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# Snyder Daily News

## Ask Us

Q—Who do you contact to adopt a highway for litter cleanup?

A—Contact any local or district office of the Texas Department of Transportation.

## Local

### B&G Club

Scurry County Boys & Girls Club board will meet at 7 a.m. Tuesday at the club building.

### Video series

"Where In The World Is Jesus," the next video tape in the Key to the Kingdom series, will be shown on Snyder Cablevision Channel 2 at 7 this evening.

### Council

The Community Justice Council will meet Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. at the probation office, which is the old police station. Everyone is welcome.

### Class of '40

Snyder High School Class of 1940 will have a reunion planning session at 7 this evening at Willow Park Inn. For more information, call Wernetta Smith at 573-1415 or Juanita Cochran at 573-6675.

### Park Club

People For Progress, Inc. will be at Snyder Park Club from 9-12 and 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, March 15-16, to take applications for weatherization, energy crisis and other programs.

### UWSA to meet

United We Stand, America will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Towle Park Barn. A special appearance by Paul Truax, UWSA state chairman, will highlight the evening's events. All members and guests are urged to attend. The meeting is open to the public.

### Tax help

Free tax help to low or moderate-income taxpayers age 60 and older is available Thursdays from 9-12 and 1-2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M., through April 15.

Those interested should bring their current tax records and a copy of last year's income tax return.

### Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 76 degrees; low, 45 degrees; high Sunday, 73 degrees; low, 46 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 48 degrees; .07 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 2.07 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Monday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms early, becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. High in the lower 70s. West to northwest wind 10-15 mph. Monday night, mostly clear. Low in the lower 40s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High in the lower 70s. Almanac: Sunset today, 7. Sunrise Tuesday, 6:55. Of 74 days in 1995, the sun has shone 64 days in Snyder.

## Two file for HISD board

Twenty days after the opening of the filing period, the May 6 school board and municipal elections finally have a full slate of candidates.

Tony Lambaren and Larry Bridges filed as candidates last weekend for the two at-large trustee positions on the Hermleigh ISD school board. Their action gives the 10 seats up for election 11 total candidates.

Lambaren, 38, is a former HISD board member. He most recently served from May 1991 until May of 1994, but did not seek re-election. Lambaren has lived in the school district all his life. He is an employee of Walton Construction. He has two sons attending school at Hermleigh and another son who is a Western Texas College student.

Bridges made an unsuccessful bid for an unexpired term on the HISD board last May. The 34-year-old is employed as a correctional officer at the Price Daniel Unit. He has two girls in elementary school at Hermleigh. He has lived in Hermleigh most of his life.

Lambaren and Bridges are seeking the terms currently held



TONY LAMBAREN

by Carole Haynes and Neil Beeks. Neither Haynes nor Beeks has filed for another term.

Anyone wishing to file for the HISD board should do so during normal school hours at the school business office.

All other places coming up for election in May have candidates, but only one is contested.

Early in the filing period, Stanley Noah entered the race for Snyder City Council, challenging incumbents Dayton Robertson

LARRY BRIDGES

and Ron Shaw. Because the two places are at-large, the two men with the most votes in the election will serve on the council.

At present, David Holt is unopposed as a candidate for mayor. Holt filed after the current mayor, Paul Zeck, said he would not seek another term.

Anyone interested in filing in the municipal election should do so at City Hall during normal business hours. (See FILING, Page 8)

## Court tables airport pact

Action on taking applications for an airport manager and a lineman for the airport was tabled by Scurry County commissioners this morning pending the advice of County Attorney Pete Greene on the status of a contract with the current manager, Gary Haltom.

The contract with Haltom and the county expired on Sept. 4, 1994 and Haltom has been operating on a month-to-month agreement since that time, according to County Judge Ricky Fritz.

Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. said that in anticipation of several changes at the airport this past fall, Haltom's contract was not renewed at that time.

"My question is—since we did not take any action on the contract, did it automatically renew?" said Gray.

"If it did, then Haltom has a contract until this September," said the commissioner.

Commissioner Roy Idom agreed, saying the court needed legal counsel on the subject.

At the suggestion of Fritz, the

court agreed to table any action until they could consult with the county attorney.

The court voted to approve new job descriptions for the position of airport manager and a lineman position at the facility, however.

Two other agenda items were also tabled by commissioners this morning pending the okay of the county attorney.

Resolutions supporting the participation in tax abatement in a reinvestment zone and to establish guidelines and criteria for granting tax abatements were discussed but no action was taken.

Doug Hutchinson, executive director of the Development Corporation of Snyder, addressed the court on tax abatements.

Hutchinson told the court that every project involving tax abatement will come before commissioners court and other taxing entities for their approval and a public hearing must be held before tax abatements are granted.

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## Greenspan pushes for CPI change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan stepped up his campaign today to get alterations to the government's main price gauge, which he said would save taxpayers \$150 billion over five years.

Appearing before the Senate Finance Committee, Greenspan pushed his proposal to create a panel of experts who would have authority to make revisions in the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index to more accurately reflect inflation pressures.

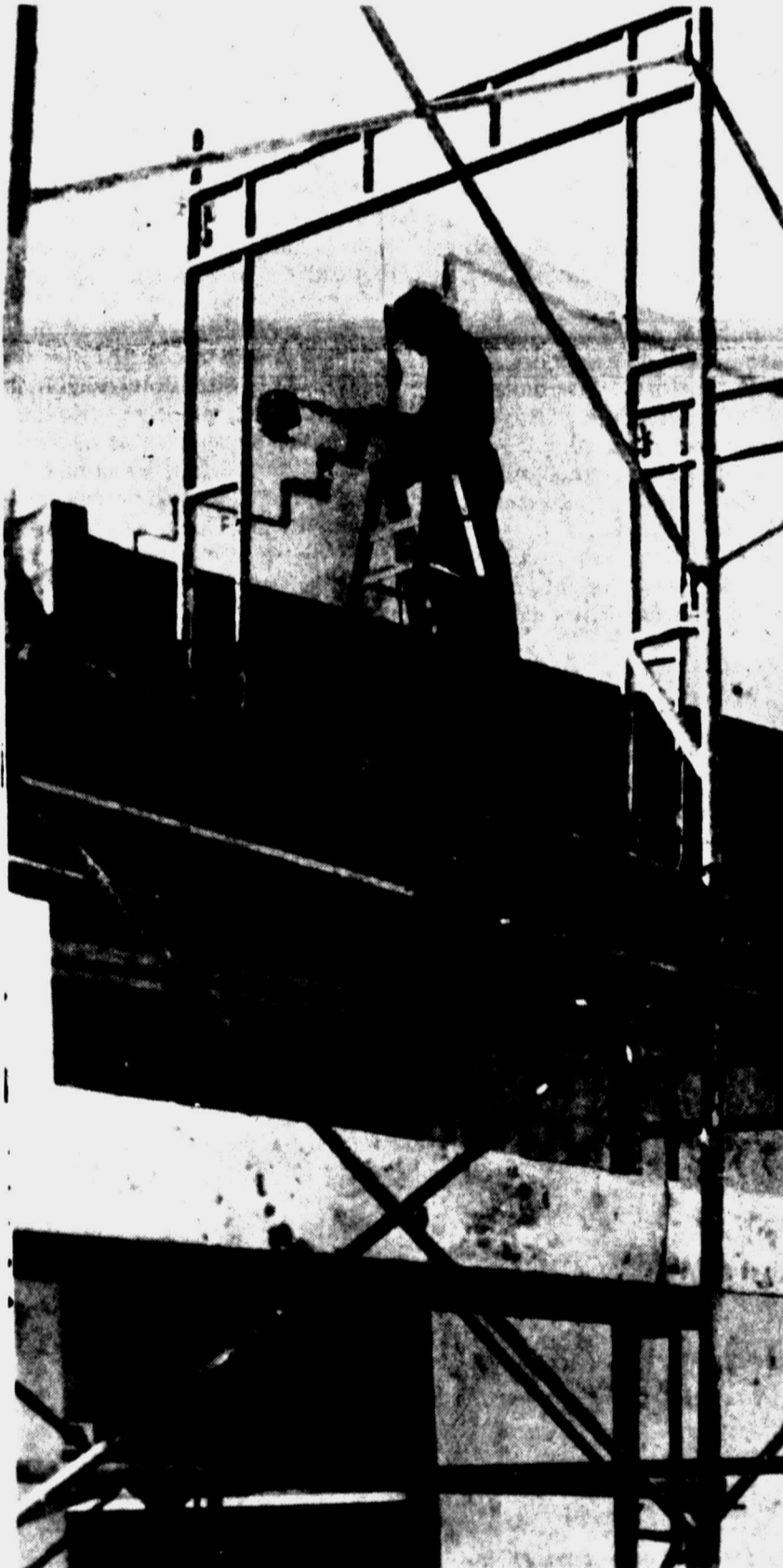
The CPI is used to make annual cost of living adjustments for millions of Americans receiving Social Security and other government benefits. But Greenspan has insisted that the CPI is fundamentally flawed and is overstating inflation.

Republican lawmakers have seized on Greenspan's criticism. House Speaker Newt Gingrich even went so far as to suggest eliminating the Labor Department agency that handles the CPI if it did not quickly make the necessary changes.

In his testimony today, Greenspan sought to defend the government number crunchers.

Labor Department statisticians "can work 24 hours a day and still be unable to adjust the CPI to account for real changes in the cost of living," Greenspan said.

"The replacement of a mechanical procedure by the informed judgment of experts would best... insulate taxpayers and (federal) benefit recipients from the effects of changes in the cost of living," Greenspan said.



SPRUCING UP — Bo Grove with Blackwell Plastering out of Lubbock repairs some cracks in the plaster at Varsity Square shopping center. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

## School funding...

# Judge tells parties to go to Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — The state judge overseeing the long-running school finance case today advised school districts that have challenged funding measures to work with the Legislature to try to get changes they want.

The Texas Supreme Court in its January ruling upholding the current school funding system included "words of caution" on what's needed to keep the system constitutional, such as properly funding classroom construction,

Judge F. Scott McCown said at a hearing.

He added, however, that the state's high court also made it clear that it "will be giving broad deference to the Legislature in making those judgments."

"So what y'all really need to do is work it all out in the Legislature and not come back, all right?" McCown told lawyers representing property-rich and poor school districts, and those

whose wealth lies in between.

The funding system relies primarily on local property taxes and state aid.

To meet a 1989 Supreme Court order to even out funding available to school districts of differing property wealth, the current law requires those with the most property wealth to share with the rest of the system.

School districts of all wealth levels had challenged the system. Property-rich districts said it

amounts to an unconstitutional statewide property tax, and poor ones said it leaves too large of a funding gap between them and wealthier districts.

School districts with varying levels of property wealth also had raised the argument that the Legislature doesn't provide enough state funds for education.

McCown had set aside that last argument for a possible later trial and generally upheld the rest of

the funding system in 1993. The Supreme Court upheld the funding system on Jan. 30.

School districts agreed at a hearing today that if a lawsuit on the adequacy of school funding is filed, it should proceed after the Legislature's 1995 session ends in May.

Lawmakers are currently considering how much money to put into schools and a potential overhaul of education laws.

## Republicans target nearly \$500 billion in benefits savings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans aiming to balance the budget are considering saving nearly \$500 billion over five years by reining the growth of Medicare, shifting more power over welfare to the states, and paring other benefit programs, documents show.

A draft report by Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., head of a GOP Senate task force seeking potential savings in benefit programs, lists options that also include slower growth for Medicaid, federal retirement benefits, agriculture and other benefits.

Gregg's report also lists changing the way the government computes the inflation rate.

Gregg was asked to produce suggested benefit reductions totaling \$385 billion over five years. Gregg's report suggests savings ranging between \$475 billion and \$495 billion.

Benefit programs eat up half the \$1.5 trillion budget, and are its fastest-growing segment. They are also among the most politically sensitive federal initiatives, particularly those for the elderly like Social Security. Chief among the rapidly growing benefit programs are Medicare, which provides health benefits for the elderly, and Medicaid, which helps the poor pay their medical bills.

The paper's options include:

—Medicare: Slow its annual growth to 7.5 percent, down from its current 10.5 percent. Retain current fee-for-service system for those who want it, but increase recipients' costs by, for example, requiring them to pay one-fifth of their costs for home health care. Establish "Choice Care," letting beneficiaries choose managed care. Five-year savings: \$100 billion to \$120 billion.

—Medicaid: Provide block grants to the states and hold its growth to 4 percent annually. Five-year savings: \$115 billion.

—Welfare: Block grants to the states, slow its growth by at least \$40 billion over five years. Change Supplemental Security Income program, providing aid to elderly, blind, disabled poor, slowing its growth to 7 percent annually by tightening eligibility, denying benefits to drug addicts, alcoholics, others. Also make it harder to qualify for the earned income tax credit, which provides payments to working poor families. Five-year savings: \$89 billion.

—Federal retirement: No annual cost-of-living increases for civilian or military retirees exceeding yearly Social Security increases, boost contributions by federal workers. Five-year savings: \$17 billion.

—Other programs: Reduce payments to farmers, veterans, the unemployed, other beneficiaries. Five-year savings: \$50 billion.

—Inflation adjustment: Change computations so annual adjustment is lower than it has been. This would save money for the government because there would be lower yearly increases in payments to beneficiaries of many programs. In addition, more people would creep into higher tax brackets, boosting the government's collection of revenues. Five-year savings: \$64 billion.





**PROCLAMATION SIGNED** — County Judge Ricky Fritz recently signed a proclamation saluting the abilities of Green Thumb members. Green Thumb Inc. has given older economically-disadvantaged jobseekers the opportunity of sharing their years of experience, hard work, and dedication through local community service employment and training projects. The organization encourages employers to utilize the skill of seniors for job openings, not only through "Hire the Older Worker Week," March 12-18, but every other week. From left are, seated, Frances Thomason, Judge Fritz, Wenday Brown; standing, Doris Bennett, Virginia Johnson, Helen Bolin, Dorothy Hanks and Paul Haynes. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## Gramm says overturning 'Roe' won't become presidential goal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm, who is strongly opposed to abortion, says he would not push for a constitutional amendment to ban abortions if elected president next year. Instead, the Texas Republican said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," he would work to see that no federal money is used to fund abortions, except in cases where the mother's life is in danger. Gramm also said if necessary, he would filibuster the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster to be surgeon general. And, in defense of proposed GOP cuts in the capital gains tax, said he would offset those by eliminating some government tax breaks and subsidies for business. "I don't believe there's a consensus in the country to amend the Constitution," Gramm said when asked if he would try to overturn the 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. "Nobody has offered the amendment, and I would not see that as part of my mandate in terms of amending the Constitution." Gramm's statement was the latest to suggest that the fiscal conservative wants to stay clear of the abortion issue in his run for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination.

## Berry's World



YOUNG SAMSON

He has previously said that while he would want his running mate to share his philosophical views, abortion would not be a litmus test in choosing a vice presidential nominee.

Gramm said he supported GOP 1992 platform language that would ban abortions in cases of rape or incest, but added, "We're going to have to recognize that there are good Republicans who differ on the issue."

The practical public policy, he said, would be to oppose taxpayer funding unless the mother's life is in danger.

"I'm not going to sign a law that forces taxpayers who pay taxes — in many cases, against their will — to spend their money on something that they oppose as strongly as abortion on demand," he said.

The House is heading for a showdown on that issue as early as this week when it takes up a Republican budget-cutting plan that includes language that would let states decide whether Medicaid money can be used for abortions in cases of rape and incest.

Col. Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful oil well in the United States in 1859, near Titusville, Pa.

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

### Boy's allergy is a doggone shame

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a child who has tested allergic to dogs, but who desperately wants one. I've been told that some breeds of dogs can be tolerated by allergic people because of the difference in shedding and dander. On the other hand, I've also heard that saliva and urine make much more of a difference because components of the saliva and urine are equally important in allergic reactions. Can you settle this once and for all?

DEAR READER: As a general rule, most people who are allergic to animals react to dander, the tiny flakes and scale that the creatures constantly shed from their skins. How severe the allergic reaction is usually difficult to tell until the person is in direct contact with an animal. Lab tests may indicate an allergy but the reaction may, in fact, be a minor one.

Although I am a great believer in child/dog bonding and doubt that saliva and urine play much of a role in allergies, you may want to investigate further before purchasing a pet. Specifically, does your son develop nasal congestion, rash, wheezing, runny eyes, or other symptoms of

allergy when exposed to other people's dogs?

If you can't answer this question, let your child spend an afternoon with a neighbor's pet. If no reaction is forthcoming (or it is mild), I'd go ahead and buy a dog — the heck with the allergy tests.

On the other hand, if your child reacts violently, you may have to settle on purchasing a snake.

In my view, the saliva-urine issue isn't as important as your child's actual experience "in the field," as it were.

Keep in mind that most children are more than willing to put up with minor symptoms of allergy (such as sneezing) for the privilege of having their own pets.

I recall my brother as a child, with severe eczema on one hand that was directly related to his fondness for a pet cat. Would he give up the cat? Not on your life. He eagerly accepted the trade-off. So, try the experiment I mentioned. It would actually be instructive.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For over a year I've had a keloid just below my Adam's apple. It's a horrible sight. Is there something I can rub on it to remove it or to help make it look better?

DEAR READER: Keloids are exaggerated scar tissue. No one knows why some people develop them, while others do not. These scars, although harmless, can be cosmetic nuisances.

There is nothing you can do to shrink your keloid. Rather, you should be examined by a plastic surgeon, who may be able to remove the scar without causing another keloid to grow.

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.



## Panetta: 'tabloid atmosphere' trips up nominating process

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, exasperated by yet another frustrated nomination, says the White House did everything right in naming a new CIA director but was still tripped up by the "tabloid atmosphere" surrounding the nomination process. "This one really was by the books," Panetta said Sunday about retired Air Force Gen. Michael P.C. Carns, who withdrew his name Friday after admitting some errors in the hiring of an immigrant worker.

President Clinton on Saturday named Deputy Defense Secretary John Deutch as his new nominee to head the intelligence agency.

Panetta, speaking on CBS' "Face the Nation," said the administration got caught in a "Catch-22" situation where it wants to move quickly to fill vacancies but must wait two to three months for the FBI to complete background checks that occasionally, as in the Carns case, reveal

information that upsets a nomination.

"Here's General Carns, who has had a 30-year career, he's a war hero, flown 200 missions over Southeast Asia, gone through Department of Defense background checks, security clearances, unanimously acclaimed when we nominated him for this position, and then after an FBI check someone comes out of the wall with some pretty nasty allegations and the general basically decides he doesn't want to go through hell, having to face those allegations.

"It's unfortunate, but we're living in kind of a tabloid atmosphere these days," Panetta said.

He denied that the Carns withdrawal reflected badly on the administration or could affect national security as the CIA struggles to overcome the Aldrich Ames spy case.

"I think the fact is, the president acted quickly here to name John Deutch. ... He's an outstanding individual. He's going to bring tre-

mendous leadership to that position," Panetta said.

Among other White House nominees who withdrew their names or never took office because of various problems were Zoe Baird for attorney general, Lani Guinier for the Justice Department's top civil rights post and Bobby Ray Inman for defense secretary. The nomination of Henry Foster to be surgeon general is being held up by questions on his record of performing abortions.

Deutch, who went through extensive background checks in being confirmed for his current position, is expected to have a smooth road to confirmation in the new job.

"I expect to support him," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "I think he's a good choice. He probably should have been chosen to begin with."

## DATE BOOK

March 13, 1995

Today is the 72nd day of 1995 and the 83rd day of winter.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1964, Kitty Genovese was stabbed to death by a mugger in New York City, as 38 onlookers did nothing to aid her.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Joseph Priestley (1733-1804), chemist; Percival Lowell (1855-1916), astronomer; Oswald Garrison Villard (1872-1949), editor-journalist; Janet Flanner (1892-1978), journalist; L. Ron Hubbard (1911-1986), religious leader-writer; Neil Sedaka (1939-), singer-songwriter, is 56; Dana Delany (1957-), actress, is 38.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1982, 11-year-old John Jaskowski of South Milwaukee, Wis., became the youngest bowler ever to roll a perfect game.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Should you destroy myself, as well as my house, library and apparatus, ten more person, of equal or superior spirit and ability, would instantly rise up. If those ten were destroyed, an hundred would appear." — Joseph Priestley

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1993, the "Storm of the Century" (12th-15th) set records for snow, cold, wind and low barometric pressure from the South to New England. Snowfall totaled 42.9 inches in Syracuse, N.Y., and 13 inches in Birmingham, Ala.

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**TODAY'S MOON:** Between first quarter (March 9) and full moon (March 16).

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# Oil Patch News

**Borden County**  
Texaco has completed the No. 7133 Jo Mill unit in the Jo Mill field, 17 miles southwest of Gail. The well was finaled to produce 50 barrels 38 gravity oil and 119 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,596-638 feet, and location is in Section 41, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

**Mitchell County**  
Chevron has completed the No. 6706 North Westbrook unit in the Westbrook field, three miles north of Westbrook. The venture was finaled to produce 23 barrels of 22 gravity oil and 61 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,996-3,166 feet, and location is in Section 21, Block 18, T1N, T&P survey.

Phillips Russell has completed the No. 7-A J.L. Strain in the Sharon Ridge field, 10 miles northwest of Colorado City. The re-entry project was finaled to produce 25 barrels of 31 gravity oil and 30 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,540-620 feet, and location is in Section 64, Block J.L. Strain survey.

**Garza County**  
Palmer Oil Properties will drill the No. 65 Coulter unit in the Coulter field, 12 miles southwest of Post. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 6,000 feet, and location is in Section 5, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

**Howard County**  
Lakewood Operating will drill the No. 1 Axis in the Van Gris

field, 21 miles northeast of Big Spring. The re-entry is planned for a depth of 7,500 feet and drill site is in Section 13, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Cobra Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 1-32 Wilkinson, a 11,000-foot wildcat located two miles north of Morita. Location is in Section 32, Block 34, T1N, T&P survey.

**Fisher County**  
Remington Oil Producers has completed the No. 1 Martin, 10 miles northwest of Hamlin. The re-entry project was finaled to produce 12 barrels of 38 gravity oil and 20 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,331-337 feet, and location is in Section 112, Block 1, H&TC survey.

## Music teacher paid \$78,000

BOSTON (AP) — The high school band played "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Taps" and "Anchors Aweigh" for the 1988 Memorial Day parade.

But when band director Robert Harris had his students strike up Willie Nelson's "Always on My Mind," he became embroiled in a free speech battle that lasted nearly seven years.

Two weeks ago, Harris accepted \$78,000 to settle his claim that he was demoted and harassed because the former superintendent of the Athol-Royalston school district didn't think Nelson's song matched the military theme of the parade in Athol, about 60 miles west of Boston.

"I believed (the song) expressed an appropriate sentiment,

which is that those who have died in service of our country are always on our minds on Memorial Day," Harris said Sunday.

But then-schools Superintendent James P. Kelley disagreed, calling the band's performance an "embarrassment." He said some veterans complained that they couldn't march to the song's country western beat.

Harris sued Kelley for \$10,000 in 1989, after Kelley recommended that Harris be demoted from music department chairman to music teacher — eliminating the extra time he spent at band rehearsals and performances. Harris was demoted in 1991, and reinstated as chairman in 1993.

Kelley refused to comment Sunday.



**THOMPSON WINS TV** — Avon Rushing, project chairman for the Kiwanis Pancake Feast TV give-away, congratulates the winner, Larry W. Thompson. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

In 1792, a highwayman named the first person under French law Nicolas-Jacques Pelletier became to be executed by the guillotine.



# FDA fights for food safety in nation

## Community Calendar

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP) — Entomologists sift rat hairs from pasta as bugs scurry in a jar of basil. Scientists sniff out decaying fish and spot killer bacteria. Workers grind bananas in huge blenders, turning them into brownish muck and then filtering out hidden pesticides.

This is how 900 Food and Drug Administration scientists keep contaminated food from America's dinner tables. It's the FDA's biggest job, done with a sliver of its budget — but one lost in the growing clamor to revamp the nation's oldest consumer protection agency.

"Sometimes you go into food plants and you think, 'Oh my God, I'll never eat this stuff again,'" said Kenneth Shelin, a veteran food inspector who now heads the FDA's Baltimore field office. "We keep consumers from seeing that side. So when the criticism

comes ... you just keep your head down and keep on working."

The FDA regulates 92,000 companies that make everything from medicine to mascara to frozen pizza. It is under harsh attack by critics who contend the FDA overregulates medicine to the detriment of patients and drug makers.

Largely ignored is the FDA's food side, where workers test new ingredients for allergens and nutritional value and quietly sample the nation's food supply for contamination.

Anything can get a spot check: At the FDA's Baltimore laboratory, a microbiologist swabs a deli's macaroni salad on microscope slides to check for the distinctive blue fuzz of deadly listeria bacteria, while entomologist Michael Zimmerman pieces together bug body parts he sifts from food. "People ask, 'Why do you do this? Insects are edible,'" Zimmerman said. "If it's a bug from the field, there's some tolerance. Then we identify bugs we know live in corpses, excretia or open wounds — and people say, 'My God, this was in my food!'"

But consumer groups say such protection increasingly is jeopardized. Less than a quarter of the FDA's budget — \$208 million —

must cover every aspect of food. The only exceptions are meat and poultry, which the Agriculture Department regulates.

FDA food programs haven't had a raise in four years and cut 145 employees last year, even as more foods hit the shelves. Critics say that means the FDA samples less food, inspects some plants only once every five years and takes at least four years to approve new ingredients — more than twice the time for drugs. The FDA has spent six years testing one eagerly awaited product, Procter & Gamble's fat substitute Olestra, and still hasn't decided.

"How much analytical chemistry should it take us to put a doughnut on the shelf?" asked Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., who oversees the FDA as chairman of the House Commerce Committee. "The 'F' of FDA has been stripped of manpower and resources," said Jeff Nedelman of the Grocery Manufacturers Association. "The answer ... is for FDA to concentrate just on the problem areas."

What's a problem area? FDA inspectors were surprised to catch salmonella — that scourge of raw eggs — in black pepper from Brazil. Listeria crops up everywhere

from crab meat to brie. Think coffee's easy? Well, there was the stowaway's body decomposing in the coffee beans shipped to Baltimore. And a Philadelphia warehouse was so badly infested that swarming bugs looked like a snowstorm.

At the Baltimore lab, Lori Lawless readies her sensitive nose for a seafood check — she is certified to sniff fish for freshness before the fillets undergo microbial testing.

Because of seafood's potential risks, the FDA mandates stringent rules to ensure it's properly handled from boat to dinner plate. Now the FDA is customizing those rules for all foods, and the industry is furious. Companies argue that low-risk foods like pasta or frozen vegetables can police themselves because their biggest danger is an occasional insect.

Not so, says entomologist Zimmerman. He cooks pasta into a mush and adds a gas to make rat hairs float to the top, and pulls cigarette butts from spices. Such filth could signal disease. "We're never bored here," he declared.

Next door, chemist Michael Hennessy filters jars of brownish goop, the ground-up remains of bananas and lima beans, until all that lingers is pesticide residue. He then measures the residues to ensure they don't exceed federal safety limits.

Food makers want Hennessy's job eliminated, since the FDA finds illegal residues in only about 3 percent of produce. But some scientists say children may be at risk from even trace amounts. And Hennessy counters with the wheat he recently caught saturated with malathion, whose owner then offered it as animal feed until warned that was illegal, too.

When it uncovers a problem, the FDA asks companies to fix it or, if serious enough, recall the food. If a company won't act, the FDA seeks a court order to seize the product or simply issues public warnings that...the brand is dangerous.

That could ruin sales, so most quickly cooperate, Shelin said. Companies recalled 658 foods in 1993; the FDA sent warning letters to 289, seized products from 47 and prosecuted just two.

**MONDAY**  
Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; Snyder Chamber of Commerce; visitors welcome; 6-7 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.  
American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.  
White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.  
Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.  
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 863-2349, 573-8626, 573-1141; 8 p.m.  
Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

**TUESDAY**  
TFCEC Plainview; for information call 573-7770; 2 p.m.  
Athenum Study Club; MAWC; American Cancer Society program by Helen Hatter, Janet Wesson and Betty Thompson; 4:15 p.m.  
TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th; for information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.  
Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.  
Beta Sigma Phi; 7 p.m.  
Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 7 p.m.  
Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.  
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.  
Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th Street; 7:30 p.m.  
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 573-2101; 8 p.m.  
Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-3956, 573-2101, 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; book review by Bobby Steakley; hostesses, LaVerne Hood and Billy Jean Sterling; 11:30 a.m.  
Scurry County Penwomen Club; guest speaker, Charles Anderson; 1:30 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members urged to attend; 10 a.m.  
Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; noon.  
Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.  
SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 7 p.m.  
Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.  
Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.  
New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3308 or 573-2101.  
Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m.  
Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.  
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

## Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn (Monday) (Tuesday) (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday) by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-6-8 (nine, six, eight)

## Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$28 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 11, 22, 33, 34, 39 and 41.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$40 million.

There were 236 tickets that matched five of six numbers for a \$1,610 prize, while 13,603 tickets matched four of six for a \$101 prize. There were 255,958 tickets that matched three of six numbers for a \$3 prize.

# GOP legal revamping bills unleash flood of anti-lawyer feelings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The debate on Republican proposals to revamp the civil legal system gave members of the House of Representatives the opportunity to engage in lawyer-bashing.

As legislators considered three far-reaching bills to limit lawsuits and make the losers pay legal fees under certain conditions, there was no shortage of statements condemning a profession increasingly criticized in recent years as the number of lawsuits has soared. No matter that most members of Congress are themselves attorneys. Anti-lawyerism touches a deep populist nerve that was brought to life in last November's elections.

Anti-lawyer sentiment and concern about the growing litigiousness of American society are behind much of the Republican-pushed legislation. The package of three bills, facing a tough challenge in the Senate, would make it easier for companies to defend product-liability and securities-fraud cases and would pre-empt state laws by creating a federal limit on punitive damages in most lawsuits.

The far-reaching proposals are part of the GOP's "Contract With America" legislative game plan.

Through the week, the debate on the House floor was peppered with references to "greedy" and "slippery" lawyers.

Even Democrats, who largely

oppose the legislation, joined in the spree. Their anger was aimed not at litigating trial lawyers but at corporate attorneys who protect businesses from consumer lawsuits.

"We know that Wall Street is suffering," Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., said Monday. "They are suffering because of litigation, those poor people on Wall Street, those poor thousand-dollar-an-hour lawyers. You know, it is tough."

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., conceded, "This is the week to bash lawyers. ... I feel beleaguered."

Hyde said he opposed a Republican colleague's amendment that sought to limit use of contingency fees, under which attorneys receive a percentage of awards to their clients. Lawyers who take contingency fees sometimes advertise for business and often are derided as "ambulance-chasers." Hyde added that he wanted to "say a kind word for those good lawyers that I have encountered in my lifetime."

But the rhetoric marched on. As the Republican-controlled House signaled support Thursday for a uniform limit on punitive damage awards in all state and federal civil suits, Rep. Toby Roth, R-Wis., inveighed against "an army of trial lawyers subverting our system of justice while enriching themselves."

## Bridge

By Phillip Alder

<b>NORTH</b> 3-13-95			
▲ J 8 7 3			
♥ 10 4 3			
♦ 10 7 6 5 2			
♣ 7			
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
▲ Q 9 5 2		▲ 6 4	
♥ K Q 9 5		♥ A 8 7 6 2	
♦ Q J 9 4		♦ K 8 3	
♣ J		♣ 9 8 2	
<b>SOUTH</b>			
▲ A K 10			
♥ J			
♦ A			
♣ A K Q 10 6 5 4 3			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: South			
<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥K			

## It is easier ex post facto

There are many players who find the winning play or defense a few seconds after trick 13 has been completed. The real expert produces the key move at the right moment, not when it is too late.

Sometimes, though, a defender needs help from his partner. When faced with a critical discard, not knowing which suit to keep and which to unguard, he must hope his partner plays informative cards.

In today's deal, six clubs looks hopeless. Yet in a major event one declarer made it, because East didn't help West. Two clubs was strong, artificial and forcing. The jump to four clubs showed a solid suit and set trumps. Five clubs denied an ace or king, but South understandably bid the slam. Maybe the dummy would have the spade queen.

West led the heart king and switched to the diamond queen. Declarer won and ran his eight club winners. Looking at the full deal, one can easily see that West must keep three spades. But what if South's spades and diamonds were the other way round? Then West must hold his diamonds. How does he know which? Well, East should immediately discard his two remaining diamonds. But he unhelpfully threw nothing but hearts. At trick nine, West misguessed. Still holding Q-9-5 of spades and J-9 of diamonds, he discarded a second spade.

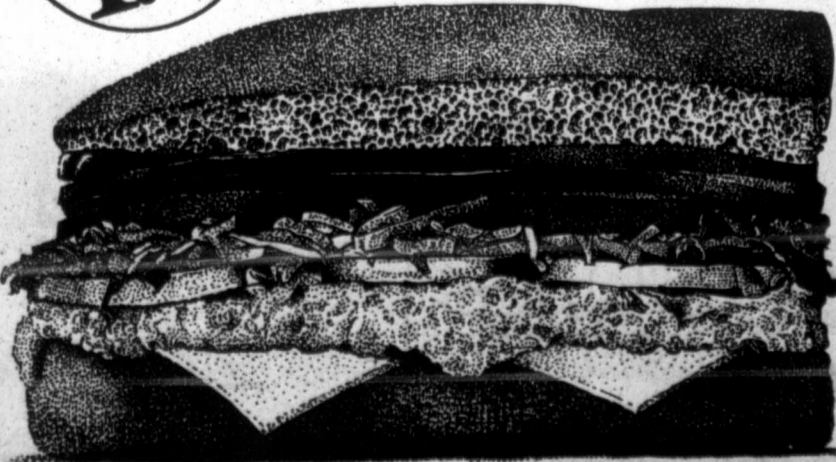
In this type of situation, the "irrelevant" defender should help his partner by throwing all his cards from an "unknown" suit. The heart position was clear at trick one. That's why East must let go of his diamonds.

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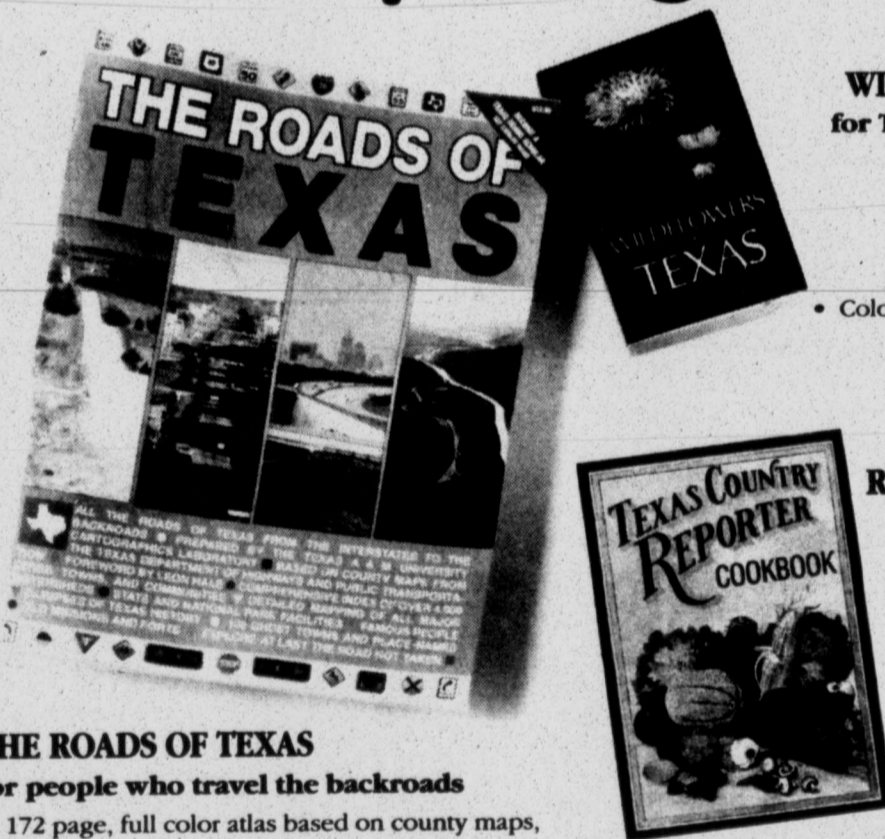
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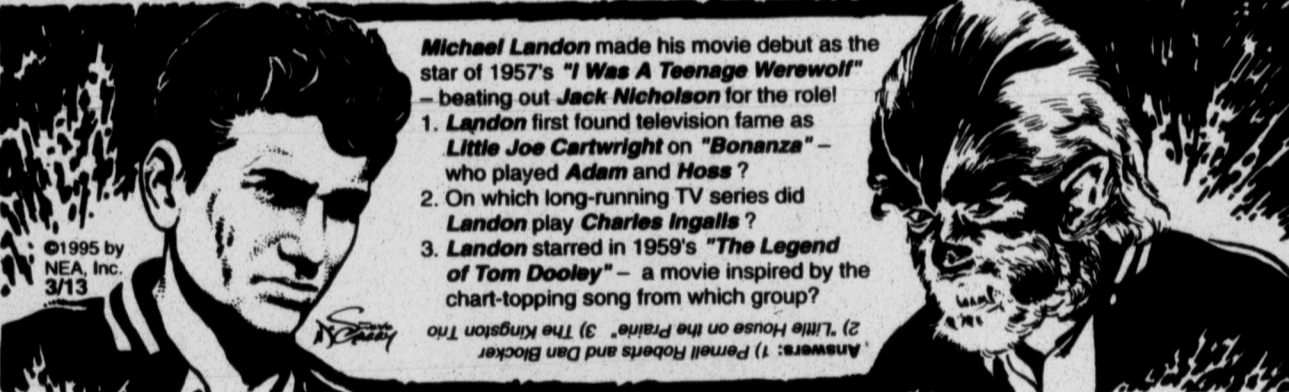
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  - Again
  - VP's superior
  - Mustard plant
  - San —, Calif.
  - Sergeant's shout
  - Speck
  - daisy
  - Ship's rope
  - Profit
  - Direct
  - French yes
  - Actress Susan —
  - Americans (sl.)
  - Anais —
  - Producing an effect
  - Relative of bingo
- DOWN**
- Eugene O'Neill's daughter
  - Revolve (a floating log)
  - Now — me down to sleep
  - Use a pencil end
  - Certain

Answer ... Previous Puzzle

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PTA	ARAR	
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  - Stupid ones
  - Humid
  - Take apart
  - Chirp
  - Eyelid swelling
  - Search
  - First-rate (2 wds.)
  - Devastate
  - Dean Martin's nickname
  - A rose — other name
  - Actress Turner
  - Rat, e.g.
  - Small barrel
  - Modern fabric
  - Hotel unit
  - Cigarette (sl.)
  - Two words of understanding
  - Lairs
  - Unightly
  - Preposition
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# Sports

## SHS tags Kermit

It didn't take long for Snyder to wipe away any lingering effects of their 13-12 extra innings loss to Granbury, as the Lady Tigers pounded Kermit senseless 13-3 Saturday.

Snyder (4-7, 0-1) racked up 15 hits, including nine for extra bases, and limited the Lady Yellowjackets to just four in its lopsided non-district win.

Freshman hurler Amanda Huff (2-3) had an exceptional outing on the mound, as she struck out five and walked only two.

"Amanda showed true guts on the mound, after struggling the night before against Granbury," Snyder head coach Billy Hick said. "We have changed her from a slingshot pitcher to a windmill pitcher. She has shown great progress because she works so hard everyday."

Not only did Huff come through with a strong defensive outing, but the rest of the team stonewalled the Yellowjackets' offense, as well. The Lady Tigers didn't commit an error and the only Kermit runs were supplied by a three run homer by Lacy O'Donnell in the top of the third inning.

O'Donnell's home run, though, was too little, too late.

By the time the Yellowjackets tallied their first runs, Snyder had already crossed the plate six times.

The Lady Tigers scored two runs in the third, four in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Led by the offensive power of both Raechele and Joanie Wemken, along with Connie Payne and Edwina Brooks, Snyder bashed Kermit starter Amy Acosta (1-2).

Raechele finished the day 3 for 4 with three doubles and three RBI. Her third double of the day, off the top of the left field fence, was the game winning hit.

Joanie went 3 for 4 as well, with a double of her own.

Payne continued her hot hitting with a 2 for 3 effort, with a triple and two RBI.

After going 3 of 18 at the plate for the season, Brooks responded with a strong game. The sophomore left-fielder went 2 for 2 with two doubles and two RBI.

The Lady Tigers' next game is scheduled for tomorrow at 4 p.m., when they host Brownwood at Cates Field.

### SNYDER 13, KERMIT 3

Kermit	0	0	3	0	0	R	H	E
Snyder	3	3	2	4	1	-	13	15

Game called with two outs in the 5th inning due to 10-run rule.

SHS: Huff and R. Wemken; KHS: Acosta and Neal. 2B — SHS: Huff, R. Wemken (3); Brooks (2), J. Wemken, Bailey; 3B — Payne; HR — KHS: O'Donnell. WP — Huff (2-3) LP — Acosta (1-2). Records — Kermit (1-2); Snyder (4-7).

## NBA glance

By The Associated Press  
All Times EST  
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Orlando	48	14	.774	-
New York	39	21	.650	8
New Jersey	25	37	.403	23
Boston	24	37	.393	23½
Miami	23	38	.377	24½
Philadelphia	17	44	.279	30½
Washington	17	45	.274	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Charlotte	39	22	.639	-
Indiana	37	23	.617	1½
Cleveland	35	26	.574	4
Atlanta	31	30	.508	8
Chicago	31	31	.500	8½
Detroit	23	38	.377	16
Milwaukee	23	39	.371	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	46	16	.742	-
San Antonio	41	18	.695	3½
Houston	36	24	.600	9
Denver	29	32	.475	16½
Dallas	22	36	.379	22
Minnesota	17	45	.274	29

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	46	16	.742	-
Seattle	41	19	.683	4
L.A. Lakers	37	23	.617	8
Portland	33	27	.550	12
Sacramento	30	30	.500	15
Golden State	19	41	.317	26
L.A. Clippers	13	50	.206	33½

x-clinched playoff berth.

Saturday's Games

Washington 110, New Jersey 102  
Charlotte 104, Miami 95  
Seattle 96, New York 84  
L.A. Lakers 108, Chicago 105  
Houston 109, Dallas 102

Sunday's Games

Orlando 110, San Antonio 104  
Cleveland 92, Philadelphia 72  
Denver 109, Milwaukee 93  
Atlanta 104, Boston 98  
Portland 102, Minnesota 88  
Utah 96, Miami 86  
Sacramento 105, L.A. Clippers 93  
Seattle 134, Detroit 94  
Golden State 124, Phoenix 117, OT

Monday's Games

Washington at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.  
Houston at Atlanta, 8 p.m.  
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
N.Y. Rangers	13	10	.329	74
Philadelphia	12	9	.277	76
Florida	12	3	.260	69
New Jersey	9	11	.225	65
Washington	8	10	.225	61
N.Y. Islanders	9	12	.218	58
Tampa Bay	9	14	.200	65

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Quebec	17	5	.379	95
Pittsburgh	17	6	.261	82
Boston	12	10	.268	58
Buffalo	9	8	.231	51
Hartford	9	13	.210	60
Montreal	8	10	.215	53
Ottawa	3	15	.143	72

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	15	6	.262	87
Chicago	14	8	.260	88
St. Louis	14	7	.259	82
Toronto	11	10	.226	70
Dallas	9	12	.225	67
Winnipeg	9	12	.211	69

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Calgary	11	9	.277	80
Vancouver	8	8	.237	77
San Jose	9	11	.220	70
Edmonton	9	13	.210	68
Los Angeles	7	11	.186	83
Anaheim	6	15	.143	81

Saturday's Games

Florida 2, Boston 0  
Pittsburgh 6, Buffalo 2  
Quebec 2, N.Y. Islanders 1  
Montreal 3, N.Y. Rangers 1  
Chicago 2, Toronto 2, tie  
Los Angeles 4, Winnipeg 2  
Vancouver 5, Anaheim 3

Sunday's Games

Florida 4, Hartford 1  
Washington 3, Tampa Bay 1  
Philadelphia 4, New Jersey 3  
Detroit 2, St. Louis 1  
Calgary 4, Dallas 4, tie  
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Monday's Games

Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.  
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IN THE BAG — Snyder's Melissa Castro captures first place in the mile during the Canyon Reef Relays at Snyder High School Saturday. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

## Tigers swept by S.A. Lake View

SAN ANGELO — Nothing the Tigers seemed to do Saturday seemed to work, as they dropped both games of a twin bill at San Angelo Lake View.

The Tigers (5-3-1) found out early on that it just wouldn't be their day, as the Chiefs racked up nine runs in the fourth inning alone to turn Curt Rinehart's no-hit bid into a house of horrors.

Lake View (5-3) knocked Rinehart out in the fourth, as they scored six runs on three walks and two hits.

Rinehart (1-2) made way for Lee Idom, who with the bases loaded, hit his first two batters, allowing two more runs to score.

Finally, Jeremy House came in and cooled the Lake View fire by getting out of the inning with just one additional run crossing the plate. The run, however, increased the Chiefs' lead to 9-3.

"It wasn't a nightmare, it was an ordeal," Snyder head coach Roland Herrera said. "I felt pretty confident going into the inning with Curt throwing the no-hitter, but he ran out of gas."

"After that happened, things just started going against us. They (Lake View) began to get all the breaks."

John Clinkinbeard was one of the only bright spots for the Tigers in the first game, as the senior center fielder went 2 for 3 with two runs scored. Bryant Roberson was 2 for 4 with an RBI.

In the second game, the Tigers were able to come back in the top of the seventh inning trailing 5-1.

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Tampa Bay	9	14	.200	65

Central Division

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Quebec	17	5	.379	95
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## Coronado, Frenship capture annual Canyon Reef Relays

Snyder High School teams gave way to Lubbock Coronado and Frenship at the Canyon Reef Relays here Saturday but individually, the Tigers turned in some notable performances.

Coronado's Mustangs claimed the boys title with a total of 137 points, eight more than Big Spring. The Frenship Lady Tigers' edge over the Big Spring girls was even more narrow. Frenship took first with a total of 109 points, four better than the Lady Steers.

Snyder placed eighth in the boys competition (23 points) and the girls took third (71 points). There was only one top-three

Canyon Reef Relays  
At Snyder High School

Team totals: 1. Coronado 137, 2. Big Spring 129, 3. Levelland 64, 4. Midland 58, 5. Lamesa 40, 6. (tie) Frenship 38, Plainview 38, 8. Snyder 23, 9. Lubbock High 22, 10. Littlefield 2.

Field Events

Long jump: 1. Waters, Big Spring, 20-3; 2. Sampson, Lubbock High, 19-10 1/2; 3. Ewing, Plainview, 19-6.

Discus: 1. Denison, Snyder, 141-9 1/2; 2. Arp, Levelland, 141-5; 3. Trotter, Frenship, 140-6.

High jump: 1. Garrett, Levelland, 6-6; 2. Lusk, Coronado, 6-4; 3. McBrewer, Coronado, 6-2.

Pole vault: 1. Watson, Lamesa, 12-6; 2. Jenkins, Levelland, 12-6; 3. Edwards, Midland, 10-0.

Triple jump: 1. Owusu, Big Spring, 44-4 1/2; 2. Phenix, Coronado, 41-10 1/4; 3. Juarez, Midland, 40-9 1/4.

Shot put: 1. Roberts, Big Spring, 47-1 3/4; 2. Arp, Levelland, 46-5 1/2; 3. Weatherspoon, Frenship, 43-9.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Spoonmore, Plainview, 10:30; 2. Franklin, Big Spring, 10:38.32; 3. Erasmo, Levelland, 10:38.91.

800: 1. Franklin, Big Spring, 2:03.04; 2. Melgar, Frenship, 2:07.41; 3. Brown, Frenship, 2:07.80.

400 relay: 1. Coronado 42.57, 2. Big Spring 43.62, 3. Lamesa 44.40.

110 hurdles: 1. May, Coronado, 14:39; 2. Juarez, Midland, 15:05; 3. Ochoa, Big Spring, 15:14.

finisher for Tigers, as Chris Denison claimed his third Canyon Reef discus title in as many years with a toss of 141 feet, 9 1/2 inches.

The Lady Tigers' third place finish was fueled by the efforts of Melissa Castro, Devon Reed and Melissa Horn.

Castro swept the middle distance events with first-place finishes in both the 800 meters (2:35.13) and the 1,600 (5:58.06).

Reed continued her dominance of the sprint events, by taking first in the 100 (12.44) and 200 (26.54) dashes.

Horn secured a second place finish in the high jump with a leap

100: 1. Baughan, Coronado, 10.77; 2. Waters, Big Spring, 10.97; 3. Burchett, Big Spring, 10.99.

400: 1. Harris, Coronado, 49.79; 2. Fitzhugh, Coronado, 51.76; 3. Gutierrez, Lubbock High, 51.89.

800 hurdles: 1. May, Coronado, 40.16; 2. Eddington, Big Spring, 40.85; 3. Juarez, Midland, 41.10.

200: 1. Cunningham, Coronado, 21.49; 2. Vaughn, Coronado, 21.69; 3. Juarez, Midland, 21.79.

1,600: 1. Sanford, Frenship, 4:51.38; 2. Spoonmore, Plainview, 4:51.88; 3. Pereyda, Plainview, 4:54.17.

1,600 relay: 1. Big Spring 3:21.2; 2. Coronado 3:21.4; 3. Midland 3:30.8.

JV team totals: 1. Coronado 148, 2. Big Spring 114 1/2, 3. Lamesa 77, 4. Midland 73, 5. Frenship 56, 6. Levelland 48, 7. Plainview 27 1/2, 8. Littlefield 11, 9. Snyder 2.

Girls

Team totals: 1. Frenship 109, 2. Big Spring 105, 3. Snyder 71, 4. Monterey 62, 5. Plainview 51, 6. Tascosa 47, 7. Palo Duro 43, 8. Lamesa 22, 9. (tie) Lubbock High 19, Estacado 19, 11. Littlefield 16, 12. Sweetwater 11, 13. Pecos, 14. Levelland 2.

Field Events

Long jump: 1. Ruffin, Frenship, 17-1/2; 2. Lott, Big Spring, 16-9 1/2; 3. Tudman, Palo Duro, 16-9.

Discus: 1. Swain, Monterey, 114-9 1/2; 2. Thompson, Plainview, 108-5; 3. Acy, Plainview, 106-2.

High jump: 1. Karrh, Plainview, 5-2; 2. Horn, Snyder, 5-0; 3. Seideman, Tascosa, 5-0.

of 5 feet. Jina Miller took fourth in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, Keri Kemp nailed down a fourth in 110 high hurdles and Tiffany Garza was sixth. Jaime Prather finished sixth in the mile.

In the boys events, Ricky Post placed fifth in the high jump. Melchor Parra and Michael McQuerry continued their battle in the distance events, as Parra took fourth and McQuerry fifth in the 3,200 meters. Parra finished the day fourth in the 1,600, with McQuerry fifth.

The Tigers are slated to take the week off before returning to the track on March 24-25 at the San Angelo Relays.

Triple jump: 1. S. Lott, Big Spring, 35-10; 2. Hartley, Littlefield, 35-6; 3. Abanobi, Lubbock High, 34-7.

Shot put: 1. Acy, Plainview, 38-10 1/2; 2. Jackson, Sweetwater, 37-10; 3. Powell, Palo Duro, 37-8 1/4.

Running Events

3,200: 1. White, Monterey, 12:59; 2. Vardy, Frenship, 13:08; 3. Moore, Tascosa, 13:15.

800: 1. Castro, Snyder, 2:35.13; 2. King, Monterey, 2:37.57; 3. Ruiz, Palo Duro, 2:37.61

800 relay: 1. Big Spring 1:50.31, 2. Frenship 1:52.63, 3. Monterey 1:53.56.

400 relay: 1. Big Spring 51.52, 2. Estacado 51.62, 3. Frenship 51.67.

100 hurdles: 1. Lemons, Frenship, 16.15; 2. Hill, Big Spring, 16.79; 3. Williams, Palo Duro, 17.29.

100: 1. Reed, Snyder, 12.44; 2. Smith, Palo Duro, 12.72; 3. Crawley, Frenship, 12.80

400: 1. Ruffin, Frenship, 1:01.31; 2. Hartley, Littlefield, 1:02.59; 3. Graham, Tascosa, 1:04.85.

300 hurdles: 1. Lemons, Frenship, 49.82; 2. Guill, Tascosa, 50.82; 3. Swain, Monterey, 51.06.

200: 1. Reed, Snyder, 26.54; 2. Lott, Big Spring, 26.92; 3. Cline, Big Spring, 26.99.

1,600: 1. Castro, Snyder, 5:58.06; 2. Moore, Tascosa, 5:59.56; 3. Arenivas, Pecos, 6:02.12.

1,600 relay: 1. Frenship 4:19.23, 2. Big Spring 4:29.09, 3. Monterey 4:29.19.

JV team totals: 1. Frenship 195 1/2, 2. Plainview 105, 3. Big Spring 88, 4. Estacado 62, 5. Monterey 45, 6. Levelland 39, 7. Lamesa 31, 8. Snyder 7, 9. Lubbock High 4.

## Westerners inch closer in regional standings

ODESSA — Vernon Regional Junior College mens team continued its current reign at the top of the rodeo circuit standings with a victory at the Odessa College Rodeo Saturday.

After leading the standings throughout the fall semester, the Chaparrals extended their lead on the rest of the region with 260 points in Odessa.

The Western Texas College men, however, are gaining ground.

The Westerners placed second, scoring 195 points to move them into third place in the regional standings behind Vernon and West Texas A&M.

"I was really pleased with the men's performance," WTC head coach Todd Danley said. "Three of our six team members made the short go and got us points."

WTC's Davey Shields finished second in the bareback competition, scoring 145 points on two head. Cleve Schmidt placed third with a 140.

In calf roping, Todd Loesch was third with a two head score of 23.2 seconds.

Shawn Minor split second and third in the saddle bronc event with a score of 127 on two.

The WTC women's team, according to Coach Danley, was plagued by bad luck.

"So many times in rodeo, it's

the luck of the draw," Danley said. "If you don't get a good animal, then you're not going to win."

WTC's Mandy Harsh came away with a second place finish in the goat tying event with a 20.2 second average. The Westerners' Mary Ann Miller and Chasity Rickman split eighth and ninth with a 23.1 average.

"The girls had a bad rodeo," Danley said. "But, the guys keep creeping up on the top two teams in our region."

WTC's next rodeo is scheduled for March 30-April 1, at West Texas A&M in Canyon.

"The layoff will be good for us," Danley said. "We have a lot of people banged up. The time off will give us a chance to heal."

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## Former prison guard goes to trial today in murder of inmate

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Texas prison guard goes on trial today in Livingston for the murder of an inmate.

Jury selection was to begin this morning in state District Judge Joe Ned Dean's court, with opening statements occurring possibly as early as this afternoon.

Joel Lambright Jr., 20, the son of a former Corrigan police chief, is being tried in the fatal beating of Michael McCoy, 30, a Dickinson car thief and burglar imprisoned at the Charles Terrell Unit.

Lambright had been employed as a guard at the maximum security unit near Livingston only seven months at the time of the Oct. 7 episode.

Another guard, Alex Torres, 31, also charged with McCoy's murder will be tried later.

Latham Boone, special prosecutor with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said Lambright could be sentenced to 99 years to life in prison if convicted of the first-degree felony.

He is the second state prison guard ever to be tried for killing an inmate, Boone said.

Former TDCJ guard Luis Sandoval was acquitted of killing an inmate in 1991.

The attack on McCoy, who was in his cell at the time, came after an afternoon scuffle between a dozen or more prisoners and about 10 prison guards.

The initial incident set off seven hours of sporadic battling between guards and prisoners, and authorities contend that guards later hunted and assaulted inmates who had participated in the attack.

Prosecutors say Lambright, a former pizza parlor worker, recruited Torres to assist him in beating McCoy. The pair then pounded the inmate to death with their hands and feet.

"The inmate didn't have time to fight back. ... They did more than hit him," a witness who spoke on condition of anonymity said at the time. "They stomped him. They kicked him. And in a period of less than five minutes, it was over."

McCoy's attorney Elisa Vasquez, has described her client as a "little guy" left frail by testicular cancer.

"He was thin because of the cancer and the cancer treatments," she said.

Four other TDCJ guards have been charged with aggravated assault in the Oct. 7 melee. Six prisoners were charged with retaliation for their alleged attacks on guards.

The disturbance and killing brought new attention to how poorly guards are trained to handle often disruptive inmates.

## Stone's latest theory: Nixon responsible for assassination of JFK

NEW YORK (AP) — Oliver Stone's upcoming movie about Richard Nixon could be a conspiracy theorist's dream: one early script reportedly has the former president organizing a hit squad that assassinated John F. Kennedy.

The screenplay is prefaced by a confession that it is based partly on imagined scenes and "incomplete historical findings," according to Time magazine's March 20 issue.

Newsweek, which also obtained an early version, says the script portrays Nixon as a "pill-popping, Scotch-swilling, epithet-spewing" victim of forces ranging from the CIA to FBI director J. Edgar Hoover to his own mother.

In the script, then-Vice President Nixon organizes a hit squad of CIA agents, Cubans, mobsters and right-wing businessmen to kill Cuban President Fidel Castro. The mission is never carried out, but the squad remains intact and goes renegade, killing Kennedy.

The script then has Hoover threatening to reveal Nixon's role in forming the hit squad, and Nixon himself erasing the infamous 181/2-minute from the Watergate tapes to cover up references to the assassination team.

"Absolute, total and utter nonsense," historian Herbert Parmet, who wrote "Richard Nixon and His America," told Newsday on Sunday. "I guess they waited until he died to come out with this nonsense."

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## Hospital errs again; patient dies

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The same hospital where a surgeon amputated the wrong leg of a patient admits it made another mistake two weeks later that led to the death of a 77-year-old man.

Leo Alfonso died March 3 less than an hour after a respiratory technician at University Community Hospital mistakenly removed his ventilator, hospital officials said.

The technician was supposed to have taken another patient off a ventilator, hospital spokesman John Andreas said Sunday.

On Sunday, hospital telephones jangled with calls from people worried about friends and family in the hospital's care, but no one insisted on transferring patients, said hospital spokesman Casey Ashline.

"Certainly it's disconcerting and extremely tragic," he said. "We've been here 26 years and we have an excellent reputation with no previous incidents like this."

Ed Towey, spokesman for the state Agency for Health Care Administration called the two incidents unusual.

"Oh dear. My, my, my," he said. "These guys can't buy a break."

Hospital administrators had asked the agency to review the hospital after a surgeon amputated the wrong foot of a diabetic patient on Feb. 20.

Willie King had gone to the hospital to have his gangrenous right foot removed, and awoke from surgery to find his left leg amputated below the knee.

The hospital said that mistake was due to a communications breakdown and announced March 1 it was instituting new surgical procedures to try to ensure that such an error wouldn't occur again.

Those procedures include marking "No" on a patient's good limb before surgery.

The hospital said the technician has been suspended while the ventilator death is investigated.

Patient identification procedures were immediately reviewed after Alfonso's death.

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# Fuhrman returns to stand

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A plastic bag found in O.J. Simpson's Ford Bronco the morning after his ex-wife and her friend were murdered was standard equipment used to hold dirty tires, a detective testified today.

Detective Mark Fuhrman, in his third day on the witness stand, quickly solved a mystery left for the jury to ponder over the weekend. He said he saw the bag in a pocket on the passenger side of the rear cargo area of the Bronco.

"It's the spare tire bag," he told Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark. "In other words, when a tire is off the vehicle and it's dirty, you place it in the bag so you can place it in the cargo area."

Asked by Clark if it was standard equipment in Ford Broncos, Fuhrman said: "I was told it was."

Clark then asked him about a shovel Fuhrman saw in the Bronco.

"That standard equipment, also?" she asked.

"I don't believe so, no," Fuhrman said.

Fuhrman testified he found a bloody glove at Simpson's residence the morning after the June 12 murders of Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

He said today the right-hand glove "appeared to be somewhat moist or sticky."

The defense has tried to portray Fuhrman as a racist cop who was capable of planting the glove to frame Simpson, who is black.

Kathleen Bell claims he made anti-black slurs to her in the mid-1980s. Fuhrman testified previously that he never met Bell. His denial leaves him no room to retreat; He can't say, for instance, that Bell misconstrued his words or blew them out of proportion, or was making things up because she bore him a grudge.

The stage is set for the kind of cross-examination that the flamboyant F. Lee Bailey dreams about — cop vs. counselor, on live TV.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito has given the defense wide latitude to explore the alleged encounter with Bell, who claims that he denounced interracial couples and said he would like to burn all "niggers."

Bell reiterated her allegations against Fuhrman in a Saturday interview with the Long Beach Press-Telegram.

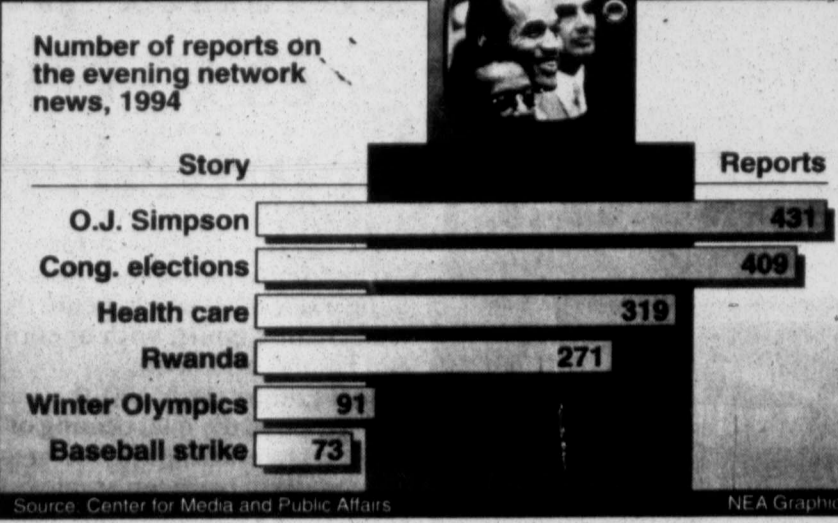
"There are very few people in my life that I've been afraid of and he's one of them," she said.

Bell told the Press-Telegram that Fuhrman made the remarks about blacks and interracial couples after she told him her friend, whom she identified only as Andrea, had a crush on black football player Marcus Allen.

"At that moment he just got weird," she said.

Bell said she and Andrea later met Fuhrman at Hennessey's Tavern in Redondo Beach in 1986. KCAL-TV, citing unidentified sources, reported the same location. Newsweek, however, said the restaurant was in Orange County, south of Redondo Beach. For Results Use Snyder Daily News Classified Ads 573-5486

## O.J. exposure



Since the O.J. Simpson trial got under way, it has been nearly impossible to turn on the television without seeing something about it. The media blitz is nothing new: The trial was the most covered story in all of 1994, attracting more attention than such events as the congressional elections, the health care reform debate or the tragedy in Rwanda.

# Bill seeks to outlaw weightlifting for all state prison inmates

HOUSTON (AP) — Two state lawmakers think prison inmates shouldn't be buffed.

But iron-pumping inmates and some of the officials who work with them say Rep. Tom Ramsay and Sen. Jeff Wentworth are missing the point with their bills to remove prison weight rooms.

Gregg Johnson, a 179-pound convicted murderer who has become addicted to the weight room at the Eastham Unit during his 13 years in prison, can execute a squat lift with 660 pounds on his shoulders.

"We get a sense of discipline we never experienced before," he said.

"There are dozens of guys in here that are totally different people because of weightlifting. A lot of us have never put such an importance on anything. This has really given me new direction, a new foundation. The discipline reflects on a lot of things in my life," he said.

Johnson is a member of an Eastham Unit weightlifting team that holds the prison system championship. In prison, working

with free weights is a privilege earned by good conduct.

Working with weights is about dedication, discipline and reward, not about bad guys getting stronger, said Mario Cotton, recreation supervisor and coach of the Eastham lifters.

Stacked on top of the recent banning of tobacco products in prison, removing weights would be like "putting gas on fire," Cotton said.

"The cigarettes are gone and they're wired," he said of ex-smokers.

"There is a psychological mind-set to being bulked up and I don't like that mind-set in a criminal," said Rep. Tom Ramsay, D-Mount Vernon, who's pushing legislation to ban inmate weightlifting.

"It is a process where they can build themselves into a strength situation where they could be dangerous, not just in prison but after they get out," he said.

Ramsay said he wants to cut out inmate fun. His bill also would ban TVs in prison.

Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said comments from his constituents prompted his bill, which is similar to Ramsay's. It would require the state to dispose of the equipment and use the proceeds for other recreational equipment, such as basketballs.

"I dare say that a lot of tax-paying citizens wish they had a little spare time so they could work out in a weight room," he told The Houston Post for an article in Sunday editions.

But the lawbreakers and some of their custodians disagree.

## Filing

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ness hours.

Up for election on the Snyder ISD board are at-large places held by Luann Burleson and Charles Anderson. Both have filed for reelection and neither is opposed.

At Ira, there are three places up for election, including one to fill out the term of Darryl Calley, who resigned as Place 1 trustee. Former board member Sid Wall has filed for Place 1. The others, both full terms, are Place 6, held by Keith Clements, and Place 7, held by Doug White. Both Clements and White have filed for another term. All three men are unopposed.

The deadline to file is March 22.

# Futures trader heads to court

Leeson tells judge he doesn't want to return to Singapore

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The trader whose disastrous deals contributed to the collapse of Barings bank told a judge today that he does not want to be returned to Singapore for trial on a related forgery charge, his attorney said.

Nick Leeson was detained in Frankfurt on March 2 at Singapore's request as he tried to fly home to Britain, where Barings is based. The 28-year-old trader said "absolutely nothing" when he appeared Monday before a judge, "except that he does not agree to be extradited to Singapore," defense attorney Eberhard Kempf said.

"He doesn't say yes or no" to Singapore's charge that he forged the signature of a Wall Street trader to show that Barings bank had money available for futures trades, Kempf told reporters after the closed hearing.

"He doesn't say that he did anything wrong, and he doesn't say that he did everything correctly," Kempf said. "We feel this charge does not correspond to what we know as the Barings scandal. This is what the Singapore authorities have to explain."

Kempf said his client "will answer questions" but not until Singapore makes a formal extradition request. It has until May 2 to do so and to submit all the documents necessary for a German judge to make a decision on sending Lee-

son to Singapore for trial. "This will take months," Kempf said. During that time, it is possible for Singapore authorities to withdraw the forgery charge and substitute other charges, he said.

Kempf said Leeson was not depressed.

Leeson, who traded in the Singapore office of Baring Brothers & Co., bet heavily that Japan's Nikkei 225 stock market index would rise or remain the same. When it fell, Barings lost nearly \$1.5 billion and collapsed. It was taken over last week by the Dutch insurance and investment firm, ING Group.

Leeson is being held in a prison in Hoechst, a western Frankfurt suburb. His appearance before the judge today was to hear the charges and answer whether he opposed extradition.

Kempf reiterated that his client would not oppose extradition to Britain. But the attorney said he has had no communication with the Serious Fraud Office investigating the bank collapse in London.

Kempf said that contact would be made through Leeson's London attorneys. One of them was expected to visit him by the end of the week.

Leeson's attorneys told reporters last week that he might be willing to talk about any role Barings executives in London played

in the collapse of the bank in return for legal action to get him home.

Leeson is allowed to have two visits a month from his wife, Lisa, who was detained briefly with him when the couple was escorted off a flight from Malaysia as they tried to get home after the bank collapsed.

## Obituaries

### Ernest Goswick

1928-1995  
KILGORE — Graveside services for Snyder native Ernest "Sheen" Goswick, 66, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Algoma Cemetery.

Mr. Goswick died Saturday at his home in Kilgore. He was born Nov. 6, 1928 in Snyder. He was a Baptist, a retired pumper in the oil industry and a Korean War veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Goswick of Kilgore; two daughters, Elizabeth Estelle Herrera of Marshall and Dorothy Gail Reynolds of Diana; two sons, Edward Wayland Goswick of Kilgore and Timothy Wade Goswick of Longview; three brothers, Howard Goswick of Jayton, M.C. Goswick of Elysian Fields and Jerry Goswick of Westmoreland, Calif.; three sisters, Pearl Johnson of Snyder, Dolores Davis of Palestine and Sue Beason of Deberry; and eight grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Rader Funeral Home in Kilgore from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

### Roy H. Kimzey

1921-1995  
SWEETWATER — Graveside services for Roy H. Kimzey, 73, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Pyron Cemetery with Bill Lightfoot officiating.

Mr. Kimzey died Saturday evening in Sweetwater. Mr. Kimzey was born Nov. 2, 1921 in Pyron. He married Freda Pauline Weathers on Aug. 15, 1940 in Lockney. Mr. Kimzey was self-employed as a farmer and a rancher. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline, of Sweetwater; a son and daughter-in-law, Roy Paul and Debbie Kimzey of Summerville, S.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol Ann and Marvin Sartin of Amarillo; and four granddaughters.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Cate-Spencer and Trent Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

## County court recesses

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"A tax abatement is really only deferring taxes," said Hutchinson. "We will continue to collect all the taxes that are currently being paid with hopes of a lot more tax money in the future."

## Farm bill field hearing for area set in Lubbock

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Agriculture Committee has scheduled a series of public hearings next month around the nation on the 1995 farm bill, including one in Lubbock.

"We are at a crossroads with regard to federal farm policy this year so first and foremost, we need to hear what farmers and ranchers think about these policies," said Rep. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., the committee chairman.

The full committee will meet in Lubbock on April 26. The hearings will be divided among the panel's subcommittees and the full committee. Times and sites will be announced later.

He added that guidelines for abatements must be met by the industrial prospects and must meet with the approval of the county, city and college taxing districts.

Hutchinson told the court that industrial prospects normally inquire about the availability of water and sewer at a location and what kind of tax abatement program is available.

"It is a tool for recruiting new businesses and to help our current businesses expand also," said Hutchinson.

In other business, the court gave approval for the Boy Scouts to hold a "Fish-A-Thon" at Towle Park on April 1 and recognized that the week of March 12-18 is "Hire the Older Worker Week".

Judge Fritz presided. All commissioners were present. When the court recessed at noon, three other agenda items remained. They were hiring of a county mechanic, line-item transfers and payment of bills. The court was to reconvene at 2 o'clock today.

# Arrests keep officers busy during weekend

Seven arrests were made over the weekend by local law enforcement agencies including three early Sunday morning on outstanding city warrants.

A 40-year-old male was arrested at 1:50 a.m. Sunday in the 900 block of 30th Street on city warrants for no insurance, Class C assault/family violence, public intoxication and allowing a dog to run loose.

City officers arrested a 21-year-old male at 2:15 a.m. Sunday in the 1100 block of 30th Street on city warrants for failure to appear and no driver's license.

A 20-year-old male was arrested at 4:02 a.m. Sunday at 35th Street and College Avenue on a city warrant for an expired motor vehicle registration.

Other arrests over the weekend included a 40-year-old male arrested in the 100 block of 25th Street at 3:14 p.m. Saturday for Class A assault/family violence.

A 20-year-old male was arrested at 10:12 p.m. Saturday at the sheriff's office on outstanding DPS warrants from Mitchell County.

Officers arrested a 22-year-old male at 11:58 Saturday night for public intoxication at the Latin American Center.

A 17-year-old male was arrested in the parking lot of the Budget Inn at 2:07 a.m. Sunday and charged with public intoxication.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male at 8:32 p.m. Sunday in the 1800 block of 37th on a warrant for minor in possession of alcohol.

A report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was made at 10:35 a.m. Saturday in reference to a pickup being stolen from

Leatherwood's Garage. It was later located at in the area of 30th Street and El Paso Street.

A report for criminal mischief was filed at 10:45 a.m. Saturday by Billy Leatherwood in reference to damage done to a 1989 Pontiac parked at Leatherwood's Garage.

An offense report for criminal mischief was filed at 12:11 p.m. Saturday in reference to damages done to a 1971 Chevrolet pickup while it was parked at 3500 44th Street.

Officers were called to the emergency room of Cogdell Hospital at 12:42 p.m. Saturday in reference to a child being treated after falling out of a pickup. The three-year-old girl was admitted for observation after being treated for multiple abrasions and contusions to the forehead. She was released Sunday.

A woman contacted the police department at 6:04 p.m. Saturday in reference to having been assaulted. An offense report for Class C assault was made.

A report of criminal mischief was made at 5:56 a.m. Sunday in reference to a window being broken at The Shack.

Police officers were notified at 12:22 p.m. Sunday that a woman had found two chow puppies in a dumpster in the alley on Coleman Street.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 2:32 p.m. Sunday in reference to an incident in the 3200 block of Cherry Street.

An offense report for attempted burglary was made at 11:35 Sunday night in reference to an incident at a residence on the on the Clairmont Highway.

## Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	Lubus	221/4	221/8	221/4	+1/8
AMR Corp	613/4	611/4	613/4	+5/8	51/2	53/8	53/8	
AT&T Corp	525/8	52	52	-1/8	341/8	337/8	337/8	-3/8
AirTouch	277/8	271/4	275/8	-3/8	645/8	64	643/8	+1/8
Albertsons	313/8	311/8	313/8	+3/8	901/8	891/2	895/8	-3/4
Allsignal	381/4	38	38		785/8	781/4	783/8	-3/8
Alltel	281/2	281/4	281/4	-1/8	571/8	56	57	+5/8
AmStores	247/8	245/8	243/4		Nationsbk	491/2	483/4	49
Ameritech	431/4	425/8	43	-1/4	Navistar	13	127/8	13
Amoco	61	601/2	605/8	-3/8	NoramEngy	55/8	51/2	55/8
AndarkPrt	441/8	435/8	433/4	-1/4	Nyack	395/8	393/8	393/8
ArmcoInc	67/8	63/4	67/8	+1/8	OryxEngy	111/8	107/8	107/8
AtlRichfd	1137/8	1123/8	1133/4	+7/8	PacTelesis	30	291/2	295/8
ATMOS Egy	173/4	173/8	171/2	-1/8	PanEPc	225/8	221/2	221/2
Aviall	61/4	61/8	61/4	+1/8	Penney JC	431/4	427/8	43
BakerHughes	201/4	197/8	201/4	+1/4	Peanzoil	481/4	48	-1/8
BancTexas	1	1	-1/8		PepBoys	325/8	323/8	321/2
BellAtl	527/8	525/8	523/4		PepsiCo	397/8	391/4	393/8
BellSouth	581/2	581/8	581/8	-3/8	PhelpDodge	533/4	531/2	531/2
BethSteel	153/8	151/8	151/8		PhilipPet	353/4	355/8	355/8
Borden	133/8	131/8	131/4		Polaroid	327/8	325/8	323/4
BritPet	767/8	765/8	765/8	+1/8	Praxair	201/8	193/4	193/4
Caterpillar	50	491/2	495/8	-1/4	ProctGamble	673/4	671/8	671/2
CenSoWst	241/8	24	24		PubSNWmx	121/2	123/8	121/2
Chevron	477/8	475/8	473/4	-1/4	RoyalDutch	1153/4	1151/2	1155/8
Chrysler	421/4	413/4	417/8	+3/8	SFPacCp	225/8	223/8	223/8
Coastal	291/4	291/8	291/4	+3/8	SaraLee	261/8	257/8	257/8
CocaCola	635/8	631/4	635/8	+5/8	SearsRoeb	503/4	501/2	503/4
ColgatePalm	247/8	241/2	241/2	-1/8	SherwinW	341/8	333/4	34
ComcastMetals	387/8	381/2	387/8	+1/8	SmithBchADS	413/8	41	411/4
CooperInd	263/4	263/8	261/2	-1/8	SmithBch	403/8	401/8	401/4
CyprusAmax	17	167/8	167/8		SouthernCo	197/8	195/8	193/4
DallSemin	561/4	557/8	561/8		SwatAirline	167/8	165/8	167/8
DeltaAirl	335/8	331/8	333/8	+1/2	SwBell	413/8	411/8	411/4
Dillard	26	5-16	251/2	251/2	Sprint	285/8	283/8	283/8
DowChem	653/4	653/8	651/2	-3/4	SterlingChm	115/8	111/2	115/8
DresserInd	201/2	201/4	201/4	-1/8	SunCo	281/2	281/4	283/8
DuPont	551/2	551/4	553/8		TNP Eat	147/8	147/8	147/8
EastmanChem	541/8	533/4	541/8	+1/4	Tandy	471/8	463/8	467/8
EstKodak	517/8	513/4	517/8		Templon	473/8	47	471/4
EljerInd	47/8	43/4	47/8		Tenneco	453/8	451/8	453/8
Elserch	14	137/8	14		Texasco	65	643/4	647/8
Energy	211/4	207/8	21	-1/4	TexasInd	321/4	321/8	321/2
Exxon	65	643/4	647/8	-1/8	TexasInt	881/2	865/8	881/4
FlowerInd	181/4	181/4	181/4	+1/8	TexUtil	315/8	313/8	311/2
FordMotor	267/8	261/2	265/8		Textron	551/4	545/8	551/4
GTE Cp	341/8	335/8	333/4	-3/8	Travelers	38	375/8	373/4
GenDynam	453/4	451/2	455/8	-1/8	TrinityInds	35	347/8	35
GenElec	547/8	541/2	545/8	-1/8	TritonEngy	321/2	321/8	323/8
GenMills	627/8	611/2	625/8	-1/4	Tyler	33/8	31/4	31/4
GenMotors	425/8	42						



# East Texas syphilis outbreak baffles federal health officials

HOUSTON (AP) — A syphilis epidemic in Beaumont, where 664 cases were documented in 1994, four times the state's average, has federal health officials puzzled.

In Jefferson County, the numbers translated into 203 cases per 100,000 county residents. Last year, there were only 49 cases reported for every 100,000 Texans.

Another 29 cases were identified in January among county residents.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Everett Expose, a public health adviser for the national Centers for Disease Control. Expose heads a five-person team that is tracking down people who have been exposed to syphilis to urge them to be tested and if necessary treated for the disease.

"This is an epidemic," added Dr. Charles Bell, who heads the state's HIV and sexually transmitted disease detection program.

Beaumont, where almost half the county's population lives, reported about half of the cases. But Port Arthur, which is a little more than half Beaumont's size, reported almost as many, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

There are no easy answers for why the epidemic struck this county of 240,000 people east of Houston. Bell, a native of Port Arthur, said one reason may be a lack of things for young people to do

other than have sex.

Economics undoubtedly play a part. The area has experienced lingering economic troubles since the oil bust of the mid-1980s.

Most of the new cases have been diagnosed in the poorer communities, Bell said, where residents may have had less access to information about sexually transmitted diseases.

And since lower-income people are more likely to seek treatment in city health clinics, he added, their conditions are readily reported to disease control specialists.

But economics alone will not explain Jefferson County's soaring syphilis rate, Expose said. Other economically troubled areas of Texas don't have abnormally high infection rates. Health workers may never be able to tell just how syphilis got such a stronghold in the area, he said.

All cases of sexually transmitted disease are supposed to be reported to public health officials, Bell said, but many that are treated by private physicians are not.

The first sign of the disease is usually lesions on genital areas. Women sometimes cannot see or feel the lesions and on men the sore often looks like a mark made by a wayward zipper. The sores often do not hurt and they go away if untreated.

Later stages of the disease can include rashes, usually on the palms of the hands or feet, and lesions the size and shape of small coins. These symptoms also go away on their own. But if left untreated, the disease can cause dementia and even death after a period of up to 30 years.

Syphilis is easily treated with antibiotics.

Bell said health officials in urban areas like Houston have increased awareness about how to prevent the spread of AIDS, so more precautions are probably being taken.

Such precautions, such as the use of condoms, also prevent the spread of other sexually transmitted diseases.

Furthermore, Bell said, federal and state health resources have shifted to more populated areas.

Jefferson County's syphilis rate was much lower than the statewide infection rate during the 1980s, and health care resources were shifted to other areas, officials said. The county's syphilis rate surpassed the statewide rate in 1991 and by 1993 had swelled to the highest rate in the state.

As Jefferson County's rate rose, more state and federal case workers were sent there.

The CDC currently has two workers in Jefferson County primarily to address the syphilis cases. Those workers will soon leave, but are due to be replaced by employees for state and federal programs.



SOPHOMORE OF THE YEAR — LaTrisha Lee, right, is shown accepting a plaque for receiving the Kiwanians sophomore of the year award from Larry McAden, project chairman. At left are LaTrisha's parents, Lannie and Loretta Lee. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## 99-year-old veteran receives purple heart after 77 years

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. (AP) — Snapping out a salute, 99-year-old Fred Roberts received his Purple Heart — almost eight decades after he was gassed in a bloody World War I battle.

"I feel great. It's great to be an American," Roberts said Sunday at a ceremony attended by nearly 250 friends, relatives and soldiers.

As a band played "Stars and Stripes Forever," Major General Stephen Bisset, commander of the 63rd U.S. Army Reserve Command, pinned the prestigious decoration to Roberts' chest.

"Congratulations, it's been a long time coming," Bisset said. "I want to see you when you're 105."

The trim, 5-foot-9 Roberts stood stiffly at attention in his garrison cap and neatly ironed brown suit. After clicking his heels together smartly and saluting, he shook Bisset's hand with a proud smile.

The ceremony, held at the

Armed Forces Reserve Center in this coastal suburb 25 miles south of Los Angeles, was delayed by decades because of a mixup in his Army records.

"I am grateful and if I had to do it all over again, I would," said the former U.S. Army corporal.

Roberts was wounded in 1918 as his unit — Company D, 151st

Machine Gun Battalion, 42nd Rainbow Division — was advancing from Champagne Feront into the Belleau Woods during the second Battle of the Marne in France.

His unit was caught in an artillery barrage that included mustard gas. Roberts was treated for gas inhalation and shell shock.

## Author Maya Angelou defends book

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Poet and author Maya Angelou is defending her novel, "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings," from criticism made by some parents of high school students in a small Central Texas town.

The book is one of several on a required-reading list in the college-preparatory program at Wimberley High School in Wimberley, Texas.

It came under attack recently after a parent complained about sexually explicit passages, including descriptions of female genitalia and references to rape, incest and masturbation.

Its classroom use is being appealed to Wimberley schools Superintendent Vernon Newsom, who promised to seek more parental comment before making his own decision.

In the book, the author discusses being raped by her mother's boyfriend when she was 8 years old.

## Prices continue to dip slightly at pump

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gasoline prices continued their months-long slide but remain nearly a dime a gallon higher than in 1994, said an oil industry analyst.

The average retail price of gasoline, including all grades and taxes, was 117.33 cents per gallon on Friday, down nearly a quarter of a cent from two weeks earlier, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide.

Gas prices have fallen 2.25 cents per gallon since early January, analyst Tribby Lundberg said Sunday.

Still, she said, the price is 7 1/2 cents higher than the same time last year.

The nationwide average retail price at self-serve pumps was 110.58 cents for regular unleaded; 121.04 cents for middle-grade unleaded; 129.53 cents for premium unleaded; and 115.84 cents for regular leaded.

At full-service pumps, the average price was 146.87 cents for regular unleaded; 155.51 cents for middle-grade unleaded; 162.86 cents for premium unleaded; and 141.79 cents for regular leaded.

**Astrograph**  
By Bernice Bede Osol

**Your Birthday**  
Tuesday, March 14, 1995

In the year ahead, it will be to your advantage to update your knowledge of your chosen field of endeavor. Big opportunities loom on the horizon, but you must qualify for what they offer.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Your mobility and independence will be important to you today, so steer clear of dominant personalities who might try to tell you how you allocate your time and resources. 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 \$2.50 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Do not talk critically about a co-worker with another co-worker. He/she might pretend to agree with you, but actually take offense at what you say.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** When supervising others today, take care not to lay down too many rules. If you do, there's a very good chance they might deliberately ignore them all.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you try to impress others today by pretending to know all about something that you've never actually studied, you're liable to fall flat on your face.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** This is not a good day to talk to a pessimistic friend about something you're enthusiastically planning. This individual could plant seeds of doubt.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Exercise extreme caution today if you have to do business with strangers. Ask them to put their offer on paper, then read it very carefully.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Although you are usually very thoughtful with others, you might be so anxious to make your points today that you won't let them voice their opinions.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** It would be wise today to temporarily set aside assignments that require an aptness for detail. You might not be equipped to deal with small factors.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You could do well in business involvements today, but you might not score too many points in your social life. Try to be equally attentive to both.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Friends like and appreciate you for what you are, so there is no need to put on airs. Affectations could tarnish your image instead of enhancing it.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today you might impulsively repeat an old mistake. Try counting to ten before reacting to any given situation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Acknowledge the favors that others do for you today. If you overlook someone, he/she won't be anxious to help you again in the future.

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## Registering to Vote Is Just a Stamp Away

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Recently a reader asked what was involved in registering to vote. (Your reader was not registered and was too embarrassed to admit it.)

Fortunately for that individual, and others who are in the same boat, voting has never been easier.

Based on a new federal law that took effect this year, citizens in virtually every state can now register by mail or in person at their local town hall. They can pick up mail-in voter registration cards at their local town hall, public libraries, motor vehicle offices and social service agencies in their state. Most states mail out voter registration cards with driver's license forms.

In all cases, simply fill out the voter registration form, sign it, mail it in, and once the local clerk or registrar approves the form, you're a voter! It's the first step to being a full participant in our democracy, and you can do it any time of year. When the next election occurs in your community, you can vote for the candidate of your choice.

The strength and vitality of our democracy depend on the participation of citizens, and the new law is already helping thousands of Americans to register, and exercise their right to vote.

Abby, please urge every one of your readers of legal age to vote!  
MILES S. RAPOPORT,  
SECRETARY OF STATE,  
CONNECTICUT

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: Thank you for informing the many interested (but unregistered) citizens. For my young readers who may not realize they are old enough to vote, the legal voting age is 18.

DEAR ABBY: I nearly spilled my coffee when my poem, "Middle Children," popped out at me from your column. It appeared originally in Good Housekeeping magazine in July 1960.

I am delighted to learn that it helped at least one "middle child" feel better about herself — though

it's a bit hard to figure out how such a prominently displayed author's name could have vanished into the mists. Another lesson in humility, I guess!

My poetry still appears in national publications. And, Abby, you would do all of us poets and other writers a favor if you would caution your readers not to clip and pass printed material along to others without including the author's name, and the publication's as well, so proper credit can be given and permission to reprint can be obtained, if that is ever contemplated.

Meanwhile, I do appreciate your (and Ms. Williams') kindly comments about my poem. With that warm feeling, I really didn't need the coffee to wake up.

MARY MARGARET MILBRATH,  
FLOSSMOOR, ILL.

DEAR MARY MARGARET MILBRATH: That lovely poem was sent to me clearly stating that the author was unknown. Thank you for setting the record straight.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter has been dating a young man for about a year, and he has asked us for her hand in marriage. Last night he told our daughter that he is a philatelist.

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# Democrats fewer in number but they are not powerless

By JILL LAWRENCE  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Like wealthy relatives fallen on hard times, Senate Democrats find themselves in reduced circumstances. But they are learning that's not the same as being powerless.

The soft-spoken minority leader, Tom Daschle, is happily seizing on a series of openings created by Republican miscalculations and by Senate rules. "We're really on a roll," Daschle says with quiet satisfaction.

The gentle South Dakotan commands the fractious troops trying to revamp and sometimes raze huge chunks of the Republican "Contract with America," which the well-oiled House is rocketing to the Senate at record speed.

The glum mood among Senate Democrats began lifting when they realized it was within their grasp to bury the centerpiece of the contract — a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution.

A few days after they succeeded, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, who has all but announced his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination next year, suggested he might give up his leadership post during the convention delegate-selection season.

Daschle, somewhat tongue-in-cheek, said he would be disappointed if that happened.

"I'm just getting to enjoy my work with Bob Dole," he said. Within 24 hours of handing Dole a bitter defeat, Democrats suffered the loss of Colorado Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell to the GOP.

But attention shifted almost instantly to the decisive "no" vote Republican Sen. Mark Hatfield had cast on the budget amendment, and efforts by some to strip the Oregon veteran of his Appropriations Committee chairmanship. The spectacle was a political windfall for Democrats.

Daschle called it "awful" to

punish someone for voting on principle and said Hatfield would be "more than welcome" in the Democratic Party. "We have no discipline," Daschle said between chuckles.

That's certainly the party reputation. But the Senate's 46 Democrats are finding that enough of them can hang together enough of the time to exploit Senate rules. If they don't like something, they just keep talking, and Dole can't always find the 60 votes he needs to cut them off.

Last Thursday, a week after their balanced-budget triumph, Democrats demonstrated they had enough strength to prevent approval of a floor amendment that would have embarrassed President Clinton. Republicans are seeking to thwart Clinton's executive order barring federal contractors from hiring permanent replacements for striking workers.

Daschle also is suggesting that Democrats will block a line-item veto bill that looms large in the GOP contract. His conditions of support include at least one that Republicans are bound to resist: giving presidents the right to cancel not just spending projects but also special-interest tax breaks.

When the bill comes up, probably this week, Democrats will be painting themselves as champions of working people and Republicans as defenders of wealthy and corporate interests — the same way they're framing debates on proposed GOP cuts in taxes, welfare, nutrition and student aid.

"It's a nice contrast," Daschle says with a grin.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Jill Lawrence covers Congress for The Associated Press.



**DISTINGUISHED CLUB** — Snyder Kiwanis Club received the Kiwanis Distinguished Club Award in the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International. From left are Scott Gassiot, secretary/treasurer; Bob Cole, past president; and Dale Stennett, Lt. Governor, Division 22. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## 'Forrest Gump' gains Oscar momentum at directors show

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — "Forrest Gump" added a bonbon to its box of chocolates — and could wind up with an Oscar for dessert.

The Directors Guild of America gave its top award to Robert Zemeckis, making his feel-good epic a virtual shoo-in for an Academy Award on March 27.

Almost every DGA winner repeats not only as the best director, but also wins the best picture Oscar. The last three DGA winners — the makers of "The Silence of the Lambs," "Unforgiven" and "Schindler's List" — all have swept top prizes at the Academy Awards.

"Forrest Gump," starring Tom Hanks as a good-hearted simpleton who becomes a hero, has received 13 Academy Award nominations.

"I'm really nervous now," Zemeckis said after the DGA named him best director on Saturday in Beverly Hills.

The other nominees included Frank Darabont for "The Shawshank Redemption" and Mike Newell for "Four Weddings and a Funeral."

But Zemeckis, a protégé of Steven Spielberg, faced the strongest competition from Quentin Tarantino, the co-writer and director of "Pulp Fiction."

Since DGA voters are younger (and, by extension, hipper) than those in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Tarantino's best "Pulp Fiction" chances may be lost.

"Obviously, what makes this moment so significant is it comes from my fellow directors," Zemeckis said in accepting the

prize. "Movie directing is exhilarating, exhausting, addicting, painful, rewarding and a very cool job."

"Hoop Dreams" was recognized by the DGA as the year's best documentary. The story of two high school basketball players was thought to have a chance at a best picture Oscar nomination, but was blanked in that and in the documentary feature category.

The omission of the critical hit forced the Academy to review the documentary selection procedures, which have been attacked previously.

DGA prizes were announced at a ceremony at the Marriott Marquis hotel in New York. Some were presented there and others at a separate West Coast ceremony at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills.

## Dallas Hispanic leader dies in traffic accident

DALLAS (AP) — A prominent Dallas Hispanic leader has been killed in a traffic accident while taking his family on a brief spring break vacation, authorities say.

Raul Quintanilla, 47, chairman of the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and a vice president with NationsBank, died Sunday afternoon when his car struck a power pole on Interstate 20, about 10 miles east of Marshall in East Texas.

Quintanilla's son and daughter were also injured in the accident. "The city has lost a dear friend," Michael A. Gonzales, a former chairman of the Hispanic business group, told The Dallas Morning News.

The injured children, Ricky, 13, and Natalie, 18, were taken to Louisiana State University Medical Center in Shreveport. Ricky was in fair condition, and his sister was in serious condition Sunday night, said hospital officials.

Ricky suffered a fractured ankle and dislocated hip and is expected to be in a wheelchair for the next couple of months, officials said. His sister had a concussion, Raul Quintanilla Jr., a son who didn't go on the trip, said.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Marvin Clickard said a car driven by Quintanilla swerved to avoid another car and ran into the power pole.

Leaders of the 1,110-member Hispanic chamber were stunned by news of Quintanilla's death.

"He really enjoyed the city of Dallas, and he loved his community," said the chamber's vice chairwoman, Minerva Rodriguez. "He had such a passion for what he believed in. He will be missed."

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## Crawford's business zeal earns \$6.5 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Telling Cindy Crawford she looks like a million bucks is an insult. That face is worth no less than \$6.5 million.

The 28-year-old American glamour girl whose business zeal has earned her the nickname Cindy Inc., pulled in that much money in 1994, making her the world's top-paid model, Forbes reports in its March 27 issue.

Crawford made most of her money from Pepsi commercials, her MTV show "House of Style," and seven-figure endorsement contracts with Kay Jewelers and Revlon, Forbes said.

Rounding out the magazine's top-paid modeling list: German Claudia Schiffer, 24, \$5.3 million; American Christy Turlington, 26, \$4.8 million; Canadian Linda Evangelista, 29, \$3.0 million; House.

Australian Elle Macpherson, 30, \$3.0 million; American Niki Taylor, 20, \$2.4 million; Italian Isabella Rossellini, 42, \$2.3 million; Briton Kate Moss, 21, \$2.2 million; Briton Naomi Campbell, 24, \$2.1 million; and American Bridget Hall, 17, \$2 million.

Ten suffragists were arrested in 1917 as they picketed the White House.