fatal beating and stabbing of Ms. Edwards, 21.

The graying, 37-year-old former bartender showed no reaction as the verdict was read. He kept his eyes on his mother, who sat in the audience.

The punishment phase of the trial was to begin today.

After the verdict, Cook's mother cried in the hallway. The family of Ms. Edwards congratulated prosecutors.

Jurors who deliberated the case over four days — interrupted by a long weekend — sent out several notes saying they were split before finding Cook guilty.

On Wednesday morning, the six-man, six-woman jury sent out a note saying they still were divided and that a "very small number" of jurors were not convinced the prosecution had proven its case.

The jurors asked to again hear testimony from a state expert witness, David Gomez, an FBI special agent who does crime-scene analysis.

After working through lunch, they found Cook guilty.

Cook, who was originally sentenced to die for Ms. Edwards' murder in 1978, served 13 years on death row before his conviction was thrown out in 1991 by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The state's highest criminal appeals court found that a psychiatrist who interviewed Cook had not warned him that their conversations could be used in court.

Cook was tried for a second time in 1992, but a mistrial was declared when the jury deadlocked. That trial also was in Georgetown, where the case was moved from Smith County because of the public attention it had received.

Ms. Edwards was beaten in the head with a small plaster statue and stabbed with a knife and scissors. Prosecutors also contend her assailant cut off part of her lip and vaginal area and a lock of her hair.

Police close theft case

Snyder police closed a case involving felony theft and made two unrelated arrests Wednesday and early today.

At 1:36 p.m. Wednesday, police were notified of the theft of some currency at Wal-Mart. A report for third degree felony theft, an amount over $750, was filed.

At 8:45 p.m., police reported that a 20-year-old female employee has been identified as a suspect and part of the money has been recovered. The case has been forwarded to the district attorney's office. No arrest has been made.

At 7:04 p.m., police attempted to stop a vehicle in the 3500 block of Irving. The vehicle was pursued into the county before eluding officers. A report for evading arrest was filed.

At 8:12 p.m., officers arrested a 49-year-old man in the 1900 block of Avenue T for public intoxication.

Officers also arrested a 32-year-old man for public intoxication at 12:51 a.m. today in the 1400 block of 25th Street.

At 6:06 a.m. today, Hortencia Villarreal contacted officers in reference to someone stealing a stereo from her vehicle. A report for Class A theft was filed.

Snyder police also worked a two-vehicle accident at 5:14 p.m. Wednesday in the 4600 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1985 Chevrolet pickup driven by Robert O'Day of 4502 El Paso and a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Joann Cagle of 2459 CR 1105.

Breakthrough in talks but much is unsettled

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Rebels and the government have reached tentative agreement on the insurgents' demands for better conditions in Indian communities. But the rebels say the peace talks are far from over.

After three days of negotiations, the rebel spokesman, Subcomandante Marcos, told a news conference Wednesday that the two sides had agreed on "several fundamental points."

He did not elaborate except to say the agreements dealt with health, housing, education and "respect and dignity" for Indians in Chiapas, Mexico's impoverished, southernmost state.

Marcos warned reporters they could be in for a long stay in San Cristobal.

He said the talks had covered only about a quarter of the issues the guerrillas of the Zapatista National Liberation Army want negotiated before they will disarm. And any agreement will have to be approved by any Indian communities they affect, he said.

The Zapatistas seized San Cristobal and other towns in Chiapas on Jan. 1, then withdrew into the jungle. The government declared a cease-fire on Jan. 12 after more than 100 people had died.

The peace talks, taking place in a cathedral in this southern town, began Monday, making any agreement at all lightning progress by the standards of Central American rebellions, some of which have dragged on for decades.

"The talks are giving their first results," said government negotiator Manuel Camacho Solis. Although "the work has been very complex," the negotiations were moving at a "greater speed than I had hoped," he added.

The speed may be due to flexibility on both sides.

Camacho has expressed willingness to discuss any rebel demands, although only to negotiate on regional problems. And Marcos said Wednesday that the long-term political changes the rebels seek cannot be decided at the talks in San Cristobal.

There was little of the socialist rhetoric of the first days of the movement, when Zapatistas told reporters they were fighting "the bourgeois state."

"We're not dealing here with having the communist system against the capitalist," Marcos said. "We're dealing with whether there is life or death. For us, that is the problem."

Marcos said the rebels want "co-governors" from Indian communities in the state who would cooperate with state officials on matters dealing with their people.

He insisted the rebellion did not affect U.S. interests — and suggested that American pressure actually might help the rebels by forcing Mexico to respect human rights.

He said, however, that the North American Free Trade Agreement that took effect New Year's Day "is going to annihilate" Mexico's Indians if it is not modified to take their problems into account.

"If we do not know how to read and write, what possibilities do we have to compete in the world market, doing what?"

Russia

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moral and irresponsible.

Russia has not responded formally to the arrest of Aldrich H. Ames and his wife, Maria. But the Foreign Intelligence Service, successor to the Soviet KGB, pointedly noted Wednesday that the United States continues to spy on Russia.

Kostikov also warned Wednesday that "returning to the psychology of the Cold War, heightening mistrust and a new wave of spy mania would contradict the ideas of international partnership for peace."

Titled "Strengthening Russian Statehood," the speech stressed the need to maintain a unified state with a strong central government, despite efforts by Russia's 89 republics and regions to win more economic and political autonomy.

"A strong Russia is the only guarantor of peace and stability across the former Soviet Union," Yeltsin said. "Strengthening the state is a clear goal that can and must unite all Russian people at this dramatic moment."

Encouraged by Russia's success in persuading Serb commanders to silence their artillery around Sarajevo, Yeltsin promised that Moscow's foreign policy would become more active in 1994.

First brother sets wedding

WASHINGTON (AP) — First brother Roger Clinton says he's planning a walk down the aisle — as long as it isn't in the White House.

Roger Clinton told the television show "American Journal" that he plans to wed Molly Martin, who's expecting a child this spring, on March 26. He dismissed reports that he wasn't welcome to have the ceremony at the White House.

"We were asked to get married at the White House ... while we were up there for Christmas with our families, and we said no," Clinton said. "I was afraid that it would turn into a media event."

His older half brother, President Clinton, will be best man.

"We had to clear it. ... I had to make sure that he wasn't in some summit meeting overseas somewhere," Roger Clinton said.

The interview is to air Monday.

The wedding will be at the Dallas Arboretum, arboretum spokeswoman Jill Magnuson said today. Ms. Martin is from Dallas.

The Dallas Arboretum has two historic homes and plenty of garden areas for weddings. "It's one of our biggest business ventures," said Ms. Magnuson.

Robbery apparent motive...

Two Jack-in-the-Box employees murdered

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two employees of a fast-food restaurant in west Fort Worth were found shot to death early today in what police said was an apparent robbery.

Officials say the morning manager of the Jack-in-the-Box restaurant reported finding the bodies at 5:23 a.m., when he arrived for work.

The body of an employee was found behind the counter, and the body of the night manager was found in the upstairs office of the fast food restaurant on Camp Bowie Boulevard, officials said.

The names of the dead were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Both victims were shot in the head, authorities said.

Police said several money trays had been removed, and the place had been ransacked, making robbery appear to be the motive. There reportedly was no sign of forced entry and the doors were unlocked.

Lt. Gordon Box said there appeared to have been a scuffle at the scene.

Bill Kreitz, Jack-in-the-Box regional vice president, said he knew little about the actual incident, but said the company feels "horrible" about what happened at the franchise-owned store.

"We're absolutely devastated by the news of this," he said. "What is going on in society today when employees of a fast-food restaurant who have no weapons, innocently doing their jobs, can be killed in cold-blooded fashion?

"Our thoughts, our prayers go out to the families, friends and employees who knew the employees who were killed," Kreitz said.

Obituaries

Isidro Reyna

1946-1994

LORENZO — Mass is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the San Lorenzo Catholic Church for Isidro Reyna, 47, who died Tuesday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. Burial will follow in the Lorenzo Cemetery.

He was the brother of Albert Reyna of Snyder.

Born in Lampasas, Mr. Reyna married Dolores Tapia on Nov. 29, 1969 in Lubbock. A U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam, Mr. Reyna was a farmer and had lived in the Lorenzo area since 1952.

He was active in the San Lorenzo Catholic Church Pastor Parish Council, Sacred Hearts and an adult choir leader.

Survivors include his wife, Mary of Lorenzo; two daughters, Mary Reyna of Lorenzo and Rachel Vis of Eglin Air Base, Fla.; three other brothers, Jimmy Reyna of Cone, Encarnacion Reyna of Robertson and Phillip Reyna of Lubbock; seven sisters, Mary Martinez and Virginia Mendoza, both of Ralls, Bernarda Barron of Whitharral, Antonio DeLeon of Lubbock, Helen DeLeon of Idalou, Margaret DeLeon of Cone and Elvina Reyna of Lorenzo.

Funds missing

WACO (AP) — A state Comptroller's Office audit revealed Wednesday that more than $1.2 million is missing from Coryell County coffers.

Coryell County officials said they will continue to investigate the disappearance of funds from the tax assessor-collector's office.

Factions at odds

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The question of whether to close the street in front of the Alamo is vexing the city, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, nearby property owners and the Inter-Tribal Council of American Indians.

The street has been closed since November.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Harold Hester, Colorado City; Barbara Lyons, Rt. 3 Box 178; Robert McCleaf, 1705 25th Apt. 8; Edd Franklin, Rt. 1 Box 826; Patricia Almanza, Rotan; Leo Heath, 2409 28th.

DISMISSALS: Ben Laster, Darian Clayton, Polly Gideon, Dorothy Justen, Barbara Lyons, Sandy Pruitt.

Census: 45 (Med.-12, Long-Term Care-36, CCU-1, OB-3, Nursery-3).

Business Mirror

By John Cunniff
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — The head of the Fed is jawboning.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is trying to talk inflation down, telling Congress and the people that sometime in the future he might have to raise short-term interest rates again.

The purpose of such a move, of course, would be to restrain inflation, which generally sets in when demand outraces supply. It is better, says the Fed, to slow the economy to a sustainable pace with steady prices.

Yes, but prices are steady right now. Overall, consumer prices showed no increase in January, which is as rare as a thunderstorm in the Yukon at that time of year. December's inflation rise wasn't bad either, only 0.2 percent.

So why is the Fed raising rates? Well, it really isn't, at least to a meaningful degree. On Feb. 4 the central bank nudged short-term rates higher to help curb future inflation pressures, and Greenspan told Congress this week that further increases are inevitable.

But the Fed hopes the mere threat will restrain inflation now.

Jawboning is an old technique, often effective, sometimes not.

Lyndon Johnson discovered its limitations when he tried to talk down inflation — and avoid higher interest rates — while simultaneously spending for a war.

That was seen as a contradiction, an attempt to have a booming economy without rising inflation and interest rates — an attempt to provide guns for war simultaneously with butter for a stable consumer economy.

More recently, however, jawboning has seemed to work, most notably in helping to slow the medical care cost spiral. Medical care inflation last year rose 5.4 percent, the lowest in 20 years, and the restraint is likely to continue.

Hardly a person in America hasn't heard the threats to impose mandates and controls — jawboning from the president and wife Hillary. The ensuing slowdown is too much to dismiss as a mere coincidence.

Change in the medical care industry has spread beyond cost controls.

Hospitals are attempting what might had been thought impossible at one time, the dispensing of good medical care while cutting costs. It might not work, but the effort is being made.

Insurance companies have become more aggressive and competitive participants, employing common sense procedures for checking charges and handling paper rather than simply paying and then raising rates.

Entrepreneurial companies with great ideas in business management and medicine have found their niche in the industry and are offering their cost-cutting services to providers, users and insurers.

In addition to these efforts, it hardly taxes the imagination to believe that pharmaceutical concerns, physicians, insurers, hospitals and equipment manufacturers have examined existing procedures in search of savings.

Underlying their concerns is the same motivation as that of the Fed — that it is better to take action now, to suffer some pain, in order to make the future more secure.

The battle to restrain medical care inflation might seem more obvious and pertinent to the ordinary individual, but the battle the Fed is waging is probably more critical. History suggests that.

The inflation that began in the late 1960s and which ravaged the 1970s, was a sorry phase in the American economic story. Consumer prices rose 12.3 percent from December 1973 to December 1974, and 13.3 percent in 1979.

The response to inflation was delayed; it did not begin before the damage began. Beginning in 1979, the prime lending rate rose into double digits for six straight years, reaching a peak of nearly 19 percent in 1981.

It was much worse than that for many small businesses, some of which paid 25 percent in a survival effort that often ended in bankruptcy. Homebuilding almost died under the load of mortgage rates that exceeded 15 percent in 1982.

Meanwhile, many savers, once considered the salt of the earth, saw their life savings disappear, lost to inflation. By some measures, it might be considered the biggest bank heist of all time.

That's why the Fed is jawboning now, when inflation is at its lowest in two decades.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Kidney stones: What are the options?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the best and safest procedure to handle a kidney stone that is too large to pass normally — surgery or lithotripsy? Is there any approved medication that can be taken to dissolve a stone?

DEAR READER: Kidney stones are one of the most ubiquitous — and painful — human health problems. Although they are composed of various substances (such as calcium), when they become wedged into a ureter, the tubes leading from each kidney to the bladder, they often cause excruciating spasms called "renal colic."

If a stone is relatively small and smooth, it may pass into the bladder (and be excreted) after a few hours of discomfort, requiring no more than pain medication and supplemental fluids (by mouth or vein) to flush out the stone.

On the other hand, large and sharp stones may lodge in the ureter and, if not mechanically removed, obstruct one kidney. This can cause serious consequences because the kidneys are vital organs that rid the body of many waste products. Therefore, when a stone doesn't pass, doctors become worried and begin analyzing what can be done.

In the past, the only satisfactory option was surgical removal — either through a cystoscope (a tube introduced into the bladder) or, less commonly, by direct surgery on the ureter itself.

Now, however, urologists have a powerful non-surgical method of breaking up stones, so that the smaller fragments pass more easily into the bladder. Called "lithotripsy," the technique involves aiming harmless electromagnetic waves at the stones, causing them to disintegrate.

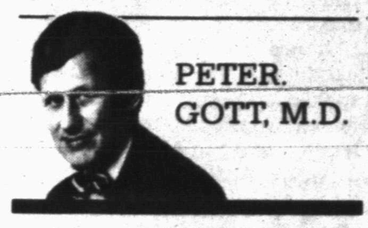
I don't know which choice would be right for you. Certainly, lithotripsy is far less hazardous and uncomfortable than surgery. This is something you should discuss with your urologist.

I am not aware of any drug that dissolves stones. However, as you know, there are medications to prevent stones from forming — Allopurinol for gouty uric acid stones, for instance. Again, your urologist is your best resource.

To give you more information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Kidneys" and "About Gout." Other readers who would like copies should send $1.25 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title(s).

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Andrews, Fisher swap barbs

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Rep. Mike Andrews says Democratic Senate rival Richard Fisher has changed his position on some key issues. Fisher's campaign says Andrews should get all the facts.

Both are seeking the party's nomination in the March 8 primary.

"Richard Fisher can't seem to make up his mind on issues until he has put the proverbial finger to the political winds," Andrews said Wednesday.

"Texas needs a senator who is not content to watch from the sidelines before choosing which side he wants to be on. Texas needs a senator who will lead," the Houston congressman added.

A spokesman for Fisher, a Dallas businessman and former adviser to Ross Perot, said Andrews was "playing pure, old-fashioned politics."

"It sounds like Congressman Andrews is just trying to create an issue here," said Fisher spokesman Martin Johnson.

Andrews said that as a candidate in last year's special Senate election, Fisher branded the space station a "boondoggle, pure porkology."

But now, Fisher supports it, Andrews said, adding that the project means 14,000 jobs. "We are about to embark on the toughest battle ever to save this important project. I really question Richard Fisher's resolve in fighting to protect these Texas jobs," he said.

Johnson said Andrews should know all the facts.

"Richard Fisher and Congressman Andrews both know that the space station today is a different project than it was last year," Johnson said. "It's going to cost less, we're going to do it more efficiently, we're going to do it better, we've brought in the Russians and others ... That's the direction Richard wanted the project to move all along."

Andrews also said Fisher now supports a bill he opposed last year to allow workers up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to recuperate from illness or care for a sick relative.

He said Fisher contended last year that leave would hurt small businesses. "Clearly, Richard Fisher's change in position is more the result of an upcoming election than any new evidence that this bill was bad for small business," Andrews said.

Johnson said that "if he (Fisher) had any reservations about it, it's clearly been answered in implementation. You can't argue with success. It's worked out fine, it hasn't hurt small business."

Former attorney general Jim Mattox and Lyndon LaRouche supporter Evelyn Lantz of Houston also are seeking the Democratic nomination.

No Wheaties for Retton

NEW YORK (AP) — Mary Lou Retton has a confession to make.

The Olympic gymnast once slurped up bowls of Wheaties in television ads. Her picture appeared on millions of cereal boxes. But now she admits she wasn't a regular Wheaties eater.

Two cities taking action on homeless

DALLAS (AP) — Texas' two largest cities have taken action to evict homeless people from their downtowns.

All 30 homeless men and women in tents, shanties and other shelters were gone from a Houston downtown encampment by early Wednesday evening. The encampment has been the focus of attention since the city, responding to complaints by nearby businesses, moved to evict its residents earlier this month.

The Dallas City Council voted Wednesday to install portable toilets, running water and garbage bins by March 5 for homeless people who live under the interstate in a shantytown in downtown Dallas. The council also decided to break up the shantytown by March 25.

The Dallas City Council's decision to help and then evict more than 200 homeless people who live under Interstate 45 did not come as a surprise, one unhappy member said.

The 9-6 eviction vote fueled an uproar in the packed council chambers. Homeless men and activists screamed "Nazis!" Mayor Steve Bartlett called an emergency recess and ordered guards to remove some of the shouting men.

In a subsequent vote, the council moved to continue making plans for the new downtown homeless pavilion. But it passed with the stipulations that the county should match city spending dollar for dollar and the pavilion should be located downtown.

Larry Duncan, whose council committee spent the past year planning the pavilion for the homeless, said the facility cannot be built under those terms.

"When all the smoke clears, we just voted for bulldozers ... bulldozers instead of shelters. ... The motivation was to get the homeless out of sight and don't spend any money," Duncan said.

Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price said he would like city and county officials to discuss funding and services for the homeless in a way "that is concise and well thought-out."

"All this stuff about a dollar-for-dollar match, nobody said anything about that," he said.

Glenn Box, another council member, proposed the amendment to remove the shantytown. He said the city recently received a letter from the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation indicating that I-45 could be closed because fires in the shantytown pose a threat to the bridge's stability.

Officials with the American Civil Liberties Union warned the council that the homeless are entitled by law to sleep in public if the city fails to provide options.

"If there are complaints, we want to give serious consideration to stopping it and making the city comply with the law," said Dallas ACLU director Joe Cook. "Without offering any viable alternative, I think the city is showing a callous disregard for the people living beneath the bridge."

Box dismissed those concerns, saying that only one court in Florida had agreed with Cook's contention.

Several homeless people who attended the meeting were disgusted with the outcome. John Fullinwider, director of Common Ground in Dallas, was removed from the meeting after he stormed the podium and shouted at Bartlett.

In Houston, City Attorney Benjamin L. Hall announced that only the tents, shacks and other makeshift shelters can be removed — not the people. Hall's opinion came in response to a lawsuit filed by state Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston.

Ms. Thompson filed a lawsuit on behalf of people who live on the sidewalks, claiming the eviction would violate their constitutional right to equal protection under the law and would constitute cruel and unusual punishment.

After reading Hall's opinion, Ms. Thompson dropped the suit.

Chuck Jackson of Central Houston Inc., who coordinated the move, said officials will spend up to $5,000 in emergency shelter funds to put as many people in hotels or shelters as possible.

Street residents Richie Rich said moving to the Montagu Hotel was an opportunity to "give up the life as a homeless man."

DATE BOOK

Feb. 24, 1994

Today is the 55th day of 1994 and the 66th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1867, the House of Representatives voted to impeach President Andrew Johnson.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wilhelm Carl Grimm (1786-1859), folklorist; Winslow Homer (1836-1910), painter; Honus Wagner (1874-1955), baseball great; Chester W. Nimitz (1885-1966), U.S. admiral; Renata Scotto (1933-), operatic soprano, is 61; Michel LeGrand (1932-), composer, is 62; Eddie Murray (1956-), baseball player, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Wayne Gretzky of the Edmonton Oilers scored his 78th goal of the season to break Phil Esposito's NHL single-season scoring record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One time I was going for a ground ball, and a rabbit ran across my path. In the confusion, I picked up the rabbit and fired it to first base. I got the runner by a hare." — Honus Wagner

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1985, spring fever broke out across the Northeast, with record-setting highs at New York City (75 degrees), Boston (70 degrees) and Hartford, Conn. (73 degrees).

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Feb. 25).

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Volunteers serve Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — A new wave of volunteers hopes to help themselves by helping others.

The 176 members of the Texas VISTA Health Corps will work to improve health care for needy women and children. At the end of a year, each volunteer is eligible for $4,725 in scholarship money or tuition forgiveness.

"I want to get off welfare, and I want to make it on my own. Going to college will make it better for myself and my kids," said volunteer Amy Collum, 27, who has two children.

She was among 105 volunteers sworn in Wednesday by Gov. Ann Richards. The governor also issued an executive order establishing the state component of President Clinton's national service program, and accepted $480,000 in federal funds for it.

Texas' volunteers are the first VISTA workers eligible for the education money — which was proposed by Clinton during his 1992 campaign and approved last year by Congress — according to the Corporation for National and Community Service, created to bring together federal domestic volunteer organizations.

The aid comes either in the form of a scholarship or loan forgiveness.

Seventy-one members of Texas' project were sworn in last week. Eli Segal, an assistant to Clinton and head of the Corporation for National and Community Service, said at Wednesday's ceremony that it's the largest number of volunteers in one project in VISTA's 30-year history.

Segal called the volunteers, who will work around the state, "service heroes."

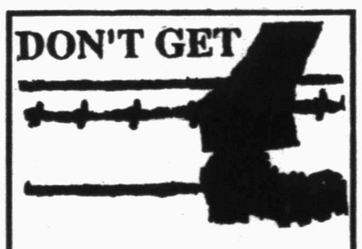
He told them that their task, which includes helping make sure children get immunized and educating mothers about prenatal care and the availability of food assistance, "is going to be boring sometimes. Sometimes it's going to be frustrating. But it's work that needs to be done."

For example, he said, 4,400 Texas children have had measles in the last five years, and that 14 died in 1993-94 from the preventable disease. Segal talked about the untapped potential of those who died, saying they might have included an artist, Texas governor or a researcher who would discover the cure for AIDS.

"We cannot allow our children to die from illnesses we have the knowledge and the skill to prevent," he said.

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Yes, spy case is serious.....but then again

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Unmentioned, anonymous and deniable, in diplomatically correct circles, spies and espionage are silent facts of superpower life — until one is caught and his story told.

Now that it has happened in an episode President Clinton called [illegible] serious, the administration is trying to punish Russia, while avoiding major damage to U.S. relations with Moscow.

That was far simpler with a Cold War enemy than with a [illegible] Russia, a foreign aid client, a market for American exports.

Hence the careful, chorused wording of the White House response to the spy story of Aldrich Hazen Ames, 52, the CIA counterspy accused of turning double agent for $1.5 million in Russian payoffs over the past nine years.

American officials say at least two Soviets were killed as U.S. spies because of information he sold to Moscow.

"This is a serious case," Clinton said Wednesday, "an unusually serious one because of factors I cannot discuss." "Serious" was the word of the day, echoed by Vice President Al Gore at a conference on U.S.-Russia business ties, by Secretary of State Warren Christopher at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, by administration spokesmen.

But another phrase kept turning up, too: "no illusions."

"We have to move into the future with our eyes wide open," Gore said, "and we have to note the extent to which this is a story whose origins are in the past."

"We don't have illusions about the Russians," said Christopher. "We understand that the intelligence service may have changed its name, but ... probably not ... its method of operation."

Clinton, Gore and Christopher each said that episode should not and will not alter U.S. policy and ties with Boris Yeltsin's government in Moscow.

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None of them acknowledged that the United States has its spies, too. But Ames was said to have been a particularly damaging traitor because of his knowledge of American agents in the Soviet Union and its successor states.

Indeed, a former CIA director said in a television interview that Yeltsin may not have been aware of the Ames' operation. "I certainly never gave the names of any of our sources to our presidents," Robert Gates said on NBC.

Clinton said nothing in the spy case "undermined in any way, shape or form" his policy of improving ties with Yeltsin and Russian reform efforts. Gore said the incident underlined the need to move ahead with a new relationship, then got back to business at a conference on doing more business with Russia.

Clinton had known of the impending spy case for 10 months, while it was under the investigation that led to the arrest of Ames and his wife, Rosario, on Tuesday.

None of it intruded on his aid budget, his dealings with Yeltsin, long distance and at their Moscow summit.

CIA Director R. James Woolsey visited Moscow seven months ago, conferred with Yevgeny Primaokv, his opposite number as chief of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service. Earlier, the CIA and Russian intelligence agreed on what was described as a new partnership against the drug trade, terrorism and weapons proliferation.

So the two-track response — serious, but — was set long before the spy story was told in open court.

The episode prompted Senate calls for a freeze on U.S. aid to Russia, but Clinton said that could hurt reformers who have nothing to do with the government and that most direct aid is for the dismantling of nuclear weapons, and nobody wants that slowed.

"U.S. assistance to Russia is not charity," Christopher said when a Republican asked what senators were supposed to tell voters who want to know why their money is aiding a nation involved in spying. "It's done because it's in the interests of the American people."

Clinton and his people carefully avoided saying exactly what they've asked Russia to do to atone, but the list likely includes recalling some diplomats, perhaps disciplinary measures and gestures of apology. Public demands would be more difficult to swallow in Moscow.

In Cold War times, the formula would have been tit for tat diplomatic expulsions, angry words and warnings, but no more. That was the pattern save when an American U-2 spy plane was shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960, and Nikita S. Khrushchev scuttled a Paris summit conference in the aftermath.

Despite fledgling efforts at detente Russia was the enemy then. Not now. "It's a post-Cold War relationship that ... focuses on mutual economic and security interests," White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said.

And that makes spying harder to explain. But not unprecedented. There is the case of Jonathan Jay Pollard, a Navy employee who pleaded guilty in 1987 to spying for Israel. The administration is considering a clemency plea.

"I don't think there's any connection between the two," Myers said.

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More concrete role is needed

NEW YORK (AP) — Susan Sontag says intellectuals must take a more concrete role in ending war in Yugoslavia.

Just as Ernest Hemingway and George Orwell fought fascism during the Spanish Civil War, this generation of writers and artists should speak out against genocide in Bosnia, Sontag said.

"It outrages me that there is not more of a concern by so many of us who supposedly have a moral conscience," said Sontag, who directed the play "Waiting for Godot" in war-torn Sarajevo.

Woman accuses theater of obesity discrimination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deborah Birdwell just wanted to see the movie "Jurassic Park," but she was too large to fit into the seats and the theater wouldn't let her bring her own chair.

So, in a test of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Tennessee woman is going to court today to try to force theaters to accommodate obesity.

"We're sort of the last group of people that society has said, 'Well, it's OK to hurt these people,'" said Ms. Birdwell, who at 5-feet-4 weighs 260 pounds. "That has to stop."

In November, the government declared that people who are morbidly obese are protected from discrimination under the disabilities act regardless of whether the weight was caused by disease or poor diet.

Morbid obesity is a medical term that means 100 percent over normal weight.

Previously, only people whose weight stemmed from disease were protected. But in a brief filed in an employment lawsuit in Rhode Island, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said morbid obesity from any cause qualified.

Now, Ms. Birdwell will become the first person to test that ruling under another provision of the disabilities act — that public places must accommodate the disabled. For her, that means a big enough theater seat.

In a lawsuit to be filed today in U.S. District Court of Middle Tennessee, Ms. Birdwell is asking that Carmike Cinemas immediately be forced to accommodate obese patrons. She also seeks unspecified damages, which her lawyer hopes will total $1.5 million.

Ms. Birdwell, 38, of Cookeville, Tenn., has been overweight since childhood and obesity runs in her family. She sought escape in the movies but in 1991 became too large for the seats. She said she was so ashamed, she became a recluse.

"I had just hibernated," she said in a telephone interview.

Then last summer, she took her niece to see "Jurassic Park." She called Highland 4 Theater in Cookeville, a Carmike Cinemas theater, explained her weight problem and asked if she could sit in her own chair in the wheelchair section, out of the way. A woman on the phone said yes.

But the suit alleges that theater manager Dewey Dodson spotted Ms. Birdwell in line and yelled that she couldn't bring in the chair, calling it a fire hazard that violated theater policy. After several minutes of public haranguing, an embarrassed Ms. Birdwell collapsed in tears, the suit says.

Michael Patrick, president of Columbus, Ga.- based Carmike, did not return phone calls.

The disabilities act requires that public places accommodate anyone with a physical condition that "substantially limits a major life activity."

And obese people are now demanding that accommodation, said Ms. Birdwell's attorney.

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Dear Abby



Teen Promotes Abstinence As the Safest Form of Sex

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I applaud your response to "17 and Well-Informed." You said that abstinence is the only foolproof protection against venereal disease and unwanted pregnancies.

In an era and in a society where it is assumed that adolescents and young adults are having sex anyway, your statement bears repeating. If all sexually active young people would be motivated to cease their sexual activity outside of a committed, monogamous relationship, a host of national crises such as teen-age pregnancies, abortions, and unwanted and abused children could be virtually eliminated.

Today's youth needs to realize that sexual activity does not need to preclude finding an identity and proving maturity. It can, in fact, inhibit both. I challenge my peers to take offense at the assumption of our educators that we do not have control over our own bodies.

I am not writing from a nursing home or a monastery. I am a 19-year-old college girl who recently met a wonderful man whom I hope to marry someday. And when we do marry, we will consummate our marriage in complete confidence that neither of us is infected with a venereal disease, nor will we have to struggle with guilt feelings from past sexual encounters. He is 20, and also a virgin.

19 AND PROUD TO BE A VIRGIN, LEBANON, PA.

DEAR "19 AND PROUD": Thank you for helping to convince sexually active young people that the only safe sex is no sex. And although condoms reduce accidental pregnancies and venereal disease, they are not foolproof.

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DEAR ABBY: Here is what happened to me: I sat down one morning and wrote out Christmas cards. When I got to the W's in my address book, my fingers were numb. (I have the start of carpal tunnel syndrome.)

I sent my brother and his wife a Christmas card, but on the envelope, I addressed it using his first and last name. On the inside of the card, I addressed it to all the family and sent a gift certificate, and wished them a happy trip, as they were going away.

Two weeks went by, and I got the card back marked "refused." I checked the address, and it was right, so I phoned my sister-in-law who said she rejected it because it had only my brother's name on the envelope!

Was I wrong to have addressed it that way? I addressed it like that on several other holiday cards and no one complained. (They were happy to get a card.) Is my sister-in-law hung up on manners and protocol?

PATTY H., BONITA, CALIF.

DEAR PATTY: You should have addressed the card to both your brother and his wife: Mr. and Mrs. ( ). However, your sister-in-law was petty and rude to have returned it marked "refused."

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to Patricia Murchek's letter regarding the abortion issue. I don't understand how, after editing five years worth of videos and writings concerning abortion, she could have come to a conclusion about the pro-life movement that is so completely wrong.

Pro-life *does* encourage information on birth control (not just abstinence) and sex education. It also promotes the fact that all children, born and unborn, are precious — and all human life should be afforded the respect and dignity that it deserves.

MARY MASSINPOLE, COLUMBUS, OHIO

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Taxes

By Jim Luther
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The earned-income credit for working families is like no other tax break. It can more than wipe out the federal tax liability of those who qualify.

The credit, which was enacted to reward low-income families for staying off the welfare rolls, can be worth as much as $2,364, although most who qualify will get less. The unique part is that if your tax liability is less than the maximum credit for which you qualify, the government will send a check for the difference.

On 1993 tax returns, some credit is available to families with income as high as $23,049. The maximum benefit is reached when earnings reach $7,750; once income hits $12,200, the credit starts declining.

About 14 million families claim the credit, but many of them are unaware they can get the money a little at a time in their paychecks, rather than waiting until they file their tax returns. Periodic payments are applied for by filing form W-5 with the employer.

The new tax law expands and simplifies the credit and offers some benefit for the first time to some workers who have no children. Those changes took effect on Jan. 1 and will be reflected on returns filed a year from now.

For 1993 returns, the earned-income credit is actually three separate benefits: the basic credit, an additional break for families who had a new baby last year, and a supplemental credit to help offset health insurance coverage for children.

The benefits are claimed on Schedule EIC that is filed with either Form 1040 or 1040A. If you qualify for the credit but don't trust your arithmetic, the Internal Revenue Service will do the calculations so long as you fill in the front of Schedule EIC. That includes:

— Your name and Social Security number.

— The name, year of birth and Social Security number of any child for whom you are claiming the credit, and the number of months that child lived with you in 1993.

— The type and amount of any nontaxable earned income — such as contributions to a 401(k) savings plan and military housing allowances — received last year.

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

The IRS will do the rest.

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

Who is eligible?

In general, any working family whose earnings — wages, tips and net income from self-employment — were under $23,050; whose adjusted gross income (which is income minus such adjustments as alimony paid) was under $23,050, and which has at least one qualifying child.

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

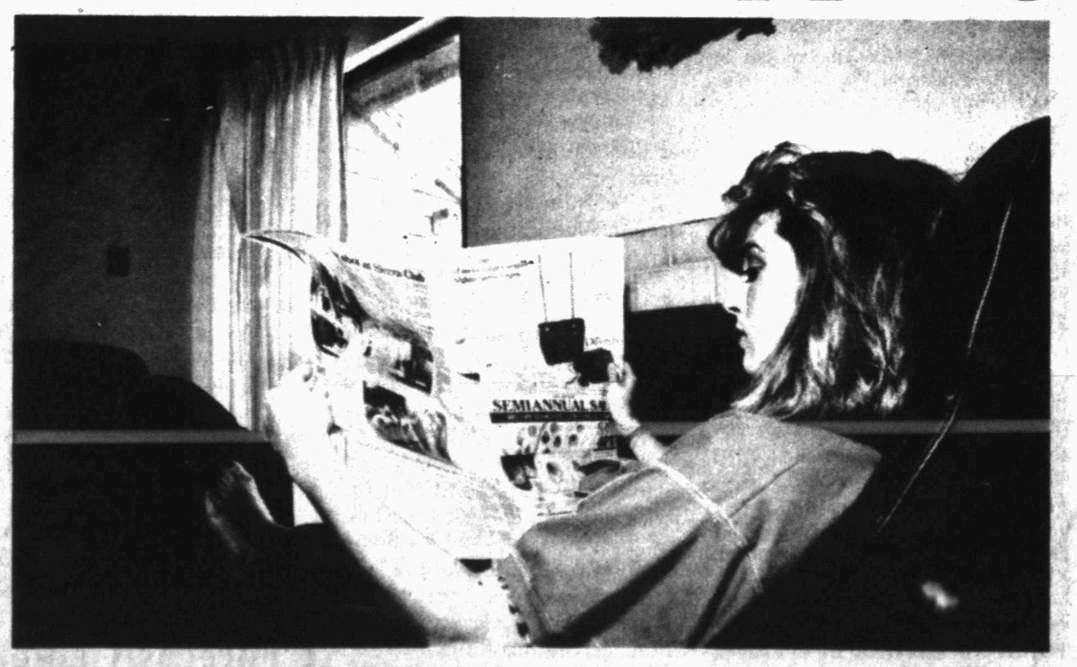
A qualifying child is one who on Dec. 31, 1993, was under the age of 19, or was under 24 and a full-time student, or who was permanently and totally disabled regardless of age. The child must have lived with the family in the United States for more than half of 1993, or all year if a foster child.

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

The maximum basic earned-income credit is $1,434 for a one-child working family, or $1,511 for two or more children. Having a child under 1 can be worth an additional $388; the health insurance benefit is a maximum $465.

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