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THURSDAY
Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—Is it true that the county is forming its own fire department?

A—Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. said no, the county is not planning to form a fire department.

Local

Choir concert

Snyder sixth grade will present a choir concert at 7:30 this evening in Worsham Auditorium.

Admission is 50 cents.

Boys Club

Scurry County Boys Club board of directors will meet at 7:30 this evening in the chamber of commerce board room.

Ira ISD

Ira public school trustees will consider teacher contracts, improvements to the baseball and football fields and seek to approve a textbook selection committee report in their March meeting, 7 a.m. Friday.

TDCJ jobs

Area citizens interested in employment at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice prison unit to be opened near Colorado City are encouraged to attend a presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The presentation will be held in the Colorado City High School Auditorium.

Ira School

A science fair, open house and one-act play will be held at Ira today in celebration of Texas Public Schools Week.

From 5 p.m. to 6:30, hamburgers and hot dogs will be served as parents and students enjoy a science fair. Science fair awards and Ira PTA recognition will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

The awards will be followed at 7 p.m. by Ira's one-act play, "The Crucible."

Mail delivery

Snyder Post Office has announced an early dispatch for out-going mail. Mail received at the post office by 2 p.m. will be sent on to Abilene for processing.

This will especially help customers who mail Express Mail articles or Priority mail, according to postal officials. Anyone having any questions concerning the early dispatch may call the Snyder office.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 60 degrees; low, 36 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 36 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 2.78 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Low in the lower to mid 30s. East to northeast wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Caution advised on area lakes. Friday, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain, Possibly mixed with snow. High around 40. Northeast wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Caution advised on area lakes.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:49. Sunrise Friday, 6:57. Of 69 days in 1993, the sun has shone 62 in Snyder.

Investigators await exit of 3 more cult members

WACO (AP) — Federal agents locked in a standoff with a doomsday cult for a 12th day were told three men would leave the group's fortified compound today, the first to exit in nearly a week.

A member of the Branch Davidians told the FBI early today that three men, including an Australian, had received permission from sect leader David Koresh to leave, FBI Agent Dick Swensen said this morning.

"I think it's an excellent sign that three people are going to be coming out," Swensen said.

But he cautioned, "Until they come out, we won't be comfortable that they are coming out."

Koresh has allowed 21 children and two elderly women to leave the sect since a deadly shootout Feb. 28 with federal agents who tried to arrest him.

One of the men expected to leave was identified as Oliver Gyarfas of Australia, Swensen said. He was unsure of the precise spelling of the man's name.

Koresh, an apocalyptic preacher who has claimed to be Jesus Christ, has not talked with agents since Tuesday evening, Swensen said.

But cult member Steve Schneider, who has taken the leading role in the talks with agents, occasionally consults with Koresh, the FBI said.

"He's still remotely or indirectly involved," Swensen said.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has also gathered evidence in La Verne, Calif., and Richland, S.C., of arms transactions involving the cult.

"We're looking into many different sources of arms for Mr. Koresh," Dan Conroy, ATF deputy associate director, told a news conference in Waco on Wednesday.

The FBI, meanwhile, claimed "complete control" over the cult's 77-acre compound as the standoff entered its 12th day and has chided a Dallas radio station for trying to communicate on its own with the cult and urging them to signal with a banner.

"He loves this attention," FBI special agent Bob Ricks said of the worldwide news coverage being given to Koresh, his apocalyptic cult and the siege.

J.D. Smith files for mayor's post

Snyder City Councilman J.D. Smith, saying he has been encouraged by a "broad base of the community," today announced his candidacy for mayor.

"In reaching this decision, I have consulted many citizens, including present and past council members and mayors," Smith said in a written statement. "My own family church friends and a broad base of the community have encouraged me to serve our citizens in this capacity."

Smith makes his decision following an announcement last week that Mayor Troy Williamson has accepted a position with the Concho Valley Council of Governments and will not seek another term.

On Feb. 23, Smith had filed for a second term as an at-large city councilman. In filing for mayor, Smith today withdrew his candidacy for the at-large council post.

Smith came to Snyder in 1963 as a choral music director and taught in public schools here for 14 years. He operated several private businesses and served on the staff of six churches as pastor or music director. In 1984, he founded Christian Fellowship Church and continues to serve as pastor.

"Since December of 1963 we have had close ties with Snyder and Scurry County and sincerely desire to be one of the active participants in assisting this area to fully develop its rich potential," stated Smith. "In my opinion, many resources have not yet been tapped which have much growth possibilities for this greater Snyder area.

"I see Snyder and Scurry County as being the true hub of a greater wheel of opportunity that we simply must develop. The true central location we hold, located dynamically between Lubbock, Abilene and Midland-Odessa, can dramatically be built upon," said Smith. "We have a wonderful start given to us as a city by many fine generations; it is up to us to go forth with a wisely defined vision to work out their potential."

Smith said he believes his experience as councilman and in the fields of education, farming, ranching, retail business, rental properties, Christian ministry, rehabilitation services and work within the Price Daniel Unit gives him "a grasp of the grass roots feelings of our citizens."

He said his service in the mayor's office "can be one of optimism, new hope, and wise, cautious change when necessary."

"When shown to be prudent, I have found success in initating new ideas, new ways of doing things, and sought the balance of

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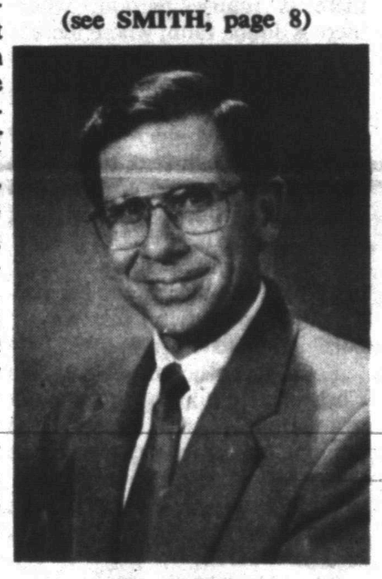

J.D. SMITH

Relays, tennis set here

BACKHAND — Freshman Mendy Winter works on her backhand earlier this week during tennis practice. Winter and the rest of her teammates are preparing for the Snyder Tennis Tournament which will be held Friday and Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

More than 300 competitors, coaches and fans are expected in the city this weekend for two annual events, the Snyder Tennis Tournament and Canyon Reef Relays.

Tennis action begins at 9 a.m. Friday and continues Saturday at the courts between Snyder Junior High and West Elementary.

Teams are expected from Colorado City, Lamesa, Sweetwater, Lake View, Abilene Cooper and Abilene High.

Admission to the tennis tournament is free.

The Canyon Reef Relays are scheduled Saturday at Tiger Stadium and will begin with field events and running preliminaries at 9 a.m.

The meet has attracted 14 teams, including Sweetwater, Levelland, San Angelo Lake View, Lubbock Dunbar, Lubbock Monterey and Lubbock High in two girls' divisions, and Big Spring, Lamesa, Levelland, and Lubbock High in two boys' divisions.

Running finals will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the 400 meter relay. Team trophies will be presented at 5:15 p.m., following the 1600 meter relay finals

Admission to the track meet is free.

Doctor shot to death...

Abortion protest turns deadly

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — An abortion foe in his Sunday best fatally shot a doctor in the back behind a women's clinic, then turned himself in to police posted out front for an anti-abortion demonstration, authorities said.

The slaying Wednesday at the Pensacola Women's Medical Services clinic was the first ever reported at an anti-abortion protest. Abortion-rights activists called it an example of growing extremism in the anti-abortion movement.

While about a dozen demonstrators picketed the clinic entrance, Dr. David Gunn was shot three times after getting out of his car near the back door, police said.

"The guy just went up, chased Dr. Gunn and just shot him point blank," said a witness, Steve Powell.

Michael Frederick Griffin, 31, of Pensacola, was charged with murder after walking around the building and surrendering to police watching the protest, Sgt. Murray Holt said. He was held without bail for a court appearance today.

Griffin was dressed in a gray suit "like he was going to church," when he told the officers, "'I've just shot Dr. Gunn,'" said John Burt, a lay preacher who led the protest.

On Sunday, Griffin had offered a prayer for the doctor at the Whitfield Assembly of God Church outside Pensacola, Burt said.

"He asked that the congregation pray, and asked that we would agree with him that Dr. Gunn would give his life to Jesus Christ," Burt said. "He wanted him to stop doing things the Bible says is wrong and start doing what the Bible says was right."

Gunn, a 47-year-old father of two, worked at women's clinics in three states. Friends said he was committed to ensuring women had access to abortions — even in conservative areas where no other doctors would perform them.

Gunn, who wore leg braces because of childhood polio, lived in Eufaula, Ala. He performed abortions at two Alabama clinics, one in Georgia and two in Florida.

"He did it because he believed in the cause," said K.B. Kohls, director of the Beacon Women's Center in Montgomery, Ala., where Gunn worked.

Last summer in Montgomery, Ala., a wanted poster of Gunn was distributed at a rally for Operation Rescue leader Randall Terry. It included a picture of Gunn, his home number and other identifying information. It was designed to encourage abortion foes to harass doctors working at clinics run by Gunn.

The slaying follows claims by clinics and abortion-rights activists that abortion foes are resorting to more extreme tactics. In San Diego this week, activists sprayed five clinics with a foul-smelling chemical, police said.

Expected freeze may threaten some plants

Scurry County residents preparing to bundle up for anticipated colder weather this weekend are asking how they can protect their outdoor plants as well.

"We've been getting a lot of phone calls from people asking questions about their peach and plum trees which are already blooming and other plants they may have just put out," said Mike Morrow, county extension agent.

The first thing to do, according to Morrow, is to water your plants well.

While that may sound as if it would promote freezing, it will actually help keep the plants safer, he said.

"Dry soil allows the cold air to get to a plant's roots. Water fills the air space around the roots, and doesn't allow the cold air to reach them," Morrow said.

He also said that watering plants will help keep them from being dehydrated by the high winds which accompany most West Texas storms.

People who have recently purchased landscape plants and placed them in the ground in their root ball probably need not worry about a freeze. The plants should be safe, he said.

Pot plants should be carried into the garage, or better yet, in the house.

Smaller plants can be covered with a plastic tarp or burlap material.

While it is impossible to cover some plants, a mulch can help.

Causing the most concern to area residents is the fate of their peach and plum trees, many of which are beginning to bloom.

"The worst time for a freeze would be at peak bloom, when the plant has a maximum amount of blooms on the trees. From the trees I've seen, most are just beginning to bloom," said Morrow.

He said a light freeze can actually be beneficial.

"Specialists tell us that you only need 25 to 30 percent of the blooms to make a good crop. So a freeze, at the proper time, could be a good thinning," said Morrow. "Last year we had a late freeze and it didn't hurt us too bad. We still had a good crop of fruit."

CMH board oks contract

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers today approved a contract for an internal medicine physician who will locate here later this year.

The board approved a one-year income guarantee for Dr. Ken Russell, who is expected to begin his practice here by June 1.

In other business, the board approved accounts payable and heard an in-service report from Jerry Cline, maintenance manager. Cline listed maintenance projects which have been completed, are underway, or have yet to be undertaken.

All board members were present to include Sue Mize, Ted Crenwelge, Doug Foster, Bill Wilson III, Jim Palmer and G.A. Parks Jr.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "In some restaurants it takes an after-dinner mint to pay the tab."

Ross Perot, despite his unsuccessful bid to become president of the United States, was successful in calling America's attention to the national deficit.

Another fellow from the Dallas area, a guy named Henry C. Jones Jr. of Plano, has put the amount of the deficit in a focus that most of us can understand. He wrote:

"With all the talk these days of a balanced budget and the national debt, I found myself numb to the real meaning of the words million, billion and trillion. That is until my grandson asked me the difference between a billion and a trillion dollars.

"I think he grasped the difference through some simple arithmetic.

"If you stack $1,000 bills, one on another, when you have a stack which is three inches high, you have $1 million.

"If you continue to stack them up 250 feet, you have $1 billion.

"If you continue to stack them up to a height of 47 miles, you have a trillion dollars.

"The amount to pay off our national debt would be a stack of $1,000 bills almost 188 miles high."

In defense of President Clinton, it's difficult to blame him for putting his daughter in a private school. Based on the following statistics in that city, it was a wise choice.

The District of Columbia schools spend $7,500 per pupil, more than 95 percent of the private schools in the area. Only New York and New Jersey have higher expenditures per pupil.

In contrast to Washington's public school expenditures, the average in Texas is $4,040 per pupil. In Snyder, taxpayers spend a little over $3,800 per pupil per year.

Yet the public schools in Washington rank dead last in SAT scores, lending support to an argument that more money spent on education does not necessarily improve results.

If faced with the same situation as the First Family, a private school would seem like a logical choice in the nation's capital.

Drug firms spend billions hawking products

WASHINGTON (AP) — There was just one catch to the Physicians' Movie Club, in which thousands of doctors received free, unsolicited copies of film favorites such as "On Golden Pond."

The videos, including that classic love story featuring Katharine Hepburn and Henry Fonda coping with their sunset years, included a five-minute commercial for Pamelor, an anti-depression drug for the elderly.

"The only thing you supply is the popcorn," said the pitch from Dr. William F. Westlin, medical affairs director for Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corp.

Not that the drug companies are shy about providing doctors with snacks, or full-course meals, for that matter.

The movie club and other giveaways are all part of a multibillion-dollar torrent of marketing activity that the industry uses to persuade physicians to prescribe its drugs.

The industry's sales techniques are drawing new scrutiny amid complaints from President Clinton about drug prices. A recent congressional study estimated the industry annually spends $2 billion more marketing drugs than on the research to develop them.

Where does all that money go?

To fund promotions like the Physicians Movie Club — now defunct after running afoul of American Medical Association ethics guidelines — as well as glossy ads in medical journals; seminars; free pens; prescription pads; coffee mugs and other gadgets distributed by a small army of sales people who trek through doctors' offices.

And the occasional free lunch.

The industry, in its defense, says its marketing expenditures alert doctors to advances in medicine.

"We do that better than any country on earth," said Jeffrey C. Warren, spokesman for the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association. "The medicines get to people quicker than they would otherwise."

The drug companies also boast that the United States is the world's leader in producing breakthrough drugs, like ulcer medications that save money by reducing the need for surgery.

The industry will spend an estimated $12.6 billion this year to develop new drugs. Warren says the marketing budget is probably in that range — although the companies do not release precise figures.

Critics say it comes at a price to the consumer.

Dr. Sidney Wolfe, director of Public Citizen's Health Research Group, founded by Ralph Nader, documented promotions in the 1980s in which doctors got office computers and frequent flier mileage for prescribing certain drugs.

"The money that goes to bribe doctors comes out of patients' pockets," said Wolfe. "They are unwittingly paying more for drugs that might not have been prescribed."

"This advertising and marketing isn't just wasted money," said Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif. "It's money that could be used to cut drug prices. ... They distort the market by convincing doctors to overlook price when prescribing drugs."

Until recently, drug companies paid airline and hotel bills for doctors to attend drug seminars in resorts better known for golf courses and beaches than classrooms.

Such junkets are now considered unethical under guidelines adopted in 1990 by the AMA and the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association.

The AMA says physicians can only accept gifts that "entail a benefit to patients and (are) not of substantial value."

Movies, books on cult seige planned

WACO, Texas (AP) — Two movies and a book are in the works about an armed religious cult and its self-styled messianic leader who have succeeded in keeping federal agents at bay.

An NBC spokesman said the network planned to produce a made-for-television movie, while a Waco-based publisher announced plans for a nonfiction book and a cable TV documentary.

"It's obviously a story that's being played out on CNN, so on a nationwide level there's a great deal of interest in it," Flody Suarez of NBC said Wednesday.

He said Patchett Kaufman Entertainment would produce "In the Line of Duty: Assault in Waco," as part of a series of movies that honors law enforcement officers who have died in the court of their jobs.

Four Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents were killed and 16 wounded in the Feb. 28 raid on the heavily armed Branch Davidian sect's 77-acre compound east of Waco. The cult is headed by David Koresh, who has claimed to be a prophet.

ATF and FBI agents, along with state and local officers, have kept the compound surrounded since the shootout.

Suarez said the raid and its aftermath fit well with the network's series of five such programs that began in 1988.

"Because we have this 'Line of Duty' series ... we're able to say yes right now that this is a story that interests us," Suarez said.

As for the timing, he said, "It's an odd situation for us. Normally, you wouldn't have a project going before a situation is over. Tragically, it's perfect for this series."

At the same time, WRS Publishing of Waco, which specializes in nonfiction books, said a team of writers is working on a book about the cult and a documentary TV script tentatively entitled: "Mad Man In Waco: David Koresh and the Mount Carmel Massacre."

Dr. Wayman Spence, WRS founder, said work began immediately after the shootout occurred and that writers and researchers were following events closely, along with scores of news reporters who have been covering the story.

"For the first time in American history, three armies have squared off on American soil: An army of heavily armed ATF and FBI assault units, an ever-growing army of media armed with the latest broadcast technology, and an army of religious fanatics armed with state-of-the-art, high-powered weapons," Spence said.

"Our hope as a publisher is that, by getting involved this early, we can tell a cautionary tale of how a single man with a warped, but brilliant charisma can wield a force to hold the entire country at bay, not in some remote Jonestown but in one of America's most pleasant cities," he said.

Spence said he envisioned the projects as a kind of self defense for his hometown.

"In a sense, I'm fighting back for all the citizens of Waco who've seen their lovely hometown wounded by this tragedy," he said.

Two inducted into Alpha Chi

SAN ANGELO — Terri Bibb Webber, a senior animal science major, and Kenneth W. Gartman, a junior music education and piano major, both of Snyder, were among 74 students inducted into Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society during the 1993 spring semester at Angelo State University.

Alpha Chi is an organization whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinction.

The ASU chapter of Alpha Chi is one of the 289 Alpha Chi organizations in the United States.

Induction is open to juniors and seniors of good character who rank in the upper tenth of their classes, although many schools have higher standards for eligibility. Junior members inducted into Alpha Chi in 1993 had grade point averages of 3.84 or higher. Senior members inducted had GPA of 3.73 or higher.

Realtors meet

The Snyder Board of Realtors met at Snyder Country Club Thursday of last week with Dolores Jones, president, presiding. Bill Dryden gave the invocation. Doris Beard, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes.

Lenora Boydstun, Pat Cornett and Elizabeth Potts all gave committee reports.

Following the business meeting Leatha Ritchie of Scurry County Abstract and Title presented a report on title insurance. Clarence Payne introduced her. Twenty-two members attended.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

A message for Vernon Howell: My mother-in-law, the late Hattie Woolever, who was a saint, wrote a note in my Bible letting me know what God requires of man in Micah 6:8.

"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good. And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Another message, the famous prayer of Saint Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; where there is darkness, light.

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; not so much to be understood, as to understand; not so much to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life."

For a man who purports to be a Christian, Vernon should consider his actions in the light of the thought expressed in the above verse and in the above prayer.

If Vernon gives it up, I promise to learn how to preach what it says in Mark 16:15:

"And He said unto them, go ye unto all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

If Vernon doesn't call it quits, the FBI ought to quit fooling around and go after them loonies.

Sincerely,
Buck Sitton
Snyder, Texas

Astro-Graph By Bede Osol

Your Birthday

March 12, 1993

Both material and social conditions look better for you in the year ahead than they have for quite some time. Take measures to make the most of your life in both of these areas.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In general, conditions look favorable for you today, so don't take yourself or life too seriously. Know in the back of your mind that everything is OK and likely to get even better. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Pisces' Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your probabilities for material gratification are likely to be better today, and these will stem from your second source of income rather than your primary one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might have to make a decision today that will affect another person besides yourself. Try to do what is good for him or her as well as what is good for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Services you render for loved ones today could bring you a strong sense of personal satisfaction. Do your good deeds and feel better about the world.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something that you're presently involved in isn't being managed as effectively as it could be. Since you'll be aware of the flaws, step in and make the necessary adjustments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you associate with procrastinators today, they could have a negative effect upon your productivity. Use your initiative, and don't be influenced by ne'er-do-wells.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Associates are likely to be more receptive to your ideas or concepts today than they were yesterday. Don't be bashful about going back to people whose support you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Financial trends are starting to move in your favor at this time, so give priority to situations that could make or save you money. Profit is likely, as long as you handle things properly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone who never did you a favor previously could turn out to be your biggest booster today. This will be due to factors that you won't be aware of at first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be logical in matters that are of significance to you today, but, by the same token, don't discount hunches or intuitive perceptions, because they could provide the edge for success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This could be a very fortunate day for you where your career is concerned. Lady Luck will be doing everything she can to help, but she expects you to do your share as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If your objectives are clearly defined today, this will enhance your motivation and desire to succeed. Once you convince yourself you can do something, chances are you will do just that.

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Piano contest held in Lubbock

LUBBOCK CONTEST — Piano students of Barbara Tune entered the Lubbock Music Teachers Association piano contest recently at Texas Tech. Students performing a movement of sonatina or sonata are from left, top picture, front row, Jason Hall, Crissida Tyler, Amber Rich, Ashley Grimmett, Audra Reneau; back row, Brooke Gladson and Casity Reneau. In the bottom picture are, front row, Laurie Kerley, Vanessa Jones, Tiffany Jones, Callie Bane; back row, Lisa McNair and Amber Lyle. Not pictured is Julie Doolittle. (SDN Staff Photos)

Mrs. Barbara Tune entered 14 piano students in the Lubbock Music Teachers Association, Sonatina, Sonata, and Concerto Contest of Feb. 19-20 at Texas Tech. Four hundred students from Lubbock and the surrounding area competed in the event.

Each student performed a movement of a sonatina or sonata, according to their grade level and was evaluated by a judge. They were given a rating and a ribbon for first, second or third place following the judge's decision.

Ashley Grimmett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Grimmett performed the second movement of *Sonatina 76 #5* and received a superior rating. This composition was by Gurlitt.

Jason Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Hall Jr., performed the first movement of *Primer Sonatina*, by Cory, and received a superior rating.

Amber Rich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rich, performed the third movement of *Sonatina 76 #5*, by Gurlitt, and received an excellent rating.

Vanessa Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dan Jones, performed the first movement of *Sonatina in C*, by Alexander, and received a superior rating.

Callie Bane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bane, performed the second movement of *Sonatina 157 #1*, by Spindler, and received an excellent rating.

Lisa McNair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee McNair performed the first movement of *Circus Sonatina*, by Riemann, and received a superior rating.

Audra Reneau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reneau, performed the first movement of *First Sonatina*, by Bastien, and received a superior rating along with third place.

Crissida Tyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tyler, performed the first movement of *Aonatina 157 #1*, by Spibdler, and received a superior rating along with third place.

Brooke Gladson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronal Gladson, performed *Arioso*, second movement, by Agay, with the title of *Sonatina in Classic Style*. She received a superior rating along with third place.

Amber Lyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lyle, performed the first movement of *Sonata in D Minor*, by Scarlatti, and received an excellent rating along with third place.

Julie Doolittle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Doolittle, perfromed the second movement of *Sonatina 55 #3*, by Kuhlau, and received a superior rating along with second place.

Tiffany Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dan Jones, performed the first movement of *Sonatina on Classic Style*, by Agay, and received a superior rating along with second place.

Laurie Kerley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kerley, performed the first movement of *Sonatina 76 #5*, by Gurlitt, and received a superior rating along with first place.

Casity Reneau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reneau, performed the first movement of *Sonatina 55 #3*, by Kuhlau, and received a superior rating along with first place.

Laurie Kerley and Casity Reneau had the honor of performing their selection in the Winner's Recital on Sunday afternoon in Hemmle Recital Hall.

Star claims article is false

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Geena Davis calls a magazine article about her a complete fabrication, but its author says it was "100 percent accurate."

The "Thelma & Louise" star sued free-lance writer Frank Sanello for $5 million Monday over his December story in Woman's World.

"It's not that this article was unflattering, or that I was merely misquoted, but rather that these words were never spoken by me, because the interview that was printed never took place," Miss Davis said in a statement.

Sanello said that he interviewed the actress during junkets for three of her films, and he insisted that all the quotes are accurate.

The story, titled "Geena Davis — I Want to Have a Baby," discussed her relationship with Hollywood security consultant Gavin de Becker.

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

Scurry County Sheriffs Posse; Posse Clubhouse; 7:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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.

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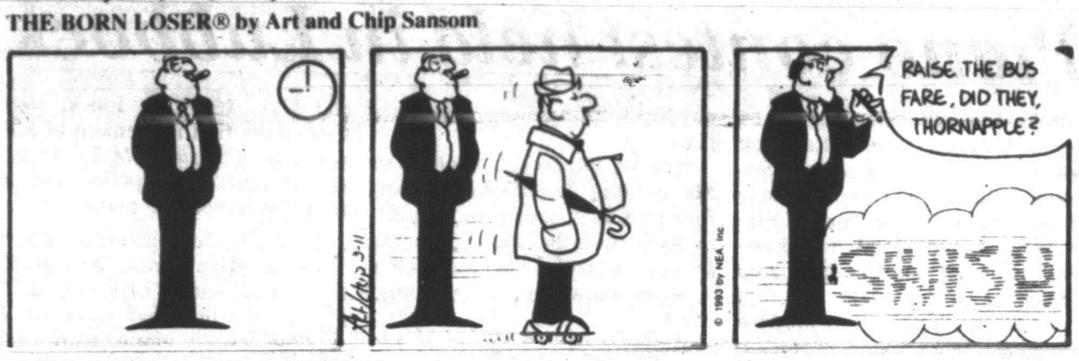

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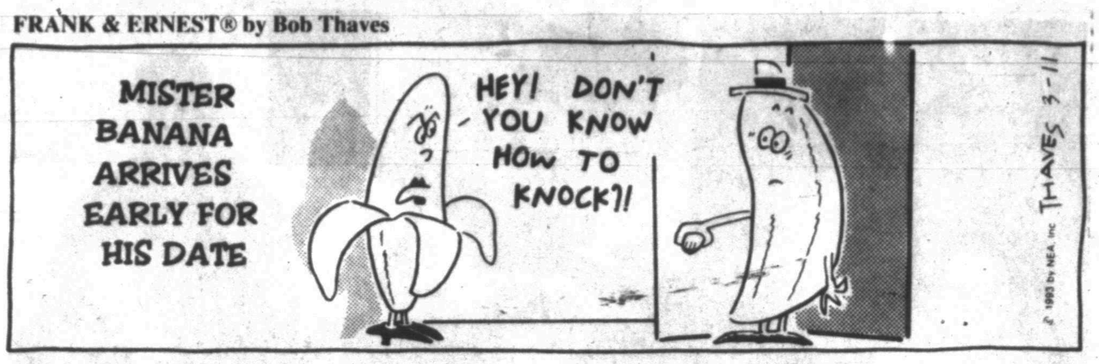

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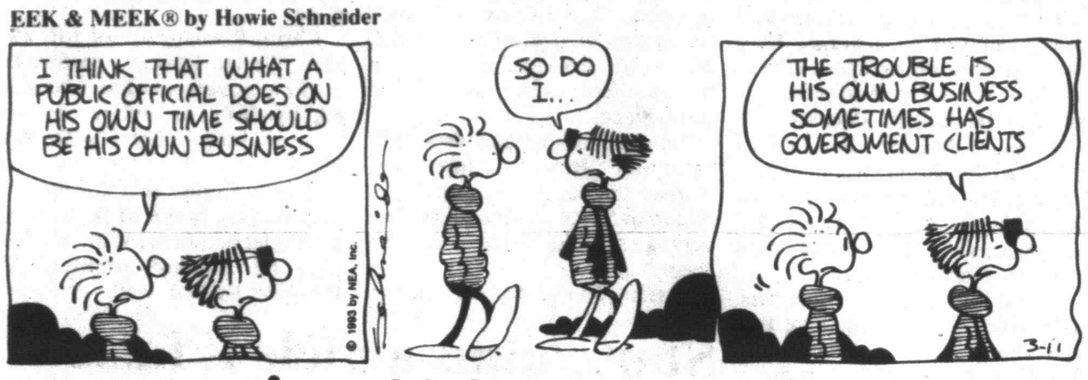

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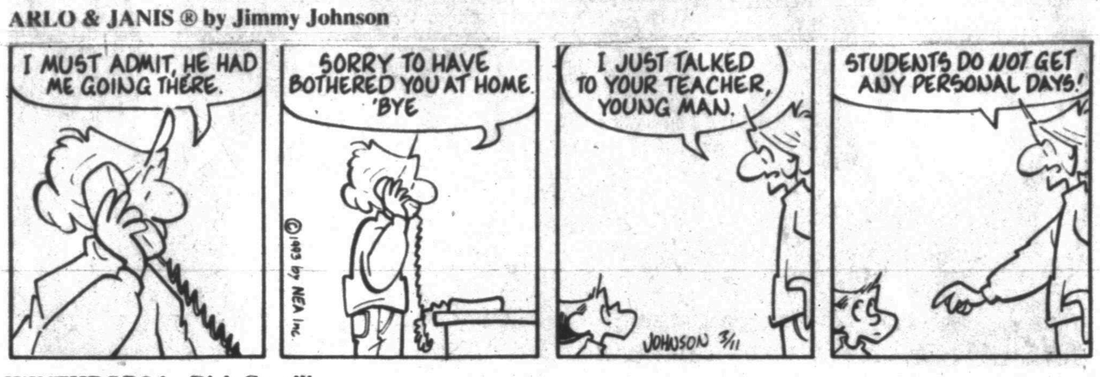

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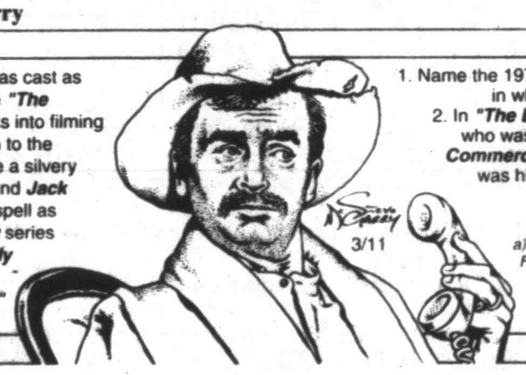

1. Name the 1970s detective series in which ***Ebsen*** starred.
2. In ***"The Beverly Hillbillies,"*** who was a) president of the ***Commerce Bank*** and b) who was his female assistant?

Look for the answers in tomorrow's**Pop Culture!**

Yesterday's answers: *a) Henry Fonda b) Glenn Ford c) Ernest Borgnine d) Charlton Heston e) James Stewart f) Howard Keel*

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ACROSS

1 Speed measure (abbr.)
4 Chemical suffix
6 Bewildered (2 wds.)
11 Last syllable of word
13 Tiny particle
15 Et —, Brute
16 Something to smoke
18 Greek letter
19 Language suffix
21 Bull, in Spain
22 Doctor's asst.
23 Chats
26 Ocean
29 Ache
31 Type of boat
33 Roman 51
34 Remove from office
37 Naval petty officer
39 — Mans auto race
40 Actress Martha —
42 Speak wildly
43 Female sheep
45 Armorbearer
48 Music buff's purchase
50 Pulpit
51 Young animal
54 South Seas sailboat
56 Of the nose
58 — Manchu
59 Tom Cruise movie (2 wds.)
61 Primitive word
63 Small
64 Can. prov.
65 Ida. time

DOWN

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2 Increased by
3 No. of ft. tall
4 Leaves out
5 Capital of Nigeria
6 Waste away
7 Thatch palm
8 Hubbub
9 Short jackets
10 Model Carol —
12 Adjective ending
14 Babylonian deity
17 Dry
20 Protection (var.)
24 Unusual person (sl.)
25 Wooden tub
27 Verve
28 — Misbehavin'
29 Whimper
30 Again
32 Was dressed in
35 Motorists' org.
36 Harsh rule
38 Refuse from grapes
41 Jane Austen title
44 Run away to marry
46 Doll's House author
47 Farm animals
49 Leaf of book
52 Flying saucers (abbr.)
53 Center of sail
54 Half a qt.
55 Decay
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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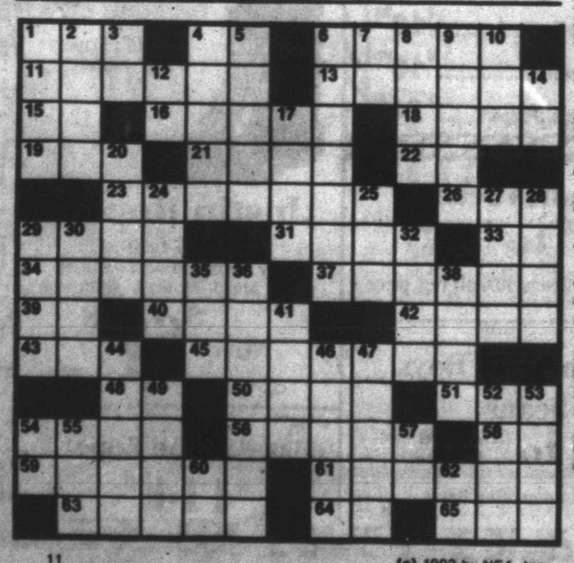

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WTC cowboys begin spring season at OC

The Western Texas College men's rodeo team will begin its spring schedule as the crew to beat in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Southwest Region.

The Westerners lead the regional standings heading into today's season-opening event at Odessa College.

In four fall appearances, WTC gathered a second place at Eastern New Mexico, then took firsts at Sul Ross, Vernon Regional JC and Texas Tech for 780 total points.

Much of the Westerners' sucess in the "first season" was due to a dominance in bareback riding.

The top five slots in the Southwest bareback standings are members of Coach Bob Doty's Western Texas squad.

Eric Mouton and Travis Whiteside share top honors in the event with 180 accumulated points each. Teammates Benji Fontenot, Gary Thomson and Chris Stanford start the spring run in third, fourth and fifth place, respectively.

In addition to its bareback riders, WTC also boasts the region's top bull rider, Trey Griffin.

Western Texas' women's team begins its fall slate in third position.

A total of 185 points for WTC trails just West Texas State University's first-place 410 and a 405 for Vernon Regional JC in the women's race.

Team leaders for WTC include Jonell Cardwell, who heads into the weekend's OC rodeo in first place in the barrel racing event, and breakaway ropers Shawna Davidson and Brandye Bitters.

Cardwell gathered 130 points running barrels in the fall. She currently leads Tarleton's Jamie Bean, second place in the region, by 20 points.

Davidson shares fifth place with Texas Tech's Lorissa Edmondson, each with 70 points, in breakaway roping. Bitters carries 25 points and 10th position into spring competition.

The Thursday through Saturday Odessa College Rodeo will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly at Ector County Coliseum.

Saturday's finals will feature the top 10 finishers in each event.

Following the OC event, Western Texas will compete at Howard College April 1-4, West Texas State April 8-11, then will host its own NIRA rodeo April 15-17 at Scurry County Coliseum.

The Westerners will then visit Abilene for the April 22-24 Hardin-Simmons University Rodeo before closing out the regular season with a trip to the Tarleton State University Rodeo in Stephenville.

Western Texas is seeking its 14th trip to the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont. This year's CNFR is slated for June 14-20.

SWC women's tourney...

Lady Raiders hammer TCU

DALLAS (AP) — Guard Krista Kirkland scored 20 points to lead the No. 1-seed Texas Tech Lady Red Raiders to a record-breaking victory in the first round of the Southwest Conference Women's Basketball Tournament.

Tech's 107-50 victory over Texas Christian was the largest margin of victory ever in the SWC women's tournament, topping a 51-point victory that Texas scored over Rice in 1983.

All four games in the opening round went as expected as the top seeds took victories.

In the other games, No. 13 Texas defeated Rice 87-61, Southern Methodist whipped Houston 96-80 and Baylor slipped past Texas A&M 63-61.

Southern Methodist faces Texas in the first semifinal game at Reunion Arena tonight and Texas Tech will play Baylor in the second game.

The Lady Red Raiders shot 56.7 percent (43 of 76) for the night and rested most of their starters for at least half the game.

Amy Bumsted scored 28 points for TCU.

Tech placed seven players in double figures in amassing the third-highest single game scoring total in SWC tourney history. Sheryl Swoopes added 12 points and seven assists.

Cinietra Henderson scored 19 points to lead No. 13 Texas to an 87-61 victory over Rice. Teammate Nekeshia Henderson had 15 points.

Texas shot 61.5 percent in the second half and four starters finished with double digit scoring totals. The Longhorns also forced 21 turnovers.

Rice (13-14) got 18 points from reserve Tammy McCallum, who played much of the second half with a sore knee. Senior Yalonda Stiner added 14 points in her final appearance in an Owl's uniform.

Forward Shanell Thomas scored 17 points to help the Southern Methodist Lady Mustangs beat Houston 96-80.

Seven other Lady Mustangs were in double figures as SMU advanced to 18-8 for a school-record victory total. The Lady Cougars fell to 11-16 after the second game of the SWC's 11th annual tournament.

Michelle Harris had 30 points, including 19 in the first half, to lead Houston.

Houston center Margo Graham scored 15 points in the final contest of her collegiate career.

Freshman guard Mary Lowry capped a 35-point performance by hitting a short jumper with 12 seconds remaining to lift Baylor to a 63-61 win over Texas A&M.

The win was only the Lady Bears' second in SWC tournament history.

Before the game-winning shot, Baylor barely got the ball inbounds after a time out with 38 seconds left. With the 30-second shot clock winding down, Lowry drove inside and put up a shot over two A&M defenders.

The ball rattled around the rim and fell through to give the Lady Bears a 63-61 lead with 12 seconds remaining.

After Lowry's shot, the Lady Aggies got the ball to midcourt and called time out with six seconds remaining. Lisa Branch attempted a 10-footer in the final seconds, but the ball clanged off the backboard.

With Yolanda Brown scoring 22 points and grabbing 13 rebounds, the Lady Aggies outrebounded Baylor, 54-39. However, Texas A&M committed 18 turnovers to Baylor's 10.

SWC women

DALLAS (AP) — Results of Wednesday's quarterfinal games of the Southwest Conference women's basketball tournament at Moody Coliseum.

Game 1 — Baylor 63, Texas A&M 61
Game 2 — Southern Meth. 96, Houston 80
Game 3 — No. 6 Texas Tech 107, Texas Christian 50
Game 4 — No. 13 Texas 87, Rice 61

Thursday, March 11 (Reunion Arena)
Semifinals

Game 1 — Southern Meth. vs. Texas, 6:30 p.m.
Game 2 — Texas Tech vs. Baylor, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 13 (Reunion Arena)
Championship — 1:30 p.m.

Tennis team hosts annual tournament

Snyder's A and B varsity tennis teams will host the Snyder Tennis Tournament Friday and Saturday at Snyder Junior High.

Coach Terri Hoerster's Tigers, coming off a fourth-place finish at last week's Sweetwater tourney, will host an 8-team field which also includes squads from Colorado City, Lamesa, Sweetwater, San Angelo Lake View, Abilene Cooper and Abilene High.

The Tigers' fourth in the team standings at the flighted Sweetwater event last week included a third by Jason Warren in First Flight boys' singles, Christina Gonzales' fourth in girls' singles in First Flight, and a consolation win by the First Flight doubles team of Jim Pat Griffin and Jeronimo Ruiz.

Snyder has two more varsity tournament appearances scheduled, March 26-27 in Lubbock and April 2-3 in San Angelo, before the District 2-4A tourney, April 16-17 in Lubbock.

Matches begin at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Owner finalizes Stars' move from Minnesota

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota hockey is all Neal Broten has ever known.

He grew up in Roseau, went to three state tournaments, starred for the Minnesota Gophers and was one of a dozen Minnesotans on Herb Brooks' "Miracle on Ice" 1980 Olympic team.

While with the Gophers in 1981, Broten received the Hobey Baker Award as the nation's top college player. He then joined the North Stars just in time for their improbable charge to the 1981 Stanley Cup finals. In 1985-86, he became the first American to record a 100-point NHL season. Five years later, he shined during another Stanley Cup run for the Stars.

Broten tried to skate away from Minnesota once, threatening to take a better offer in Germany before the 1991-92 season. But he couldn't stay away.

"I wanted to finish my career here," he said.

He no longer has that option. Neither do his teammates.

Wednesday, North Stars owner Norm Green announced that he'll move the team to Dallas after this, their 26th season in Minnesota.

For some players, it means leaving a place they have come to love, a nice place to raise their families. For others, it means an opportunity to play in what they hope will be an exciting new environment.

For Broten, it means the end of a lifelong association with Minnesota hockey.

"To not have pro hockey in Minnesota is just overwhelming," said the team's all-time leader in scoring, assists and games. "To think they can put hockey in Dallas and Miami and Tampa and Anaheim and Los Angeles and not have it in a place that has so much hockey tradition, it's just overwhelming.

"It's a sad situation."

Blaming lack of community support, poor season-ticket sales, inadequate TV and radio contracts, low ticket prices and rising player salaries, Green says he has lost some $15 million since buying the North Stars in 1990.

But Broten thinks sexual harassment accusations brought against Green by some past and present female employees had a major impact on Green's decision to move.

"I see his points, but I think he can make it work here," Broten said. "The only thing he wants to do is move the team. I don't think the whole issue is losing money. I think it has a whole lot to do with personal things."

Dave Gagner, a Canadian whose NHL career began in New York, has been one of the North Stars' best players since 1987.

"I don't want to go," he said. "My career turned around here. All the best memories of my hockey career, which I dreamed about when I was a kid, have come in Minnesota. This has been a place where everything good has happened to me. Why would anyone want to leave that situation?

"But it makes it easier when all of us are going together. And some guys who get traded say it's a breath of fresh air to get a new start somewhere else. Dallas is supposed to be a nice place. We'll see."

Boys' pairings

AUSTIN (AP) — Pairings for the Texas high school boys state basketball tournament at the Erwin Center on the University of Texas campus:

Class 5A
FW Dunbar (33-4) vs. Houston Milby (31-5), 3 p.m. Friday
Converse Judson (33-3) vs. Killeen Ellison (32-5), 7 p.m. Friday
Championship: 8 p.m. Saturday

Class 4A
Dallas Lincoln (31-3) vs. Waco University (29-7), 7 p.m. Thursday
PA Lincoln (29-5) vs. Plainview (29-5), 8:30 p.m. Thursday
Championship: 4 p.m. Saturday

Class 3A
Woodville (30-4) vs. Southlake Carroll (24-9), 2 p.m. Thursday
Ferris (26-8) vs. Gonzales (23-11), 3:30 p.m. Thursday
Championship: 10:30 a.m. Saturday

Class 2A
Amarillo Highland Park (28-4) vs. Randolph (22-5), 9:30 a.m. Friday
Troup (30-5) vs. Itasca (24-9), 11 a.m. Friday
Championship: 2:30 p.m. Saturday

Class A
Brock (33-4) vs. Petersburg (29-8), 8:30 a.m. Thursday
Laneville (34-3) vs. Calvert (28-7), 10 a.m. Thursday
Championship: 9 a.m. Saturday

Deacon Phillippe pitched five complete games for the Pirates in the 1903 World Series, winning three and losing two.

All-district basketball...

Local players dot 27-A roster

A total of five Scurry County basketball players were named to the recently-released All-District 27-A squad, including two from Ira on the boys' team and two boys and a girl from Hermleigh.

Ira seniors Justin Box and Mike Hughes lead the boys' elite team, joined by Hermleigh's Bill Breitweiser and Chris Velasco.

In addition, loop coaches decided Box will represent the district at the annual 6-Man All-Star Game in Wichita Falls in July.

Co-MVPs among the boys were Blackwell senior Joey O'Malley and sophomore Brett Miller of Highland.

Others on the team include seniors Fabian Alvarez and Chris Phillips, junior James Lopez and freshman Alvin Crawford of district champion Loraine, Toby Harbuck, a junior, of Highland, Westbrook senior Mike Martin and junior Kelly Hayes of Blackwell.

Also, Coy Henderson, Toby Haynes, Neil Miller and Jim Gorman were tabbed Honorable Mentions for Ira.

On the girls' team, Hermleigh senior Jennifer Herl was a first team selection and Ira's Emilee Taylor, an Honorable Mention senior, was picked as the loop representative to the summer all-star game.

Blackwell, district champ, supplied three first teamers including senior Christy Williams, loop MVP, senior Stepheny Baucom, and junior Cyndi Carlton.

Highland, which earned the second-place playoff spot from the district, had three players named to the first team, as well, including sophomore Joni Burke, junior Zula Moore, and sophomore Joana Cornutt.

The remainder of the squad features senior Angie Moore and junior Sheila Hale of Westbrook, and junior Kahla Lamb and freshman Tasha Atkins of Loraine.

Hermleigh Honorable Mentions include Lori Anderson, Connie Payne, Sheri Sandefur and Stephanie Buchanan.

All-District 27-A
Boys basketball

MVPs: Joey O'Malley, sr., Blackwell; Brett Miller, so., Highland.

First team: Bill Breitweiser, sr., Hermleigh; Justin Box, sr., Ira; Fabian Alvarez, sr., Loraine; Chris Velasco, sr., Hermleigh; Toby Harbuck, jr., Highland; James Lopez, jr. Loraine; Alvin Crawford, fr., Loraine; Chris Phillips, sr., Loraine; Mike Martin, sr., Westbrook; Kelly Hayes, jr., Blackwell; Mike Hughes, sr., Ira.

Honorable mention: Coy Henderson, Ira; Toby Haynes, Ira; Neil Miller, Ira; Jim Gorman, Ira.

Girls basketball

MVP: Christy Williams, sr., Blackwell.

First team: Joni Burke, so. Highland; Stepheny Baucom, sr., Blackwell; Zula Moore, jr., Highland; Angie Martinez, sr., Westbrook; Kahla Lamb, jr., Loraine; Jennifer Herl, sr., Hermleigh; Sheila Hale, jr. Westbrook; Cyndi Carlton, jr. Blackwell; Tasha Atkins, fr., Loraine; Joanna Cornutt, so., Highland.

Honorable Mention: Lori Anderson, Hermleigh; Connie Payne, Hermleigh; Sheri Sandefur, Hermleigh; Stephanie Buchanan, Hermleigh.

Fishing report

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, normal level; black bass are good to 81/2 pounds on spinners; striper are slow; crappie are good to 11/2 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

KEMP: Water clear, 42 degrees, 1 foot above normal level; black bass are slow; striper are good on the deep end near the dam; crappie are picking up in the brush piles in 15 feet of water; white bass are good in deep water and in the shallows on silver spoons and minnows; catfish are slow.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 43 degrees, 831/2 feet; black bass are slow; smallmouth are fair to 33/4 pounds on minnows; crappie are slow; walleye are slow to 81/4 pounds on jigs; catfish are slow.

O.H.IVIE: Main lake clear, upper end murky, 51 degrees, normal level; largemouth bass are good to 7 pounds on spinners and worms in 2 to 30 feet of water; smallmouth bass are good to 17 inches in 10 to 15 feet of water on cranks along river banks and bluffs; crappie are good to excellent to 2 pounds up draws, creeks and along brushy ridges and bluffs with some limits caught on minnows; white bass are fair to 11/2 pounds surfacing in main lake; channel catfish are good in number to 8 pounds on rod and reel and trotline in 5 to 40 feet of water; yellow catfish are fair to 15 pounds on trotlines with live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear in main lake, upper lake is muddy, 50 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 4 pounds in deeper water on slow rolling spinners and Carolina rigged worms in the creeks; striper are fair to 8 pounds north of Costello Island and in Cedar Creek and in the old river channel, live bait is best; crappie are improving to 15 fish per string on minnows; white bass are fair in Cedar Creek on slabs and spoons and are mixed i with small stripers; catfish are good on trotline in the upper lake.

PROCTOR: Water murky, 52 degrees, 2 feet above normal level; black bass are slow; hybrid striper are good on jigs and Sassy Shad; crappie are fair on minnows in 12-14 feet of water; catfish are fairly good to 5 pounds on trotlines baited with shad.

SPENCE: Water clear, 56 degrees, 26 feet low; black bass are good to 61/2 pounds on blue worms; striper are good to 21 pounds, 6 ounces on live bait and slabs; crappie are good around the bridges on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 6 pounds on trotlines baited with minnows.

STAMFORD: Water muddy, 50 degrees, lake full; black bass are slow to 4 pounds in the cattails; striper are slow; crappie are slow, a few keepers caught on minnows; blue catfish are good to 12 pounds on live bait.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear, 45 degrees at 11 feet; black bass are fair in number in the 31/2 to 4 pound range on Rattle Traps and spinners; crappie are beginning to bite; catfish are fair.

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Wednesday's Games
New York 110, LA Lakers 104
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Phoenix 111, Golden State 100
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Thursday's Games
Chicago at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Snyder Bass Club to meet at SNB

The March meeting of Snyder Bass Club is set for 7:30 p.m. today at Snyder National Bank.

Joe Kraii is scheduled to speak about area lakes.

The club's March tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday on Hordes Creek.

Fishing hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Work day slated at Ira diamond

A work day is scheduled Saturday at the Ira High School baseball field.

According to coach Lynn Cauley of IHS, last-minute field preparations include finishing the wire around the batting cage and hanging tin.

Work is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

SHS golfers compete in area tournaments

The Snyder Lady Tigers, coming off an open week, and the SHS boys' team, fresh from a 10th-place finish at the Andrews Golf Classic last week, will travel to area tournaments Friday and Saturday in their last tune-ups before beginning District 2-4A competition next week in Snyder.

Snyder's boys will compete in the 36-hole San Angelo Classic while the SHS girls play in the Andrews Girls Golf Classic.

The Tigers accomplished a pair of goals with their 10th at Andrews last week. They were able to finish in the top 10 in one of the area's toughest golf tournaments, and they finished ahead of Lamesa and Plainview, teams which figure to battle with the SHS boys for the loop crown.

Snyder, led by a 79-79--158 from senior Chad Jacobi, shot a team total 674. The Tigers' tally was six strokes better than Plainview's 680, and 10 ahead of Lamesa's final 684 score.

The Lady Tigers' last outing was at the Blue Ribbon City Classic in Fort Stockton two weeks ago.

Snyder's girls came in with a combined 781 at the Fort Stockton tourney, led by sophomore Brooke Lowrance, who fired an 85-80--165, the tournament's third-best individual round.

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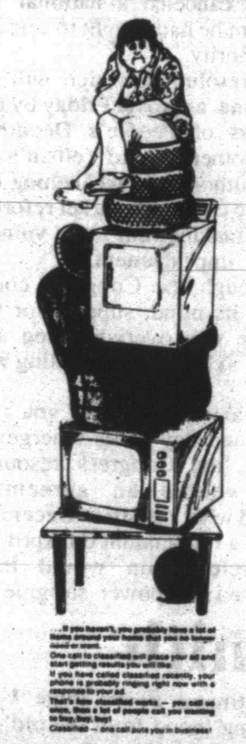

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Waco's warm welcome for uninvited guests

WACO, Texas (AP) — Sammy Citrano, proprietor of the by-now world-famous Elite Cafe, knew exactly what to do when he heard about the trouble outside town the Sunday before last.

He started making fajitas.

Within hours of the shootout between agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Branch Davidians, Citrano was outside the cult's commune, serving mounds of Tex-Mex food to hungry law officers.

"The county judge, Jim Lewis, gave me an escort to the front of the complex," he said. "Those guys were so nice and grateful that it really made us feel good to help out."

The past 11 days haven't been kind to this city of 100,000 on the banks of the Brazos River, but that hasn't stopped people here from being kind in return. They have showered federal agents and even the news media with hospitality that has left some of the outsiders a little astonished.

"I can confirm the generosity of the people of Texas and of Waco," ATF spokesman Les Stanford said by telephone from Washington. He said he had just spoken to Dan Hartnett, the agency's associate director, just back from Waco.

"He said they were just bringing in food of all types, and drinks, and when (federal agents) go into restaurants, people would stand and applaud. It's just amazing," Stanford said.

Restaurants have sent unsolicited carloads of pizza, coffee, barbecue, baked goods, soft drinks, burgers, lasagna. On Wednesday, the Extension Homemakers of McLennan County baked 600 potatoes for the law officers.

Even more amazing is the welcome accorded the press, which has, after all, been the bearer of Waco's bad news.

Last weekend, when every hotel and motel room in town was filled, the Tourist Information Center found residents willing to put up reporters in their homes.

And the Salvation Army has been giving away coffee, cold drinks and food from a canteen it runs at the media encampment near the compound.

That last act of generosity, however, has tested the outer limits of human kindness. Maj. Avedis Kasarjian, the Salvation Army's area commander, said several people have called to complain, including one Salvation Army donor from Detroit who spotted a picture of the media handouts in her newspaper.

"She said her blood pressure went up about 40 points, because she despised the news media," Kasarjian said.

He defended the freebies, saying that there isn't a restaurant for miles and that much of the food is donated to begin with. Anyway, he said, reporters and photographers have taken up a collection. "Almost everyone who comes to the canteen pulls out a dollar or a five or a 10," he said.

The fact is, the tragedy at Mount Carmel has been good for business in Waco. Aside from the T-shirt hawkers and the occasional gouger, no one seems to be taking any great satisfaction from it, but they can't overlook it.

"Our businesses have definitely all increased, but we would rather have had it happen for another reason," said Citrano, whose cafe has been the backdrop for several network news reports.

"I don't think it's a good thing for anybody," said Tom Burks, curator of the Texas Ranger Museum, which has seen an increase in visitors. "Here in Waco, we don't like the idea of people discussing Waco as if it was hell's half acre. ... This is a real hospitable little town."

Taxpayers' group says congressmen abusing free mailing privilege

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the weeks before last fall's election, Rep. Esteban Torres sent 65 postage-free mailings to California constituents and each batch contained no more than 499 individual letters, a taxpayers' group says.

Each mailing was just small enough to avoid violating the House size limit on free mass mailings during political campaigns. The rule is designed to prevent unfair advantages for incumbents.

Torres, D-Calif., headed a list of 24 House members cited by the National Taxpayers' Union on Wednesday for finding ways to skirt rules regulating franking — a privilege that allows lawmakers to send constituents letters, meeting notices, newsletter and other items without paying for postage.

"During their final sprint towards re-election, it appears some members of the House violated the spirit, if not the actual letter, of the law," group Chairman James Davidson said in a written statement.

Torres said he did nothing sneaky or wrong and resented implications he spends taxpayer dollars too freely. Other congressmen said the foundation's study was grossly inaccurate.

House rules prohibit representatives from sending 500 or more pieces of mail in a single drop 60 days before an election. Senators can't send any mass mailings during that time.

U.S. Postal Service records show the House members sent a total of 300 separate mass mailings — some just one or two envelopes short of the limit — at a cost of $109,314, the taxpayers foundation said. It obtained the records under the Freedom of Information Act.

Torres also went to the greatest lengths to sidestep restrictions, the foundation said.

"During the 60 days prior to the election, Rep. Torres sent 65 individual mailings between 423 and 499 pieces," it said. "Sixty-one of those mailings came during an eight-day period in late October."

Next on the list was Peter Kostmayer, a Pennsylvania Democrat who lost his seat to Republican James Greenwood in November. Kostmayer sent 45 separate mailings of between 409 and 499 pieces, the group said.

"Clearly this kind of franking frenzy during the fall campaign season was more than just coincidence," Davidson said. "In many cases the members were locked in tight re-election campaigns or running for higher office."

He said reforms are needed "to close the loopholes that allow members to waste thousands of taxpayer dollars for purely political gain."

Torres responded: "Throughout my time in Congress I have diligently communicated with my constituents, and I have always complied with the rules and restrictions in doing so. In general, the ... report makes a number of assertions based on false assumptions, resulting in conclusions that are misinformed and misleading."

Rep. George Hochbrueckner, D-N.Y., who was fifth on the list, "feels that the National Taxpayers Union was totally unfair and inaccurate,' spokeswoman Mary Anne Webber said.

"He did not violate any rules," she said. "None of these were unsolicited mailings. They were answers to people who had called or written or asked specific questions about his positions."

Webber said Hochbrueckner returned more than $72,000 — or 54.7 percent — of his 1992 free mail allotment to the Treasury at the end of the year.

Rep. Frank McCloskey, an Indiana Democrat who ranked sixth on the list, returned more than $50,000, McCloskey spokeswoman Melissa Merz said.

"So we think that if anything, we have very good mailing records, and we mail only relevant material," Merz said. "All of our mailings are within the guidelines established by the Franking Commission. All of our mail was sent in response to issues and concerns of our constituents."

Five people were killed in 1977 when a New York Airways helicopter, idling on the heliport atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan, keeled over because of a broken landing gear, sending a huge rotor blade flying.

Senator releases school funding plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Most school districts would benefit under a spending plan for redistributing some local property tax money, the Senate Education Committee chairman says.

The measure released Wednesday by Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, shows generally how money would be distributed if a share-the-wealth constitutional amendment on the May 1 ballot is approved by voters.

Redistribution of some local tax money would be authorized by the ballot proposal to meet a Texas Supreme Court order to equalize funding among property-rich and poor school districts.

The court has set a June 1 deadline for lawmakers to come up proposal.

The plan to implement the proposed constitutional amendment doesn't yet include specific school funding figures, largely because the Legislature has not approved a state budget for the next two years, Ratliff said.

"We can't finally pass it until we know what's in the budget," he said.

But Ratliff said his plan gives people enough information to help them decide on the ballot proposal.

The current system for equalizing school funds, in which some property tax money is shifted from wealthier to poorer school districts within single- or multi-county education districts, has been ruled unconstitutional.

But if voters amend the constitution, it would allow such a so-called Robin Hood system.

No multi-county education districts would exist under Ratliff's plan. Some property tax money still would be redistributed within counties, but the state also would take some money from some of the wealthiest school districts for redistribution statewide.

Under the ballot proposal, the amount redistributed could equal no more than 2.75 percent of state and local public school money, or about $400 million. Ratliff's plan has been estimated to come in just below that.

He said 106 school districts of 1,048 in Texas would send some of their property tax money to other school districts within their same counties under his plan.

Of those school districts, 37 also would send property tax funds outside of their counties, to be redistributed statewide.

Ratliff said a total of 942 school districts, containing 94 percent of the state's students, would benefit under the plan.

The House Public Education Committee's head, Rep. Libby Linebarger, said her legislation likely will have a similar county tax structure.

Ratliff's plan would increase to 90 cents the tax rate per $100 property valuation in the county education districts, up from the current 82 cents.

Basic allotment at that rate would be $2,500 per student, up from the present $2,400. Ms. Linebarger, D-Manchaca, said her proposed county tax rate likely would be a bit lower.

On top of the county rate, Local school districts could tax up to another 60 cents, with the total rate for maintenance and operations of $1.50. Property tax revenue above the 90-cent rate wouldn't be redistributed.

Ratliff said that in an effort to prevent huge gaps among school districts, no district could levy a tax rate bringing in more than about $5,200 per student. That excludes taxes for debt service.

Ratliff announcement will not satisfy people who want to know exactly how their school districts would be affected before deciding on the ballot proposal, said Rep. Tom Craddick of Midland, head of the House Republican Caucus and opponent of the share-the-wealth proposal.

Voters want a spending plan to be passed by lawmakers and signed by the governor before May 1, Craddick said.

"They want to know what they're voting on," he said.

Ratliff's plan also would abolish the teacher career ladder, which was created to give pay bonuses to teachers based on performance.

Money from the career ladder program instead would be used to increase the minimum state salary for more experienced teachers.

King's testimony confused

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Put through a wearying cross-examination, Rodney King admitted to lies, contradictions and memory lapses, confessing he was not too sure about his earlier claim that police had taunted him with racial slurs.

"I forget a lot of things that happened that night," the black motorist said before stepping down from the stand Wednesday. But King insisted he didn't deserve the 1991 police beating, even though he had been speeding and drunk.

During his two days on the stand, King wandered and grew weary but kept his cool, even under harsh cross-examination.

Officers Theodore Briseno, Laurence Powell and Timothy Wind and Sgt. Stacey Koon are charged with violating King's civil rights during the beating, in which King was clubbed and kicked while an onlooker videotaped the scene.

Although prosecutors refused to comment on King's testimony, they declined to question him after cross-examination, suggesting they didn't feel the need to rehabilitate him in the eyes of the jury.

Defense attorneys said outside court that King's testimony generally helped their case, even though he proved to be a sympathetic witness.

"It's better for us," said Ira Salzman, who represents Koon. "Now he's not this mythic looming presence in the sky. He's just a guy."

King left court without comment. He never testified in the officers' state trial, which ended in acquittals and an outbreak of deadly rioting last year.

Much of the cross-examination focused on King's assertion Tuesday that officers had taunted him with the word "nigger" as they clubbed him. Later Tuesday, as cross-examination began, King said he wasn't certain that word was used.

Asked repeatedly Wednesday whether he was sure that officers used the slur, King said again and again: "I'm not sure."

"I heard either 'nigger' or 'killer,'" he said.

King said that when questioned by investigators, he initially denied hearing racial slurs because, he said, his mother had told him in the hospital, "We all know what went on. You don't need to make it a racial issue."

Defense attorney Michael Stone also established that King's accounts varied about where he put his hands when he was stopped — on the steering wheel or dashboard — as did his account of when he was first struck. Some of his recollections also conflict with the video.

Stone also elicited King's concession that he lied when he told investigators the day after the beating, "I don't do dope." He admitted he had used marijuana some time before the beating.

King maintained his composure even under relentless cross-examination by Briseno's attorney, Harland Braun, who accused King of lying about racial slurs to make himself rich in a $50 million lawsuit against the city.

"You realized by then there might be more at stake than the lawsuit in terms of the rest of society and the implications if that word were used during the arrest, isn't that right?" Braun asked.

"I was only trying to keep this situation as low-key as possible," King answered.

At another point, Braun asked, "Sir, as an African-American who is admittedly beaten, you forget whether or not police officers ever called you nigger?"

Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry Kowalski objected, and the judge disallowed the question.

Congress adjourns for day without voting on resolution

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's Communist-dominated Congress voted today to strip President Boris Yeltsin of more of his powers and canceled a national referendum he had sought to cement his authority.

The resolution, which will be up for final approval Friday by the Congress of People's Deputies, dealt another blow to Yeltsin's eroding authority by weakening his ability to carry out market reforms and by making him more vulnerable to impeachment.

Although the Congress could change its mind, support for the measure was overwhelming and Yeltsin's chance of prevailing was slim.

Climaxing a series of votes on the second day of its emergency session, the Congress resoundingly voided an agreement reached with Yeltsin in December to hold a referendum on April 11. That referendum would have addressed the power struggle by asking the people who should govern Russia, the parliament or the president.

Deputies in the 1,033-member Congress ignored a call for compromise by Yeltsin, who earlier in the day issued a stern challenge to Russia's highest parliamentary body.

"The Congress must make a choice between agreement or confrontation," he said. "It's either one or the other."

His principal rival for power, parliamentary speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, shot back minutes later in an emotional speech that dismissed Yeltsin's proposals as "petty ideas." He said the only document the Congress would recognize was the Communist-era constitution.

The political showdown has been building for months as both the executive and legislative branches grapple for power in the vacuum left by the collapse of the ruling Communist Party in 1991.

The lawmakers, elected in Communist-run elections in 1990, did grant some concessions to Yeltsin in his efforts to gain control over the Central Bank. Reformers blame the bank for pushing the inflation rate to 2,000 percent last year by handing out credits to insolvent state enterprises.

A committee that included Yeltsin and Khasbulatov approved making the heads of the Central Bank, the State Property Fund and several other agencies members of the government. However, the agency heads will remain under the supervision of the Supreme Soviet, the smaller standing legislature.

It was not clear what other steps Yeltsin might take in the power struggle. Hard-liners fear he may try to impose some kind of presidential rule that would enable him to bypass the Congress.

Yeltsin's spokesman tried to put the best face on the developments, emphasizing the change in control of the bank.

"If the Congress approves the agreed statement, then we will have a substantially strengthened government, which will be able to conduct a precise, strong and sober financial policy. ... And in this sense, we can say that the president's goal has been achieved," said the spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov.

The proposal passed by Congress on a 623-252 vote nullified an agreement reached by Yeltsin and the lawmakers in December, calling for a referendum on April 11.

It was at that session that the Congress forced Yeltsin to drop his reformist acting prime minister, Yegor Gaidar, in favor of a career Soviet bureaucrat.

The draft measure approved today also would reinstate a constitutional amendment — suspended as part of the December agreement — that would strip Yeltsin of his power to rule by decree. He has used that power to implement market-oriented reforms hated by many hard-liners.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	6[illegible]3/4	60	603/4	+7/8
Albtsn	54	531/2	537/8	— 1/4
AlliedSignal	67[illegible]8	667/8	671/8	+3/8
ALLTEL Cp	4[illegible]1/2	49	491/2	+1/4
AmStores	40 1/8	40	401/8	
Amer T&T	58	575/8	575/8	— 1/2
Ameritech	741/[illegible]	737/8	741/8	— 3/8
Amoco	547/[illegible]	541/2	547/8	— 1/8
AndarkPtr	341/2	34	341/4	— 3/8
Arkla	81/4	8	81/4	+1/8
ArmcoInc	77/8	75/8	77/8	+1/8
AtlRichfld	1165/8	116	1163/8	— 1/4
BakerHughes	237/8	231/2	237/8	+1/4
BancTexas	25/8	25/8	25/8	
BellAtl	541/4	523/4	523/4	—13/4
BellSouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	547/8	— 1/4
Beth Steel	191/4	185/8	187/8	+1/8
Borden	263/8	261/4	261/4	— 1/8
Caterplr	593/8	587/8	591/4	
Chevron	781/8	773/4	773/4	— 1/8
Chrysler	401/8	393/4	393/4	— 3/8
Coastal	255/8	251/4	253/8	— 1/4
CocaCola s	43	425/8	43	+1/8
ColgP	651/4	65	651/8	— 1/8
ComlMetl	275/8	275/8	275/8	— 1/4
CooperIn	543/4	543/8	543/4	+1
CyprusMn	345/8	341/4	341/2	
DallSemicn	151/2	143/4	153/8	+3/4
DeltaAirl	503/4	50	503/4	+5/8
DigitalEq	463/4	453/4	463/8	+1/2
Dillard s	441/2	433/4	441/2	+3/8
DowChem	571/4	565/8	563/4	— 3/8
DresserInd	193/8	191/4	193/8	+1/8
DuPont	477/8	471/2	475/8	— 3/8
EstKodak	543/8	531/2	54	- 3/8
EljerInd	9	87/8	9	+1/8
Enserch	171/2	173/8	173/8	— 1/8
Exxon	637/8	633/8	633/4	— 1/8
FlowerInd	181/4	181/8	181/4	— 1/8
FordMotor	501/8	497/8	497/8	— 1/8
GTE Cp	361/2	361/8	363/8	+1/8
GnDynam	1173/8	117	1171/8	— 1/2
GenElct	873/4	871/4	871/2	— 1/4
GnMill	74	733/4	737/8	— 1/8
GenMotors	40	393/8	393/8	— 3/4
GnMotr E	311/2	313/8	313/8	— 1/8
GaPacif	66	65	65	-2
GlobalMar	3	27/8	3	
Goodrich	473/8	471/4	471/4	
Goodyear	757/8	743/4	755/8	+7/8
GtAtlPac	233/4	233/8	231/2	— 1/4
Gulf StaUt	175/8	171/2	175/8	
Haliburtn	351/4	35	351/8	— 1/8
Hanson	181/8	18	181/8	— 1/8
HoustInd	471/8	467/8	467/8	— 1/4
IBM	557/8	547/8	555/8	— 1/4
IntlPaper	665/8	651/8	651/8	—11/4
JohnsnJns s	443/4	437/8	443/8	— 3/8
K mart s	253/4	253/8	251/2	
Kroger	173/8	171/4	171/4	— 1/8
vjLTV Cp	5/8	9-16	9-16	
Litton s	52	513/4	517/8	
vjLoneStar	23/8	21/8	23/8	+1/4
Lowes s	321/4	321/8	321/8	— 1/8
Lubys	207/8	205/8	207/8	+1/8
Maxus	83/4	81/2	83/4	
MayDSt	777/8	771/4	775/8	+3/4
Medtronic	793/4	79	793/4	+13/8
Mobil	687/8	685/8	683/4	
Monsanto	531/2	53	531/2	+1/4
Motorola s	645/8	631/4	643/8	+11/8
Nationsbk	567/8	56	563/4	+1/8
Navistar	27/8	23/4	27/8	
Nynex	903/8	90	901/8	— 3/8
OryxEngy	221/2	221/4	221/2	+1/4
PacTelesis	475/8	471/4	475/8	+3/8
PanhECp	225/8	223/8	223/8	— 1/4
PenneyJC	863/8	853/8	853/8	— 5/8
Pennzoil	571/2	57	571/2	— 1/8
PepBoys	261/2	26	261/2	+3/8
PhelpD s	533/8	531/8	533/8	+1/4
PhilipPet	283/8	281/8	281/8	
PilgrmPrd	87/8	87/8	87/8	
Polaroid s	295/8	291/8	295/8	+3/8
Praxair n	173/8	171/4	173/8	
Primerica s	467/8	463/8	463/4	— 1/8
ProctGamb s	54	531/4	535/8	+1/8
PubS NwMx	111/4	111/4	111/4	
SFePacCp	133/4	135/8	135/8	— 1/8
SaraLee s	305/8	301/4	301/2	
SearsRoeb	54	531/4	537/8	+1/4
SherwinW	331/8	33	331/8	— 1/4
SmthBck s	35	341/4	347/8	+3/8
SmthBc eqt s	307/8	301/8	303/4	+3/4
Southern Co	411/8	41	411/8	
SwAirl s	361/8	357/8	36	- 1/4
SwstBell	74	735/8	737/8	
Sprint	301/2	303/8	303/8	— 1/8
SterlingChm	41/4	41/4	41/4	— 1/8
SunCo	28	273/4	277/8	— 1/8
TNP Ent	187/8	183/4	183/4	— 1/8
Tandy	271/8	267/8	271/8	
TempleInl	503/8	501/8	501/8	— 1/8
Tenneco	475/8	471/2	475/8	— 1/8
Texaco	627/8	621/2	623/4	— 1/8
TexasInd	28	277/8	277/8	— 1/8
TexasInst	60	591/8	60	+1/2
Tex Util	447/8	441/2	445/8	— 1/4
Textron	443/8	437/8	441/8	— 1/4
Trinity	427/8	423/4	423/4	
TritonEngy	351/8	341/2	345/8	+1/8
Tyler	47/8	43/4	47/8	
US West	411/4	41	41	- 1/8
USX Delhi n	175/8	171/2	175/8	+1/8
USX-Marathn	191/4	19	191/8	
USX-USS	401/2	40	401/4	+3/8
UnCarbde	171/8	17	171/8	+1/8
UnPac	595/8	591/2	591/2	
UnitTech	477/8	475/8	473/4	
Unocal	267/8	265/8	265/8	— 3/8
WalMart s	34	335/8	333/4	— 1/4
WstnGasRs	311/2	311/8	311/2	+1/4
WestghEl	135/8	131/4	131/2	+1/8
WinnDixie	70	695/8	70	+1/8
Woolwth	307/8	303/8	303/4	+1/8
Xerox Cp	851/4	843/4	847/8	— 1/4
ZenithE	75/8	71/8	71/2	+1/8

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 3-11-93
♠ A 2
♥ Q 9 7 2
♦ K 7 4 3 2
♣ 8 3

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

EAST
♠ J 9 6 4 3
♥ 3
♦ Q 10 6
♣ A 10 7 6

SOUTH
♠ Q 5
♥ A K J 10 8 4
♦ A 8 5
♣ 9 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Let them tell you the facts

By Phillip Alder

When commenting about a Hollywood studio chief, Wilson Mizner said, "He's the only man I ever knew who had rubber pockets so he could steal soup."

It is true that some bridge defenders will try to steal you blind. But usually their plays will be logical and give away their holdings in the key suits. Today's deal is a good example.

Against your contract of four hearts, West leads the club king. He continues with the club jack; East overtakes with the ace and returns a low spade. How should you continue?

North's three-heart response was a limit raise showing at least four-card support and some 11 total points: an accurate assessment for a hand with a five-card side suit and only seven losers.

You have lost two club tricks. You seem to have a certain diamond loser, so if you lose a spade trick as well, you will fall to defeat. Therefore, the immediate reaction is to try the spade queen. But against competent defenders there is no chance that East has the spade king. If East holds the king, he won't overtake with the club ace at trick two. He will play low, waiting for his partner to switch to spades.

Given that West has the spade king, your only chance rests in an elimination. Play the spade five and win with dummy's ace. Draw trumps and cash your two top diamonds before casting adrift with a spade.

If your luck is in, West will be endplayed. You will ruff his black-suit return in the dummy and discard your diamond loser.

Always draw conclusions from your opponents' plays.

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1 arrested by local PD

Snyder police made one arrest early this morning and filed reports for assault and criminal mischief Wednesday.

Police responded to a domestic dispute at 2:14 a.m. today in the 2700 block of Avenue F. Officers filed a report for family violence and arrested a 41-year-old man for disorderly conduct.

At 11:46 a.m. Wednesday, police were dispatched to the Masonic Lodge where a window had been damaged. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

At 6:10 p.m., a man contacted officers from the 3700 block of Avenue U to report damage to a bedroom window. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

A woman came to the police department at 8 p.m. in reference to problems she was having with her ex-husband. A report for Class C assault, threats, was filed.

And at 11:02 p.m., a woman came to the department to file Class C assault charges against a juvenile.

Police also worked a two-vehicle accident at 3:17 p.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of 30th Street. Involved were a 1992 Chevrolet driven by Mary Eiland of 2712 46th St. and a 1985 Chevrolet driven by Julie Brown of 704 30th St.

Births

John and Rosemary Coonrod of Hermleigh announce the birth of their daugher born at 5:29 p.m. on March 10 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds and two ounces.

Tonya Bridge of Ira announces the birth of her nine-pound son born at 5:49 a.m. on March 10 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Rosemary Coonrod, Hermleigh; Curlie Daniel, 3200 Ave. J; Ethel Headstream, 2902 32nd.

DISMISSALS: none.

Census: 49 (Med.-10, Long-Term Care-35, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Obituaries

Cornelia Tidwell

1923-1993

AUSTIN — A memorial service for Cornelia Bonita Tidwell, 69, is set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Christ Luthern Church with Pastor Jim Linderman officiating.

Mrs. Tidwell was the wife of the Rev. James E. Tidwell who was pastor of Snyder's First United Methodist Church from 1964-65. She died Wednesday in Austin's Seton Hospital. Her remains were cremated.

Born in Texarkana, she married James Tidwell on March 25, 1946 in Dallas. From 1946-1986, she and her husband also served Methodist churches in Channing, Friona, Paducah, Brownfield, Andrews, Perryton and Floydada.

From 1976-1986, The Rev. and Mrs. Tidwell served as administrators of the Star Oaks P.E.O. Retirement Home in San Antonio.

Mrs. Tidwell had been the curator and administrator for the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum in Mansfield, Mo., for the past five years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter A. Farren and Fronie Cole Israel; and one sister, Iwana Farren Melton.

Survivors include her husband, James E. Tidwell of Austin; a son, Paul Tidwell of Dallas; three daughters, Jaclyn Pearson of Spearman, Marilyn Calliham and Sarah Supulski, both of Austin; a brother, Melvill Farren of Marble Falls; and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the churches where the Tidwells have served, to the Texas P.E.O. Cottie College Scholarship Fund, the Wilder Foundation, the American Cancer Society or your favorite charity.

V.R. Cawthron

1913-1993

COLORADO CITY — Services were set for 10 a.m. today in the Oak Street Baptist Church for V.R. "Peewee" Cawthron, 79, who died Tuesday in Lubbock's St. Mary of the Plains Hospital. Burial was to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Born in Sulphur Springs, he married Imogene Newman on April 5, 1941 in Tahoka.

Mr. Cawthron was a retired farmer, a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church, was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife, Imogene Cawthron of Colorado City; three sons, Travis Cawthron and Greg Cawthron, both of Colorado City and Scott Cawthron of Lubbock; a daughter, Vonita Adams of Abilene; a sister-in-law, Marylou Cawthron of Lubbock; and five grandchildren.

Smith

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retaining 'good from the old' but carefully 'adopting the new and necessary'" he said. "It is my belief that all these experiences can be a significant blessing to our citizens and therefore, I humbly submit myself to Snyder to be its servant as mayor of the city, chief officer of its city council."

Smith is an officer with Scurry County Ministerial Alliance, a member of the Texas Association of Residential Service Providers and is a past Rotarian and a former chamber board member.

He oversees housing ministries through the church and is a director of the Newgate International Ministries, which ministers to prison inmates.

His wife, Donna, is a music teacher at East Elementary. They have two grown children, Jon Alan Smith of Lubbock and Pamela Erwin of Hale Center.

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Congress can accept or reject base closings

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the last rites for doomed military bases, Congress and the White House spread the blame.

The system is immunized against deathbed political revivals; once the base-closing casualty list is set, as it will be this summer, there's no changing it. Congress can only vote it up or down, and the drive for spending cuts makes acceptance, however reluctant, a sure thing.

So the lobbying, protests and demands for change began in advance, at the Capitol and in states and cities with bases at risk, arguing the case and making the record.

The clamor may not force changes, but even the effort can offer political shelter when shutdowns hit home base, costing jobs

AP analysis

and battering business. So do the all-or-nothing House and Senate votes, and even that can be avoided. Congress can simply accept the closing list by doing nothing.

President Clinton is out of the line of political fire, too — an inherited panel he chose to leave in place will make final base-closing selections for him to send to Congress next summer.

The White House has been emphasizing his passive role. "The president doesn't have anything to do with that until July 1," press secretary Dee Dee Myers said Wednesday, "and even at that point doesn't have a whole lot of impact on the actual decisions."

The process starts at the Pentagon, which put together the list of about 30 suggested shutdowns. Defense Secretary Les Aspin was at the Capitol on Tuesday hearing appeals from former congressional colleagues trying to avoid shutdowns in their states and districts.

He promised reviews, expressed concern about the economic impact of base closings, but was said to have made no commitments to change. His final list is due Friday.

It goes to the eight-member Base Closure and Realignment Commission, a bipartisan panel appointed by President Bush. Clinton could have chosen a new commission, although he had little time for it since the deadline was only five days after his inauguration.

Besides, he's better off politically with a Republican-led panel handling the no-win job of selecting bases to be shut down.

The Senate confirmed the commission members a week ago, just as the clamor over word of recommended closings was starting. James Courter, the chairman and a former Republican congressman from New Jersey, said economic impact will be a factor in judging which bases to shut down, but military value comes first.

Courter's commission has until June 1 to decide whether to alter the Pentagon list, adding or sparing bases. In two prior rounds of base closings, the Pentagon lists haven't changed much.

The commission's final report to Clinton is due by July 1. He has until July 15 to send it on to Congress, to take effect after 45 days unless both houses vote to reject it.

So there's enough political insulation to go around.

Congress couldn't bring itself to close a major military installation for 11 years before the commission was tried in 1988. Since then, nearly 50 major bases have been ordered shut down, though so far only two have been completely closed.

Aspin warned Congress in a memo Wednesday that "there are going to have to be more, not fewer" base closings than he recommends in this round, as military spending and forces are reduced. Clinton seeks to cut $122 billion from defense budgets over the next five years.

The president is trying to ease the economic impact with a four-year defense conversation plan to assist workers and areas affected by defense industry cutbacks as well as base closings.

Congress appropriated $1.7 billion for defense conversion efforts; the Clinton plan would use that and seek more.

But at the same time, Democratic senators from two states with targeted bases, California and Connecticut, argue that base closings would more than offset any boost they would gain from Clinton's earlier proposals for jobs and public works spending to stimulate the economy.

As for the politics of it, Willie Brown, speaker of the California Assembly, said the state could be affected so adversely "that Californians would not forget it, short term or long term."

No dates, but long term could be taken to mean 1996.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

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U.S. largest importer of oat crops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States, once a major producer and exporter of oats, is now the world's largest importer, according to the Agriculture Department.

"A decline in domestic oats supplies, combined with greater demand for high-quality oats for food and feed uses, accounted for the shift," said a report in this month's issue of Agricultural Outlook put out by USDA's Economic Research Service.

The United States was a net exporter of oats until 1982, it said, but in 1991-92 imported the equivalent of nearly 10 percent of total domestic supplies.

Sweden, Finland and Canada together have supplied the United States with about 70 million bushels annually since 1989-90, it said.

Since 1950, planted and harvested acres of U.S. oats have declined steadily.

Yields have increased, but oats production has fallen from a high of 1.5 billion bushels in 1955 to an estimated 295 million bushels in 1992, the report said. Oats were planted on more than 47 million acres in 1955, but only 8 million in 1992.

"While oats-planted acres in the U.S. continued to decline in 1992, the decline in harvested acres may be leveling off," the report said.

The main reason for recent declines in harvested acreage is low net returns for oats in comparison with other grains, it said.

GUEST SPEAKER — Warren Wallace was one of the guest speakers during last month's Stanfield Pack 177's annual Blue and Gold Banquet. (Contributed Photo)

RECIPIENTS — These boys all received awards or advancements during Cub Scout Pack 177's annual blue and gold banquet. Those pictured are, from left, front row, Michael Compton, Brian Coffman, Joshua Kemp, Trey Jenkins, Garrett Arney, Michael Thamez, Tyler Myers and Chad Martin; back row, Danny Early, Adam Jones, Steven Crain, Glen Burns and Dustin Bennett. Dustin Whitson and Damon Wood are not pictured. (Contributed Photo)

Pack 177 hands out recognition

Stanfield's Cub Scout Pack 177 presented advancements and awards during its Feb. 26 Blue and Gold Banquet. Guest speakers were Warren Wallace, district executive, and Margaret Morris. Approximately 60 persons attended.

Cub Scouts receiving awards included: Joshua Kemp, soccer beltloop; Trey Jenkins, baseball beltloop; Tyler Myers, baseball beltloop; Chad Martin, tiger totem, pin and cub rank; Jeremy Stout, tiger totem, Tommie Sims, bobcat pin, athlete's pin and citizen pin; Brian Coffman, athlete pin, citizen pin and baseball beltloop; Michael Compton, athlete pin, citizen pin and soccer beltloop; Glen Burns, wolf pin, wolf badge, swimming beltloop and gold arrow point; Dustin Bennett, basketball beltloop; Damon Wood, bear patch, bear pin, basketball beltloop and baseball beltloop; Dustin Whitson, bear pin, bear patch, basketball beltloop and basball beltloop; Adam Jones, baseball, beltloop, basketball beltloop, bear badge and bear pin.

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Dear Abby

Dog's Life Is Directed By Instinct, Not Thought

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: While your advice never to leave a child alone with dogs is correct, the reasoning behind it is flawed.

I am a police sergeant and the K-9 trainer/instructor for the Culver City (Calif.) Police Department. I have been involved in the training and use of dogs for more than 13 years. I am concerned with what makes them behave as they do and how to channel it to our uses.

Many dog owners say, "My dog thinks he's a person." This leads them to attribute human values and emotions to their dog. These people believe that a dog can think, reason, and behave inappropriately because he harbors ill feelings toward his owner or others.

I believe this is impossible. A dog is incapable of thought or harboring ill feelings. A dog views the world from a dog's point of view. He considers himself a dog and us as other dogs. We are merely members of his "pack."

Dogs occasionally kill or injure children because of several differences between human children and puppies. Dogs are driven by instinct. That is what makes them dogs. There about six of these drives. The one at work here is the "pack drive," which forces the dog to become a member of a pack and to establish his "pecking order" within that pack. He does that by non-verbal communication, primarily by body language.

The difference between human infants and children and dogs is that when puppies or adult dogs are placed in a submissive position by a dominant member of the pack, they exhibit body language that communicates to the dominant dog that he has achieved his dominance. Human infants and children do not have this instinct, and wouldn't know how to communicate their submission if they did.

For example: When a puppy who is nursing bites his mother's nipple too hard, she will take his entire head into her mouth. She will bite down until the puppy lets out a yell and becomes completely still. Then she knows that she is applying enough pressure to get his attention. She will hold this pressure for a moment and then release him.

If a child were to displease a dog, the dog would react in a similar fashion. But when human infants and children suffer pain or discomfort, such as the dog biting their head, they react in an opposite fashion. Instead of becoming passive and motionless, they cry and thrash around. Their screams become louder as they receive more pain.

This communicates to the dog that he is not applying enough pressure, so he bites harder. This frequently results in death for the infant or child, when his skull fractures.

Your statement that "the most docile pets have been known to turn on a child, unprovoked" is rooted in folklore. The dog does not "turn on a child" — rather, he treats the child as if he were a dog, and when the child does not respond as a dog, the dog steps up his expression of dominance.

In short, any dog can be a danger to any child, because of the different instincts each species possesses.

LOUIS C. CASTLE,
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DEAR MR. CASTLE: Thank you for an illuminating letter.

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PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Section 1 of Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to redistribute among other school districts ad valorem taxes levied and collected by a school district. The amendment would also allow the legislature to create county education districts with the taxable property of existing school districts in one or more counties combined. County education districts may levy, collect, and distribute ad valorem taxes as authorized by general law. The legislature would be allowed to set the rate of the ad valorem tax to be imposed in a school district or county education district or it may authorize the board of trustees of each school district or county education district to set the rate, provided that the rate of county education district ad valorem taxes may not exceed $1.00 per $100 valuation of taxable property, unless a higher rate is approved by the voters of the district. The amendment also provides that the amount of ad valorem taxes redistributed among school districts by the legislature and effectively redistributed within a county through county education districts may not exceed 2.75 percent of the sum of the state revenue appropriated for public schools and the revenue from local ad valorem taxes levied and collected for public schools. The term "state revenue" does not include revenue from ad valorem taxes, revenue for the provision of free textbooks, or contributions to a retirement system. Finally, the amendment provides that it does not affect the distribution of the available school fund under article VII, section 5, of the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing limited redistribution of ad valorem taxes for schools, authorizing the legislature or local districts to set a minimum tax rate in county education districts, and placing a cap on the ad valorem tax levied by county education districts."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Section 2 of Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that, except for state educational mandates imposed in compliance with the Texas Constitution or federal law, or unless enacted by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature, a school district may not be required to comply with an obligation requiring expenditure of school district funds unless the obligation is fully funded. The amendment also requires the legislature to provide by law a procedure for determining whether an obligation is fully funded. In the absence of such a procedure, and at the request of a school district's board of trustees, the comptroller of public accounts shall determine whether or not an obligation is fully funded. This amendment applies only to state educational mandates enacted after December 31, 1993.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment exempting a school district from the obligation to comply with unfunded state educational mandates."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 4 proposes an amendment to article VII, section 5(b), of the constitution, which currently authorizes the legislature to provide for using the permanent school fund to guarantee bonds issued by school districts and certain education-related revenue bonds issued by the state. The amendment would repeal the provision authorizing the use of the permanent school fund to guarantee state revenue bonds, but would permit the legislature to provide by law for the issuance of general obligation bonds or revenue bonds of the state for the purpose of making loans to, or purchasing bonds of, school districts for the purpose of acquisition, construction, or improvement of instructional facilities, including all furnishings. The amendment also provides that the state, pursuant to general law, may forgive the payment of principal and interest on all or part of a loan made to a school district under the amendment to partially finance an instructional facility. The cap of $750 million on the amount of bonds that could be issued under article VII, section 5(b), as amended, would be retained. The amendment would repeal the current provision of the constitution permitting the legislature to authorize bonds in excess of $750 million by two-thirds record vote of both houses of the legislature. While any of the general obligation bonds issued under the amendment or any of the interest on those bonds is outstanding and unpaid, there would be appropriated out of the first money coming into the state treasury in each fiscal year, not otherwise appropriated by the constitution, the amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds that matured or became due that fiscal year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of $750 million in state general obligation or revenue bonds to assist school districts in partially financing facilities, authorizing the state to forgive payments of loans made to a school district for partially financing facilities, and repealing the authorization for $750 million in state revenue bonds guaranteed by the permanent school fund."

Este es el informe explanatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 1 de mayo de 1993. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Exercise helps treat pinched artery

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain thoracic outlet syndrome. What is the cause and what treatment is available, if any?

DEAR READER: As it exits from the chest, the artery to each arm travels between certain muscles and under the first rib.

On occasion, these muscles (or the ribs themselves) will compress the arteries, leading to numbness and tingling when the arms are held in certain positions. Called "thoracic outlet syndrome," this common condition can be diagnosed using Addson's maneuver: The patient extends the affected arm out from the body, pronates the forearm and forcefully turns the head in the opposite direction.

This maneuver stretches the artery. If the blood vessel is compressed, the additional stretching accentuates the compression. A person with thoracic outlet syndrome will experience symptoms and/or a loss of the pulse at the wrist, indicating an insufficient blood flow.

Such patients can often be helped by a sequence of easy exercises to relax and stretch the muscles that pinch the artery. The exercises can be taught by any qualified physical therapist.

In some instances, however, the patient may need surgery to remove part of the rib causing compression. This is rarely necessary but can be diagnosed with X-rays. Thoracic outlet syndrome, one of many causes of upper extremity numbness, is treatable and curable.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has a serious hiccough condition. He has them for days at a time. They then turn into rasping and hoarseness that prohibits audible talking. He suffers from diabetes and congestive heart failure, and we recently found out he has an ulcer in his esophagus. Would the hiccoughs be aggravated by these conditions and what can be done to help him?

DEAR READER: Hiccoughs are caused by rhythmic spasms of the diaphragm. No one knows why these spasms occur, in most cases. More important, no one knows why the antidote works: a teaspoon full of sugar swallowed dry, (a treatment that your husband shouldn't try because he has diabetes).

Some patients with hiccoughs have digestive disturbances that lead to distension of the stomach, which then pushes against the diaphragm, stimulating it to contract. An ulcer in the esophagus could certainly do this. Your husband should be treated for this condition with antacids or drugs, such as Zantac or Tagamet, to heal the ulcer. The hiccoughs should then disappear. I do not believe that his diabetes and heart failure are direct causes of the hiccoughs. You may confirm this with his doctor.

To give you more information on these conditions, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Diabetes Mellitus" and "Heart Disease." Other readers who would like copies should send $1.25 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title(s).

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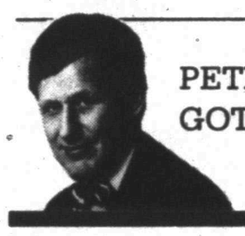

PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Democrats hurry Clinton's new proposal for economics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Budget Committee approved the outlines of a giant deficit reduction largely reflecting President Clinton's priorities, and Senate budget writers are preparing to endorse a similar package.

Democrats controlling the House budget panel won approval of a blueprint of Clinton's plan Wednesday night on a party-line vote of 26-17.

The savings outlined in the House package, if enacted in future legislation, would reduce deficits over the next five years by $510 billion. That would make it the biggest deficit-reduction plan ever, exceeding the savings in the 1990 budget agreement by more than $10 billion.

"We think we have a good product," said committee Chairman Martin Olav Sabo, D-Minn. He predicted passage by the full House next week.

The deficit-reduction outline includes a far-reaching energy tax, higher income taxes on the well-to-do and deep defense cuts. The plan was approved after Democrats added $62 billion more in spending cuts over the next five years than the president initially proposed. He has since endorsed the extra cuts.

Meanwhile, outnumbered Republicans planned to try to substitute more spending cuts for tax increases today as the Senate Budget Committee worked on its version of the measure.

Like the House plan, it would lower the deficit by about $500 billion over the next five years. Written chiefly by Sen. Jim Sasser, D-Tenn., chairman of the panel, the proposal would delay some of Clinton's recommended spending increases and rely to a greater extent on taxing the well-off.

Republicans on the Senate committee put together at least three dozen amendments, most of which would shift the emphasis away from tax increases and impose even tighter spending restraints.

First on the list was a proposal by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, that would freeze at current levels non-defense discretionary spending — a category that includes everything from education assistance to water projects, but not Social Security and Medicare.

Congressional leaders expect both the House and Senate to consider the deficit-reduction proposals next week as part of the $1.5 trillion budget outline for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The House and Senate plans both would cut the projected deficit for that year by about $40 billion, to $254 billion.

Democrats praised their own proposals as real efforts to make lasting reductions in the deficit.

"This budget ... is primarily about getting our economic house in order and moving our nation forward," said Sabo, the House Budget Committee chairman.

While the House panel was working its way through about 30 Republican amendments — rejecting every one that offered a significant change from the Democratic plan — senators spent Wednesday arguing about procedures and exchanging partisan barbs.

Sen. Pete Domenici of New Mexico, senior Republican on the budget committee, bristled at Democratic suggestions that his party is trying to stall Clinton's plan. "We ought to have a full day" to debate amendments, he demanded.

Republicans "don't have any idea of moving anything," Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., shot back. "I know what they are doing. They are the guardians of gridlock."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dorothy Gish (1898-1968), actress; Lawrence Welk (1903-1992), musician; Sir Harold Wilson (1916-), British statesman-economist, is 77; Ralph Abernathy (1926-1990), civil-rights leader; Sir Nigel Lawson (1932-), British statesman, is 61; Sam Donaldson (1934-), broadcast journalist, is 59; Antonin Scalia (1936-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 57; Bobby McFerrin (1950-), singer-musician, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, Randy Holt received 67 minutes in penalties in a National Hockey League game between the Los Angeles Kings and the Philadelphia Flyers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is nothing new in the realization that the Constitution sometimes insulates the criminality of a few in order to protect the privacy of us all." — Antonin Scalia

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1986, a bolt of lightning struck a radio-transmitter tower in Arizona's Baxter County. A little over three hours later, lightning again struck the tower, knocking it out of commission for two days.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 8) and last quarter (March 14).

TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET

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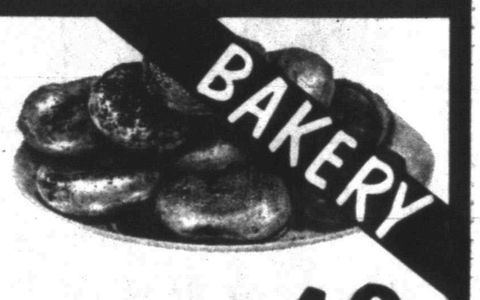

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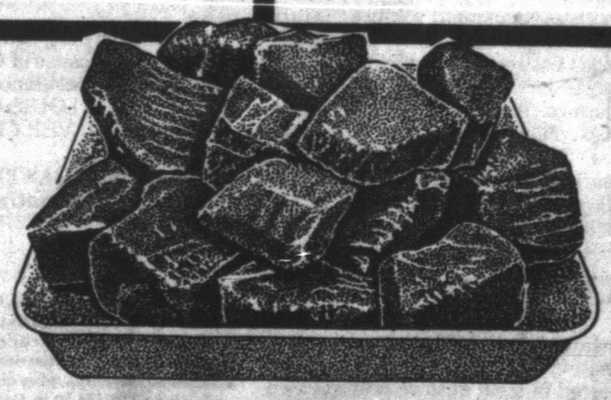

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