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# Snyder Daily News

## Ask Us

Q—Why are our county roads being coated with salt water? What is the source and cost of this project, and has the Railroad Commission been notified? Is the county liable for the salt water damage being done to vehicles traveling these roads?

A—According to county officials, salt water is not being applied to county roads because applying salt water to any road in Texas is illegal. They encourage you to report this to the Railroad Commission if you know, for a fact, that this is being done and who it is doing it. The county uses a solution commonly known as "Mag water" on dirt roads which aids in keeping the dust down.

## Local

### Boosters

WTC Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at the Golden Corral.

### West

West Elementary Parent Teacher Organization will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the school cafeteria.

### Coats needed

Scurry County Child Welfare Board is in need of coats for boys and girls. Anyone wishing to donate a coat or coats, used or new, is asked to bring it to 312 East Highway.

### Video series

The Family Life series continues at 7 p.m. Monday on Cablevision Channel 2 with "Faith and Growth: The Greatness of the Mustard Seed."

### SISD board

Snyder public schools board of trustees will meet in a workshop at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the administration building board room.

Discussion will center on subjects coming up on the board's Jan. 12 agenda. They include block scheduling and portable buildings for special education.

### Sheriff's posse

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse is organizing. Anyone interested in horses, speed events, trail rides, parades and other similar activities is encouraged to call Marilyn Graves at 573-6031, Kathryn Hanks at 573-0718 or Laurie Graves at 573-6802 after 6 p.m.

### Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 41 degrees; low, 26 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 39 degrees; .02 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, .08 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low in the mid to upper 20s. Light wind. Saturday, mostly sunny. High in the mid 50s. South wind 10-20 mph and gusty.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:56. Sunrise Saturday, 7:44. Of five days in 1995, the sun has shone 3 days in Snyder.

## Bureau disciplines 12 in '92 shooting of separatist's wife

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director Louis Freeh announced today he disciplined 12 bureau employees, including his own deputy director, in the killing by an FBI sharpshooter of white separatist Randy Weaver's wife during a 1992 standoff in Idaho.

No one was fired, but acting deputy director Larry Potts received a letter of censure. Punishments ranged from an oral reprimand and written censure to suspension.

Freeh said that while there were "no crimes or intentional misconduct," those punished "demonstrated inadequate performance, improper judgment, neglect of duty, and failure to exert proper managerial oversight."

The lengthy internal investigation focused on the actions of the sharpshooter, of his immediate supervisors and of Potts, who then headed the FBI's criminal investigative division and helped set ground rules for the standoff.

Commenting on the death of Weaver's wife, Vicki, Freeh said no administrative action was warranted. "The FBI sniper's shots were taken in defense of other law enforcement officers on the scene and were consistent with the law

and FBI policy." dealt with pre-trial discovery.

A month ago, Freeh named Potts acting deputy director, the bureau's No. 2 post vacated by David Binney's retirement. FBI sources said then that the reason Potts was not given the deputy's job outright at that time was because no final decisions had been announced in the Weaver case.

The key findings: —Potts failed to provide "proper oversight with regard to the rules of engagement." He had overall responsibility for the crisis.

—Danny O. Coulson, now in charge of the FBI's Dallas office, received a letter of censure for failing "to provide proper managerial oversight relating to the rules of engagement." He was deputy assistant director of the criminal division at the time of the shooting.

—Eugene F. Glenn, who has been head of the Salt Lake City field office and on-scene commander at the scene, was recommended for censure and a 15-day suspension from duty. He has been removed from his field command and reassigned to FBI headquarters.

## Two-bit emissions fee enacted

Scurry County residents won't have to have their vehicles routinely tested for emissions as will those living in metropolitan areas, but it will still cost them two bits.

The federal government has identified several areas where the level of air pollution is considered serious. They include Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Beaumont/Port Arthur and El Paso. Vehicle emissions testing will be required in counties within those four areas.

Although an emissions test will not be required in Scurry County, motorists will have to pay an extra quarter when they renew their motor vehicle registration.

Because the government suspects that some metropolitan-area residents may try to renew their registration in a county not covered by the emissions testing, proof of residency will be required.

The Scurry County tax assessor's office is a statutory agent of the Texas Department of Transportation and therefore has the responsibility of verifying a motor vehicle owner's address.

House Bill 1969, enacted by the Texas Legislature in 1993, author-

izes the collection of a 25-cent fee where motorists must show proof of residency. The fee is compensa-

tion for the mandatory need to confirm the required residency documentation.

## Move afoot to suspend vehicle testing program

HOUSTON (AP) — State Sen. John Whitmire says he's getting some steam behind his drive to suspend the state's new vehicle emissions-testing program.

Whitmire, a Democrat who represents a much of northern and eastern Harris County, said Thursday he has support from other legislators in the Houston and Dallas areas for a bill to halt the testing program for two years.

The biannual emissions tests started this week after a trial run last month.

The senator has emerged as the leading legislative critic of the program, complaining it is burdensome and inconvenient to the public.

Whitmire says John Hall, who heads the state agency implementing the new vehicle inspections, has promised not to try blocking the proposal.

Hall, chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, said his agency "will obviously abide by what the Legislature wishes."

Last month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency indicated it would grant states more "flexibility" to depart from program criteria that Texas officials had been told they had to meet.

## Insufficient evidence ruled in case of Oklahoma nurse

CHICKASHA, Okla. (AP) — A judge ruled today there was insufficient evidence for murder charges against a nurse who tried to commit suicide and told doctors and nurses she had killed four patients.

The ruling came a day after a doctor and nurse told the court they believed the patients died of natural causes and a state medical examiner's report couldn't substantiate the contents of the suicide note.

District Attorney Gene Christian said he would decide by noon Monday whether to appeal the ruling of Special District Judge Karen Ivy. Until that decision, the murder charges remain on the books against Aleata Mae Beach.

Christian said he would discuss the judge's rulings with the families of the patients who died and talk to others before deciding how to proceed.

Mrs. Beach maintained her innocence and said she made the claims about the deaths during an

unstable mental period. Scott Tack, the attorney for Mrs. Beach, described his client as stoic.

"She actually smiled and asked whether or not she would be getting out of jail in the near future," Tack said. He told her she might be free in a couple of weeks. "She's real happy to have this behind her," Tack said.

He said Mrs. Beach plans to go home and get back into nursing. "She loves nursing. And she's a good nurse and I think the doctors would have testified to that also."

Tack had planned to call five doctors to testify today in the second day of the preliminary hearing in Grady County District Court. Four of the doctors were treating or examining physicians for the patients who died. The doctors would have testified, he said, that the people died of the causes they listed on the death certificates and that the medical examiner's report supported that.



ADOPT-A-SCHOOL MEETING — Ann McCabe, Snyder ISD assistant superintendent, explains a point following this morning's meeting of some 60 citizens which detailed how the community can be involved as a partner in education with the school district. Listening to Mrs.

McCabe were, from left, John Laciak, Trevlyn Pitner, Joe Coronado and John Gayle. Shown at left in the background are, from left, Kay Hartgraves of the Abilene ISD and Tiffany Wagstaff of Bank One in Abilene. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

## SISD program tries to unite local schools with community

Some 60 business, community and school leaders attended a breakfast meeting this morning to hear details of a new program in

the Snyder Independent School District titled, "Touching Tomorrow through Adopt A School."

Hoping to form partnerships with Snyder businesses, parents, teachers and other community members, Snyder ISD introduced the program designed to combine the resources of the community to provide a better education for the children of Snyder.

Snyder ISD Supt. Gayle Lomax gave the welcome and solicited input from the community "in order to produce a better final product — our children."

"We cannot gamble the future of our children on teaching strategies that are 50 years old," Lomax stated. "We must align ourselves with parents and the business community so that together we can build a promising future for our children."

Lomax, who first participated in the Adopt-A-School program when he was principal at Abilene High School, said he was de-

### 'Broadway Revue' auditions slated

Auditions for the Ritz spring musical, "A Broadway Revue," are scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 10, and Thursday, Jan. 12.

Auditions will be held in the Snyder High School choir room from 7 to 9 p.m. Fifteen or 16 vocalists, both male and female, are needed. No advance preparation is necessary, but those auditioning will be asked to do some ensemble and solo exercises and/or numbers.

The "Revue" is scheduled for performances at Martha Ann Woman's Club on Feb. 24-26 and March 2-3 and 5.

Melanie Smith, SHS choir director, will direct the production. For additional information concerning auditions, call her at 573-5283 after 4 p.m.

lighted when he first heard that the business which would be working with AHS would be a bank.

"I could see the money coming in whenever a program needed it and the district did not have the funds," he said. "A thousand here, a thousand there — our problems were over."

"But you know what? The bank did not give us a penny," he said. "But what they gave us was worth more than money — they gave us and the students their time and they gave the students a desire to learn."

"This is what we want from Snyder."

Kay Hartgraves, coordinator of volunteer programs for the Abilene ISD, told the audience that public schools are mirrors of society and that solving community problems will require community solutions.

"A better educated student equals a better educated employee and a better educated consumer," said Hartgraves.

Another strong supporter of the program speaking was Tiffany Wagstaff, senior marketing vice president for Bank One in Abilene. She said that giving of time, not money, is what the program is about.

"Give the students a little bit of your lives," Wagstaff added.

"There are a number of ways in which businesses and individuals can participate in the program with Snyder ISD. They include tutoring students, providing clerical assistance, campus beautification, donating materials or outdated equipment or contributing to the cost of an educational program.

Each campus in the system has a "wish list" and community members can discover how to participate by contacting Mary Ann Juarez, Adopt-A-School coordinator, at 573-7702.

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you build a better mousetrap, chances are you catch better mice."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors: It's not exactly pork barrel, but its plenty of pork — and jobs.

Hereford and Deaf Smith County got a nifty Christmas present with the announcement that Premium Standard Farms of Princeton, Mo., has acquired property to build a pork processing facility.

Described as a "world-class facility," the new industry will mean 500 new jobs for the Panhandle city. Hogs for the processing facility will be grown by PSF at expanded production facilities near Dalhart.

The \$65 million facility will process some 1.7 hogs each year.

That's what we call bringing home the bacon!

Vernon is also wanting new business. Hoping to

cash in on NAFTA connections, the economic development corporation in Wilbarger County is considering a proposal that would spruce up the town. The corporation will consider reimbursing any business up to \$2,000 to remodel or renovate store fronts.

Although it's hard to have ag income with less than 12 inches of rain during the year, some neighboring counties are faring well with their cotton production.

Gaines County, with more rain and lots of irrigation, has produced 325,469 bales of cotton. Dawson County, with more rain and less irrigation, has a bale tally of 112,808.

Hockley County is looking at topping the 200,000 bale mark while Lamb County totals have already exceeded 270,000 bales.

With a little moisture in 1995, it can't do anything but improve.

# Jesse Jackson offering 'covenant'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying Democrats are doing little to stop Republicans from single-handedly setting the nation's agenda, Jesse Jackson presented a "covenant" with the American people and urged President Clinton to endorse it.

Jackson's plan, designed to challenge the GOP's "Contract With America," was anchored by a pledge to register voters on behalf of Democrats or independents to try to take back 50 congressional seats won by Republicans last year.

The 10-point agenda also calls for protection of affirmative action, cuts in defense spending, and fewer corporate tax breaks. It proposes cutting crime by providing drug treatment for those in prison and jobs for those who get out; reforming political campaign financing and lobbying; and trimming government waste in areas other than social programs.

Jackson shied away from labeling the plan as liberal, even though he criticized Clinton for abandoning the political left by "chasing some nebulous political center."

"I'm not sure what you define as left. We make the case for the moral center," Jackson said Thursday. "We should not negotiate away the moral center."

The moral center, Jackson said, considers the concerns of all and emphasizes compassion for the poor.

Jackson released his agenda at the opening of a three-day political strategy session for "progressives," including women, minorities, labor unions, farmers and civil rights activists. He said he is

not trying to antagonize Clinton or form a third political party, but simply wants the president to honor the agenda he used to get elected in 1992.

"Implicit in this is not a threat to the president. It's therapy for the president," Jackson told reporters. "We've not heard from him lately. I know Mr. Clinton is a

fighter. It's a matter of when he comes back with his sense of fight. We can fight together and we can win."

But the conference, which ends Saturday, serves to solidify a base from which Jackson could pester Clinton as well as the GOP throughout the 1996 campaign.

Jackson, who ran twice for

president as a Democrat, said he did not discuss the meeting with Clinton, the Democratic National Committee or the centrist Democratic Leadership Council.

Jackson would not say he would run against Clinton in 1996, but he didn't rule it out, either. "All options to freedom are live options, and they're open options," he

said.

The "trenches" he noted include states with key presidential primaries and caucuses: New Hampshire, Illinois, California, Michigan, Georgia and Iowa.

Jackson said, however, that he does not intend to pull the remaining planks out of Clinton's support base.

## FDA approves controversial treatment

### 30 AIDS patients will receive heated-blood treatment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty AIDS patients are getting their request for a controversial experiment to see if raising their body temperature to a dangerous 107.6 degrees will slow the fatal disease.

IDT Inc. announced Thursday that the government is allowing the hyperthermia study, a procedure in which doctors remove a patient's blood, heat it to 114 degrees and insert it back into the person until the entire body temperature rises to 107.6 degrees.

Some doctors and AIDS patients insist the treatment kills HIV, the AIDS virus. But it came under scathing attack by the government in 1990 when the first patient treated was found to suffer not from AIDS but from cat scratch fever.

So hyperthermia proponents moved the experiment to Mexico, where the third person ever treated died.

But the Food and Drug Administration in July gave a partnership between Pennsylvania-based IDT and Indiana-based HemoCleave Inc. permission to try the experiment on six Americans. IDT had argued that a machine created by HemoCleave would make the procedure safer by keeping patients' blood chemistries constant so the dangerously high temperatures wouldn't kill brain cells.

The FDA said at the time it was skeptical. But all six patients survived, and IDT says it detected some improvement in those whose temperatures were highest.

The FDA agreed Thursday to let IDT go a step further and enroll 30 AIDS patients who have sought the treatment.

Unlike the first trial, where every patient's blood was heated to the same temperature, this trial will randomize the 30 participants. Ten will be heated to 107.6 degrees, another 10 to just 104 de-

grees to see if lower temperatures work and another 10 won't get any treatment.

IDT will compare the HIV levels and immune cells in the

blood of that control group to that of the treated patients. This new trial also will treat patients twice, five days apart.

"By no means are we saying this is a cure for AIDS," said IDT President Glenn Keeling.

The FDA has modest expectations for the experiment.

But not for long...

## Dole keeps low profile as Gingrich takes center stage

By JILL LAWRENCE  
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The glaring spotlight on House Speaker Newt Gingrich is rendering everyone else nearly invisible. Even Bob Dole.

But if this was Newt's week, it may be Dole's year. His week in the shadows was temporary and in some respects voluntary.

As media hordes sopped up Gingrich the statesman, Gingrich the scrapper, Gingrich the computer nerd, Gingrich the mom-defender and Gingrich the star witness, Dole kept his own profile relatively low and his remarks relatively tame.

The new Senate majority leader, returning to a job he last held eight years ago, recessed the Senate so senators could watch Gingrich become his party's first speaker in 40 years — though he also cracked that senators wanted to make sure the House Republicans didn't "blow it."

And when a PBS interviewer asked if he felt the Senate was "part of the Gingrich revolution," Dole replied more or less diplomatically that "I'm not certain what I'd name it, but I think we're part of the revolution."

Dole also scheduled no first-day Senate votes, leaving the eager new House team a clear field for its opening 14-hour reform-athon. And in several interviews, he made light of past friction with Gingrich.

"Those were the good old days," the Kansas Republican said on CBS with typical irony.

When congressional leaders met Thursday with President Clin-

ton, Dole raced back for a Senate vote and private interviews. Gingrich stuck around for a televised post-mortem, then extolled his "Contract With America" proposals before dozens of cameras, a standing-room-only crowd and beaming Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee.

Gingrich may be showered with attention for months, but Dole will reclaim his share long before that.

He is his party's best known presidential prospect. And his chamber will determine the fate of the new House leadership's cherished legislative agenda. Dole has said his troops want to pitch as well as catch in this revolutionary congressional era, and has warned repeatedly that the House's "hot coffee" may grow cold in the slow-paced, consensus-driven Senate.

"You can't move a salt-and-pepper shaker on Capitol Hill now without Bob Dole wanting it to happen," said Mike Murphy, a Republican media strategist.

Many within the Republican Party view Dole as their leading spokesman and an experienced counterweight to the avalanche of Gingrich proposals. Think of it as adult supervision.

"People look to him to give credibility to Newt's ideas and Newt's leadership, almost as a sign-off," said GOP pollster Neil

Newhouse, who has worked with Dole. "It's almost as if people look to Bob Dole for validation that the House is headed in the right direction."

Dole already appears to have had a direct impact on Gingrich. After Dole voiced public concern, Gingrich traded his controversial \$4.5 million book contract for \$1.5 million royalties.

The Senate is critical not only to Gingrich's initiatives but to the Clinton White House as well. Dole was an assertive minority leader, instrumental in killing a top Clinton priority, his multibillion-dollar economic stimulus plan.

Now, as a majority leader with presidential aspirations, Dole is stepping up his challenges — particularly in the foreign policy arena.

In the past few days, Dole has introduced bills to require an end to U.S. participation in the U.N. arms embargo against Bosnia by May 1 and to restrict the use of American forces and funds in U.N. peacekeeping operations; said the Senate will re-examine aid to Russia in light of events in Chechnya; and questioned U.S. policy toward Haiti and North Korea.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Jill Lawrence is covering the new Congress for The Associated Press.

## Pick 3

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

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**Astrograph**  
By Bernice Bede Osol



**Your Birthday**

Saturday, Jan. 7, 1995

In the year ahead, you might have more opportunities for financial gain than you've had for some time. Listen very carefully to people you trust when they talk about ways to make or save money. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Envision important matters as working out to your complete satisfaction today. Once you get the picture, it should alleviate your doubts. 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 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** If you must influence a special group today, single out the key people. Work in close conjunction with a few rather than with the majority. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Your ability to make quick adjustments will considerably enhance your chances for success today. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Keep the big picture in mind while working on your major endeavors today. The smaller fragments will fall into place once you perceive the general outline. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your intuition is keenly attuned today. You should be able to detect what lies beneath the surface, even with only sketchy information. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Today you can gain an important ally if you show a willingness to compromise without having to be asked. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Luck will be on your side today, so instead of running from competition or a challenge, meet it head on. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Snap decisions might get you out of rough spots, but it's not a reliable procedure. What works for you today might not tomorrow. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Early developments might not be indicative of the outcome of an important event today. A turn for the better may occur just when everything appears darkest. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Paint your canvases with bold strokes today. Your larger ideas will be more successful than your lesser ones. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You might be extremely fortunate today in an unusual commercial transaction. You may get much more than you expected. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Today you could be quite lucky in endeavors you manage personally. Call the shots yourself because you have a quality that others lack. ©1994 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

### Wardens shoot vicious owl

GREENVILLE, Maine (AP) — A great horned owl that terrorized a senior citizens development and killed a dog in front of its owner was shot dead by game wardens.

The owl was the prime suspect in the disappearance of several cats, and it had stripped the neighborhood clean of squirrels and birds.

"When people tried to get out of their houses it would swoop down on them," said Paul Fournier, spokesman for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. "This was a senior citizens' housing development, and people were afraid to leave their houses."

Robert Shufelt said the bird attacked his dog Bandit when he took it outside Wednesday before daybreak.

The owl lifted the 20-pound poodle-Pekinese mix into the air and out of sight. Moments later, Shufelt said, the dog dropped from the sky.

"I tried to get the dog, but the owl came down on it," he said. "When (the owl) was standing on the dog, he was up to my belt buckle. It opened its wingspan up and hissed at me."

The wardens killed the owl Thursday.

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Eric Burdon's 1986 autobiography - "I Used to Be an Animal but I'm All Right Now" - was edited by Pete Townshend. At that time, Who leader Townshend was moonlighting as an editor at the prestigious publishing firm of Faber and Faber.

Which rock star penned: a) "My Life and Adventures in Fleetwood Mac" b) "A Spaniard in the Works" c) "Moonwalk" d) "Stone Alone" e) "tarantula" f) "Erotica" g) "The Adventures of Lord Iffy Boatrace"

Answers: a) Mick Fleetwood b) John Lennon c) Michael Jackson d) Bill Wyman e) Bob Dylan f) Madonna g) Bruce Dickinson

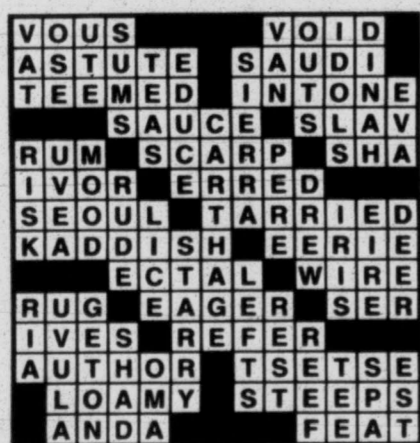
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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

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  - Medieval poem
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  - Retain
  - My Heart
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  - Houston team
  - Inventor's protection
  - Actress Merkel
  - Twist
  - Sole
  - The self
  - Birds —

- DOWN**
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  - Algonquian
  - Indian
  - Be aware of
  - Electrical unit
  - Without end
  - Firm
  - Regretted
  - Dissertations
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  - Ignite
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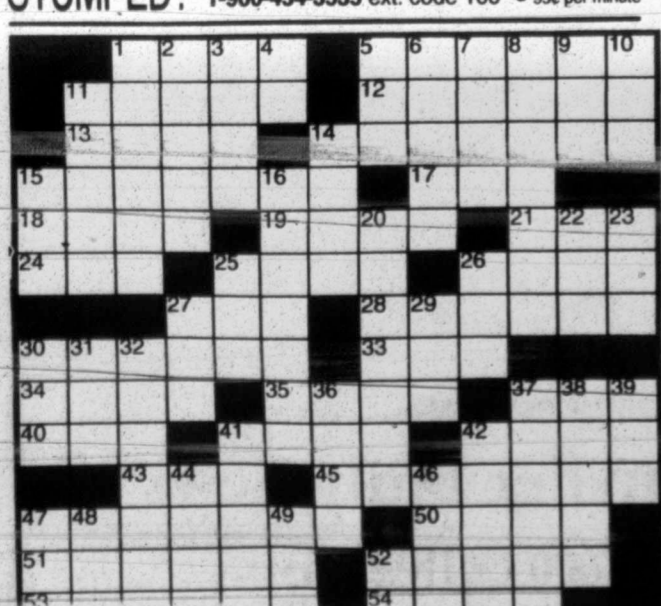
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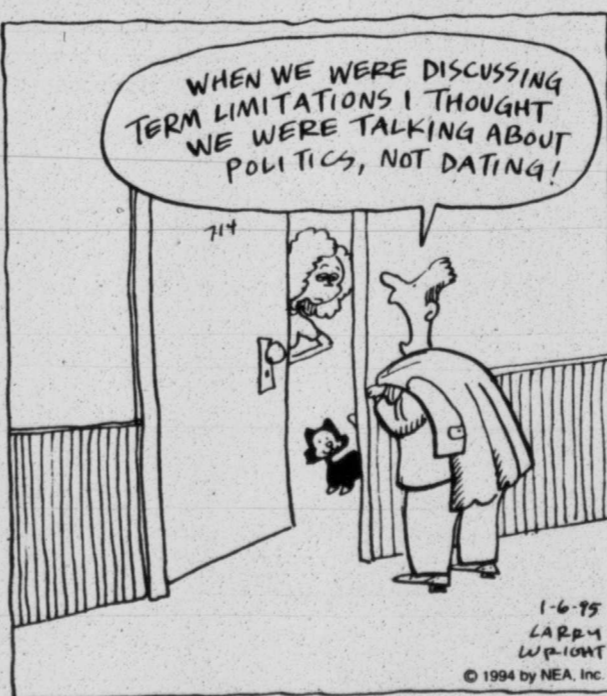
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- Harper Valley —
- Evening (poet.)
- Vessel's curved planking
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- Fishing net
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- Group of nine
- Urges on
- Night bird
- Partridge
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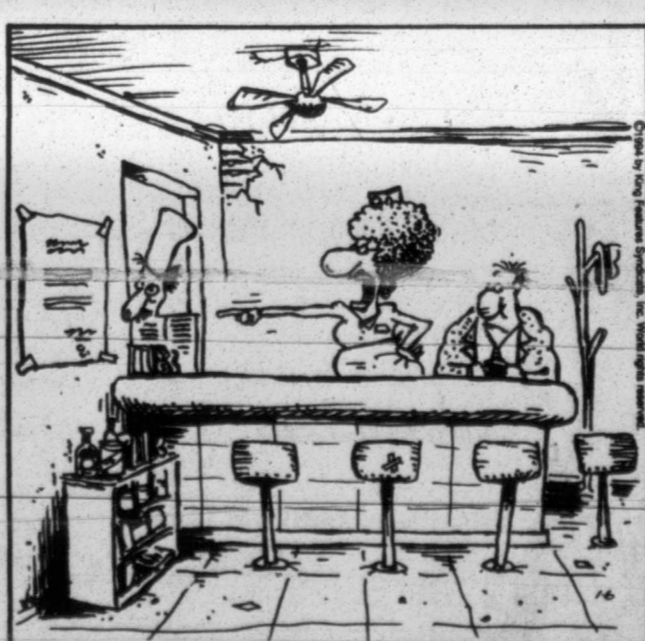
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Lady Westerners pounded, 120-74

WTC's Wright scores 27 points

ODESSA — After a long lay-off for the Christmas holidays, the Western Texas Lady Westerners hoped to turn their fortunes around after a tough first half of the season.

However, they were unaware of the fact that they had been seeded in the Odessa tournament against the No. 2-ranked team in the nation, Trinity Valley.

The upset minded Lady Westerners went into the game with a positive outlook, but they came away with a 120-74 loss to the Lady Cardinals instead.

Trinity Valley was led by Shalonda Enis, the nation's third leading scorer, as she connected for 27 points, 19 of which came in the first half.

Western Texas' Jackie Wright kept pace with Enis by scoring 27 points of her own to lead the Lady Westerners.

Jackie (Wright) came through again with a great night," WTC head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols said. "She got hot in two different spurts, which got us on a roll."

The Lady Westerners (5-16)

were able to get some positives out of the devastating loss, according to Coach Nichols.

"I was really impressed with my bench play," she said. "Stephanie (Veitenheimer) and Myra (Williams) each came in and put up seven points for us."

Sophomore post player Christy Cates also had a good game according to her coach.

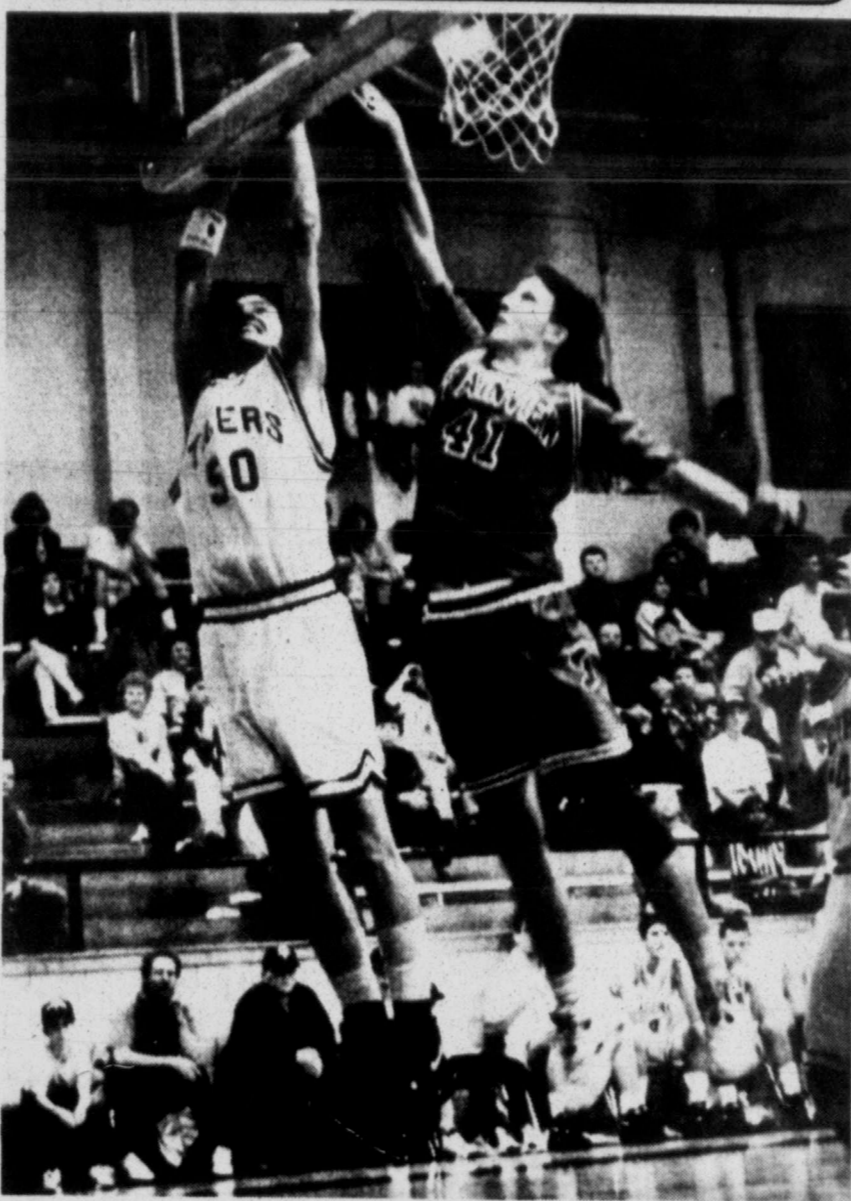
"Christy came off the bench and played great inside," Coach Nichols said. "Her nine points and six rebounds really helped out."

However, for the Lady Westerners and Coach Nichols, it seemed as if nothing would go their way.

"We played hard, the ball just didn't want to fall," Nichols said. "We didn't put together a whole game."

Western Texas is scheduled to take on the loser of Central Arizona, coached by former WTC head coach Kelly Chadwick, and New Mexico JC today at 4.

The Lady Westerners open their conference schedule Monday at 7:30 p.m. as they host the Odessa College Lady Wranglers.



OFF THE GLASS — Snyder's Brad Gober (50) takes the ball to the hole over Plainview's Mickey Marshall (41) during a game against the defending class 4A state champions. The Tigers take on the Seminole Indians tonight at 6:30 in the Snyder High School gym. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

Lady Tigers face top-ranked Lobos

Seminole comes to town to take on Tigers

The Snyder Lady Tigers struggled through the opening part of their schedule in order to prepare for the grueling district schedule that lies ahead.

Lady Tigers' head coach Steve Qualls hopes that the preparation has paid off, as Snyder faces off against the No. 1-ranked 4A team in the state, Levelland, tonight at 8.

"This game will be a great measuring stick to see how far we have come from the beginning of the season," Qualls said. "Our girls have worked hard and are looking forward for the chance to play Levelland."

"In the past two weeks we have taken on the number two-ranked team (Ozona) and the number six-ranked team (Slaton) and I think that has prepared us for tonight's game. We will definitely find out how far we've come."

In boy's varsity action, the Tigers are scheduled to host the Seminole Indians tonight at 6:30.

This marks the second time this season that these two teams have squared off.

The Indians took the first game, 57-51, in Seminole in the Tigers' first game back from Thanksgiving break.

The Tigers will look to redeem themselves by getting back into the swing of things after Christmas break.

After the first game, Snyder head coach Bud Birks was disappointed with the effort displayed by his team.

"We just didn't get after them (Seminole) in the first half," he said. "We were just totally flat."

Snyder will use tonight's game, as well as tomorrow's matchup at Greenwood, to get ready for their first district game against Sweetwater here on Jan. 13.

Lady Tigers named to all-tourney team

BIG LAKE — Despite a disappointing performance against No. 2-ranked Ozona in the championship game of the Reagan County basketball tournament last week, two Snyder players were honored for their outstanding efforts.

Both Shayna

Crow, a 5'10" senior forward, and Rachel Shipp, a 6'3" senior center, were named to the Reagan County All-Tournament team.

Only eight players were named by the tournament directors, including two from tournament winner Ozona.

Ozona also posted the tournament's most valuable player.



Shipp



Crow

Rockets take Midwest division lead

San Antonio's 104-103 win over Utah moves Houston into first place

By The Associated Press With Houston, San Antonio and Utah all playing well, the Midwest has been mighty.

Division rivals San Antonio and Utah both entered their Thursday night matchup having won nine of their last 10, and the Rockets were riding a five-game winning streak when they won 108-99 at Dallas.

Utah's home court might have been the difference in the Spurs' 104-103 victory. Lately, it's been more of a disadvantage for the Jazz than an advantage.

"I thought the Spurs came in here with the idea that this was the biggest game they've played," said Utah coach Jerry Sloan, whose team has lost five of seven home games while the Jazz had an 11-game road winning streak. "As a result, they won the game. They played a lot more aggressive than we did."

David Robinson scored 11 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter. Dennis Rodman had 18 rebounds, and after Karl Malone helped bring Utah within six points with 3:25 to play, made two crucial stops on the Jazz forward in the

final 1:40. In other games, it was Miami 114, Minnesota 91; the Los Angeles Clippers 95, Philadelphia 93; Milwaukee 111, Golden State 103; and Sacramento 94, Detroit 83.

A basket by Malone with 1:15 to play cut the Spurs' lead to 101-98. After Robinson was called for an offensive foul, Rodman challenged Malone on his next drive, and he missed.

Robinson made a free throw with 16 seconds to play, then Utah's John Stockton missed two of three free throws after being fouled behind the 3-point line with 8 seconds left, sealing the Spurs' win.

Rockets 108, Mavericks 99 Hakeem Olajuwon scored 33 points, continuing a torrid streak in which he's averaged more than 35 points in the past five games.

Vernon Maxwell scored 16 points and Mario Elie 15 for Houston, which regained first place in the Midwest Division after Utah's loss to San Antonio. Jim Jackson led Dallas with 26 points, while Roy Tarpley had 19

points and 13 rebounds. Jamal Mashburn added 17 points for the Mavericks, who dropped below .500 for the first time this season.

Heat 114, Timberwolves 91 Billy Owens had 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for Miami, and Minnesota failed to score 100 points for the 12th straight game.

Glen Rice scored 24 for the Heat, who maintained a double-digit lead after the middle of the second quarter. Matt Geiger added 22, and Kevin Willis had 17 points and 19 rebounds.

Isaiah Rider scored 23 to pace the visiting Timberwolves. Minnesota rookie Donyell Marshall returned to action after missing six games with a sprained right ankle. He played five minutes and didn't score.

Clippers 95, 76ers 93 Los Angeles got its fifth victory of the season when Loy Vaught broke a tie with a jumper with 8.6 seconds left.

Vaught finished with 25 points. Tony Massenburg added 18 points for the Clippers, who are 5-25.

Dana Barros scored 26 points and Clarence Weatherspoon added 22 for the visiting 76ers, who have lost four in a row and nine of 11.



Robinson



Olajuwon

Pinkney headed for NFL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas wide receiver Lovell Pinkney, who set a Longhorn record for career touchdown catches, said today he will forsake his final year of eligibility and enter the NFL draft.



Pinkney

The announcement, which the talented but troubled junior made at a news conference in his home town, had been rumored for days.

"I just think right now, not to sound cocky or anything, I'm ready for the next level," Pinkney told reporters at Washington's Touchdown Club. "There's nothing left that I can prove on the collegiate level."

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**Dr. Gott** by Peter Gott, M.D.

**Urinary reflux endangers kidneys**

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please address the issue of reflux. My 7-year-old grandson recently had a kidney infection, and his doctor insisted on a dye scan, which revealed reflux. Long-term antibiotics have been prescribed, citing the alternative of dialysis or kidney transplant. It's scary.

DEAR READER: The term "reflux" refers to the backwash of fluid from one organ into another. Although most people associate reflux with digestive symptoms, such as heartburn and gas, the condition can also affect the kidneys, as is the case with your grandson.

Evidently, during X-rays of his kidneys to investigate the cause of urinary infections, the doctor discovered that urine is being propelled inappropriately upstream from his bladder into his kidneys. This is not a normal situation. It suggests that urine from the lower tract (which may be contaminated by bacteria) may backwash up into the kidneys, which are free of bacteria, to cause repeated renal infections.

Under the circumstances, the long-term use of antibiotics is a sensible option. I am not familiar enough with your grandson's situation to judge

whether he will outgrow the condition or whether he may require corrective surgery to prevent reflux. These are questions best asked of his urologist.

If the urinary infections can be prevented with prophylactic antibiotic therapy, no kidney damage will occur and you needn't worry about the unpleasant prospects of dialysis or renal transplant. As you've described the problem, antibiotic treatment seems the logical choice.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've recently been diagnosed with fibromyalgia. Please provide some information on this disease.

DEAR READER: Fibromyalgia, a disorder of unknown cause, is marked by aching pain, tenderness and stiffness of muscles and tendons. The disease is more common in women and may be aggravated by stress, trauma, insomnia, and exposure to cold. Also, it can follow trivial viral infections and may be triggered by bacterial infections, such as Lyme disease.

The diagnosis is one of exclusion.

That is, other similar disorders, such as the auto-immune diseases polymyalgia and rheumatoid arthritis, must be suspected, tested for and then discarded.

Fibromyalgia is particularly difficult to differentiate from chronic anxiety coupled with a nervous disorder called psychogenic muscle pain. There are no specific tests for fibromyalgia.

Although some patients are troubled for only a few weeks, others develop chronic symptoms, which may be helped by physical therapy, anti-inflammatory drugs (Indocin and others), anti-depressants (to aid sleep), and the application of heat. Support groups often assist patients in coping with the consequences of this affliction.

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On new regulations...

**Congressional Republicans now favor 6 months freeze**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans want to put a six-month freeze on the issuance of new federal regulations while they try to figure out how to make the government's red tape less sticky.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, who has long advocated regulatory relief, and other reform backers said Thursday that they will introduce legislation seeking the moratorium. The House could vote on it within two weeks, he said.

The Clinton administration has expressed its opposition, saying a blanket ban would be a "blunderbuss that could work in unintended ways."

But Republicans contend the freeze would give Congress time to work out the kinks of regulatory relief without being swamped by hundreds of new regulations.

"On November 8th, the American people sent a message to Washington: They voted for a smaller and less intrusive government," DeLay, R-Texas, said at a Capitol news conference. "An important step toward reaching this goal is curtailing the excesses of federal regulation and red tape that are now estimated to cost the economy over \$500 billion annually."

The federal rule-making process — especially as it affects health, the environment and the workplace — has long been a target of conservatives and small businesses. They argue the rules' costs are ignored by regulators.

DeLay and other lawmakers will offer legislation to limit the cost and scope of new rules while forcing the government to justify new regulations with in-depth economic and scientific analyses.

Critics contend the changes would render federal agencies toothless and deprive the public of needed health, safety and environmental protections.

Only regulations affecting

health and safety would be excluded from the freeze, which would be retroactive to Nov. 9th — the day after the election — and continue through July 1st.

"We've got to put some common-sense tests to these regulations," said Texas GOP Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who co-chairs a GOP regulatory relief task force. "We have got to say 'Is it more important that we have these regulations or is it important that we have jobs, that people can use their private property as is given them the right to use by the Constitution?'"

The push for congressional action follows the lawmakers' unsuccessful appeal to President Clinton last month for a voluntary freeze.

The administration, while stressing its commitment to cut red tape and avoid imposing unduly burdensome regulations, contends a freeze is too harsh a tool.

"The president clearly wants to work with Republican leaders on the question of regulatory reform," said Lawrence J. Haas, a spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget, which oversees federal rule-making.

**Couple claims store failed to enter their winning lotto numbers**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A lawsuit filed by a San Antonio couple alleges they lost a chance to become millionaires because of a mistake made when they bought Lotto Texas tickets for a \$7 million jackpot at a convenience store.

Harold and Rebecca Kinnard claim in a lawsuit filed earlier this week that a mistake by the wife of a convenience store clerk kept them from sharing the jackpot with another winner.

The lawsuit was filed against Circle K Corp. under the Deceptive Trade Practices act, the first time such a claim has been brought in Texas, according to lawyer Paul D. Rich, who represents the couple.

"There is no case law in Texas on how to handle such an error," Rich told the San Antonio Express-News Thursday.

Circle K Corp. spokeswoman Ann Vry said the company would not comment until it is served with the lawsuit.

Harold Kinnard said he and his wife have played the lottery since it began and the drawing for Jan. 2, 1993 was no different.

"We were religious about it until this happened," Kinnard said.

The lawsuit alleges Mrs. Kinnard went to the store ready to play a total of four playslips with 20 sets of numbers.

The woman behind the counter at the store was actually a clerk's wife and not the clerk, according to the suit.

The Kinnards say the woman took all four playslips, but instead of running each one through, they say she inadvertently ran one of the slips through twice and forgot to register another.

Mrs. Kinnard did not check the numbers before leaving the store, Rich said. The winning numbers were on the unregistered slip, they allege.

That night, the couple thought they were rich when one set of numbers they had chosen matched the winning numbers: 5, 14, 19, 20, 42 and 45.

**Newcomer Sheryl Crow gets five Grammy nominations**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sheryl Crow, who leaped out of obscurity with the hit "All I Wanna Do," capped a meteoric year with five Grammy nominations, including one for best new artist.

"All I Wanna Do" earned bids Thursday for record and song of the year. Competition will be stiff in those categories, however, against the likes of Boyz II Men, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Bonnie Raitt, Bruce Springsteen and Elton John.

Crow also received a female pop vocal performance nomination for her song, and she got a female rock vocal performance bid for "I'm Gonna Be a Wheel Someday."

The other nominees for best new artist are Ace of Base, Counting Crows, Crash Test Dummies and Green Day.

Crow's five nominations made her a leading contender in the 37th Annual Grammy Awards. Springsteen, John, Raitt and Babyface also had five nominations apiece.

Winners in 87 categories will be announced during a CBS broadcast from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on March 1. Winners will be chosen by the 7,000 voting members of Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences.

Also nominated for record of the year were "I'll Make Love to You" by Boyz II Men, "He Thinks He'll Keep Her" by Carpenter, "Love Sneakin' Up on You" by Raitt, and "Streets of Philadelphia" by Springsteen.

Crow was among five writers on "All I Wanna Do" nominated for song of the year. Also nominated were Elton John and Tim

Rice for "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" and "Circle of Life," Gary Baker and Frank J. Meyers for "I Swear" and Springsteen for "Streets of Philadelphia."

Album of the year was the only top category Crow missed.

Tony Bennett, whose career was rejuvenated last year by a pop performance Grammy, was nominated again for "MTV Unplugged."

"I am overwhelmed and thrilled at this stage of my career to be nominated for album of the

year... It is truly an honor," said Bennett, 68.

The jaunty king of cross-generational crooning got his first Grammy nomination — for "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" — two decades before the music cable channel even began.

Also up for best album are "The 3 Tenors in Concert 1994" by Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti, "From the Cradle" by Eric Clapton, "Longing in Their Hearts" by Raitt and "Seal" by Seal.

**Finance minister gives details of financial plan**

NEW YORK (AP) — Mexico's finance minister scored points with U.S. investors during a confidence-building visit, calming fears that his country doesn't have a handle on the financial crisis that has sent the peso tumbling.

Guillermo Ortiz met with hundreds of investors Thursday in New York to discuss Mexico's plan to put its financial house in order. The economic crisis has already cost the peso about one-third of its value against the dollar and generated fears of crippling inflation.

Juan Carlos Garcia, director of emerging markets at Salomon Brothers Inc., said much of what Ortiz said was not new, but at least he told investors that the government had a "structured plan."

"He told us this is what we are going to do and this is how we are going to do it," Garcia said. "With a little caution, that is exactly what we wanted to hear."

Other investors were equally

upbeat, emphasizing that Ortiz had identified the problem and detailed the solution — something that was missing in an earlier plan the country's president presented in a televised address to Mexicans.

"It is a good economic plan — very credible," said Gary Sills, an analyst with Nebitt Burns Inc. of Toronto. "He knows what the problems are."

In Mexico City, however, the mood was different. About 30,000 angry unionists, farmers, political activists and others marched through the capital to denounce the plan, which they said threatened the pocketbooks of the poor.

Ortiz sought to assure investors that his country is taking concrete steps to overcome its financial difficulties. He said the government will tap an \$18 billion international rescue package and Mexico's \$6 billion in reserves to help calm the economy.

But Ortiz said the money would not be used for the "irresponsible" support of the peso, which he expected to settle freely on the foreign-exchange market at a strengthened 4.5 to the dollar.

"We can use those monies for direct intervention. We have not done that so far. I think we have to work in tandem with the market. When the market is convinced that all these doubts have been dispelled, the market itself will initiate a correction," he said.

Big-money investors' confidence in Mexico has eroded during the past few weeks, creating an acute crisis because Mexico's growth is so dependent on foreign investment.

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**'Seinfeld' reveals first name of character named Kramer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Somehow, we always knew Kramer's first name would be something exotic.

But... Cosmo?

"Seinfeld," NBC's top-rated sitcom, made the revelation Thursday about Jerry Seinfeld's eccentric, shock-haired neighbor, previously known only as Kramer. Although the character played by Michael Richards has made his grand entrances regularly since the series debuted in 1990, not only his name has been a mystery.

"We know almost nothing about him," said Beth Golub, author of the trivia book "The Seinfeld Aptitude Test."

"We don't know what he does for a living," she said. "We don't know what the inside of his apartment looks like, and all we knew about his mother was that her name was Babs, she was 'heavyset' and guzzled Colt 45 malt liquor."

In Thursday's episode, titled "The Switch," Seinfeld's hapless pal George (Jason Alexander) accidentally learns Kramer's first name when Babs (Sheree North) blurts it out at the restaurant where she's a restroom attendant.

you get the idea. George reveals the name to Jerry and Elaine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus), much to their amusement.

Enter — whoosh — Kramer, who quickly resolves to go by his given name.

"You know, all my life I've been running away from that name," Kramer says. "That's why I wouldn't tell anybody. But I've been thinking about it."

"All this time I'm trying not to be me. I'm afraid to face who I was!" Kramer says with rising intensity. "But I'm Cosmo, Jerry! I'm Cosmo Kramer! And that's who I'm going to be. From now on, I'm Cosmo!"

Indeed, Kramer was called Cosmo throughout the rest of the episode, which ended with an embarrassing confrontation with his mother and — well, you had to be there.

"Seinfeld" fans have insisted since the episode was filmed in early December that Kramer's first name is Cosmo, but NBC refused to confirm or deny it.

"My phone has been ringing off the hook," said NBC spokesman Curtis King. "I can't remember receiving so many inquiries about a single subject since Johnny Carson went off the air."

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