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Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—When will the top students at Snyder High School be announced?

A—The SHS awards day ceremony, during which the top students will be recognized, was originally scheduled for May 2 but has been moved to May 16 at 7 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium.

Local

Family Life

"Where Do I Look For Guidance?" will be the Family Life video series program airing at 7 this evening on Snyder Cablevision Channel 2.

8th grade

Parents of Snyder eighth graders are encouraged to attend a meeting on high school registration, to be held at 7 this evening at Worsham Auditorium.

Class of '54

Snyder High School Class of 1954 will hold its 40th reunion June 24-25. Anyone having current addresses of graduating members is asked to call Barbara Burney at 573-9969.

MAWC

Martha Ann Woman's Club salad luncheon and game day will be held Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $6. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. today. Call 573-3427.

Banquet

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club Banquet will be held May 9 at 7 p.m. in Towle Park Barn. Tickets for the event, which includes a steak dinner, are $5 each and may be obtained at the high school office.

Admission is free for all varsity athletes but they must have a ticket.

Choir concert

Snyder High School's formal choir concert will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. Awards will be presented. Admission is free.

'Oz' tickets

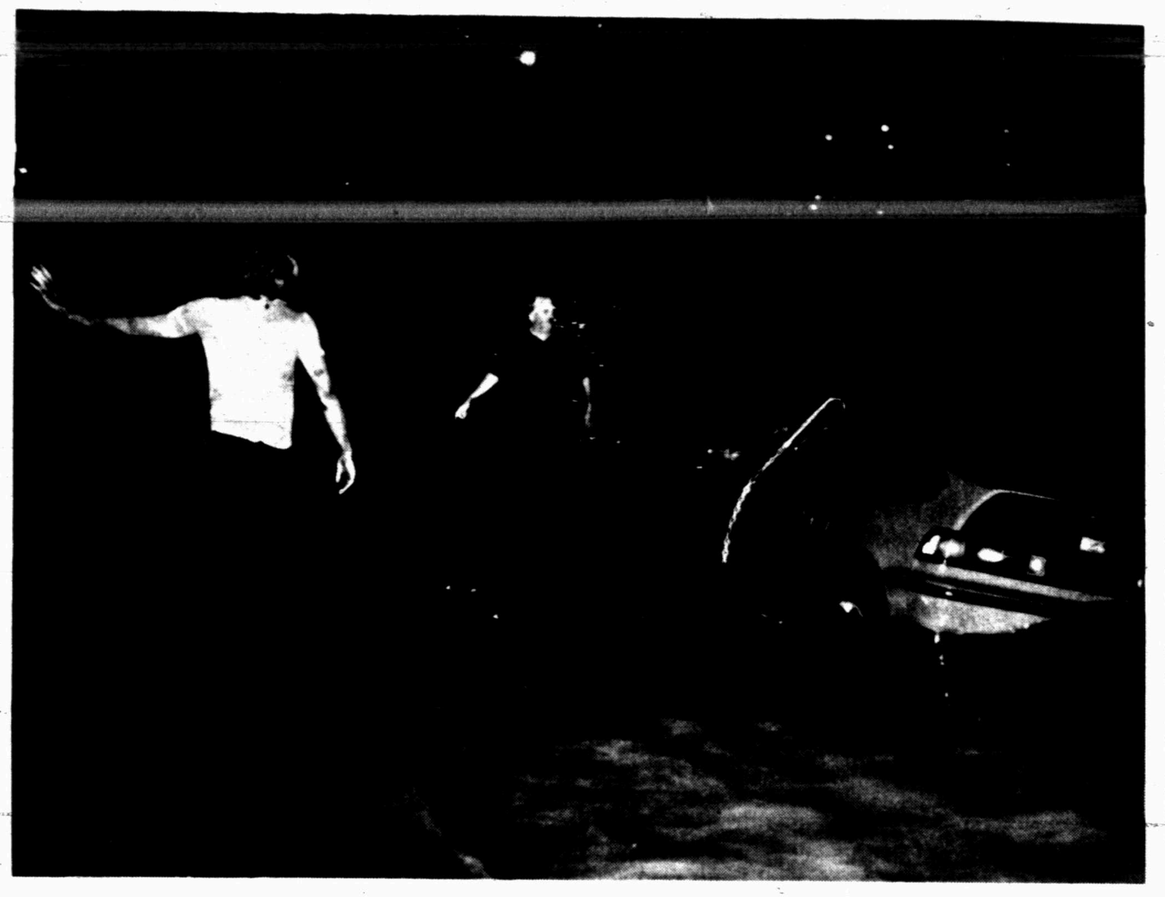
Tickets for Snyder Junior High School's production of *The Wizard of Oz*" continue on sale. Prices are $4 for adults and $3 for children and students. All tickets sold at the door will be $4 each, regardless of age. Play dates are Thursday through Saturday.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 85 degrees; low, 57 degrees; high Sunday, 87 degrees; low, 57 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 70 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 1.40 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 45-50. Southwest wind decreasing to 20-30 mph and gusty after midnight. Caution advised on area lakes. Tuesday, mostly sunny and windy. High near 80. Southwest wind 25-35 mph and gusty. Caution advised on area lakes.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:18. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:04. Of 114 days in 1994, the sun has shone 107 days in Snyder.



OUT OF POND — David Wagner of Bill's Auto Salvage, left, and volunteer Mike Lindsey worked for over an hour to pull this 1990 Honda CRX out of Towle Park Pond after midnight Saturday. The vehicle was completely under water, but the driver and three passengers managed to get out safely. (SDN Staff Photo)

2 major accidents leave several shaken, but okay

Two potentially deadly accidents over the weekend left some people shaken, but with no serious injuries.

In the first incident, a car carrying four teen-agers ended up on the bottom of Towle Park Pond Saturday evening. The second occured Sunday morning and involved a church van carrying seven people.

Snyder police received a 911 emergency call at 10:46 p.m. Saturday, reporting that a car had gone off the road and into Towle Park Pond. The four occupants were able to get out of the vehicle unharmed.

According to police, the vehicle was a 1990 Honda CRX, driven by 19-year-old Charles Scott Williams of Fluvanna. The vehicle was traveling west on North Towle Park Road and missed a curve. It struck the fence surrounding the pond and became airborne, coming to rest in the northeast corner of the pond.

Police said Williams told them he thought a car behind him was chasing him, and he was unable to negotiate a curve in the road.

The other occupants of the Honda were 18-year old Craig Leatherwood of 1634 N. Ave. O, 14-year-old Susan Robbins of 1805 Cedar Creek and 15-year-old Emily Wardwell of Hamlin.

The vehicle was towed out of the pond.

Police said there were several pedestrians in the area, including some who may have been fishing at the time. None were injured.

Sunday morning, an East Side Church of Christ van carrying seven people was struck by a vehicle which failed to stop at the intersection of 30th Street and Avenue E. Three people were taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room. All were released after being treated for minor injuries.

According to police, the 1984 Ford van, driven by Joe Dan Jones of 2701 27th, was hit by a 1993 Buick driven by Delia Rocha Franco of 2807 Ave C.

Franco, 32, was taken to Cogdell, as were two passengers in the van, 35-year-old Felix Orosco and 27-year-old Jan Simmons, both of 1511 College Ave.

Also in the van were 10-year-old Melissa Jones of 2701 27th, 79-year-old Essie Wood of 2112 Peyton and 9-year-old Robby Simmons of 1312 17th.

Commissioners ok funds shift

Scurry County Commissioners Court this morning approved a budget line-item transfer for the sheriff's department.

In the only action item, the court approved the transfer of $1,500 from equipment to supplies.

County Judge Bob Doolittle presided over the meeting which was attended by Commissioners C.D. Gray Jr., Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

UIL academics...

Snyder sends six on to state

Snyder High School placed second out of 37 schools at the UIL Region I Class 4A Academic Meet in San Angelo on Saturday, and advanced six students in four events to state.

The six — Amanda Carter, Kurtis McCathern, Tiffany Jones, Tom Kerry and Robert Clarady — will compete in Austin on May 6-7.

Carter placed first in prose interpretation, while Jones placed third in spelling and vocabulary.

Snyder's science team of McCathern, Clarady and Tom Kerr took first place at regionals. McCathern also placed second in individual science competition and third in ready writing.

Kerr was high-point individual in biology.

Snyder's spelling vocabulary team of Jones, Laura Stansell and Katye Galloway placed second, and will serve as alternates to state.

The six students will join Snyder High's cast and crew of "Pygmalion," which was selected Friday as one of two plays to advance from regional competition to the state contest.

The combined UIL and one-act effort earned SHS 100 points at region and second place overall behind Stephenville.

"The competition and the judging were very tough," said SHS Principal Larry Scott. "We're very proud of all of the kids who performed."

Top WTC students will be recognized

Academic excellence will be recognized Tuesday on the campus of Western Texas College as Awards Day is held, sponsored by the WTC Faculty Association.

The annual event, which features the naming of the oustanding male and female student, will be in the Fine Arts Theatre building at 10:30 a.m. Departmental awards are announced at Awards Day also.

To be recognized as the "outstanding" male or female student, the individual must have attained sophomore status (having completed at least three long semesters at WTC), been a full time student, maintained at least a 3.75 GPA, completed the freshman year at WTC, and been involved in campus and/or community activities and organizations.

Students are nominated by their instructors and the top two were selected last week by the membership of the WTC Faculty Association. The names are not revealed until Awards Day, however.

All awards recipients and their parents will be notified to attend the program. The event will also honor students listed in the publication "Who's Who In American Junior Colleges."

Members of the Awards Day Committee this year are instructors Bob Doty, Tammy Wesson, Joann Snider, Rockford Burris and Michael Endy.

DCOS meets at 5 o'clock

Health insurance and purchase of office materials are among the agenda items for the Development Corporation of Snyder board, which meets at 5 p.m. Monday.

The board will consider a health insurance package as well as the purchase of a postage machine and scale, a label printer and software, and a shredder. Also on the agenda are postal permit applications and payment of bills.

Discussion items include public hearings for economic development and the status of General Medical Products Company.

Following regular business, the board will move into executive session to consult with its attorney concerning possible litigation.

A work session on the Board of County Development contract and a business program review will follow.

Christopher lands in London to plot end to war in Bosnia

LONDON (AP) — With Serb guns muffled by a NATO ultimatum, Secretary of State Warren Christopher flew here today to plot a new diplomatic initiative with the British and French foreign ministers to try to end the war in Bosnia.

Christopher's talks with Britain's Douglas Hurd and France's Alain Juppe aims at inducing the Serbs to fulfill their pledge to negotiate a settlement with the Muslim-led government. Christopher also was to meet with Prime Minister John Major.

Forcing the Serbs to withdraw from the outskirts of Gorazde will meet the condition set by the Muslims for peace talks with their tormentors, but a big question mark hands over the Serbs, who had hoped to improve their bargaining position by seizing additional Muslim territory.

Russia is sending Deputy Foreign Minister Vitaly Churkin here to work with Charles E. Redman, the top U.S. negotiator for Bosnia. Christopher will meet in Geneva on Tuesday with Russian Foreign Minsiter Andrei Kozyrev.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin has proposed a summit of the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations, but a senior U.S. official said the idea is still premature.

"The United States won't be ready to move on a summit until we have a better idea what the Serbs are up to," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

On a related front, Christopher is confident the United Nations will support any decision by the NATO commander, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, to bomb the Serbs if they violate ultimatums to stop fighting, withdraw and turn over their heavy weapons.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today "we should have used air power" on Saturday when the Serbs continued to bomb Gorazde despite the U.N. ultimatum.

"Look what they did on the way out (of Gorazde)," Biden said today of the Serb withdrawal. "They burned and pillaged on the way out, destroyed the water system. It's outrageous," Biden said on NBC.

Biden said the cease-fire "will work only if we say all of the safe areas fall with the purview of this new ultimatum" and NATO is willing to "use air power to save lives" and also lift the embargo against Bosnian Muslims.

Christopher talked twice by telephone Sunday with U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and established that a U.N. order is not necessary to open fire, the officials said.

Speaking Sunday on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," Christopher said he was encouraged by reports that the Serbs appeared to be withdrawing from a two-mile radius around Gorazde as ordered, although mortar attacks and small arms fire continued. He said that if the fighting there can be ended, "I think there's a chance for a negotiated peace."

Fish pond seminar scheduled Tuesday

A fish pond management seminar, co-sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service and the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, will be held Tuesday.

The seminar will begin at 9 a.m. in the Union Community Center. The morning session will cover various topics of management, design, construction, stocking needs and assistance available.

No noon meal will be served, but there will be a lunch break provided and those attending the session may go eat and then return for an afternoon session which will be held at a location west of Snyder for a field demonstration.

The seminar is open to anyone interested in learning more about management techniques for improving fish production in ponds.

Those attending will be eligible to receive four CEUs.

Public schools...

Spring Roundup begins

Snyder public school district began its annual Spring Roundup — pre-registration for kindergarten and the four-year-old program — today.

Pre-registration began at West Elementary this morning. Registration will be held at East Elementary on Tuesday, at Northeast on Wednesday, at Central on Thursday and at Stanfield on Friday.

Registration is from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day. Children should be registered at the school they will be attending.

Children who will be five years old by Sept. 1 are eligible to pre-register for kindergarten. Also, any child who has not previously attended public school, but will reach age six on or before Sept. 1, should pre-register.

Children who will be four by Sept. 1 are eligible to pre-register for the four-year-old program. Any three-year-old child who is suspected of having a delay in language, intellectual or motor development is also eligible for screening.

Parents or legal guardians must bring with them their child's official birth certificate or legal proof of age, immunization records, proof of income to qualify for free and reduced lunch, and a Social Security number, if available.

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

One ticket bought in the Houston area correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket is worth $10 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 2, 14, 15, 17, 26 and 36.

In addition to the jackpot winner, there were 104 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $2,180. There were 7,174 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $114. And there were 138,577 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $3 million.

Pick 3

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

8-0-4

(eight, zero, four)

Gives up search

GALVESTON (AP) — The Coast Guard on Sunday suspended its search for six merchant seamen who apparently deserted a cargo ship moored at a Galveston pier.

Officials believed the men, who were thought to have jumped from the Bahamian-registered bulk carrier Leon early Saturday, remained at large on land.

A seventh man, a 30-year-old Indonesian national, went to Galveston police Saturday after attempting to climb down the ship's mooring lines and falling into the water. He was not injured.

Police and the Coast Guard later determined that another six crew members from the ship were missing. They included three Indonesians, one Jordanian, one Turk and one Syrian.

Coast Guard spokesman Don Merwin said the men apparently were unhappy with harsh conditions aboard the 700-foot ship, including low pay, long hours and poor-quality food.

Coast Guard officials ordered the ship moved from a pier to an anchorage area just off the coast. It was prohibited from leaving port until officials can determine it is in compliance with international safety requirements.

Signs book

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Time hasn't mellowed Hunter S. Thompson, say fans who relish the "gonzo" journalist's rough edges.

"I would have died if I'd gotten here and found a kindly, old grandfather type," said Julie Elton of St. Louis, who waited three hours Saturday in a block-long line before Thompson finally showed up for a book signing.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Surgery should relieve fluid buildup

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes a hydrocele and what is the prognosis?

DEAR READER: Each testicle is encased in a thin but tough membrane. Fluid commonly accumulates beneath this membrane, causing a painless, soft mass that does not affect health, sexuality or fertility. Such a collection of fluid, called a hydrocele, can enlarge and become a nuisance. Therefore, surgical removal is reserved only for those cases in which the hydrocele causes an uncomfortable feeling of heaviness or pulling.

Hydroceles are diagnosed by transillumination: When the beam of a pencil flashlight is placed directly against the sac of fluid, a diffuse glow is visible, indicating the presence of fluid and the absence of other tissue. The prognosis is excellent.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on recurring tonsillitis in older adults. I've had an average of two bouts a year since my early adult years, first treated with oral penicillin and then with E-Mycin after I developed a penicillin allergy. An ENT specialist has OK'd the use of E-Mycin at the earliest sign, but now that I'm in my 60s, the attacks occur as frequently as every one to two months.

DEAR READER: Chronic or recurrent tonsillitis in adults causes sore throat, fever and malaise that may periodically disrupt an otherwise healthy person's life.

In the past two or three decades, otolaryngologists have become loath to remove tonsils in children, because these lymph glands in the throat appear to play a major role in protecting youngsters from upper respiratory infections. Also, children's tonsils usually regress in size, starting about age 12.

Although most children stop getting tonsillitis by their midteens, some continue to suffer repeated infections into adulthood and old age. In such instances, tonsillectomy (using a method of freezing) is often required. The major criterion for surgery seems to be three or more serious bouts of tonsillitis a year.

I have several adult patients who were not satisfied with taking multiple courses of antibiotics and wished to have surgery, which was successfully completed with excellent results. You may be such a patient. Ask your doctor to refer you to another ear-nose-and-throat specialist who would, I am sure, be willing to operate when he hears that you have symptoms as often as you do.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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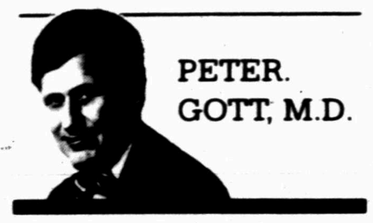
DR. GOTT



PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Alleged fraud spurs calls for changes in election laws

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — State officials are calling for changes in Texas election laws after discovering that mail-in ballots for this year's elections were manipulated in several counties.

Four South Texas counties have reported allegations of fraud after finding various irregularities with mail-in balloting, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Sunday. The problems gave some candidates control over how many ballots were cast in the March 8 primary and April 12 runoff.

"We've had calls from various counties in the state where similar situations occurred in the early voting — where people manipulated the system to obtain ballots and vote them for people," said Tom Harrison, director of elections for the Secretary of State's Office in Austin.

Texas voters can apply for a mail-in ballot if they are over 65, disabled, out of the county or in jail. If a voter is going to be out of the county, the ballot must go to an out-of-county address, Harrison said.

In Jim Wells County, at least two investigations are pending and another may be forthcoming into allegations of voter fraud in connection with mail-in ballots.

The case involves 134 ballots that were mailed from two apartments in Falfurrias. Some of the voters whose names appeared on the ballots said they had never seen or heard of the apartments.

The Alice Echo-News first reported on the suspicious ballots April 12. The newspaper said a register of mail-in ballots at the Jim Wells County Clerk's Office showed 66 applications were returned from one address and 68 were returned from another.

It is not illegal for more than one mail-in ballot to be sent to the same location, but officials have said the quantity of ballots at the two Falfurrias addresses appears suspicious.

In addition, three voters involved in the case told the newspaper they received mail-in ballot applications and ballots from campaign workers for a specific candidate.

In Jim Wells County, which has 23,013 registered voters, the number of mail-in ballot applications received for the April 12 runoff was a record 3,091. In comparison, there were 3,550 applications for mail-in ballots in Harris County, which has 1.4 million registered voters.

Harrison said election officials are considering changes to laws that would restrict the number of ballots to a residence, prevent campaign workers from distributing or collecting ballots and monitor the eligibility of voters who are getting mail ballots.

Guard officers will face probe due to suspect colonel's access

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The third-ranking official in the Texas National Guard should have been sacked after he was linked to drug smuggling, a former Guard security official told an internal investigation.

Col. Richard Brito remained too long in his sensitive military position, said Capt. Fred Newth, a former security officer for confidential information in the Guard.

Newth said Brito remained as director of plans, operations and training, despite losing a security clearance in 1992 because of the drug allegations.

"As soon as it was identified that his clearance had indeed been suspended, he should have been removed to a position of non-sensitivity," Newth testified.

"If he had access to classified material or top-secret material, or classified or top-secret equipment, that access should have been suspended," he said.

The internal investigation, which concluded in late 1993, has not been released to the public. But the Corpus Christi Caller-Times said it has obtained thousands of Guard documents, including the legal review, transcripts from the internal investigation and supporting documentation.

Attorneys for the Texas National Guard have suggested the military equivalent of a grand jury investigation for three officers who allowed Brito access to classified military information after the drug smuggling.

The Caller-Times said it obtained Guard documents in which the attorneys concluded that Brito also should face a grand jury-type investigation.

The three officers are Col. Robert D. Kohler, former chief of staff; Col. Dwain James, former director of personnel; and Lt. Col. Bennie Cottle, director of plans, operations and training. The five-page review said the three initially denied that Brito's security clearance was suspended.

James said Brito continued to oversee training programs and the direction of military support activities but was removed from classified information.

"It was my understanding that he was relieved from any and all direct access and responsibilities dealing with confidential, classified information," he said.

"But he was not removed from his particular position. He just had intermediaries that took care of those responsibilities."

Allegations of drug-smuggling activities have haunted Brito since 1987, when his brother, Mario, was arrested with several others at a remote airstrip in Anderson.

A Grimes County grand jury indicted Richard Brito on five counts of perjury in September 1992. The indictment accuses him of intentionally making five false statements under oath during a trial involving drug-smuggling allegations against his two brothers. The perjury case has not gone to trial.

The indictment claims that Brito's Guard position allowed him access to information about air interdiction of people coming in from Mexico. It also alleges that Brito had prior knowledge of his brothers' drug-smuggling activities in Grimes County.

Guard officials said Saturday that Major Gen. Sam Turk, adjutant general of Texas, has discharged Brito because of concern over the drug-trafficking allegations.

Brito was an environmental specialist when he was discharged.

Tritt returns with new album

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Eight years of touring became a one-way road to burnout for Randy Travis, so he pulled off the highway.

"I got to where I just felt like if I had to get on that bus again, I was going to go crazy, lose my mind and start tearing stuff up. We had worked non-stop for eight years. And it was driving me nuts," the country crooner said in an interview published Saturday in The Tennessean.

Travis, 34, stopped touring full time in 1992. He's been pursing an acting career, including a role in the movie "Maverick."

He also resumed recording. A new album "This Is Me," due out this week, is his first in three years. Past hits include "Forever and Ever, Amen" and "If I Didn't Have You."

Berry's World

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"Well, I'll be!"

Chavez receives tribute

AUSTIN (AP) — A year has passed since farm labor organizer Cesar Chavez died at age 66.

Nevertheless, his work continues through the union he helped found and the supporters he inspired, his brother said at a ceremony on the University of Texas at Austin campus.

Richard Chavez, 64, was the keynote speaker at the Sunday ceremony to mark the first anniversary of his older brother's death from a heart attack.

"We need your help," Chavez said. "We have to continue the legacy. We have to continue the work. He left a lot of work, good work, that has been done."

About 150 people, many of them veterans of the farm labor movement, remembered Cesar Chavez during a 21/2-hour afternoon tribute in the auditorium at the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

After the ceremony, Richard Chavez said his brother "always knew it would be a long struggle. He said it would not be done in our lifetime."

Monsignor Ronnie Reyes, pastor of St. Julia Catholic Church in Austin, played host to Cesar Chavez when the labor organizer visited Austin during a 1969-70 furniture workers strike. He remembered Chavez's spirituality.

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Oil Patch News

Fisher County

Walsh and Watts Inc. will drill the No. 1 Finch, a 6,600-foot wildcat located seven miles east of Rotan. Location is in Section 94, Block 1, H&TC survey.

American Cascade Energy will drill the No. 5 J.W. Wickham in the Raven Creek field, seven miles southeast of Sylvester. Planned for a depth of 6,000 feet, location is in the George Creath survey No. 221.

Conoco Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 2 Round Top, eight miles west of Hamlin. Drilled to a depth of 4,828 feet, location was in Section 214, Block 1, BBB&C survey.

Kent County

Sojourner Drilling Corp. has completed the No. 4 E.L. Maben in the Maben field, 16 miles west of Girard. The venture was finaled to produce 102 barrels of 39 gravity oil and two barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,544-564 feet, and location is in Section 106, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Nolan County

Union Pacific Resources Company will drill the No. 1 Sorrels, a 7,500-foot wildcat located 17 miles south of Sweetwater. Loctionis in Section 161, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Garza County

J.M. Huber Corp. will drill the No. 12-1 LLB DeSoto, a 9,000-foot wildcat located 16.5 miles south of Post. Drill site is in Section 12, Block 30, T6N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Threshold Development Co. has completed the No. 7 L.A. Strain in the Sharon Ridge field, 10 miles northwest of Colorado City. The well was finaled to produce 17 barrels of 32 gravity oil and 50 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,488-620 feet, and location is in Section 3, Block 27, T&P survey.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

TAP; Building Family Strengths; chamber of commerce; 7 p.m.

Rebecca Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (Open); Park Club in Winston Park,37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 863-2349, 573-8626, 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous (Open); Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information, call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Women's Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; Playday, low net twosome; tee time 9 a.m.

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

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

Beta Delta Phi; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Scurry County Genealogical Society; county library; everyone welcome; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (Closed); Park Club in Winston Park; for more information, call 573-1141, 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Salad Luncheon/Game Day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427; $6 per person; serving begins at 11:30 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. on W. 37th St.; 9 to 4.

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

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

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (Closed); Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information, call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (Closed); Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open, meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (Open); Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 863-2349, or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

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

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

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous (Open); Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

School bus accidents up 5 percent statewide in '93

HOUSTON (AP) — School bus accidents were up 5 percent statewide last year and monitoring of buses and drivers has diminished, but experts contend the system that totes Texas children to class is safe.

Nearly 1.2 million children board buses every school day in Texas, putting their lives in the hands of teachers, retirees, homemakers and others who earn part-time wages driving the state's fleet of 28,300 buses.

Last year, according to Department of Public Safety records, there were 1,940 school bus accidents, up from 1,845 in 1992, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Although the number of fatal accidents was six, down from 14 in 1992, the number of people injured on school buses last year was 1,150, compared with 936 in the previous year. The newspaper cited DPS records.

Concern has been heightened over the past two weeks in the Houston area, where 51 schoolchildren were injured in two accidents involving three buses.

One child suffered a broken wrist and 29 had lesser injuries April 14 when a middle school bus rear-ended another bus on school grounds. Last week, an Aldine School District bus was hit by a car, injuring 21 students.

Houston Independent School District transportation director Vernon Jones said a number of factors contribute to wrecks, including traffic congestion, construction and long bus routes.

But Jones said considering that HISD buses traveled 13 million miles last year, the 200 accidents reported is a "very small number." Still, he admitted, "To a parent who says one accident is too many, that's true."

Among other large metropolitan areas last year, Dallas County reported 118 bus and bus-related accidents last year, while Tarrant County reported 109 and Bexar County 129.

One of the checks and balances designed to monitor school bus safety was eliminated last year when travel funds for the Texas Education Agency were slashed.

Carl Covington of the TEA transportation unit said state employees previously made regular visits to school districts to determine, among other things, whether drivers' records were checked annually in accordance with the law.

Because of the budget cuts, the agency has been forced to rely on districts to report that information on their own.

"I think most (districts) make an honest effort" to comply with regulations, Covington said.

Man convicted by DNA to be executed

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Timothy Spencer's killing spree — two months in which he broke into the homes of four women and raped and killed them — made him notorious as the city's "Southside Strangler."

But it was Spencer's prosecution, not his crimes, that logged him a spot in criminal history. In 1988, he was the country's first capital murder suspect prosecuted using DNA evidence. On Wednesday, barring last-minute delays, Spencer will be the first to be put to death based on that genetic link.

"There is absolutely no doubt as to Spencer's guilt," says state prosecutor Donald D. Curry.

Spencer's case also is being watched by death penalty opponents because the doctor who pronounces prisoners dead is refusing to participate after the American Medical Association said it is a breach of medical ethics.

After his arrest, three criminal laboratories tested semen found at the Richmond crime scenes; all concluded it came from Spencer. Scientists said the chance the semen could match someone else is one in 705 million.

"There are only 10 million adult black men in North America. So when you say that you are saying, 'He's the one,'" Curry said.

Spencer is scheduled to die in the state's electric chair for the murder of Debbie Dudley Davis, the first of three women from the south section of Richmond murdered in a chilling string of break-ins in September and October 1987. All the women were bound with available clothing and household items, then raped and strangled or hanged.

Ms. Davis, 35, died Sept. 18. Dr. Susan Elizabeth Hellams, 32, followed on Oct. 2. On Nov. 22, 15-year-old Diane Cho was killed in her second-floor bedroom while her family watched television downstairs.

Spencer was caught 100 miles away in Arlington, just outside Washington, D.C., after the Nov. 28 murder there of Susan M. Tucker, 44, who had been raped and hanged from a pipe in her basement.

Circumstantial evidence against Spencer was strong. The three Richmond murders occurred while he was living in a nearby prison halfway house; Ms. Tucker was killed while Spencer was home in Arlington on a furlough. Spencer had no car and was well-known in the neighborhoods because he was seen on frequent walks.

But no evidence at the crime scenes could be linked to him.

At the time, genetic testing was being introduced to criminal prosecutions and paternity cases, but had never been tried in Virginia, Curry said.

"Without DNA, I don't think there's any question he wouldn't have been convicted," said Dr. Paul Ferrara, Virginia's chief forensic scientist.

Spencer was convicted of all four murders and sentenced to die for each.

"It is counted as the early DNA success," said Robert Ressler, a former FBI criminologist and expert on serial killers who studied the Spencer case.

Since Spencer's convictions, DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, which is found in human cells and carries genetic information unique to individuals, has been used by law enforcement agencies worldwide.

Dr. Balvir L. Kapil has refused to participate, saying he is complying with the AMA's March 23 ethics ruling. He is the first physician to do so.

"It's an important question because so many states require a physician be present," said Leigh Dingerson, director of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

Virginia prison officials said another doctor will be present at the electrocution.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 4-25-94
♠ 5 4 2
♥ A Q J 10 9 6 5
♦ 5
♣ A 2

WEST
♠ K 7 6
♥ 4 2
♦ Q 9 7 2
♣ Q J 10 9

EAST
♠ J 10 9 8
♥ 7 3
♦ K 6 4 3
♣ 8 7 4

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

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

The obvious is clear

By Phillip Alder

There should be no need to state the obvious, but we often do. At the edge of the Sinai desert, with sand and stones stretching as far as the eye can see, there is a sign announcing "Free Parking."

In today's deal, I would point out that the six-heart contract appears to depend on the spade finesse working. But that is too obvious. One would like to make the contract even if the finesse is losing. But you knew that already. How did the declarer attack the play after West had led the club queen?

North's sequence, a transfer bid of two diamonds followed by a splinter jump to four diamonds, showed a slam-try with at least six hearts and at most one diamond. South bid what he thought he could make.

Declarer won the opening lead with dummy's club ace, cashed the heart ace, played a club to his king and ruffed a club high in the dummy. After a trump back to his king had removed the opponents' fangs, declarer ruffed his last club in the dummy.

I know you've seen the key play coming for some time, but to dot the i's and cross the t's, declarer called for dummy's diamond and, after East played low, finessed his 10.

West won with the queen but was endplayed. He had to concede three side-suit tricks: either two spades and one diamond on a spade return into declarer's A-Q tenace, or one spade and two diamonds on a diamond return into declarer's A-J tenace.

The transfer bid did its job. If North declares six hearts, East obviously leads the spade jack, killing the contract.

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Interest groups' monies flood health care debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — To get an idea of how much money is being poured into the health care issue, just ask Chris Van Horn.

The 28-year-old entrepreneur is president of the CVK group, which charges lobbyists and law firms $27 an hour to hold a place in line for them outside crowded congressional hearing rooms.

"A good percentage of our business this year will come from health care," he said.

Health care has unleashed a lobbying battle unparalleled in breadth and cost, whose cost will easily top $100 million this year — and ultimately may go much higher.

The huge spending reflects what's on the line.

"One-seventh of our economy is up for grabs," said Bryant Welch, chief lobbyist for the American Psychological Association. "The political stakes ... are just staggering. It's the biggest issue of our lifetime."

What distinguishes health care from past lobbying wars is its breathtaking sweep. Virtually every business, every American is affected.

Players as diverse as the Christian Coalition, the National Restaurant Association, Philip Morris and the American Association of Retired Persons are spending heavily to make sure their interests are considered as Congress slogs toward a compromise.

An informal Associated Press survey of health care interests and lobbying records shows that spending on advertising, lobbying, polling, telemarketing, public relations and campaign contributions is already poised to top $100 million this year. Those in the thick of the fight say it may ultimately reach several times that.

While comprehensive totals are unavailable for past lobbying campaigns, veteran observers say health care is eclipsing all previous issue fights.

Former congressman Ray McGrath, president of the Beer Institute, was a member of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee when the 1986 tax reform package was pushed through Congress.

Even that lobbying battle, considered by many to be the previous high-water mark, can't compare, he said.

"It was only money (at stake) then," McGrath said. "We're talking about people's lives and health here."

The massive spending will impact average Americans. A large share is aimed at shaping public opinions, which lobbyists hope will in turn influence lawmakers.

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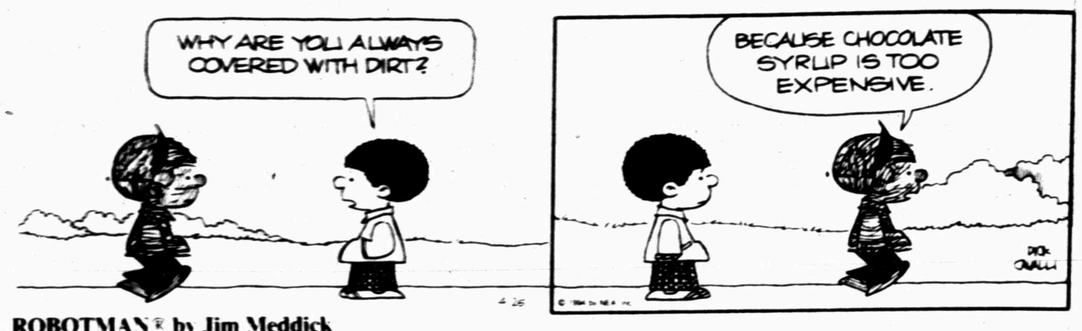

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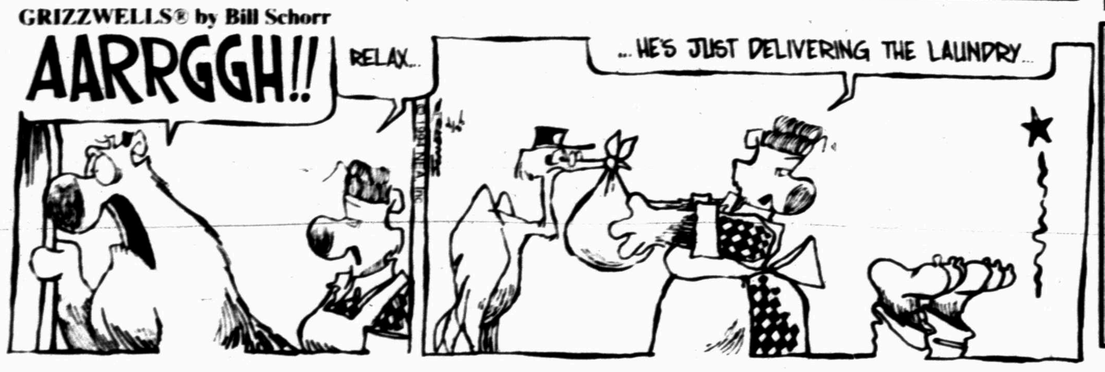

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1 Dress border
4 Palm off
9 Female bird
12 Hawaiian instrument
13 Of the moon
14 New Deal agcy.
15 Unhurried
17 Corded cloth
18 Actor Ed —
19 Fertile spots in desert
21 In favor of
23 Whimper
24 Some dental procedures
27 Kettledrum
30 Equitable
31 Next to Sun.
33 Indonesian island
34 Leaf-cutting ant
35 Anglo-Saxon money
36 Highest point
37 German
39 Wearing a face disguise
41 Tear
42 Insect
43 Gloomy feeling
45 Requires
49 — polloi
50 Route
54 Unlock (poet.)
55 Craze
56 Fled
57 Affirmative
58 Outer
59 Caustic substance

DOWN

1 Hawaiian dance
2 Makes do with
3 Chicken chow —
4 Light snowfall
5 Your and my
6 Like (suff.)
7 Actor — Mineo
8 Audition
9 On —: riding
10 Fencer's sword
11 Short sleeps
16 Keeps apart
20 Translucent substance used for vases
22 Donny and Marie —
23 Kind of straw hat
24 — — first you don't ...
25 Short for Nathan
26 Church rituals
28 Egyptian dancer
29 Fibbed
32 Alternative word
38 Punctual (2 wds.)
40 Treat (metal) to prevent brittleness
43 Sailor's call
44 Slangy denial
46 Nobleman
47 Strong, low cart
48 Auld Lang —
51 Tic- — -toe
52 Profit on bank acct.
53 TV's — Peeples

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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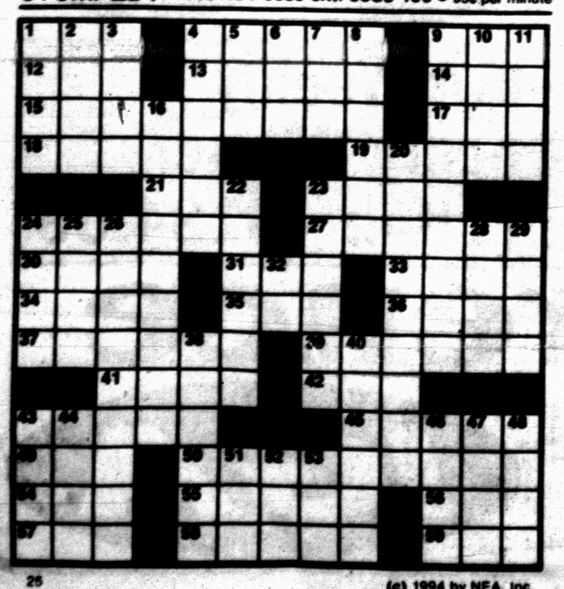

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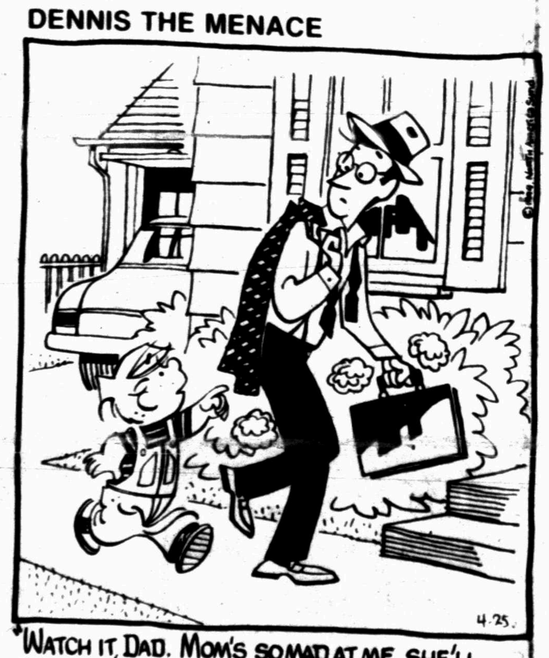

"WATCH IT, DAD. MOM'S SO MAD AT ME, SHE'LL PROBABLY TAKE IT OUT ON YOU."

Owner in charge of Cowboys' picks

IRVING (AP) — The magic was missing from the Dallas Cowboys draft on Jerry Jones' first day as boss of the board.

Jimmy Johnson had produced draft day thunderbolts as the coach of the Cowboys but his split with Jones gave the owner the chance he had always wanted.

The best Jones could do was work up from the 28th position to 23rd where the Cowboys took something of a project in defensive end Shante Carver of Arizona State.

In the second round, the Cowboys took another longshot in 315-pound guard Larry Allen of tiny Sonoma State.

"It was a long day," Jones said.

And one where Dallas fans were wondering what Johnson would have done. Would he have found a way to get Willie McGinest?

Jones had worked out a trade with the Los Angeles Rams, sending away wide receiver Alvin Harper for the fifth pick which the Cowboys would have used to take Willie McGinest, a linebacker from Southern Cal.

But that plan went haywire when the New England Patriots, picking fourth, took McGinest.

Dallas ended up keeping Harper and settling for Carver.

"We made up our minds not to give up Alvin Harper unless we could get McGinest," Jones said. "He was the only guy we would have gone for because Harper is too important to our 1994 season.

"I was surprised New England took McGinest. It was frustration there a little. But I still thought we were aggressive and imaginative. We came close to getting McGinest. What I did today I would have done whether Jimmy was here or not."

Meanwhile, Barry Switzer, the former Oklahoma coach who ended the stormy Jones-Johnson relationship when he signed on to lead the Cowboys, was a sideline player for the day.

The 6-foot-5, 240-pound Carver was taken as the 23rd pick in the draft as the Cowboys traded up five spots with the San Francisco 49ers. Dallas gave up its second pick in the second round and got the 49ers seventh-round pick.

Teams go for impact players

NEW YORK (AP) — They call them "impact players" — guys who can step in and help a team immediately. And it seemed most teams wanted one in the NFL draft.

The Cincinnati Bengals hope Dan Wilkinson will jump right in on the defensive line. Jim Mora expects Joe Johnson to start for New Orleans. Mike Holmgren wants Aaron Taylor to do the same for the Green Bay Packers. Ditto for receiver Charles Johnson in Pittsburgh.

The search for instant contributors was the theme of Sunday's NFL draft, the first of the free agent salary cap era. As high-priced veterans are phased out under the cap, low-priced rookies are brought in.

One of the wrinkles of free agency is a separate rookie salary cap that will hold down the payroll for first-year players.

That's part of the contentious goings-on surrounding "Big Daddy" Wilkinson, the 315-pound defensive tackle who was the top pick overall by Cincinnati.

Wilkinson's agent is Leigh Steinberg, one of the more highly-regarded player representatives in football. He is dealing with a team that is traditionally tight-fisted.

But Steinberg was suggesting afterward that there's room for agreement.

Wilkinson was a sophomore at Ohio State, and he led a crop of underclassmen who were picked early.

Eleven non-seniors were taken with the 29 picks of the first round. It was also a draft for defense — 10 of the first 13 picks were for defenders.

"They've told me they want me to contribute right away," said Charles Johnson, a receiver from Colorado who slipped down to the 17th spot largely because of the rush to draft defenders. Taylor, an offensive lineman, was left at 16th for the same reason.

In fact, the only offensive players taken early were running back Marshall Faulk of San Diego State, by Indianapolis with the second pick of the draft, and quarterbacks Heath Shuler of Tennessee (third by Washington) and Trent Dilfer of Fresno State (sixth by Tampa Bay).

The fourth pick was defensive end Willie McGinest of Southern Cal, a pass rusher who people in New England will expect Bill Parcells to turn into Lawrence Taylor. Parcells was more inclined to compare him to Chris Doleman, who was traded from Minnesota to Atlana for the Falcons' top draft pick next year and a second-round pick this year.

McGinest was the man the Dallas Cowboys wanted but failed to trade up for.

When New England chose him, owner Jerry Jones, taking over for departed coach Jimmy Johnson as the Cowboys' chief selector, slumped over in his chair and slammed his forehead in frustration.

The Cowboys ended up by moving up from 28th to 23rd and taking Shante Carver, a hybrid like McGinest who is considered more a long-term project.

After McGinest, Indianapolis moved up to take Nebraska linebacker Trev Alberts; the Bucs took Dilfer and San Francisco moved up to take defensive tackle Bryant Young of Notre Dame to plug the gaps in their defensive line. Then Seattle took another defensive lineman, Sam Adams of Texas A&M.

Cleveland took Alabama cornerback Antonio Langham with the ninth pick; Arizona took linebacker Jamir Miller; Chicago took Alcorn State linebacker John Thierry; the New York Jets got cornerback Aaron Glenn of Texas A&M; and New Orleans took defensive end Joe Johnson of Louisville.

Then came three straight offensive linemen and staring with Bernard Williams of Georgia to the Eagles. The Rams took Wayne Gandy of Auburn and the Packers took Taylor. Then after the Steelers took Johnson, the Vikings had two picks, taking cornerback Dewayne Washington of North Carolina State and tackle Todd Steussie of Cal.

WTC rodeo squads cling to positions in NIRA standings

ABILENE — It wasn't quite the showing Western Texas College coach Bob Doty had hoped for, but both his men's and women's teams are still holding onto top-two slots in the regional standings after the weekend Hardin-Simmons University NIRA Rodeo.

The WTC men, led by a one-two sweep in saddle bronc riding, gathered 170 points for fourth place here, while the Western Texas women wound up seventh with 23 1/2 points.

Western Texas' Shawna Davidson wound up the event's all-around cowgirl, collecting 110 points, but she was not a designated member of the women's squad, so her points were not added into the team totals.

Vernon Regional Junior College virtually guarantted itself a regional title with its men's first-place finish at Carl Myer Coliseum over the weekend.

VRJC's 265-point total was paced by first-place bareback rider Kirby Berry.

Western Texas is in second in the region with one rodeo to go, this week's Tarleton State University Rodeo in Stephenville.

Both the champion and the runner-up in the final regular season standings will get a slot at the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont., in June.

Western Texas' top point getters were Trey Griffin, who gathered 148 points on two saddle bronc rides for first place, and teammate Bronc Collier, whose 140 was second, a point ahead of ENMU standout Justen Washburn.

Davidson captured the breakaway roping buckle at H-SU with her two-head 6.7 clocking, over a full second faster than runner-up Gretchen Hilton of Texas Tech.

Tech won the women's team crown here with 135 points, followed by ENMU's 110, 105 from Tarleton and New Mexico JC with 55.

Other women's event winners included Amy Cox, who led barrel racers with a combined 35.83 time, and Eastern New Mexico's Cresta Davis, who won goat tying with her 18.6.

Other men's winners were John Ford of ENMU, who registered a two-ride 146 to win bull riding; Tarleton's Scott Meeks, who flashed a 21.1 to claim the calf roping buckle; WTC's Clay Gentry, who posted a 10.5 first-place time in steer wrestling; and team ropers Tye Maben of Texas Tech and Howard's John Folmer, who notched a 14.2 for first.

Teams in the NIRA Southwest Region will wind up the regular season Thursday through Saturday at the TSU rodeo.

Robinson claims NBA scoring title

by The Associated Press

The Admiral's performance was memorable. But to the Orlando Magic, the way he did it wasn't admirable.

On the final day of the NBA season Sunday, David Robinson scored 71 points and won the NBA scoring title as the Spurs defeated the Clippers 112-97.

After Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal finished with 32 points, 36 fewer than he needed to regain the scoring lead he took into the final game, Magic coach Brian Hill said the Spurs-Clippers game was a "farce that's bad for basketball."

"We didn't make a mockery of the game like they did in Los Angeles — I hear the Clippers just let David score whenever he wanted ... We played a game tonight — it wasn't a mockery."

The Clippers committed 28 fouls, most of them against Robinson, who made 18 of 25 free throws and 26 of 41 field-goal attempts. The Spurs center didn't agree with the Magic that the Clippers let him score.

Robinson scored the Spurs' first 18 points and had that total after one period. He scored just six points in the second quarter, but came back with 19 in the third and 28 in the fourth.

Robinson finished with an average of 29.78 and O'Neal 29.34.

SHS doubles team to face FW pair

SAN ANGELO — Snyder's doubles team of Greg Jones and Stephen Campbell were to battle Fort Worth Brewer standouts Johnny Harmon and Kyle Shoppack in today's 11:45 a.m. first-round match at the Region 1-4A tennis tournament at Angelo State University.

The locals' opening-round opponent was decided at a Sunday coaches' meeting and draw.

A win by the SHS pair would pit them against Sweetwater's Alton Howard and Ethan Lara, seeded third in the tournament.

Jones and Campbell head into the event after claiming second at the District 2-4A tournament just over a week ago.

The net tourney lasts through Tuesday.

Also here today and tomorrow, Snyder's boys' and girls' golf teams are playing in the regional tournament at Bentwood Country Club.

Snyder's girls claimed their sixth straigth loop crown to earn a slot in the girls' field, while the SHS boys wound up second in the district for their third consecutive trip to regionals.

Baseball Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	13	5	.722	—
Toronto	12	6	.667	1
New York	11	6	.647	1½
Baltimore	10	7	.588	2½
Detroit	6	12	.333	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	10	6	.625	—
Chicago	11	7	.611	—
Milwaukee	10	7	.588	½
Kansas City	7	9	.438	3
Minnesota	6	13	.316	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	8	11	.421	—
Oakland	7	11	.389	½
Seattle	6	11	.353	1
Texas	5	11	.313	1½

Saturday's Games

Boston 5, California 3
Toronto 8, Minnesota 6
Baltimore 4, Seattle 3
New York 8, Oakland 6
Milwaukee 3, Kansas City 2
Chicago 9, Detroit 3
Cleveland 10, Texas 9

Sunday's Games

Boston 5, California 4
Minnesota 7, Toronto 3
Seattle 7, Baltimore 6
New York 6, Oakland 2
Milwaukee 7, Kansas City 0
Detroit 7, Chicago 6
Cleveland 12, Texas 7

Monday's Games

Minnesota (Deshaies 1-2) at Cleveland (Martinez 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
California (Leiter 2-0) at New York (Key 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Karsay 1-1) at Baltimore (Mussina 3-1), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Stewart 2-0) at Kansas City (Cone 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Higuera 0-1) at Chicago (McDowell 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Moore 2-1) at Texas (Helling 1-0), 8:35 p.m.
Boston (Clemens 2-0) at Seattle (Johnson 1-1), 10:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	14	5	.737	—
New York	9	9	.500	4½
Montreal	9	10	.474	5
Florida	8	10	.444	5½
Philadelphia	8	11	.421	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	11	5	.688	—
St. Louis	11	6	.647	½
Houston	9	8	.529	2½
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500	3
Chicago	5	11	.313	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	11	8	.579	—
Colorado	8	9	.471	2
Los Angeles	8	11	.421	3
San Diego	6	14	.300	5½

Saturday's Games

Florida 3, Cincinnati 2
Colorado 8, Chicago 2
San Francisco 10, New York 1
Pittsburgh 6, Atlanta 1
Houston 15, St. Louis 5
San Diego 8, Philadelphia 2
Montreal 8, Los Angeles 6, 11 innings

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 3, Pittsburgh 0
Cincinnati 5, Florida 2
St. Louis 5, Houston 4
Chicago 12, Colorado 4
San Diego 6, Philadelphia 5
San Francisco 4, New York 2
Los Angeles 7, Montreal 1

Monday's Games

Atlanta (Glavine 2-1) at Florida (Weathers 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (Young 0-1) at Cincinnati (Rijo 1-1), 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Neagle 1-2) at Houston (Harnisch 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Freeman 1-0) at St. Louis (Sutcliffe 1-1), 8:05 p.m.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-New York	57	25	.695	—
x-Orlando	50	32	.610	7
x-New Jersey	45	37	.549	12
x-Miami	42	40	.512	15
Boston	32	50	.390	25
Philadelphia	25	57	.305	32
Washington	24	58	.293	33

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
z-Atlanta	57	25	.695	—
x-Chicago	55	27	.671	2
x-Indiana	47	35	.573	10
x-Cleveland	47	35	.573	10
Charlotte	41	41	.500	16
Detroit	20	62	.244	37
Milwaukee	20	62	.244	37

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Houston	58	24	.707	—
x-San Antonio	55	27	.671	3
x-Utah	53	29	.646	5
x-Denver	42	40	.512	16
Minnesota	20	62	.244	38
Dallas	13	69	.159	45

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
z-Seattle	63	19	.768	—
x-Phoenix	56	26	.683	7
x-Golden St.	50	32	.610	13
x-Portland	47	35	.573	16
L.A. Lakers	33	49	.402	30
Sacramento	28	54	.341	35
L.A. Clippers	27	55	.329	36

x-gained playoff berth
y-won division title
z-best conference record

Saturday's Games

Charlotte 108, Detroit 103
Atlanta 93, Orlando 89
Golden State 126, L.A. Lakers 91
New Jersey 135, Milwaukee 100
Indiana 114, Miami 81
Phoenix 101, Sacramento 100

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 110, Detroit 102
Washington 117, Charlotte 99
New York 92, Chicago 76
Cleveland 117, Boston 91
Denver 115, Houston 107
Utah 103, L.A. Lakers 97
Seattle 110, Portland 108
San Antonio 112, L.A. Clippers 97
Orlando 120, New Jersey 91
Dallas 116, Minnesota 102
Sacramento 105, Golden State 97

Tribe hammers 17 hits in 12-7 win over Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — It was a game that left both managers talking like their team had lost.

The Cleveland Indians pounded out 17 hits in a 12-7 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

But four errors by the Indians allowed the Rangers to stay in the game until the end when they had the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth and the potential for a game-winning rally existed.

"We can't continue to play defense like that and expect to win," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. "Luckily, we've been able to outscore the runs we've given up defensively."

The loss gave the Texas Rangers a 5-11 record for the season and made manager Kevin Kennedy compare them to an inept group of kids who became famous in the "Bad News Bears" movie.

"We can't pitch. We can't hit and we can't field," Kennedy said. "We look like the "Bad News Bears."

"It's embarrassing."

Cleveland's Albert Belle and Manny Ramirez both went 3-for-5, driving in three runs each, as the Indians won two of the three-game series over the weekend. The Rangers, after hosting three teams, have yet to win a series in their home park.

"It's pretty frustrating," said Kennedy. "I'm sick and tired of seeing ball one, ball two. You've got to go strike one, strike two and put them away.

"I can't pitch. Players can make the changes. They know what to do."

JV hammers L'land, 13-3

Snyder's JV handed Levelland a 13-3 baseball loss Friday behind winning pitcher Patrick Jordan, who had two hits, and Wayne Braziel and Teddy Murray, who each also added a pair of base raps.

In addition, Bubba Hildebrand, Patrick Cumbie and Gabriel Rios punched hits for the Tigers.

Snyder improves to 13-5 on the campaign with Friday's win.

The JV Tigers will visit Frenship Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Springer 275 tops at GGO

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — By his own design, Mike Springer still has much to accomplish.

Springer staggered to a three-shot victory in the Greater Greensboro Open on Sunday with an even-par 72 in the final round. It gave him a 13-under-par 275 total, and set him on his way down a list of goals he'd like to attain.

"My goal every year is to win three tournaments, play solid, be a top 30 money winner," said Springer, who won his first tournament in three years on the PGA Tour.

He nearly fell short of the first victory as Hale Irwin kept the heat on. However, Irwin let one chance slip by. Springer steadied himself for the final two holes and took a $270,000 first-place check.

2-4A baseball

Team	Season		District	
Frenship	15	9	6	1
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Estacado	14	10	5	2
Plainview	13	12	4	3
Lamesa	13	11	1	6
Levelland	10	13	0	7

Friday, April 22
Snyder 11, Levelland 0

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Trainer turns wayward pets into act for amusement park

ARLINGTON — Joey was a nightmare of a cat whose habit of scaling the living room drapes and pouncing on the furniture landed him on death row at Arlington's Animal Shelter.

Then trainer Joel Slaven got hold of the mischievous feline and turned him into a star.

"This was a cat that was climbing all over the place, jumping from the refrigerator to the kitchen sink and tearing everything apart," said Slaven, 41.

"Now, instead of getting scolded for all the things he does, he gets fresh chicken, boiled liver and lots of praise. This cat thinks he's died and gone to heaven."

Joey is one of five shelter cats Slaven selected to walk tightropes and jump through hoops as part of the new Hollywood Animal Action Show at Six Flags Over Texas.

The cats — including one who is deaf — join a variety of other animals with similar histories of delinquency and rejection.

Three dogs and a potbellied pig came from the shelter; two ducks were Easter basket rejects; and 50 pigeons were discarded after being bred as decoys for training hunting dogs. Cockatoos, parrots, a miniature horse and a llama also appear on stage.

All have found in Slaven a modern-day Dr. Dolittle who talks to the animals in their own language. Slaven said he has trained thousands of animals to perform on stage, film and screen. For the movie Ace Ventura Pet Detective, he trained raccoons, penguins and other animals.

With more than two decades of experience, Slaven's method of mixing kindness with communication has turned the most cunning of creatures into the most clever of performers.

Jack Hanna, a longtime friend of Slaven's, said the trainer brings out the best in beasts.

"Animals love to perform for him," said Hanna, who is also director emeritus of the Columbus, Ohio, zoo. "There's a difference between doing a trick and loving to do a trick, and that's exactly how animals feel about working with Joel — they love doing tricks for him."

Using boiled liver, chicken, hot dogs and other rewards, Slaven turned his Six Flags menagerie into shining stars in a matter of weeks.

Stray cats, he said, are quick studies.

"I've found that stray cats make better performers than those who have been raised in homes," he said.

"That's because strays are used to working for their next meal. A cat that's been pampered is not used to climbing up a rope or over a fence to get a meal, but to a stray that's an easy way to a feast."

Some cats, such as Joey, are such natural acrobats that they easily master most feats, Slaven said.

"He naturally loves to run across a room or jump 6 feet in the air," Slaven said of his favorite cat. "The trick is just to teach him to do it on cue."

Slaven uses a clicker to reinforce correct behavior. Animals soon learn that a reward of food will come after the clicking sound.

Although Joey had no trouble learning the sequence, Sundae, a calico cat, did not catch on until Slaven discovered that she is deaf.

Rather than boot her off the show, Slaven trained Sundae to walk a tight wire, using hand signals as cues. Now she performs oblivious to audience noise or unexpected sounds that fluster other cats.

Dennis Ulery, chief inspector for Arlington's Animal Control Center, said Slaven has done an amazing job with the cats and dogs and has provided a good home for them.

"He's very experienced, and it's clear that the animals are treated very, very well," Ulery said. "In a short period of time he has done a lot with them and he's done it all with positive reinforcement. There has been no mistreatment of any kind."

Slaven said his animals enjoy lots of affection and a healthy diet of dry food in addition to treats.

Many of the animals who become his top performers probably would have been euthanized because their personalities made them undesirable pets.

Dallas, a mixed-breed dog who carries around a basket filled with mice during the show, is typical of the kind of dog who causes trouble.

"Dallas ended up in the shelter because he was chewing up his owner's house," Slaven said. "How many people are going to adopt a dog like that? But for me he was perfect, because I was looking for a dog who liked tearing up stuff and carrying it around."

Although some breeds, especially working, herding or sporting dogs, tend to learn more readily than others, a lot depends on the animal's personality and how the trainer works with the animal, Slaven said.

"Animal training is basic psychology," he said. "Without an understanding of the animal, you don't have a chance."

Slaven understands all too well that in the canine world he must act as if he is the top or alpha dog.

"When a dog misbehaves, I don't scream at him, I do what a dog would do," he said. "I grab the scruff of his neck and pin him down."

That works for dogs, which are pack animals, but it's no way to handle a cat.

"If I tried to pin down a cat, all it would do is blow the cat's mind," Slaven said. "With a cat you have to hold your palm in his face and hiss or spit, just like a mother cat."

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U.S. officials fail to win new pacts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's major industrial powers are expressing widespread optimism about global economic prospects this year but U.S. officials concede that they failed to win any new commitments from Japan and Germany to make the hope of better times more of a reality.

Finance officials of the so-called Group of Seven — the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy — said they believed the world economy was heading for its best performance in five years despite such threats as rising interest rates and growing trade imbalances.

"We thought, on the whole, things were very much better than they were 12 months ago. We were quite optimistic about the outlook," British Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke told reporters Sunday after five hours of closed-door meetings.

The meetings were held in advance of today's start of the annual spring meetings of the 178-nation International Monetary Fund and its sister lending organization, the World Bank.

Canadian Finance Minister Paul Martin said the Group of Seven officials believed that current economic fundamentals were "very, very good" and would lead to strong growth this year.

While also expressing optimism, Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen warned that countries such as Japan and Germany still needed to do more to lift their nations out of steep recessions.

"I've been around long enough to know that some of the optimism I heard today can fade — and fade fast — unless it is based on credible plans," Bentsen told reporters Sunday night. "We can't wish growth to happen. We have to make it happen."

The United States would like to see faster interest-rate reductions in Germany and a bigger government stimulus package in Japan, including more permanent consumer tax cuts.

But officials from both Japan and Germany, the world's second- and third- largest economies after the United States, argued that they have already done a lot and cannot go further without fueling inflationary pressures.

In 1966, the United States recovered a hydrogen bomb it had lost off the coast of Spain.

Nixon took page from Satchell and 'never looked back' in life

EDITOR'S NOTE — Harry F. Rosenthal often covered the Nixon White House and Watergate, and has followed the 37th president's career in the two decades since his resignation. This is his personal recollection.

By Harry F. Rosenthal
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surrounded by his four grandchildren on his 80th birthday last year, Richard Nixon allowed that whenever he was asked about living a long time, he relied on the philosophy of the late Satchell Paige — "probably the greatest baseball player in history."

"The secret of his longevity was 'Never look back, somebody may be gaining on you,'" Nixon said with a chuckle. "My view is never look back, always look to the future because if you look to the future you may live to enjoy it.

"Look back and you die."

That's about as relaxed as Nixon ever got in his elder-statesman years. He was not a man given to jokes or small talk and didn't try. It was hard to picture him as someone who might fix breakfast for the family, as Gerald Ford did. It was impossible to imagine him with hammer in hand, a la Jimmy Carter or jogging in shorts around Washington Clinton-style.

The public Nixon was the one you got in private: stiff, unbending, the words coming out in perfectly parsed sentences, ready for casting in type. His idea of wearing relaxed clothes was to put on a windbreaker over shirt and tie as he walked along an ocean beach.

He was unfailingly courteous and solicitous. For someone who had also heard the off-the-cuff Nixon use gutter language in the White House tapes and seen his imperious memos, it was always difficult to know which was the real Nixon.

He was the kind of family man whose eyes would light up when the subject was his children or grandchildren.

On that 80th birthday, Nixon invited a single reporter to a photo session. He was a believer in recording milestones: recall that he summoned White House photographer Ollie Atkins into the White House family quarters after he informed them in 1974 that he was resigning the presidency.

A lesser politician might have his office filled with presidential memorabilia. Nixon's had practically none: a small bust of Winston Churchill, a winter scene painted by Dwight Eisenhower. He was proudest of a needlepoint of his former dog, King Timahoe, standing in a pond on the south lawn of the White House. The crewel work was done by daughter Julie.

The Nixons celebrated occasions as a family. For his birthday, Nixon said, the children had written a play, which they produced and acted. When he and Pat observed their 50th wedding anniversary in 1990, the celebration was a family gathering.

During the birthday picture session, Jennie and Melanie Eisenhower, great granddaughters of one president, granddaughters of another, came in to show drawings they made for an American Heart Association auction. Nixon was effusive in his praise, as any grandfather would be.

The newsman who had spent years going through the White House papers as they were made public looking for Watergate secrets, Nixon introduced to his office staff as "our AP man in Washington."

Most everyone who wrote to Nixon in retirement received a reply, some with warm notes. Once, the newsman mentioned to Nixon's assistant that he was taking Coumadin, the blood thinner Nixon had used for treating the dangerous clots that formed in his leg.

A few days later came a handwritten note from Nixon. "Don't worry about Coumadin," it said. "I've taken it for 14 years."

Months later, Nixon spotted the reporter among a crowd of news people waiting for him and walked over.

"How are you doing," he said, "with the Coumadin?"

Senate just can't speed up

By Larry Margasak
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The whistle doesn't blow at 5 o'clock in the U.S. Senate, Sen. John Danforth lectured his colleagues last week, in a fiery speech defending lawmakers' reserved airport parking spots.

But shortly after Danforth claimed senators worked grueling, 80-to 100-hour weeks, and were forced at times to dash madly to the reserved lot, the chamber went into one of its frequent stalls.

The Senate's own plodding ways appear to play a major role in those long work weeks cited by Danforth, who is retiring at the end of this term.

On the day of Danforth's speech, senators who couldn't get their way in changing a bankruptcy bill held up each other's amendments.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala., pleaded with colleagues to "quit this leverage and hostage-holding" and get on with the bill. The response: a typical quorum call.

This means attendance is taken, as senators' names are called aloud in slow motion, while the combatants meet behind the scenes to forge a compromise.

Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., studied Senate roll calls in 1985 and found that by October of that year, 30 percent were in the evening.

"I think everybody in the Senate would rather be voting during daylight hours than at night," Danforth, R-Mo., said in an interview. Asked why his colleagues engage in such self-destructive behavior he said wistfully, "I've been here over 17 years and haven't figured that out."

Using a theoretical eight-hour day for his computations, Pryor also discovered that the Senate had spent the equivalent of six weeks in quorum calls and 21/2 weeks in roll calls.

No similar study has been done since 1985, but there's plenty of anecdotal evidence that the situation has not improved.

Early in the current Congress, in February 1993, Majority Leader George Mitchell warned senators that 30- to 40-minute roll calls would end, and votes would be held to 20 minutes.

That target has often been missed; endless quorum calls continue, and the filibuster has been used with increasing frequency.

Danforth said it might help if the Senate stacked several votes in succession, when senators were on the floor.

Heflin suggested that when the Senate reaches a stalemate, the chamber could go to another bill while the combatants work out a compromise in private.

Pryor said in 1985: "I have detected a growing sense of frustration on the part of many members of this great body. This frustration is seemingly the result of our continued inability to deal, in any form of expeditious manner, with pressing issues."

Senators still express that frustration today.

At the time Pryor did his study, Sen. Robert Byrd, the West Virginia Democrat who is considered the sage of the Senate and its foremost historian, said this:

"It seems to me that once we have television in the Senate, and the American people are looking at the proceedings and debates of

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Car bomb in South Africa intended to disrupt election

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A car bomb devastated a crowded taxi stand used by black commuters today, raising the death toll to 19 in a terrorist spree aimed at disrupting this week's historic all-race election.

Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh said police were questioning someone in the case but he refused to give any details. His announcement followed earlier police statements that they hoped for a breakthrough soon.

Debris was scattered over a four-block area of the Johannesburg suburb of Germiston today. Parts of cars hung from tree limbs and pieces of bodies and twisted metal lay scattered on the ground after the 8:45 a.m. blast. Ten people were killed and at least 36 wounded by flying metal and glass and a collapsing building.

The attack came a day after a car bomb killed nine people and wounded nearly 100 in downtown Johannesburg near the headquarters of the African National Congress, which is expected to win South Africa's first election to include the black majority.

The two bombings were the worst ever in the Johannesburg area, police said.

No one claimed responsibility for the bombings, but right-wing white extremists opposed to black majority rule have threatened drastic action before three days of voting begins Tuesday.

"A group of desperate people have ... declared war on the rest of this society," President F.W. de Klerk said today. "We will not rest until they have been tracked down, convicted and punished, as they deserve."

The blasts sparked the biggest peacetime military callup in the country's history, Myburgh said. He refused to give numbers but said in addition to troops, more than 100,000 police officers — more than double the number planned — would be deployed at polling stations to protect voters.

The ANC's president, Nelson Mandela, visited hospitalized victims from Sunday's blast and said he and de Klerk discussed measures to stop the violence. He would not specify the steps or say who was believed responsible, but said, "We know who they are."

"I sincerely hope the government will act in such a way as to remove the impression we are dealing with a government of weakness, unable to rise to the challenge that is posed by the madmen who are killing innocent people," Mandela said.

In addition to the two huge explosions, there were at least 10 minor blasts Sunday and Monday at polling stations, town halls and electrical pylons. No injuries were reported. Explosions also struck two other black taxi stands today, but caused no casualties.

Police Capt. Wikus Weber said the bomb in Germiston, east of Johannesburg, was planted in a trailer attached to a car. "The possibility is very strong that this was linked to yesterday's blast," Weber told reporters, citing the size of the explosions and the fact that both were car bombs.

The force of the blast at Germiston flung election posters and at least one vehicle into trees, blew out windows of nearby banks, and wrecked about 20 minivans, which are used as taxis by black commuters. Police lay a row of stretchers on the ground, and ambulances screamed to nearby hospitals.

"This bomb was to scare away the voters," said Izzy Naigi, a spokesman for an ANC-aligned trade union group that has offices near the blast scene.

A taxi owne, Patrick Sikhonde, said two of his three taxis were damaged and the drivers were missing. He also feared for youths paid to watch the parked vans, and the women who sell grilled corn and porridge from nearby food stands.

Shielded by a building where he was taking a break, Sikhonde said he ran to the street to see "a lot of people all lying down. Others were in pieces."

There were at least eight smaller explosions elsewhere in the country since Saturday, according to the South African Press Association. The targets were polling stations, town halls and electrical pylons. No injuries were reported.

Many witnesses came forward, but no suspects were in mind, Police Col. Steve Senekal said. He told Johannesburg Radio 702 it was "a certainty" the bomb was set by an expert.

No one claimed responsibility, but suspicions centered on white extremists, the last holdouts to the election ending Thursday. Police offered $300,000 for information leading to the attackers.

The militant right-wing Afrikaner Resistance Movement denied involvement but said the attack should not have been a surprise. "What does the ANC expect but to get some of its own medicine back after all this time?" the group said in a statement today, accusing the ANC of ignoring the wishes of opponents.

Political leaders appealed for calm.

"While such incidents obviously offer a risk, I would like to assure the public that they will be effectively protected when they go to vote. We are not going to allow the right-wing or anybody else to delay the election," President F.W. de Klerk told reporters today.

More honors

LONDON (AP) — Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List" is drawing honors overseas after raking them in at home.

The Oscar-winning Holocaust movie was named the year's best film Sunday by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.

Spielberg also won best director for "Schindler's List" and came to the stage again to receive the People's Film award for "Jurassic Park."

"Between Schindler and Jurassic, I'm going to need years of therapy," Spielberg joked about the disparity between the two pictures.

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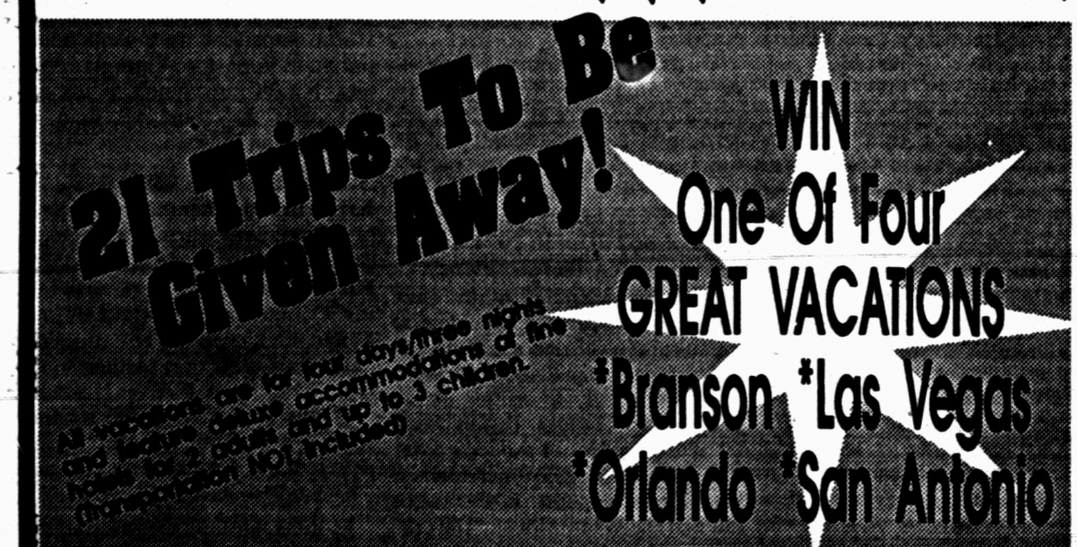

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Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	581/4	571/4	581/8	+11/8
AT&T Corp	521/2	52	521/8	-1/4
AirTouch n	233/8	227/8	23	+1/8
Albtsn s	287/8	283/8	287/8	+1/2
Alldsignal s	36	351/4	351/2	+3/8
Alltel s	267/8	265/8	263/4	-1/8
AmStores s	251/2	253/8	251/2	
Ameritech	413/4	411/2	415/8	-1/8
Amoco	561/8	557/8	56	+1/8
AndarkPtr	561/4	551/4	56	
Arkla	65/8	61/2	65/8	
ArmcoInc	47/8	45/8	43/4	-1/8
AtlRichfld	983/4	977/8	977/8	-1/4
ATMOS	281/4	28	281/8	-1/8
Avialt n	15	147/8	15	+1/8
BakerHughes	185/8	181/8	183/8	-1/8
BancTexas	13/8	11/4	13/8	
BellAtl	541/8	531/2	535/8	-1/8
BellSouth	623/8	61 29-64	621/8	+1
Beth Steel	197/8	191/2	197/8	+1/8
Borden	127/8	121/2	123/4	+1/2
Brit Pet	691/2	691/8	691/8	+1/8
Caterplr	1081/4	1077/8	108	+1/8
CenSoWst	255/8	251/8	255/8	+1/2
Chevron	905/8	895/8	901/2	+1/4
Chrysler	493/4	491/8	493/8	+5/8
Coastal	31	303/4	31	-1/8
CocaCola	401/4	40	401/8	+1/8
ColgatePalm	581/2	581/8	581/8	+1/8
ComlMetl s	227/8	227/8	227/8	
CooperIn	363/8	36	363/8	+1/4
CyprusAmax	261/2	257/8	261/8	+1/8
DallSemicn	185/8	181/2	181/2	
DeltaAirl	431/4	421/4	427/8	+5/8
DigitalEq	191/2	19	191/8	-1/4
Dillard	345/8	341/4	341/4	+1/8
DowChem	607/8	593/8	607/8	+11/2
DresserInd	23	221/4	227/8	+5/8
DuPont	577/8	557/8	573/4	+31/8
EastmnCh n	427/8	421/4	425/8	+1/2
EstKodak	411/4	407/8	411/8	+3/8
Enserch	137/8	133/4	133/4	-1/8
Entergy	315/8	311/4	313/8	
Exxon	627/8	621/2	625/8	-1/2
FlowerInd	171/4	171/8	171/4	+1/4
FordMotor	57	561/4	563/4	+11/8
GTE Cp	323/4	317/8	321/2	+5/8
GenDynam s	40	397/8	40	+1/8
GenElct	961/4	955/8	961/4	+1/4
GenMills	523/8	52	521/4	+1/8
GenMotors	57	561/8	565/8	+1
GenMotors E	35	345/8	347/8	+1/2
GaPacif	581/8	573/8	573/4	-1/4
GlobalMar	4	37/8	37/8	-1/8
Goodrich	45	441/4	447/8	+3/4
Goodyear s	401/4	395/8	393/4	+3/4
GtAtlPac	231/2	231/4	231/4	
Haliburtn	30	293/8	293/8	-3/8
Hanson ADS	195/8	191/2	191/2	-1/8
HoustInd	365/8	361/4	365/8	+1/4
IBM	583/4	583/8	581/2	-1/4
IntlPaper	613/4	61	611/4	+1/4
JohnsnJns	401/4	397/8	40	-1/4
K mart	177/8	163/4	17	—1
Kroger	221/2	221/4	221/4	-1/4
Litton	301/8	30	30	-1/8
Lowes s	331/8	323/8	327/8	+3/8
Lubys	243/8	24	243/8	+3/8
Maxus	45/8	41/2	45/8	+1/8
MayDS s	411/8	403/8	411/8	+3/8
Medtronic	751/4	741/2	751/4	+1/4
Mobil	783/4	781/8	783/4	+3/8
Monsanto	791/8	781/8	787/8	+3/4
Motorola s	463/8	455/8	461/8	+1/8
Nationsbk	523/4	521/8	523/8	1/4
Navistar s	201/8	197/8	197/8	+1/4
Nynex s	37	361/2	367/8	+11/8
OryxEngy	165/8	163/8	163/8	-3/8
PacTelesis	321/4	32	32	
PanhECp	211/8	201/2	201/2	-3/8
Penney JC	541/8	535/8	535/8	-1/2
Pennzoil	483/8	481/8	481/4	
PepBoys	30	293/4	30	+1/4
PhelpDodge	54	531/8	535/8	+1/2
PhilipPet	321/4	315/8	321/8	+3/8
PilgrmPrd	81/4	81/4	81/4	-1/8
Polaroid	311/8	303/4	303/4	-1/8
Praxair	171/2	171/4	171/2	
ProctGamble	561/2	56	563/8	-1/2
PubS NwMx	13	13	13	
RoyalDutch	1085/8	1081/8	1081/4	+1/4
SFePacCp	225/8	221/4	221/4	-3/8
SaraLee	211/4	207/8	211/4	+1/4
SearsRoeb s	471/8	463/4	463/4	+1/4
SherwinW	321/4	32	32	-1/8
SmthBchADS	283/8	28	28	-1/8
SmthBc eqt	253/4	255/8	255/8	-1/4
SouthCo s	20	193/4	20	+1/8
SwAirlines s	311/8	305/8	307/8	
SwBell s	435/8	423/4	431/2	+3/4
Sprint	371/2	371/8	371/4	
SterlingChm	67/8	63/4	63/4	
SunCo	331/4	327/8	327/8	-1/8
TNP Ent	163/8	163/8	163/8	+1/8
Tandy	34	335/8	333/4	+3/4
TempleInl	471/8	463/4	467/8	+3/8
Tenneco	523/4	513/8	513/8	+1
Texaco	647/8	643/8	643/4	-1/4
TexasInd	371/2	37	373/8	+1/2
TexasInst	741/2	733/8	741/4	+11/8
Tex Util	365/8	361/4	361/2	-1/8
Textron	531/8	527/8	527/8	+1/8
Travelers s	353/8	345/8	345/8	-5/8
Trinty s	35	347/8	347/8	+3/8
TritonEngy	281/2	283/8	283/8	-1/4
Tyler	53/8	51/4	51/4	-1/8
US West	435/8	431/8	431/4	-1/8
USX Delhi	14	137/8	137/8	
USX-Marathn	173/4	171/2	175/8	-1/8
USX-USS	341/4	34	34	-1/4
UnCarbde	243/4	241/2	245/8	
UnPac	583/8	577/8	581/4	+1/4
UnitedTech	633/4	631/8	635/8	+1/4
Unocal	273/8	27	27	
WalMart	255/8	251/8	251/4	-1/8
WstnGasRs	281/4	277/8	277/8	-1/8
WestghEl	117/8	115/8	113/4	+1/8
WinnDixie	463/4	46	465/8	+7/8
Woolworth	161/8	157/8	161/8	+1/8
Xerox Cp	957/8	953/8	951/2	-3/8
ZenithE	9	87/8	87/8	-1/8

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Virginia Escareno, 1011 27th; Mattie Fox, Snyder Oaks Care Center; Sue Griffin, 2305 40th.

DISMISSALS: Edward Sternadel, Daniel Collin, Don Grant, Charlotte Watkins, Sue Griffin.

Census: Med.-9, Long-Term Care-33, CCU-2, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Senate

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this body, it is going to shape up. The Senate will get its act together."

Television has arrived in the Senate. But the endless quorum calls, procedural fights, filibusters and gridlock continue.

EDITORS NOTE: Larry Margasak covers Congress for The Associated Press.

New prime minister must hold together tenuous coalition

TOKYO (AP) — Tsutomu Hata, a veteran politician known for his fence-mending skills, was chosen prime minister today and immediately went to work on what promises to be his toughest repair job — keeping his coalition from fracturing.

Hata, a conservative, was elected by Parliament to replace Morihiro Hosokawa, who stepped down because of a financial scandal just eight months after assuming office.

Hata, 58, was foreign minister and deputy prime minister under Hosokawa, who rose to power with a promise to clean up corruption but resigned amid financial scandal.

After Hosokawa announced his resignation April 8, coalition leaders began arguing over several key issues facing the government — including trade friction with the United States and a revision of Japan's tax system.

Soon after the vote today, Hata began hearing out leaders of his fragile coalition of six parties and several independent lawmakers on who they want in his new Cabinet.

Hata is expected to retain most of the Hosokawa Cabinet, a carefully balanced lineup that reflects the strength of each party in the coalition, which includes both conservatives and leftists.

"We have to pass this year's budget as soon as possible, so we can't make too many changes (in the Cabinet)," he told reporters before the vote.

Coalition leaders have said they will cooperate with him in passing the belated national budget — for the fiscal year that began three weeks ago.

But after that, the horizon looks stormy.

The coalition finally agreed to put its differences aside and back Hata, but the bickering has left deep ideological differences and personal animosities.

Hata is known more as a conciliator than as a strong leader. Unless he can keep the coalition in line he could soon find himself stymied.

He was first elected to Parliament in 1969, taking the seat of his father, who had fallen ill. After holding several Cabinet posts, including the finance portfolio, he broke with the Liberal Democratic Party to form his own party last June. He was a key backer of Hosokawa.

"He has a very heavy responsibility," said party ally Kozo Watanabe. "The days ahead will be very difficult."

Coalition leaders remain apart on how to reduce the trade deficit with the United States and whether to raise sales taxes to offset an income tax cut, something Hata supports but that is opposed by the coalition's largest party, the Socialists. Deadlines on both issues are only two months away.

The leaders are also deeply divided over what to do about North Korea's suspected development of nuclear weapons and its refusal to fully open its nuclear sites to United Nations inspectors.

That issue is of particular urgency to Japan, which is within range of North Korean missiles and has a large ethnic North Korean community. The success of any United Nations economic sanctions against North Korea would likely depend on curtailing the flow of funds from that community to Pyongyang.

The coalition also faces a feisty and skilled opposition led by the Liberal Democrats, who headed the government for 38 years until Hosokawa's rise last summer.

Arrest, thefts during weekend

Snyder area law enforcement officers made one arrest and investigated reports of theft and criminal mischief over the weekend.

Police officers responded to a disturbance in the 1800 block of College Avenue at 6:02 a.m. Sunday where they arrested a 38-year-old man for assault/family violence.

At 7:40 a.m. Saturday, officers were notified of damage to a door at the Deep Creek Saddle Shop. A report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

At 8:18 a.m. Saturday, a woman contacted officers in reference to someone stealing some of her property. A report for Class B theft was filed.

Jack McGlaun contacted police at 10:26 a.m. Saturday to report the theft of some property from Scurry County Boys Club. A report for Class B theft was filed.

A woman contacted police at 12:57 a.m. Sunday to complain that a man had assaulted her in a domestic dispute in the 2800 block of 23rd Street. A report for assault/family violence was filed.

At 6:06 p.m. Saturday, Deanna Graham contacted officers to report the theft of property from her vehicle. A report for Class B theft was filed.

At 4 p.m. Sunday, officers investigated an accident in the Sonic Drive-In parking lot. Involved were a 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by Paul Timothy Williams of Rt. 2 Box 110 and a 1992 Pontiac driven by Sheila Kay Myers of 3119 39th St.

Smokers need not apply for Lockheed jobs

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Smoking has become an even more expensive habit — it just might cost you a job.

Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Co. has joined a small group of companies that will not hire cigarette smokers.

"Smokers cost more on a long-term basis," said Doug Oliver, a spokesman for the Marietta subsidiary of Lockheed Corp. "This will help cut our health care costs and make us more competitive."

He cited a s udy that found 77 percent of Lockheed's employeees who are cardiac patients were smokers.

The policy, effective in July, also bans smoking in all buildings at Lockheed Aeronautical, which employs about 10,000 people in Marietta.

The ban on new hires does not include laid-off workers returning to work, Oliver said, and does not affect the parent Lockheed Corp., based in Calabasas, Calif.

Turner Broadcasting is among the few large companies that does not hire smokers.

Some Lockheed workers are unhappy. "It seems like discrimination to me," said former smoker Bob Zoblisein.

Machinist Hiawatha Jarrett, a smoker for 41 years, said the ban "will give us the initiative to stop."

Clinton comments on Iraq tragedy

FORT MYER, Va. (AP) — With weeping families and friends filling a tiny military chapel, President Clinton today paid homage to soldiers killed when U.S. warplanes mistakenly fired on two helicopters over Iraq.

"No one's words can wipe away the grief, the pain, the questions," said Clinton.

The shoot-down claimed 26 lives, including 15 Americans, three Turkish officers, two British officers, one French officer and five Kurds.

Two Air Force F-15 fighter planes shot down the helicopters after mistaking them for Iraqi Hind helicopters. The jets were enforcing a no-fly zone established in northern Iraq after the Persian Gulf War to protect the Kurds. The helicopters were carrying a United Nations relief mission.

The American victims included a State Department foreign service officer, an Air Force lieutenant, and 13 Army servicemen.

The ceremony was attended by some 36 relatives representing six of the Americans killed in the April 14 shootdown. The relatives included parents, husbands, wives and children of the victims.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, John Shalikashvili, and Defense Secretary William Perry joined Clinton in expressing sorrow over the shooting. But they said soldiers take great risks, and Perry promised to conduct an investigation that will achieve "a full accountability of what happened."

In 1953, Evita Culp Hobby became the first Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

According to Sir Winston Churchill, "The United Nations was set up not to get us to heaven, but only to save us from hell."

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Many attend event

HOUSTON (AP) — Sam Houston Race Park, Texas' first big-league horse racing track, got rave reviews over the weekend from the curious thousands who turned out for the first of two open houses.

Opening day isn't until Friday, but an estimated 20,000 people toured the track at no charge Saturday. They slurped $1.95 sodas, gobbled $6.95 roasted chicken dinners and peppered track workers with thousands of questions.

How do you read a racing form? What's a quinella? How do I place my bet? Where's the restroom?

Visitors said they were impressed by such track amenities as ample seating, chilly air conditioning and more than 1,000 color video monitors that seem to be everywhere.

"The response has been absolutely phenomenal. I have not heard anything negative about the track," said Sam Houston spokesman Rick Mocklin.

Veteran racing fan Sylvan Davis, who said he has followed the sport for 60 years, enjoyed the opportunity to "case the joint."

"It's the best track I've ever been to, and I've been to a lot," Davis said.

Diane Alford of Houston called the track "beautiful" and "unbelievable" but appeared a little befuddled while trying out touch-sensitive video screens that will allow wagering without walking to the traditional betting windows.

"I'd rather go to a window," she said.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 26, 1994

Fulfilling a long existing secret ambition could provide you with enormous gratification in the year ahead. Don't give up on your dreams or expectations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're negotiating a matter of importance today, don't be afraid to open with a generous gesture. Your counterpart might be encouraged to top you. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a good day to finish several assignments you've left dangling yesterday. What couldn't be done then might now be accomplished with relative ease.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An endeavor in which you're presently involved should be reorganized so that it can be done more effectively. Your peers can't manage this assignment, but it is something you can do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Achieving a critical objective might not be very easy today, but it is doable. Keep this in mind as a source of inspiration if the going gets tough.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) One of your best assets today is your ability to analyze and improve upon the concepts and ideas of associates. Don't be afraid to speak your mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone with whom you have close ties might be instrumental today in presenting you with a material opportunity. You must carry it from that point forward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Stand or fall on your own efforts today instead of delegating duties to surrogates. You're lucky for yourself, but they might not be lucky for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Assess situations logically today, but don't discount your intuitive perceptions in the process. It's the combination of these two elements that could make you successful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Conditions which usually pan out favorably for you might not prove successful for your friends today. Don't insist they operate in your zone. It may not work out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your probabilities for success could be considerable enhanced today if your goals are distinctly defined. Don't aim for fuzzy targets.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Some knowledge you've recently acquired can now be used to your personal advantage if you apply it properly. Fortunately, you may instinctively know how, when and where to utilize it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Joint endeavors could produce more benefits for you today than your independent efforts. Try to find a common ground upon which to build a working alliance.

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Momentary Act of Kindness Will Have Lifelong Impact

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I need your help to thank a stranger who performed an act of kindness I will remember for the rest of my life. On Friday, March 11, I flew from Fresno, Calif., to Pullman, Wash., to be interviewed for admission into Washington State University's veterinary school. I had made reservations for a rental car and motel room in advance so that I could go directly to my motel room to prepare for my interview, which was to be two hours later.

After landing, I went to the rental car agency's desk, intending to pay for the car rental with my credit card. I had mailed my monthly credit card payment five days before my trip, thinking it would clear by the time I arrived in Pullman.

To my disbelief, my credit card transaction was refused, and I had no other form of payment with me. I was also planning to pay for my motel room with my credit card — so there I was, stranded at the airport.

I went immediately to a pay phone and called my roommate back in Fresno, crying hysterically.

While I was on the phone, a gentleman came up next to me; I assumed he needed to use the phone. He tapped me on the shoulder, handed me a $100 bill and disappeared!

I want him to know that I was accepted at Washington State's veterinary school, so not only did this anonymous benefactor make it possible for me to arrive on time for my interview, he made it possible for me to get into veterinary school. Abby, I have no other way of thanking him except through your column.

AMY MULROONEY

DEAR AMY: Congratulations! If your anonymous benefactor contacts this column, I will let you know.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother and I talk on the phone a lot because she lives a long way across town from me and I like to stay in close touch, but something is bothering me.

Whenever I tell my mother about my baby, she tells me about someone else's baby who is bigger, has more hair, more teeth, and can talk already.

When I think back, my mother did the same thing to us kids (there were four of us). Other people's kids, especially Mrs. So-and-So's children, always had a higher grade-point average, got more awards and honors, etc.

I finally had enough, so I asked her what her point was in telling me about everybody else's kids when I was trying to tell her about mine. Well, she got mad and hung up on me!

I want to stay on good terms with my mother, but she's always doing something like that. Do you, or perhaps a reader, know why a mother would be so stingy with compliments to her own children?

HAD IT IN FLORIDA

DEAR HAD IT: Almost everyone has known someone like your mother. It's a petty little mean streak — a basic lack of generosity — at work here. Or perhaps Mama doesn't want to risk giving her children reason to be conceited or overly confident. Don't dwell on it.

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Trading boards come under closer scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — Countries like Australia, Canada and New Zealand boast of their ability to compete in the world export market for farm goods without subsidies.

But people in this country who grow wheat or produce milk for export are questioning that notion more vigorously than ever before. The Agriculture Department seems to be as well.

Entities like the Canadian Wheat Board and the New Zealand Dairy Board have been singled out last week in official statements and congressional testimony as being closet subsidizers.

"We think the main culprit is the Canadian Wheat Board, which is an entity that will be coming under greater scrutiny from the world," Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy said last week as the United States undertook to restrict imports of Canadian wheat and barley.

Espy referred to the board's ability to undertake "predatory pricing." The board can keep its prices secret and undersell the publicly known price offered by competitors, the complaint goes.

This practice goes on, despite a Canadian Free Trade Agreement in 1989 and a new global trade agreement under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

"It is not GATT illegal," Espy conceded, "and it has been excepted from the CFTA."

The wheat board is the kind of institution that should cheer prairie populists in the United States, since the benefits go to the farmers rather than private companies.

The board buys grain, paying an advance price based on the expected world price.

After the crop year ends, the farmers get a final payment based on what the grain actually sold for, minus various costs. The government makes up any difference between payments to farmers and receipts from sales.

Although the institution is legal under world trade agreements, critics like Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., say some practices aren't. The Canadian Free Trade Agreement says neither the United States nor Canada shall sell its grain at below what it cost to buy it from farmers.

But the final payments have been omitted from that calculation, Conrad says, and he blames the Republicans who negotiated the agreement.

"The key issue is the definition of full acquisition cost," he said.

The New Zealand Dairy Board, a similar organization, was singled out in a House Agriculture Committee hearing on GATT.

"There is an opportunity for ruthless foreign competitors to very adversely affect our domestic industry," said Kay Zeosky, a dairy farmer from Turin, N.Y. "In particular, I am referring to the New Zealand Dairy Board and its monopolistic practices."

The board has been held up by the Congressional General Accounting Office as an example of a group with the kind of export marketing expertise that the United States should emulate. U.S. producers have relied too much on domestic farm programs and paid too little attention to export markets.

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Hermleigh Independent School District Candidates for Unexpired Term

Name: Carole Haynes

Age: 49

Address: Box 82, Hermleigh

Occupation: Elementary teacher at Stanfield Elementary

Civic, fraternal, church or other affiliations: Hermleigh Methodist Church, Texas State Association, Delta Kappa Gamma.

Prior board experience? 2 full terms — 6 years, Hermleigh ISD, 1986-1991.

1. What do you consider the most pressing problem facing your school district today? Outline the solution to this need.

The same as for all school districts in Texas — finances and keeping up with federal and state mandates.

2. If you are required to make a decision to either raise taxes or limit services which would you choose? Or, do you have an idea to bridge the problem?

I feel we need to be conservative with finances yet maintain the best quality education for all students.

3. State any specific goals you would like to see accomplished within the school district.

To prepare students for the challenges of a rapidly changing world. To continue to involve parents and community members in school related activities. To continue to offer a quality education for all students.

4. Define briefly the role of a school board member.

The role of a school board member in Texas is clearly outlined and defined by the Texas State School Board Association. My role as a school board member will be to adhere to these guidelines, the Code of Ethics for School Board members and to represent the members of my community to the best of my ability.

Name: Jesse Rios

Age: 43

Address: 936 Harlan Ave., Hermleigh

Occupation: Pennzoil lease operator.

Civic, fraternal, church or other affiliations: Episcopal, Colorado City.

Prior board experience? Hermleigh school board 1987-89, also on the Hermleigh water works board two years.

1. What do you consider the most pressing problem facing your school district today? Outline the solution to this need.

I think the biggest problem facing our school district today is state financing because it is so uncertain. The best solution is to set our budget accordingly.

2. If you are required to make a decision to either raise taxes or limit services which would you choose? Or, do you have an idea to bridge the problem?

I think we should start looking at other places (like excessive spending) before we look at raising taxes or limiting services.

3. State any specific goals you would like to see accomplished within the school district.

Higher test scores. I think TAAS, ACT and SAT scores are very important and the higher these test scores are, the more it helps the students.

4. Define briefly the role of a school board member.

The role of a school board member is to decide and act in the best interest of the students and community.

Name: Larry Bridges

Age: 33

Address: 936 11149 FM 1613, Roscoe

Occupation: TDCJ correctional officer/farmer.

Civic, fraternal, church or other affiliations: Member of First Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

Prior board experience? None.

1. What do you consider the most pressing problem facing your school district today? Outline the solution to this need.

I believe there are two pressing problems with every school district. First is making sure we comply with all state laws. In this day and age, compliance is everything. We must comply to make sure we are not penalized financially or in any other way. Second would be finance. With all the cuts in government spending, we must make sure everything is as streamlined as possible.

2. If you are required to make a decision to either raise taxes or limit services which would you choose? Or, do you have an idea to bridge the problem?

I do not want to increase taxes unless there is no alternative. I also do not want to cut classes or staff. If I had to make a choice it would depend on what activities would be affected and how important it is to the students and community.

3. State any specific goals you would like to see accomplished within the school district.

A specific goal I would like to see is better communication between the administration, board, parents and students. The school really belongs to the community, and we as trustees have an obligation to ensure the best education for our children's future.

4. Define briefly the role of a school board member.

My main objectives, if elected, will be to comply with all the statutes. Secondly, is to ensure an equal opportunity for the students so they may have the best education possible to be successful in life. Thirdly, to make sure Hermleigh has the best teachers for our children. Hermleigh has always had a good reputation for quality education. I will do my best for our children's future in education.

Faces execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Attorneys for condemned killer Larry Anderson had appeals pending today in hopes of keeping him from execution just after midnight.

Anderson, 41, was scheduled for lethal injection for the March 1982 stabbing death of Zelda Webster, 28, a Houston bar manager.

He was one of two convicted killers set to die although the second prisoner, Hai Hai Vuong, was expected to get a stay, state attorneys said.

Ms. Webster's body, stabbed 15 times in the chest, was found along a road in northwest Houston.

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Funeral directors prepare for burials

PARSONSFIELD, Maine (AP) — A darker, more urgent rite of spring follows the melting snow and blooming daffodils in northern New England. As the earth thaws after one of the worst winters on record, cemetery workers are rushing to bury hundreds of people who died months ago.

In tiny Van Buren, funeral director Jim Ouellette is already on the phone contacting families, getting plots readied and assigning burial times.

"It's going to be crazy," said Ouellette, who runs funeral homes in Van Buren and Ashland. "Fifty percent of our (annual) burials will take place in a three-week period in May."

Ouellette has 30 delayed burials scheduled for various cemeteries in May, with 15 set for one day alone at St. Bruno's cemetery in Van Buren.

Across the frosty northern tier of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and upstate New York, funeral directors estimate that burials for fully 80 percent of winter deaths must be delayed until the ground thaws.

Newspaper obituaries commonly include the phrase, "Burial will be in the spring."

Some modern cemeteries can conduct burials throughout the winter, clearing plots with snowplows and cutting into the frozen turf with jackhammers.

But most of the tidy, older cemeteries that dot the landscape of northern New England close when the snow piles up and the ground freezes, sometimes 7 feet deep.

In Parsonsfield, a person can't walk in the woods without stumbling across a graveyard. There are more than 100 small cemeteries here, although only five remain active. Traditionally, all close for the winter, said Diane Morrill at the town office.

May provides a brief window of burial opportunity, between the first week when most cemeteries reopen and Memorial Day, when many families make special visits of remembrance to gravesites.

Tom Flanigan, a retired English teacher, has observed the ritual of spring burial for 20 years from his home next door to St. Bruno's.

On some days, he says, the burial ground will be almost raucous with heavy machinery digging plots, a crane hoisting concrete liner vaults from a flatbed truck into the graves, a hearse following with caskets, and another crew filling in the dirt.

Most cemeteries permit mourners to attend graveside services in the spring, but at St. Bruno's, mourners are discouraged because services would slow up the assembly-line efficiency, Ouellette said.

"It seems to have lost the humaneness," Flanigan said. "It's almost a mass production type of a thing."

The word "necessity" comes up often when funeral directors talk about delayed burials. But the climactic realities don't make the wait, as long as seven or eight months in some cases, any easier on mourners.

"It's just hanging over your head. It's unfinished business," said Paul Tully, a funeral director in the Portland area. "It reopens old wounds. There's nobody who will deny that."

Through the winter, bodies are usually kept at the cemeteries in caskets placed in charnel houses, a Dickensian term for receiving vaults.

DATE BOOK

April 25, 1994

Today is the 115th day of 1994 and the 37th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1967, Colorado Governor John A. Love signed the first law legalizing abortion in the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Walter De La Mare (1873-1956), poet; Guglielmo Marconi (1874-1937), inventor; William J. Brennan Jr. (1906-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 88; Edward R. Murrow (1908-1965), news broadcaster; Ella Fitzgerald (1918-), singer, is 76; Paul Mazursky (1930-), director, is 64; Al Pacino (1940-), actor, is 54; Talia Shire (1946-), actress, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, the Boston Celtics signed Chuck Cooper of Duquesne University; Cooper would become the first black man to play in the NBA.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The newest computer can merely compound, at speed, the oldest problem in the relations between human beings, and in the end the communicator will be confronted with the old problem: what to say and how to say it." — Edward R. Murrow

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1880, a violent tornado, up to 400 yards wide, swept away at least 20 homes in Macon, Miss. A bolt of cloth from one was carried eight miles.

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TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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Madonna visits

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Meeting a fawning Madonna after a 71-point game had basketball star David Robinson smiling about which was the better score.

"They were both fun," the San Antonio Spurs player said after the singer, wearing a black, midriff-baring top that exposed her pierced navel, rushed into the lockerroom Sunday to congratulate him on his high scoring.

Whites performing twice as well on all TAAS tests

AUSTIN (AP) — Nearly twice the number of whites pass the required statewide achievement test as Hispanics or blacks, according to a newspaper's computer analysis.

The Austin American-Statesman said its analysis of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) results from the 1992-93 school year found that of juniors taking the test for the first time, 69 percent of the white students passed, compared to 39 percent of the Hispanics and 32 percent of the blacks.

Among sophomores taking the TAAS for the first time, the passing rates were 66 percent for whites, 34 percent for Hispanics and 29 percent for blacks.

In this year's senior class, two of five black students have yet to pass the test, one of three Hispanics hasn't passed and nine of 10 whites have passed the exam.

The analysis, published in Sunday's editions, also showed that low-income students had more difficulty passing the exam. Overall, 54 percent of high school juniors passed the TAAS last school year, but the passing rate was a third less (36 percent) for students who qualified for free or reduced-price lunches.

Ethnicity, socioeconomic status and school district wealth are not absolute predictors of a student's academic performance, educators say. Learning also is influenced by student initiative, family support and involvement and the education level of students' parents.

But a growing number of educators and researchers — even those who support standardized tests — say performance on the largely multiple-choice exams might reflect a student's socioeconomic status and the school's wealth as much as the student's comprehension of basic academic concepts.

The American-Statesman said its analysis showed similar trends.

Minority students who attend predominantly white schools do much worse on the TAAS than their white classmates. However, they do slightly better than minority students who attend predominantly minority schools.

For example, 82 Texas high schools that were at least 80 percent white reported 11th-grade TAAS scores for white and black students.

In those schools, the passing rate was 72 percent for whites and 38 percent for blacks. In the 19 high schools that were at least 80 percent black, only 33 percent of black 11th-graders passed the TAAS.

The same trend holds for Hispanic students. There were 116 high schools that were at least 80 percent white and reported 11th-grade TAAS scores for white and Hispanic students.

In those schools, the passing rate was 71 percent for whites and 44 percent for Hispanics. In high schools that were at least 80 percent Hispanic, 36 percent of the Hispanic 11th-graders passed the TAAS.

Whites who attend predominantly minority schools also do much better than their minority classmates.

For instance, 47 schools that were at least 80 percent minority had 11th-grade TAAS scores for all three major ethnicracial groups. The passing rates were 66 percent for whites, 37 percent for Hispanics and 34 percent for blacks.

Low-income students who attend schools with mostly wealthier students did worse than their classmates.

For example, at 244 high schools where less than 20 percent of the students were economically disadvantaged, the TAAS passing rate for such students was 40 percent, compared with an overall passing rate of 63 percent.

Low-income students who attend schools in property-rich school districts were less likely to pass the TAAS than students who aren't low-income.

There were 114 school districts that had at least $250,000 in taxable property per student — about $70,000 higher than the state average — and reported 11th-grade TAAS scores for economically disadvantaged students. In those districts, the average passing rate for low-income students was 44 percent, compared with an overall passing rate of 60 percent.

None of this means minority students are doomed.

At 11 Texas elementary schools where almost all students are minorities and economically disadvantaged, more than 90 percent of the children passed the third-grade TAAS last school year. And at 20 high schools, black 11th-graders were more likely than their white classmates to pass the TAAS.

Still, at 95 percent of Texas' high schools with multiethnic student bodies, whites scored better than blacks and Hispanics on the 11th-grade TAAS last school year.

Most students, regardless of socioeconomic factors, pass the exit-level TAAS by graduation day. Last school year, 89 percent of the 180,000 seniors in Texas public schools passed the exam.

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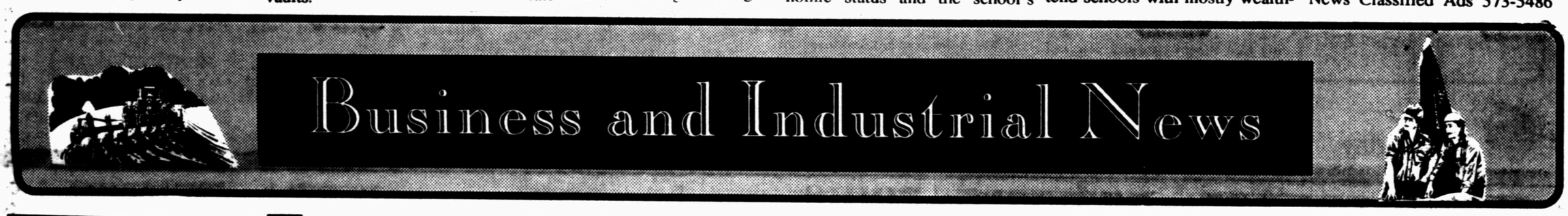

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Lawn care is a major concern right now and at Tom's Marine you will find a large selection of Lawn Boy mowers, edgers and trimmers. Riding mowers and tractors are also available. Tom always services what he sells and he also repairs MTD, Murray and Simplicity mowers. He also carries the largest selection of mower blades in Scurry County.

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Tom is now carrying a new, larger trampoline and he also has mats for all brands of trampolines.

At Tom's Marine you'll find all kinds of small engine parts and Tom repairs small engines such as B&S, Tecumseh, Kohler, and Wisconsin. He also does pump and Magneto repair.

Give Tom Machen a call at 573-6562 or go by 315 Coliseum Drive.

TOM'S MARINE SALES AND SERVICE, 315 Coliseum Drive, has a large selection of Lawn Boy equipment for the spring and summer months of lawn care ahead. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mansion sold

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Life's rough: Merv Griffin sold his Beverly Hills mansion so he could spend more time on his 160-acre ranch.

The singer, talk show host and industry mogul sold his three-acre Beverly Hills home for $7.5 million to Frederic Rosen, chairman of Ticketmaster, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

Griffin wanted to spend more time at his ranch and Arabian horse stables about 120 miles east of Los Angeles.

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