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Ask Us

Q—Is it true that you can no longer bring a carton of cigarettes across the Mexico border into the United States?

A—According to the treasury department, you can still import one carton of cigarettes a day duty free. There is a law that went into effect Sept. 1 however, that prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from bringing cigarettes across the border.

In Brief

Rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate today rejected an effort to tilt the civil justice system more in favor of manufacturers and their insurance companies and away from the "tasseled-loafer trial lawyers" President Bush blames for the nation's competitiveness problems.

Supporters of a bill aimed at reducing corporations' exposure to large jury awards to people injured by faulty products fell three votes short of the 60 needed to bring it to the Senate floor.

The 57-39 vote was the first test of Bush's campaign claim that "crazy lawsuits" against manufacturers are costing the jobs of factory workers and stifling the development of innovative drugs and other products.

Local

East Council

East Elementary Parent Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium.

All parents are encouraged to attend.

Buffet lunch

Martha Ann Woman's Club will hold a Sunday buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost is $7 for adults and $3.50 for children.

Pep rally

Ira will hold a pep rally at 3:20 p.m. Friday at the school football stadium.

A car caravan will leave the stadium at 4:30 p.m. for the trip to Midland to play Midland Christian.

West Council

West Elementary Parent Council has scheduled a cleanup day from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday to improve the campus grounds.

All parents are encourage to come. Everyone is to meet in the courtyard.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 95 degrees; low, 67 degeees; no precipitation; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 67 degrees; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 23.82 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with low in the lower 60s. Friday, cloudy in the morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Rain chance still 20 percent. High expected in the lower 80s and east wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7:56; Sunrise Friday, 7:26. Of 253 days in 1992, the sun has shone 233 days in Snyder.

3 juveniles charged...

Police complete 14 burglary cases

A police officer's alertness on patrol Tuesday has led local authorities to clear 14 cases of burglary.

Officer Patrick Coggins was driving past Northeast Elementary on routine patrol about 10 p.m. Tuesday when he noticed two people running down the hallway of the building. He immediately radioed for assistance and began a preliminary check of the building.

Upon arrival of backup, officers conducted a thorough search of the building. No one was located inside, but police discovered a stereo placed by a library door, apparently ready to be carried out.

During a systematic check of the outside of the building and surrounding area, a 15-year-old juvenile was located and apprehended on the roof of the school building. A short time later, two other juvenile males, age 13 and 16, were located and apprehended in connection with the burglary.

All three juveniles were brought to the police department. Their parents and the juvenile probation officer were notified.

"As a result of the pursing investigation conducted by Lt. Steve Warren, a number of other criminal cases were cleared," stated Police Chief Lannie Lee. "The three juveniles made statements admitting their involvement in a number of burglaries in recent weeks.

"This was a good effort on the part of Officer Coggins. It's not often that an officer comes upon a burglary in progress," added the chief.

The juveniles implicated in the burglaries have been turned over to a juvenile probation officers for transportation to the Lubbock Juvenile Detention Facility. All

(see BURGLARIES, page 7)

STUCK TRUCK — This 18-wheeler, carrying a water tank truck, got stuck trying to cross under the bridge at Avenue E on Highway 84 Wednesday afternoon. No damage was reported to the bridge or to the truck, which was owned by Benson Brothers Transport. (SDN Staff Photo)

Alaskan fulfilling dream of walking across country

Alaskan native Wayne Larsen is getting a chance to fulfill his dream, one step at a time.

Larsen left Brunswick, Ga. on April 16 on a 3,000 mile trek which will end at the Pacific Ocean, and a small German restaurant for a celebration dinner with a friend.

"It's really cool to be out there, just you against nature," said the 42-year-old Larsen who passed through Snyder Wednesday. "You set up your tent and then wake up in the middle of the night and realize you're in the middle of nowhere. That's kind of a strange feeling."

Larsen's trek is not the result of a dare or a protest of any kind. In fact, it was the death of a friend who was to have walked with him that encouraged him to make the trip.

According to Larsen, he and his friend had been planning the trip, but his friend died in February. Two months later, Larsen set out on the journey across America on his own.

"My friend's death made me realize that life is not such a long thing," said Larsen. "I realized you can't just wait until later to do the things you want to do."

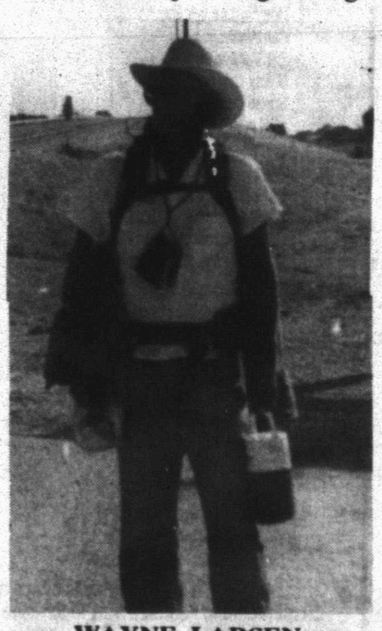
Larsen admitted that travel in West Texas is harder than other places he has been, due to the increased distance between cities. He noted the 43-mile trek between Cross Plains and Abilene as a particularly long stretch of highway.

He said that although there have been some bad experiences along the trip, such as almost being run over by a group of intoxicated teenagers in Biloxi, Miss., he has met many people and encountered some fulfilling experiences.

"There was a group having a party at a place where I stopped in Franklin, La.," recalled Larsen. "They heard about my trip, and decided to make me the guest of honor."

Larsen said he has no planned date of arrival in Cloverdale, Calif., a town 500 miles north of San Francisco.

"People ask me if I have a planned route," he said with a smile. "I planned to start in Georgia and end up in California. The rest I make up as I go along."



WAYNE LARSEN

1992-93 tax rate on SISD agenda

Snyder public schools trustees are expected to set a tax rate of 43.3 cents per $100 in property value when they convene at 7 this evening in the administration board room.

Approval of bids and personnel recommendations are also on tonight's agenda.

The meeting will follow a 5:30 p.m. executive session concerning the high school principal.

In August, trustees unanimously adopted a $14.7 million budget for 1992-93. Local tax dollars are to make up $2,698,615 of the budget, at a tax rate of 43.3 cents.

The tax rate is the same as was adopted last year, and well below this year's effective rate of 50.59 cents.

Also last month, County Education District 11 trustees approved a CED tax rate for 1992-93 of 92.63 cents. The combined CED and ISD tax rate for Snyder public schools taxpayers would be $135.93 per $100 valuation.

In other business this evening, Snyder ISD trustees are expected to approve the hiring of a school nurse and a high school social studies teacher, and accept bids for athletic equipment, school buses and lockers for West Elementary.

Also on the agenda is approval of a permit for a vibroseis seismograph survey.

A high school campus report, payment of bills and approval of past minutes are the only other items on the agenda.

Parade to open annual homecoming festivities

Snyder High School homecoming activities get underway today at 5 p.m. with the annual parade, followed by a pep rally near the gazebo area of the courthouse square.

Groups, clubs and individuals who plan to participate in the parade should begin lining up in the Kmart parking lot at 4:15.

The parade will travel north on College Avenue to 26th Street, then counterclockwise around the square.

Homecoming activities will continue Friday with a pep rally in the high school gym at 3:30 p.m.

The weekend will be highlighted by the Friday's football game against the Monahans Lobos, with kickoff set for 8 p.m. in Tiger Stadium.

The 1992-93 homecoming queen will be crowned at halftime. Candidates are seniors Kim Mitchell, Melanie Duncan, Melody Sargent, Mecca McCowen, Laura Hamby, Rachael Morgan and Joellen King.

Mize joins CMH managers board

Sue Mize was sworn in as a member of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers this morning.

In other business, the board approved the appointment of medical staff members and a revision to the medical staff by-laws, appointed a member to the Foundation Advisory Board, and okayed the purchase of equipment.

County Judge Bob Doolittle conducted the brief swearing-in ceremonies for Mize. She replaces Brenda Hedges, who resigned in June.

Mize is a director of Snyder National Bank and a member and past president of the hospital auxiliary. She has also served as vice chairman of the Foundation Advisory Board.

She will continue to serve with the advisory board as a liason with the hospital's board of managers. Board members this morning named Helen Hatter to replace Mize on the Foundation Advisory Board.

At the request of Chief of Staff Dr. Paul Thompson, board members approved appointments and reappointments this morning. Appointed to the emergency room physician staff were Drs. James Smith, Yung Lee, Karen Pennington and Kenneth Queeneville. Appointed to the consulting staff was Dr. James Balch.

Reappointed to the emergency room staff were Wade Warren, M.D.; Alfred Scherer, M.D.; Gilbert Grimmell, D.O.; and Karen Scott, M.D. Reappointed to the courtesy staff, specialty clinic, were Drs. Howard Hurd and Stanley Allen.

Also approved was an amendment to the by-laws allowing the board to reappoint members of the medical staff for a period of two years instead of one year.

In other business, the board approved $4,600 in medical equipment expenses. These include a drill for oral surgery for $2,800 and seven otoprobe thermometers at approximately $400 each.

The board approved accounts payable, previous minutes, heard a financial inservice program on software from Susan Neves, and reviewed the August transfer report.

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

Health fair Saturday at hospital

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will sponsor a Women's Health Fair from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

All women age 35 and over who register for the fair will be presented with a $15 discount certificate for a mammogram. Free health screenings will be offered to all women.

Area health professionals will present 30-minute seminars.

Lunch will be available for $4.50. It is not necessary to purchase lunch when attending fair, but those who plan to eat must purchase tickets in advance at the hospital, Martha Ann Woman's Club (MAWC) or the Senior Center. All proceeds from the lunch will benefit MAWC.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Voters are undecided if Ross Perot would make a good president. But he sure would be a dandy co-signer."

Most lawyer jokes told at Stinson Drug are done so for the benefit of attorney Dan Cotton.

Harold Denson asked the group the other morning if they knew why lawyers don't play hide and seek?

Cotton quickly suggested that the question be ignored, but Cotton's fellow Dunn native continued.

"Because," Denson said, "No one will look for them."

Jack Smartt, TU Electric manager, has been more places than anybody we know to have been no place.

Traveling across the state with Smartt will result in stops and detours to places that have yet to be discovered. Most of them certainly are not on the official Texas highway department map.

We suspect that Smartt has the largest collection of chow-chow in the continential United States. He must be a collector, since it would be impossible for any one individual to consume the quantity of chow-chow purchased at road-side country stores and stands.

On a trip back from Austin, Smartt suggested that the delegation might want to leave the highway and see the "famous" Indian writings near Paint Rock.

No one took the bait, but hospital administrator Tim Lancaster finally broke the silence. "Jack, if those Indian things are so interesting, how come they built 'em so far from the highway?"

Drug abuse is costly

AUSTIN (AP) — A new study estimates the annual cost of drug and alcohol abuse in Texas at $12.6 billion.

That includes health care, crime-related expenses and lost earnings, says the study released Wednesday by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

"Abuse of alcohol and illicit drugs is one of the most important public health problems facing our society today," the report said.

Richard Spence, director of research and development for the commission, said, "These are the numbers we can count. There are a lot of other costs that can't be counted ... such as disruption of families" due to substance abuse.

Of the total, $7.9 billion was due to alcohol abuse, $3.7 billion to illicit drug abuse and $1 billion to alcohol and drug abuse combined.

An estimated $5.6 billion was attributed to lost earnings because of reduced productivity by workers who are substance abusers, according to the commission. That's 44.7 percent of the $12.6 billion total cost.

Another $2.38 billion reflects the deaths of 7,922 Texans in 1989 from alcohol and drug disorders, and the loss of their potential lifetime earnings to the economy.

PLANNING COMMITTEE — Plans are underway for the Women's Health Fair, to be held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club Saturday morning. Planning committee members are, clockwise from left; Wilma Dillard, Becky Stewart, Gwen Wilson, Tony Hayley, Billie Jackson, Chris Bane, Brenda Meurer, Iva Haywood and Carl Burleson. (SDN Staff Photo)

Product-liability reform would limit jury awards

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's campaign claim that "crazy lawsuits" against manufacturers are costing the jobs of factory workers is being put to a test with a bill that would limit jury awards.

The Senate is the arena this week for a pre-election showdown between manufacturers, insurance companies and their administration allies on one side and consumer groups and trial lawyers aligned with Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton on the other.

The decade-long struggle between the competing interests is expected to come to a head today, when supporters of legislation aimed at reducing jury awards to plaintiffs in product-liability suits try to bring it to the Senate floor.

Supporters of the changes claimed to have the 60 votes needed to cut off any attempt to block its consideration with a filibuster. Consumer groups and the bill's chief opponent in the Senate, Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., conceded the vote would be close.

A similar effort in May failed by 15 votes. But that was on an attempt to attach the measure as an amendment to a bill to register voters when they apply for or renew their drivers' licenses.

Democrats who support overhauling product-liability law voted against the measure then after party leaders said it would kill any chance of getting the voter-registration bill to the White House. Bush vetoed the voter bill in July.

The product-liability bill has long been championed by Vice President Dan Quayle, who complained before the American Bar Association last year that litigation costs, jury awards and liability insurance are costing the economy $80 billion a year.

Bush took up the cudgel at last month's Republican convention, calling for "an end to crazy lawsuits" and blaming "every trial lawyer who ever wore tasseled loafers" for them. He said they were responsible for loss of U.S. factory jobs.

Consumer groups, citing studies by private firms that rate the financial health of insurance companies, put the cost of the present system at only $2 billion a year.

Without the publicity and other threats posed by such suits seeking large damage awards, they contend, companies would have even less incentive to keep faulty products like the Ford Pinto and Dalkon Shield IUD off the market.

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Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has asked the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) for approval to offer new optional call management services called Caller Identification Service (Caller ID) and Anonymous Call Rejection (ACR).

Caller ID is a new optional phone service which allows subscribers to see the phone number and/or name of most local calls before they answer the phone. Caller ID also allows the recording of the date, time, name and/or phone number of calls. Currently, Caller ID would work only on most local calls, not long distance calls. It would also require that a separate display unit be connected to the telephone. These units that attach to the telephone will be available from various retail vendors, including Southwestern Bell, at a cost starting at approximately $50.

Southwestern Bell is also proposing that all customers be able to "block," or stop their name/number from being transmitted and displayed on a Caller ID device, free of charge. You would have this option of "blocking" your name/number on each call free of charge. There would be no need to subscribe to this service. All customers would have this capability when Caller ID is introduced in their area.

If you want to block your name or number, you need only press *67 on your touch-tone pad (or dial 1167 from a rotary phone) before dialing the telephone number. The person you're calling would see displayed a message such as "private" or "anonymous" on their Caller ID display unit.

Southwestern Bell also proposes that qualified domestic violence and law enforcement groups have the option of free per-line blocking, or free per-call blocking.

Anonymous Call Rejection (ACR or "block the blocker") allows subscribers to automatically reject all calls that have been marked anonymous, or "blocked" by the person calling. It is not necessary to subscribe to Caller ID Name/Number to subscribe to ACR. With ACR, your telephone will not ring if the person calling you has "blocked" his/her name or number. The person calling whose identification is blocked will receive a message to hang up and call back with caller identification unblocked. Following are the proposed monthly rates for Caller ID and ACR.

Proposed Rates (monthly)*	Residence	Business
Calling Number only	$6.50	$ 8.50
Calling Name only	$6.50	$ 8.50
Calling Name & Number	$8.00	$12.00
Anonymous Call Rejection	$3/$1**	$3/$1**

* These rates are in addition to the initial installation charges and monthly basic service rate. For residence customers, installation charges are $2.70 per feature, with a maximum charge of $5.40. For business customers, the charges are $5.40 per feature, with a maximum charge of $10.75.

** Anonymous Call Rejection is $3 per month if purchased without Caller ID and is $1 per month when purchased with Caller ID Name or Number.

This proceeding has been designated Docket No. 11362, and a hearing on the merits has been scheduled for November 16, 1992. The PUC has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to Sections 16, 18, 37 and 38 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA). This application was filed pursuant to the provisions of the PUC's Substantive Rule 23.24. Among the issues that will be addressed in this proceeding is the legality of the Caller ID device and service under Texas wiretap laws.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the PUC as soon as possible. The deadline to intervene is October 26, 1992. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the PUC Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

Southwestern Bell Telephone

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, in accordance with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of telephone rates in Texas for optional Custom Calling Services and Touch-tone service, effective March 15, 1993, unless otherwise determined by the PUC.

These proposed rates will not increase or decrease the Company's overall revenues; the net effect will be neutral to the Company's annual revenues.

The Company proposes to decrease the rates for Touch-tone service for residential customers from $1.00 to 68 cents, and also to reduce the Touch-tone rates for business customers from $1.75 to $1.70. In addition, the Touch-tone rates for business PBX trunks will be reduced from $3.15 to $2.18.

This proposal to decrease the rates for Touch-tone service does not change the commitment that the Company made in the Docket No. 8585 Stipulation to reduce the rates for Touch-tone service in 1993.

The Custom Calling Services affected by the Company's application are optional telephone service arrangements that provide the following features: Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three Way Calling, Speed Calling-8 and Speed Calling-30. Following are the feature combinations and their current and proposed rates.

	Residence		Business	
	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
One Feature per line				
Call Waiting	$2.10	$2.85	$2.65	$3.25
Call Forwarding	2.10	2.10	2.65	3.50
3-Way Calling	2.10	2.10	2.65	2.50
Speed Call-8	2.10	2.10	2.65	2.50
Two Features per line				
Call Waiting, Call Forwarding	3.75	4.25	4.75	6.00
Call Waiting, 3-Way Calling	3.70	4.25	4.75	4.75
Call Waiting, Speed Calling-8	3.70	4.25	4.75	4.75
Call Forwarding, 3-Way Calling	3.70	3.50	4.80	5.00
Call Forwarding, Speed Calling-8	3.70	3.50	4.75	5.00
3-Way Calling, Speed Calling-8	3.70	3.50	4.75	4.00
Three Features per line				
Call Waiting, Call Forwarding and 3-Way Calling	5.30	5.65	6.90	7.50
Call Waiting, Call Forwarding and Speed Calling-8	5.30	5.65	6.90	7.50
Call Waiting, 3-Way Calling and Speed Calling-8	5.30	5.65	6.90	6.25
Call Forwarding, 3-Way Calling and Speed Calling-8	5.30	4.90	6.90	6.50
Four Features per line				
Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, 3-Way Calling, Speed Calling-8	6.90	7.05	9.00	9.00
Speed Calling - 30 code capacity	3.20	3.20	4.25	3.20

Most of the Company's residence and business customers who subscribe to Custom Calling Features and Touch-tone service will be affected by the proposed rate restructuring.

It is expected that the restructuring of Custom Calling Features will result in a rate increase for approximately 2.9 million residence customers and 280,000 business customers. The reduction in rates for certain Custom Calling Services and Touch-tone Service will affect approximately 4.3 million residence customers and 1.7 million business customers.

This rate restructuring is expected to have a "revenue-neutral" effect on the Company's annual revenues. The proposed rate restructuring of Custom Calling Services will increase the Company's annual revenues by $19.8 million; while the reduction in Touch-tone rates will decrease the Company's annual revenues by $19.8 million.

This proceeding has been designated Docket No. 11382. Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in this proceeding should notify the PUC as soon as possible. The deadline to intervene is October 30, 1992. A request to intervene, participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the PUC Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

Southwestern Bell Telephone

30 million are hungry in U.S.

BOSTON (AP) — Seven years after a national task force warned about a growing epidemic of hunger, a follow-up study says the problem is getting worse and about 30 million Americans are undernourished.

"When we see increasing poverty and decreasing incomes, it's not at all surprising that hunger has increased," J. Larry Brown, director of Tufts University's Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition Policy, said Wednesday in releasing the report.

The research, prepared at the request of Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, the Democratic chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger, estimates hunger has grown by 50 percent since the mid-1980s.

Brown said the increase in hunger creates the potential for more learning deficiencies among young children, more illnesses among the elderly and diminished productivity for workers.

But the study met some skepticism.

"The numbers are not worth the paper they are written on. They are utterly preposterous," said Robert Rector, a policy analyst for family and social welfare issues at The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

Rector said federal studies have shown that except for iron deficiencies, undernourishment hits poor people no more than wealthy people, and the biggest nutritional problem for poor Americans is obesity.

In 1985, Brown led a national task force that estimated 20 million Americans went hungry, defined as a condition in which health is threatened because a person repeatedly doesn't consume enough nutrients.

Brown said he has confidence in the new figures because three different methods were used to calculate them, and each resulted in a total around 30 million.

Brown also said the profile of hunger has changed. "The stereotype is that this is largely an inner city and minority problem," he said.

"Those stereotypes no longer hold. It's very dramatic to go into the Midwest and hold a malnourished child in your arms at a family farm. Hunger is in America's breadbasket."

Dr. Stephen Berman, a pediatrics professor and director of health policy at the University of Colorado, said families at high risk for hunger are those who might have never experienced economic trouble before.

"We have a situation where you have people who are unemployed or who go from a well-paying job to a minimum-paying job," said Berman, who also served on the 1985 hunger task force sponsored by Harvard University. "It takes a while for them to understand the system to get food stamps or other supports."

But Brown said the federal food stamp program doesn't meet dietary needs and often doesn't reach eligible people.

Lisa Hoffman, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service, which oversees food stamps, said some poor people don't get the benefits because they fail to apply.

But she added: "We think it is reaching the people who are most in need."

Hoffman also said the program is meant to be a supplement to a diet. "It's not meant to finance the whole food income," she said.

The primary calculation method for Brown's study used various poverty figures such as estimates of poor people who collect food stamps but don't get enough nutrients. The numbers also included people above the poverty line whose relatively low incomes make them susceptible to hunger.

A second method used state surveys that asked people several questions such as whether they ever skip meals or cut the size of meals. The third method used results from a national poll that asked people if they knew someone close to them who didn't always have enough to eat.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Sept. 10, 1992

Today is the 254th day of 1992 and the 83rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1862, Jacob Frankel became the first Jewish chaplain of the U.S. Army.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Wise (1914-), director-producer, is 78; Arnold Palmer (1929-), golfer, is 63; Roger Maris (1934-1985), baseball star; Charles Kuralt (1934-), TV news correspondent, is 58; Jose Feliciano (1945-), singer-composer-guitarist, is 47; Bob Lanier (1948-), basketball star, is 44; Amy Irving (1953-), actress, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1960, Ethiopian Abebe Bikila ran barefoot through the torchlit streets of Rome to win the first Olympic marathon held at night.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Thanks to the interstate highway system, it is now possible to travel across the country from coast to coast without seeing anything." — Charles Kuralt

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1963, the 49.13 inches of rain that fell on Paishih, Taiwan, as a result of Typhoon Gloria, set the 24-hour rainfall record for the Northern Hemisphere.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Sept. 11).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
Despite what the recipe book says, there is absolutely no such thing as a little bit of garlic.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. on W. 37th; 9 a.m. t 4 p.m.

Noah Project regular meeting; board room at Cogdell Memorial Hospital; noon.

Diabetes Support Group; lunch if preferred and interested persons welcome; for information call 573-7638; 12 to 1 p.m.

Christian Women's Club Luncheon; Snyder Country Club; lunch, $7or coffe or tea, $1; reservations by noon Tuesday by calling Gaylan at 573-7125 or Doris at 573-3996; 12 to 2 p.m.

Rotary Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; noon.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

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

Volleyball for singles, divorced or widowed people; multipurpose building of First Baptist Church; 7 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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

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

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

Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information call 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th and College; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-2349, 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

Martha Ann Woman's Club Sunday Buffet Luncheon, 11:30 to 2:00; adults $7.00, children $3.50.

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

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

Pyron enjoys homecoming

Pyron Homecoming was held at the Inadale Community Center on Sept. 5 with some 200 guests registered. The dinner was catered by "The Shed" from Wingate.

Arnold Pieper called the meeting to order and welcomed those attending. Oldest person present was Minnie Schoppa (92) from Sweetwater. Youngest was Rachel Held (4) from Norman, Okla. J.W. and Vera Brannon traveled the farthest to attend, from Anchorage, Alaska.

Raymond Schwarz gave the nominating committee report. Carl Pieper was elected president. Mary Ward was named vice president and Viola Stirl was chosen secretary-treasurer.

The group then decided to have the next reunion at the Inadale Community Center in 1996.

Troy Bowen from Sweetwater offered the invocation.

Those attending were from Oklahoma, Arizona, Arkansas, New Mexico, Nevada, Illinois, Alaska and Missouri. Texas towns represented were Lamesa, Kingsland, Carrolton, Little Elm, Dallas, Odessa, Marble Falls, Roscoe, Cleburne, Sweetwater, Snyder, Andrews, Hermleigh, Amarillo, Big Spring, Fort Worth, Slaton, Baird, Loraine, Cross Plains, Midland, Fritch, Abilene, San Antonio, Brookesmith, Houston, Colorado City, Lockney, Monahans, Burleson, Lubbock, Bangs and Coleman.

On April 30, 1945, with Russian forces approaching his bunker in Berlin, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife, Eva Braun, whom he had married the day before. One week later, Germany agreed to unconditional surrender, ending Hitler's Third Reich.

ABWA PROGRAM — Marge Sealy, right, presented the August program to the Scurry Charter Chapter of the American Business Woman's Association. Shown with Sealy is Vern Beasley, program chairman. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 9-10-92
♠ J 8 7 6 4
♥ 10 8
♦ J 10 6 2
♣ J 9

WEST
♠ 5 3
♥ J 6 5 4
♦ Q 9 7 4
♣ A Q 10

EAST
♠ K 9 2
♥ K 9
♦ 8 5
♣ 8 7 6 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10
♥ A Q 7 3 2
♦ A K 3
♣ K 5

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 3

hearts was a transfer bid, showing five spades, and three no-trump offered a choice of games.

When West led the spade *three*, Greenberg felt sure that East wouldn't have a singleton king, so she called for dummy's jack. After East covered with the spade king, South won with the ace and drew the rest of the trumps. (At both tables in the Open final, the declarers played low from the dummy on the spade lead. When the Easts put in the nine, the declarers' communications were in ruins and neither found a route home.) Greenberg continued with three rounds of diamonds to West's queen.

Now West had no winning lead. If she exited with her last diamond, declarer would throw a heart and take the heart finesse. Declarer would make her game if East held either the heart king or the club ace. West actually switched to a heart and Greenberg had 10 tricks: five spades, two hearts and three diamonds.

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Women can outplay men

By Phillip Alder

The winners of the Women's Teams title at the Pan American Championships were Gail Greenberg/Dorothy Truscott, Lisa Berkowitz/Judy Tucker and Pam Wittes/Randi Montin. In the final, they beat a Colombian team 177-122.

On today's deal, Greenberg was the only declarer of four to make four spades. (The same hands were played in both the Women's and the Open Teams finals.)

South's first two bids described a balanced 23 or 24 points. (Greenberg upgraded her hand because of the excellent five-card suit.) North's three

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About 200 people died in a 1940 dance hall fire in Natchez, Miss.

Sealy is program for ABWA meet

The Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association met at 7 p.m. on Aug. 27 at the Martha Ann Womans Club.

Barbara Williamson was hostess to 13 members and two guests — Marge Sealy, who gave the program, and Johnny Pyburn, a member of the Deep Creek Chapter.

Leona Wiggins gave the invocation and Vern Beasley, program chairman, introduced Marge Sealy, director of the Scurry County welfare program.

As a program she sang "People Need the Lord," "You're the Only Jesus," "Old Rugged Cross," and "He's All We Need."

Carol Young, vocational chairman, introduced Kathy Landes who is employed by the Snyder schools in the early childhood development program. She works with 3 and 4 year olds, and has about 20 kids this year.

Leona Wiggins reported on the Arts and Crafts Show scheduled Oct. 3-4. Maxie McNew told about the dinners at Martha Ann Womans Club.

Having birthdays in August were Vern Beasley and Louise Rice. The door prize was won by Jo Ann Prince. Kathy Landes dismissed the group with the benediction.

Recognized for perfect attendance for one year were Judy Bynum, Betty Boyd, Mae Cole and Jessie Scarbrough. Those with two-year perfect attendance were Jo Ann Prince while Carol Young was honored for three years. Maxie McNew, Genetha Payne and Inez Teaff each have eight years perfect attendance. Barbara Scrivner has 13 years and Ruby Deavers has 16 years.

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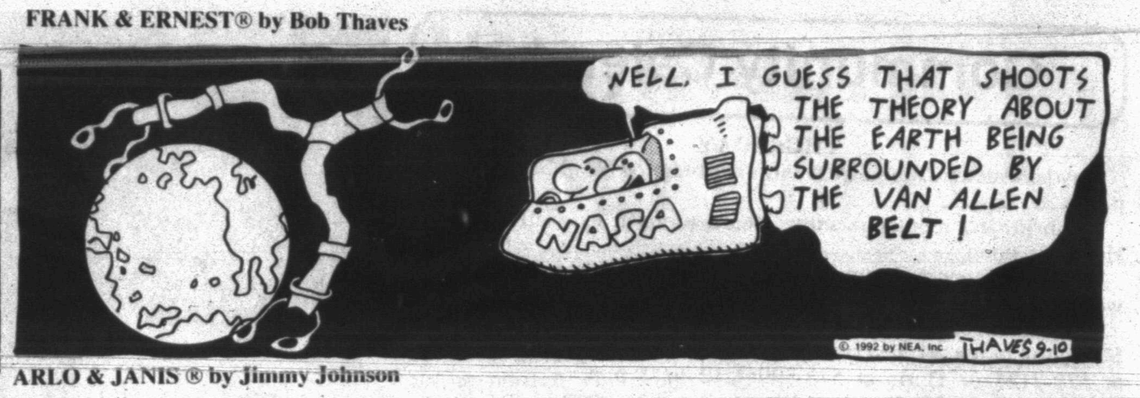

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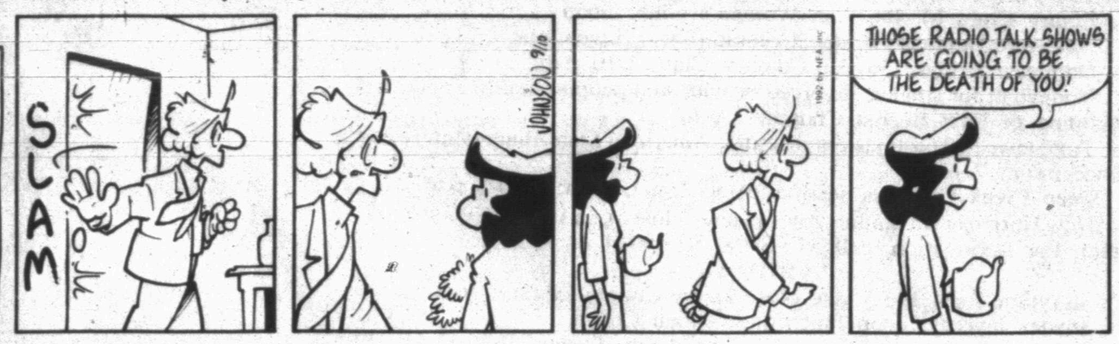

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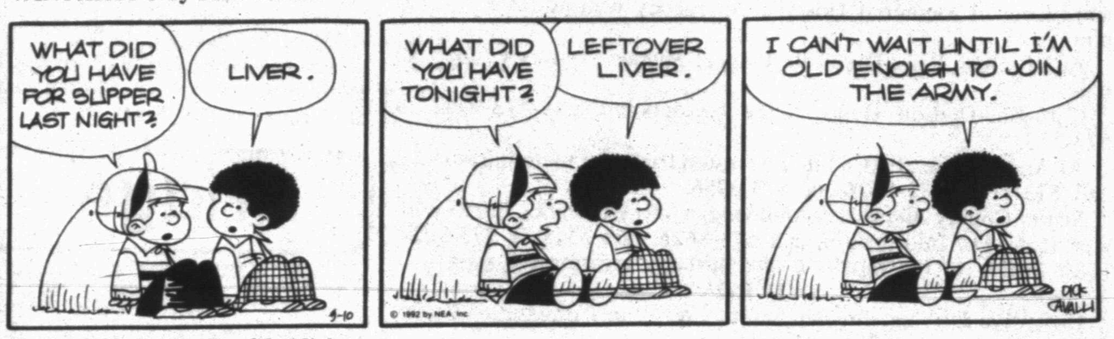

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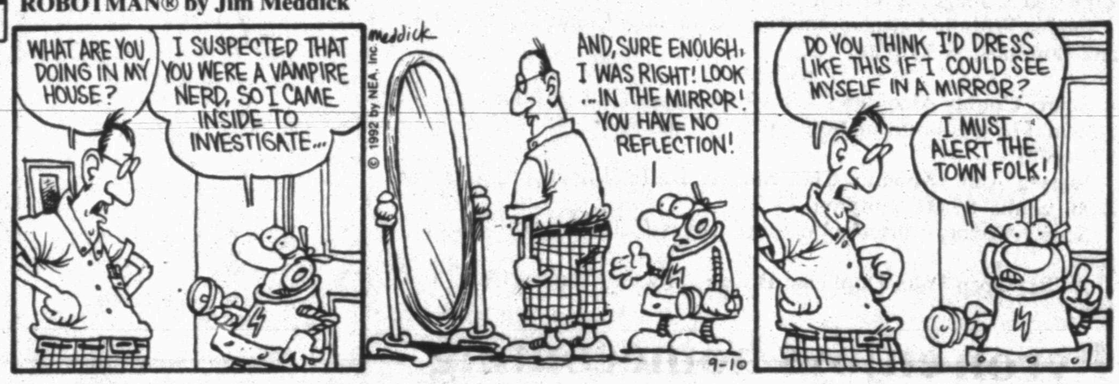

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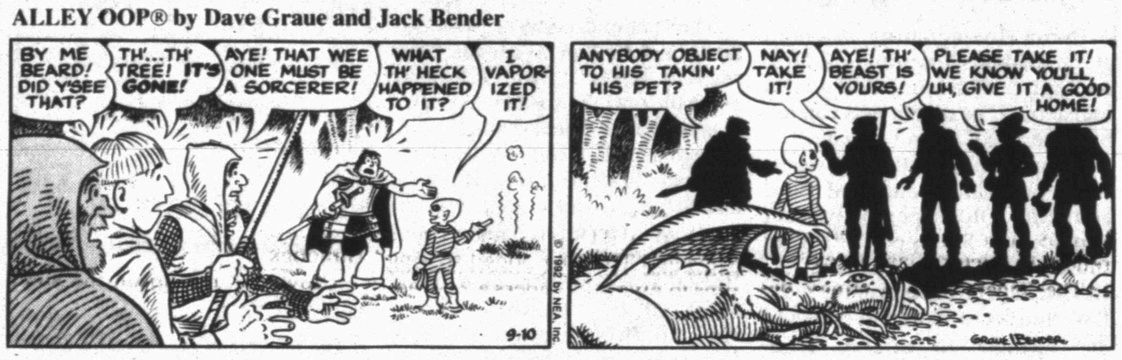

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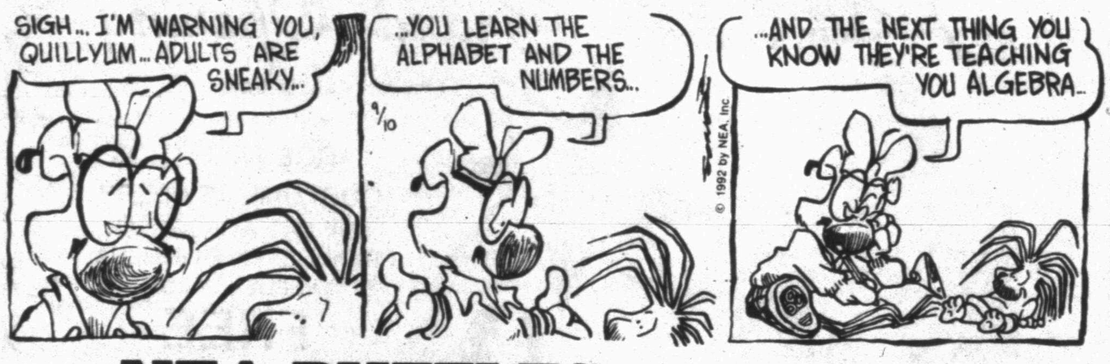

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14 Proprietor
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16 Espionage org.
17 Modified
19 Blue dye
21 Sheepskin shoe
22 Dean Martin's nickname
25 Lessened
28 Numbers (abbr.)
29 Shout of applause
32 Piano piece
34 Expose to air
36 Of the Arctic
37 House pet
38 Short dash
41 — Kringle
43 Sooner than
44 S-shaped molding
48 Dads
51 Sick
52 Slow musical movements
54 Looks at boldly
56 Aircraft part
57 Move slightly
58 Believer in an ism
59 Permit to
60 Remain

DOWN

1 Golfer Hale —
2 Moses' mountain
3 Air hero
4 Actress Deborah —
5 Neckpiece
6 Signs
7 Sundae topping
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20 Volcanic flow
23 — bene
24 Gravel ridges
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27 Information (sl.)
29 Football player
30 Bring up
31 Archeologist's find
33 Taboo item
35 Small opening in door
39 Adjusted beforehand
40 Female pronoun
42 Wise one
45 Actress — Redner
46 Sad song
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50 Cries
52 Black bird
53 — Kapital
55 Racket string material

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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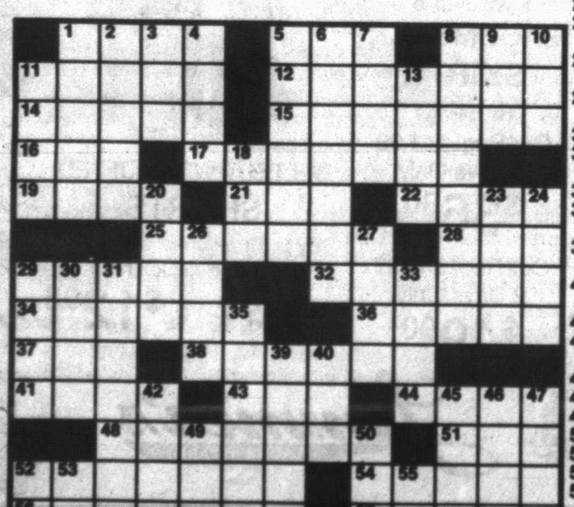

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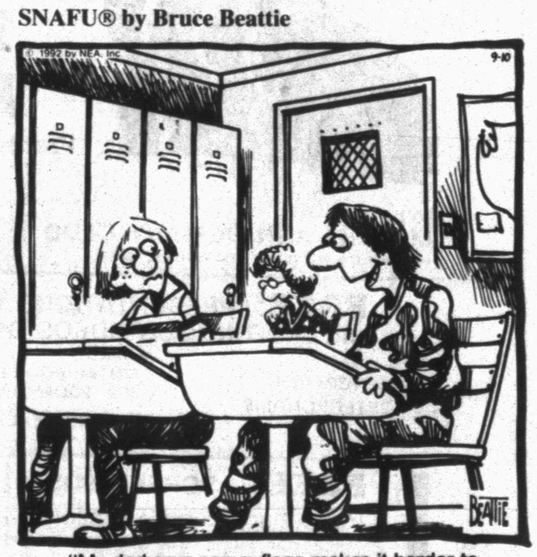

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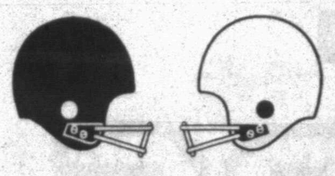
Coffee Drinker's sideline selections



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Southland at Hermleigh	Southland	Hermleigh	Southland	Hermleigh
Big Spring at Estacado	Estacado	Big Spring	Estacado	Big Spring
Abilene High at Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater
Lamesa at San Angelo Lake View	Lamesa	Lamesa	Lamesa	Lamesa
Colorado at Baylor	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado
North Texas at SMU	North Texas	North Texas	SMU	North Texas
Texas at Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Texas
Tulsa at Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
Western Michigan at TCU	Western Michigan	TCU	TCU	TCU
Wyoming at Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
Dallas at NY Giants	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Houston at Indianapolis	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Buffalo at San Francisco	Buffalo	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco
Chicago at New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	Chicago
Minnesota at Detroit	Detroit	Minnesota	Detroit	Detroit
San Diego at Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver
Atlanta at Washington	Washington	Atlanta	Washington	Atlanta

Snyder hosts Monahans Friday...

District 2-4A grid campaign continues

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

District 2-4A member teams started the 1992 football season with a 4-2 record last week including a 13-6 upset by Snyder over No. 20 Sweetwater, Plainview's 14-12 edging of Dumas, a 28-27 nail-biter by Frenship over Brownfield and Lamesa's 12-0 shutout of Pecos.

Lubbock Estacado, ranked 16th in preseason polls, fell to Class 5A cross-town rival Lubbock Coronado, 14-13, and Levelland fell to District 3 power Big Spring in coach Tom Ramsey's Lobo debut.

This week's Friday matchups find District 3 co-favorite Monahans at Snyder for the Tiger's homecoming, Levelland at Canyon Randall, Lamesa on the road to San Angelo Lake View, Big Spring at Estacado and Clovis, N.M. coming across the border to play Plainview.

Frenship is at Lubbock High in Saturday action.

Monahans (1-0)
at Snyder (1-0)

The Snyder Tigers and the Monahans Loboes took different routes to victory last week.

The Tigers used a stingy defense and a grinding running game to eek out a 13-6 win over longtime rival Sweetwater, while Monahans needed all 35 of its points to beat El Paso Eastwood, 35-33.

Snyder's leading ground gainer was fullback Wayland Harrison, who rushed for 87 yards on 13 tries. Tailback Ben Wilson averaged almost six yards a carry on 10 attempts.

Snyder's offensive hero was senior kicker J. Parker who drilled field goals of 45 and 41 yards, added an extra point off Wilson's 10-yard third-quarter TD run and executed a beautiful on-side kick recovered, just as diagrammed, by Barretta Collins.

The Tiger defense limited Sweetwater to just 148 rushing yards, 91 by super back Chris Hines on 20 carries.

The Loboes return split end Rusty McDonald on offense and five defensive starters, including linebacker Martin Morales and defensive backs Earl Clark and Bruce Ramsey, from last year's 8-2 squad.

Levelland (0-1)
at Randall (1-0)

Coach Tom Ramsey's debut was spoiled by a tough Big Spring squad last week. He'll try to get his first LHS victory Friday against Randall, a 28-7 winner over Portales, N.M. in Week One.

The Levelland attack was led by quarterback Kelly Ramsey, who threw for 148 yards, but was only good on seven of 27 attempts and suffered two interceptions.

Randall's Brandon Barker grabbed a TD pass and Travis Sims and Tim Cox added scoring runs to give the Raiders a 21-0 advantage after one quarter last week.

Lamesa (1-0) at
San Angelo Lake View (0-1)

The Golden Tornadoes used a pair of Garland Fleming third-quarter TDs to beat Pecos last week. Fleming went 80 and 86 yards to score all of Lamesa's points. He wound up with 211 rushing yards on just eight carries.

Lake View, longtime doormat in District 3, fell in its opener a week ago to Del Rio, 32-16.

Big Spring (1-0)
at Estacado (0-1)

This matchup brings together two predicted playoff teams in the Mats and the Steers.

Estacado comes in behind senior quarterback Zebbie Lethridge, who completed 10 of 22 tosses in last week's loss to Coronado for 130 yards, including a 31-yard TD pass to Dale Love with 1:31 to go that drew EHS to 14-13.

Clay Klatt and Wes Hughes shared quarterbacking duties for Big Spring in the Steers' win over Levelland. Hughes connected on a pair of scoring strikes and Klatt directed two touchdown drives.

The two combined for 226 passing yards on 10-of-20 accuracy.

Clovis, N.M. (0-1)
at Plainview (1-0)

Plainview's first game as a member of District 2-4A saw free safety Steven Riddley recover a Dumas fumble on a goal-line stand with just over a minute to play to preserve a 14-12 win.

Standout running back Kevin Polk, who rushed for over 800 yards in 1991, scored twice on short runs last week for the Bulldogs.

Clovis wound up on the short end of a 28-14 score to Amarillo High last Friday.

Frenship (1-0) at
Lubbock High (0-1)

The FHS Tigers sailed to a non-district win over Brownfield last week behind a 37-yard Chris Addington field goal.

Frenship was flagged 11 times for almost 90 yards and had a pair of PATs blocked.

Lubbock High suffered through a poor performance in its opener as well, getting lambasted by Andrews, 54-13.

The Westerners could manage only six first downs and were limited to -6 rushing yards while giving up 378 yards on the ground to Andrews.

District 2-4A

Team	Season		District	
Snyder	1	0	0	0
Frenship	1	0	0	0
Lamesa	1	0	0	0
Plainview	1	0	0	0
Estacado	0	1	0	0
Levelland	0	1	0	0

Friday's games
Snyder 13, Sweetwater 6
Big Spring 25, Levelland 14
Lamesa 12, Pecos 0
Coronado 14, Estacado 13
Plainview 14, Dumas 12
Frenship 28, Brownfield 27

Friday, Sept. 11
Monahans at Snyder
Levelland at Randall
Lamesa at San Angelo Lake View
Big Spring at Estacado
Clovis, N.M. at Plainview

Saturday, Sept. 12
Frenship at Lubbock High

Hood wins bass club's August fishing tourney

Tommy Hood reeled in 12.60 pounds for first place in the Snyder Bass Club August Tournament.

Rachel Martin's second-place catch consisted of the tourney's big bass, a 6.20 specimen.

The club's September meeting is slated for 8 p.m. today at Lake Thomas, following a $5 jackpot tournament, which begins at 6 p.m.

The September 12-13 club tournament will be held in conjunction with the Colorado City Bass Club Open. Fishing will be on either Lake Colorado City or Lake Champion. Weigh-in will be Sunday at Lake Champion.

Snyder Bass Club Top 20

1. Tommy Hood, 921.7; 2. Billy Kirkpatrick, 687.7; 3. Buddy Seale, 578.0; 4. Gay Hickman, 529.6; 5. Alan Callison, 369.6; 6. John Bloom, 343.6; 7. Wendell Pinkerton, 336.6; 8. K.D. Heard, 334.1; 9. Rachel Martin, 292.8; 10. Bobby Hoover, 269.2; 11. Rick Howard, 248.8; 12. Larry House, 236.8; 13. Johnny Spruell, 225.0; 14. Lane Martin, 206.8; 15. Bob Martin 201.2; 16. Jack Dorsett, 158.4; 17. Jeff Minor, 143.9; 18. Jimmy Kiker, 103.2; 19. Luke Proctor 94.0; 20. H.W. Cargile, 90.0.

Fishing report

THOMAS: White bass good on submerged knolls; channel catfishing good from bank off rocky points.

Jeff Laurens of Snyder caught a 10-pound drumfish, the largest caught at Lake Thomas since 1990.

Bowling league slates meeting

An organizational meeting is planned for today for the Wishball Bowling League.

The meeting, open to all interested bowlers, will be held at Snyder Lanes at 7:30 p.m.

Pressey joins Warriors' staff

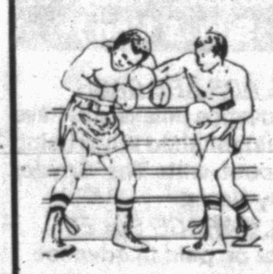
OAKLAND — Paul Pressey, who recently retired following a 10-year NBA career with Milwaukee and San Antonio, will join the coaching staff of the Golden State Warriors.

Pressey will join Gregg Popovich and Donn Nelson as assistants to head coach Don Nelson, the team announced Tuesday.

The 33-year old Pressey spent eight years with the Bucks, the first five with Nelson as his coach. He was named to the NBA's all-defensive team three times, and is the Bucks' all-time leader in assists with 3,272.

Pressey began his college basketball career at Western Texas College where he earned All-America honors while helping coach Nolan Richardson and the Westerners to an NJCAA national title in 1980.

He graduated from Tulsa in 1982.



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Courier blasts past Wimbledon champ

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. Open has turned into the Late, Late Show.

One night after Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker pounded the ball for five hours, America's reigning Grand Slam tournament champions Jim Courier and Andre Agassi played power tennis for nearly four hours.

And when it was over, when the last rocket was launched into the night at the National Tennis Center, Courier had a semifinal meeting with Pete Sampras, yet another American with Grand Slam credentials.

Courier, who earlier this year captured the Australian and French Opens, outslugged Agassi, the reigning Wimbledon king, 6-3, 6-7 (6-8), 6-1, 6-4, while Sampras, the 1990 U.S. Open winner, crushed Alexander Volkov of Russia 6-4, 6-1, 6-0.

The other men's semifinal will be decided today when defending champion and second-seed Stefan Edberg takes on No. 9 Ivan Lendl and No. 4 Michael Chang plays No. 12 Wayne Ferreira.

The women's semifinals were completed when fifth-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario upset reigning Wimbledon champion Steffi Graf, the No. 2 seed, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 and No. 9 Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere led 6-2, 5-3 when her youngest sister, 17-year old Magdalena, retired after aggravating an old left-thigh injury.

The winners will battle in one semifinal, while defending champion Monica Seles, the top seed, and No. 7 Mary Joe Fernandez will meet in the other.

"There were not too many flat out unforced errors," Courier said of his marathon with Agassi, a match that defined power tennis to the huge stadium crowd. "We were standing back there and whacking it from the baseline."

It was no contest when it came to aces, Courier firing 22 to just six for Agassi. But on groundstrokes, neither took a back seat to the other.

"Both of us were hitting it pretty big," the top-seeded Courier admitted. "You've got to keep him on the defensive."

Defense, they both had. They also had a lot of unforced errors. Not unusual when you consider the way they were pounding the ball, going for winners.

Courier finished with 56 winners and 40 unforced errors; Agassi had 48 winners and 62 unforced errors.

But Courier's biggest unforced error came in the tiebreaker on the first of three set points he squandered.

With the two bombarding each other from the baseline, the point culminated with Agassi ripping a backhand down the line. Courier, however, anticipated the shot and was in position, angling a forehand volley cross court.

He hit the ball too flat, however, and it sailed clear across the court, landing wide.

Canseco HR lifts Rangers past Sox

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — With Jose Canseco in the lineup, cheers have replaced jeers and singles have replaced pop fly balls when that's all a pitcher will offer.

Canseco, obtained by the Rangers last week from Oakland in a 3-for-1 trade that included Ruben Sierra, hit his second home run in as many days as Texas hung on to nip Boston 3-2 on Wednesday.

Canseco hit a three-run home run in the third inning and went 3 for 4 against Boston's Danny Darwin, a pitcher who had always given him problems.

With the Rangers down 1-0 in the third inning, Canseco ripped the first pitch offered him over the wall in left. The homer, Canseco's 24th of the year, also scored Jack Daugherty, who had singled, and Rafael Palmeiro, who doubled.

Canseco, who was 4 for 18 against Darwin going into Wednesday's matchup, also collected singles in the first and fifth innings. He flew out to right in his final at-bat in the seventh.

"I can't remember having that much trouble off him in the past," said Darwin (8-7). "He was the one guy I did not make good pitches to, and you can't afford to do that.

"I just put the ball out over the plate and Jose hit it," Darwin explained. "He didn't even hit it hard. I told him when he went by, 'I made you a star tonight.' He'll hit a lot of home runs in this stadium."

"The big guy is swinging the bat better," Rangers manager Toby Harrah said. "Every day, you see the bat speed picking up."

Baseball glance

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	81	59	.579	—
Baltimore	77	62	.554	3½
Milwaukee	75	64	.540	5½
New York	67	73	.479	14
Boston	64	75	.460	16½
Cleveland	64	75	.460	16½
Detroit	64	76	.457	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	82	57	.590	—
Minnesota	78	62	.557	4½
Chicago	75	63	.543	6½
Texas	69	73	.486	14½
California	63	77	.450	19½
Kansas City	62	77	.446	20
Seattle	56	84	.400	26½

Wednesday's Games
Minnesota 6, Seattle 2
New York 5, Baltimore 2
Texas 3, Boston 2
Toronto 1, Kansas City 0
Cleveland 5, Milwaukee 4
Chicago 6, Detroit 4
Oakland 3, California 0

Thursday's Games
Detroit (Haas 3-2) at Chicago (Fernandez 7-8), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Ju.Guzman 13-3) at Texas (Pavlik 3-2), 8:35 p.m.
Seattle (Johnson 11-12) at Oakland (Darling 12-9), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	81	58	.583	—
Montreal	76	63	.547	5
St. Louis	69	68	.504	11
Chicago	69	69	.500	11½
New York	64	75	.460	17
Philadelphia	56	81	.409	24

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	83	55	.601	—
Cincinnati	75	64	.540	8½
San Diego	74	64	.536	9
Houston	67	72	.482	16½
San Francisco	61	78	.439	22½
Los Angeles	56	83	.403	27½

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 2, New York 1
Pittsburgh 13, Chicago 8
St. Louis 10, Montreal 3
Atlanta 12, Cincinnati 7
Houston 6, San Francisco 4
Los Angeles 4, San Diego 1

Thursday's Games
Houston (Bowen 0-4) at San Francisco (Burkett 11-9), 3:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Swindell 12-6) at Atlanta (Avery 10-9), 5:10 p.m.
San Diego (Deshaies 3-4) at Los Angeles (Hershiser 9-12), 10:35 p.m.
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Gonzalez 2B beats Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Luis Gonzalez broke a tie with an RBI double in the seventh as the Houston Astros beat the San Francisco Giants 6-4 on Wednesday night.

Gonzalez drove in Jeff Bagwell, who was hit by a pitch by Billy Swift (9-4). Gonzalez advanced to third on Royce Clayton's throwing error to home plate, but was stranded there.

Houston added a run in the eighth when Scott Servais hit a double to center, advanced to third on Willie Blair's sacrifice and scored on Craig Biggio's groundout.

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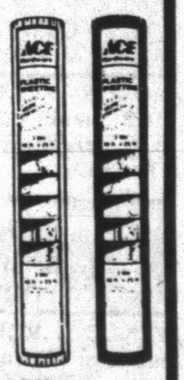

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The City of Snyder, Texas will be accepting bids on one new pickup. The pickup will be used by the water department. Information may be picked up at the City Hall in the Accounting Department. The Bids will be opened on Friday, September 25, 1992 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 1925 24th St. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Police make one arrest

Snyder police made one arrest Wednesday and investigated three cases of theft.

Officers also closed 14 burglary cases with the identification of three juveniles. (See page 1).

Police arrested a 30-year-old man in the 800 block of 26th Street at 9:25 p.m. Wednesday for disorderly conduct.

A woman contacted police at 3:33 p.m. to report that her billfold had been stolen. A report for Class B theft was filed.

Police filed a report for Class C theft after a woman complained that someone had been making long distance telephone calls from her residence.

Officers also filed reports for Class B and C theft in reference to some items stolen from a resident at Western Texas College.

Police worked a two-vehicle traffic accident at 11:02 a.m. in the 1900 block of 40th Street. Involved were a 1987 Mercury driven by Bernice Birdwell Parker of 2701 34th St. and a 1991 Chevrolet van driven by Ollie Charles Calvin of 1902 Scott.

Officers investigated a second mishap at 6:10 p.m. at 25th Street and College Avenue. Involved were a 1992 Chevrolet driven by Sherman Barham of P.O. Box 217 and a 1989 Geo driven by Janice Manlief of 3724 Austin.

In one other report, a woman came to the police department at 12:28 a.m. today to file charges of Class C assault and disorderly conduct-language against a man.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Jane Harber, Iraan; Belinda Burns, Route 2, Box 75HH.

DISMISSALS: Brenda Hook and baby; Gloria Rodriquez, Donnie Guynes.

Census: 44 (CCU-1; OB-2; Longterm-29; Medical- 12).

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sept. 10, 1992

Steady financial growth is indicated for the year ahead, but you must be willing to work hard for what you get. Once you're on a roll where personal acquisition is concerned, things will begin to come more easily.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Conditions which could work toward improving your material lot in life look very hopeful at this time. Results will come quicker, too, if you start stirring things up today. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your best asset today is your leadership qualities, and this is the time to put them to use. Take control of situations where you can advance your self-interests and those of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your nobler instincts will be very pronounced today; you're apt to make sacrifices on behalf of others without thinking of what's in it for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An opportunity might present itself today which will enable you to tighten the bonds that already bind you to a valued friend. Take the initiative in strengthening this relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The chances of your ambitious aspirations being fulfilled today are better than usual, provided you're prepared to work a bit harder and a bit longer to get what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're a good promoter today — if you choose to be one. You have the ability to take serious, heavy ideas and make them sound light and enticing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) What goes around comes around. Someone who feels obligated to you for a past consideration is secretly working behind the scenes today to settle the account.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You and your mate may desire to do something special today. But things may turn out better if you just invite another couple over instead of getting a group together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Rather than coast on through today, find projects where you can express your artistic urges. Busying your hands with beauty could prove rewarding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Cupid might single you out for special attention today. There's a possibility you'll catch someone's eye and sparks will fly. It may even be someone you've been longing to meet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is a good day to implement plans you've conceived for beautifying your surroundings. The efforts you make at this time will be permanently pleasing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Put the concerns and needs of your mate several notches above your own today. Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated, and it will work wonders for your relationship.

Burglaries

Continued From Page 1

cases will be forwarded to the district attorney's office for prosecution.

"Unfortunately, we've only been able to recover a small amount of the property. Most of it was disposed of," said Chief Lee.

Burglaries cleared as a result of the arrests include the following.

—May 25, Snyder Laundry. Taken were clothing, cash and candy.

—July 21, Saddle Shed. Taken were numerous knives and an undetermined amount of cash.

—July 31, Saddle Shed. Taken were an undetermined amount of currency and a shotgun.

—Aug. 2, Scurry County Health Unit. Taken was an undetermined amount of currency.

—Aug. 8, Northeast Elementary. Taken were a VCR and other items.

—Aug. 15, Scurry County Health Unit. Nothing was taken.

—Aug. 15, Nolan Electric. Taken were knives and an undetermined amount of cash.

—Aug. 15, Sandi's Hair Designs. Take was an undetermined amount of cash.

—Aug. 16, Patterson Used Cars. Nothing was taken although there was some property damage.

—Aug. 23, Grimmett Bros. Taken from the building was an undetermined amount of cash. A stereo system was also taken from a vehicle parked inside the building.

—Aug. 23, Concrete Incorporated. Taken were a chain and bolt cutters.

—Aug. 28, A-1 Air Conditioning. The safe was tampered with but the only thing taken was a novelty toy.

—Sept. 7, Snyder Junior High School. Taken were an undetermined amount of money and some candy.

—Sept. 8, Northeast Elementary. Burglary stopped in progress. Nothing taken.

Countdown on target

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's countdown for the first space shuttle mission devoted to Japanese research proceeded without interruption today toward a weekend liftoff of Endeavour.

It will be only the second flight of Endeavour but the 50th shuttle mission overall since NASA started launching the spaceships 11 years ago.

Liftoff is set for 10:23 a.m. EDT Saturday. Forecasters promised an 80 percent chance of good weather.

"The mood of the team is great," said shuttle test director Al Sofge. "The fact it's the 50th launch has no real significance to most of us. We look at this one just like we looked at the last one."

Births

Mike and Tina Deere of Rifle, Colo., are the parents of a boy, Keaton Lonnie, born Sept. 4. He weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. He was welcomed home by brothers Keifer and Kalvin.

Grandparents are Leonard and Bertha Deere of Snyder and Bud Strong of Carbondale, Colo. His late grandmother was Byra Strong of Snyder.

Belinda and Kevin Burns are the parents of a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 1 oz., born at 8:36 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Obituaries

Roy Stephens

1921-1992

PORTALES, N.M. — Graveside services are planned for 3:30 p.m. Friday in the Portales Cemetery for Roy Stephens, 70, who died Wednesday at his home in Portales.

A resident of Portales since 1956, he formerly lived in Snyder.

Born in Royston, Mr. Stephens was a truck driver for many years, and he also was involved in farming and raising livestock.

He grew up in Fisher County and married Etta Pearl Weems in 1941 in Aspermont.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jasper W. Stephens, in 1980; and a grandson, Fredrick Douglas Stephens, in 1973.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Fred Stephens of Portales and Roy Glenn Stephens of San Francisco; a daughter, Sharon Cisell of Portales; his mother, Esther Stephens of McCamey; three brothers, Ross Stephens, Mickey Stephens and Tommy Stephens, all of McCamey; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Elmer Cross

1909-1992

PLAINS — Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Plains Cemetery for Elmer Cross, 83, who died Wednesday in a Brownfield hospital.

Born in Scurry County, Mr. Cross lived in Brownfield and had worked for the Texas Highway Department and the Plains Public Schools before his retirement in 1973.

He was a past master of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Murial of Brownfield; a son, Donald Cross of Brownfield; a daughter, Lajuana Burke of Krum; a sister, Della Butler of Odessa; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	601/2	593/4	603/8	+3/4
Albtsn	443/8	44	443/8	+1/2
AlliedSignal	523/8	515/8	515/8	-1/8
ALLTEL Cp	415/8	411/4	413/8	+3/8
AmStores	381/8	38	38	-1/8
Amer T&T	427/8	425/8	423/4	+1/8
Ameritech	687/8	681/2	681/2	-1/8
Amoco	515/8	511/4	513/8	
AndarkPtr	315/8	305/8	311/4	+1/2
Arkla	111/8	107/8	11	+1/8
ArmcoInc	63/8	63/8	63/8	
AtlRichfld	115	1143/8	115	+5/8
BakerHugh	253/8	247/8	251/8	
BancTexas	15/8	15/8	15/8	
BellAtl	493/8	491/8	491/8	-1/8
BellSouth	531/2	531/4	533/8	-1/4
Beth Steel	12	113/4	12	+1/4
Borden	281/2	281/4	283/8	-1/8
Caterplr	487/8	483/8	483/4	+1/2
Centel	301/4	301/8	301/8	-1/4
CenSoWst s	287/8	283/4	287/8	
Chevron	731/4	725/8	731/8	+5/8
Chrysler	21	205/8	21	+1/2
Coastal	281/2	281/4	281/2	+1/8
CocaCola s	443/8	437/8	44	-1/8
ColgP	56	553/8	56	+1/2
ComlMetl	223/4	223/4	223/4	-1/4
CooperIn	477/8	471/4	477/8	+7/8
CyprusMn	311/8	305/8	31	+3/8
DallSemicn	111/4	111/8	111/8	
DeltaAirl	561/4	551/2	553/4	+3/4
DigitalEq	373/4	373/8	373/4	
Dillard s	351/8	343/4	35	+3/8
DowChem	563/8	553/4	553/4	-1/4
DresserInd	201/4	195/8	20	+1/4
DuPont	483/8	471/8	473/8	—13/8
EstKodak	447/8	445/8	443/4	+1/8
EljerInd	91/2	91/8	91/8	
Enserch	151/2	153/8	151/2	
Exxon	631/8	625/8	627/8	+1/8
FtCtyBcp	1	1	1	
FlowerInd	191/4	191/4	191/4	-1/8
FordMotor	411/8	405/8	403/4	-1/8
GTE Cp	333/8	327/8	33	-1/4
GnDynam	751/4	75	751/4	+1/8
GenElct	747/8	745/8	743/4	+1/4
GaMill	711/4	71	71	-1/4
GenMotors	337/8	331/2	335/8	-3/8
GenMotrE s	291/8	283/4	29	+1/4
GaPacif	547/8	54	545/8	+5/8
GlobalMar	21/2	23/8	21/2	
Goodrich	431/4	423/4	427/8	
Goodyear	643/8	633/4	641/4	+3/4
GtAtlPac	271/4	27	271/8	
Gulf StaUt	161/8	16	161/8	
Haliburtn	357/8	35	355/8	+3/4
Hanson	191/2	191/4	191/2	+1/4
HoustInd	445/8	443/8	441/2	
IBM	871/4	863/4	87	+1/8
IntlPaper	631/8	621/2	63	+3/8
JohnsnJns s	52	511/4	517/8	-1/8
K mart s	24	233/4	233/4	
Kroger	123/8	121/4	121/4	
vjLTV Cp	5/8	9-16	9-16	
Litton s	443/4	445/8	445/8	+1/8
vjLoneStar	31/4	31/8	31/4	+1/8
Lowes s	17	165/8	165/8	-3/8
Lubys	161/2	161/4	163/8	
Maxus	71/8	67/8	7	+1/8
MayDSt	597/8	593/8	597/8	+3/8
Medtronic	833/4	831/2	831/2	+1/8
Mobil	643/8	641/4	641/4	+1/4
Monsanto	531/4	53	531/8	-1/4
Motorola	891/4	881/4	89	+1/8
Nationsbk	435/8	431/4	431/2	+1/2
Navistar	2	17/8	2	
Nynex	85	841/2	845/8	-1/4
OryxEngy	25	245/8	247/8	+1/8
PacTelesis	443/4	441/2	445/8	+1/8
PanhECp	183/4	183/4	183/4	
PenneyJC	671/2	671/8	671/8	-3/8
PepBoys	231/4	23	231/8	+3/8
PhelpD s	477/8	475/8	477/8	+1/4
PhilipPet	277/8	275/8	277/8	+1/4
Polaroid s	317/8	317/8	317/8	+1/8
Praxair n	16	153/4	16	+1/8
Primerica	403/8	397/8	40	+1/8
ProctGamb s	483/8	471/2	481/4	+11/8
PubS NwMx	133/8	131/4	131/4	-1/8
SFePacCp	111/2	111/4	111/2	
SaraLee	571/4	565/8	563/4	-1/2
SearsRoeb	411/4	403/4	411/8	+1/4
SherwinW	283/4	281/2	285/8	-1/8
SmthBck s	47	467/8	47	+3/8
SmthBc eqt s	413/4	413/8	413/4	+3/8
Southern Co	375/8	373/8	375/8	+1/4
SwAirl s	241/8	235/8	237/8	+1/8
SwstBell	673/8	67	671/8	+1/8
Sprint	227/8	225/8	225/8	-1/8
SterlingChm	41/8	41/8	41/8	-1/8
SunCo	247/8	243/4	243/4	-1/8
TNP Ent	193/8	191/8	193/8	+1/8
Tandy	237/8	231/2	233/4	+1/8
TemplInl	481/2	481/8	481/4	+1/4
Tenneco	373/4	371/8	373/4	+5/8
Texaco	641/2	641/4	641/2	+1/2
TexasInst	433/4	43	433/4	+7/8
Tex Util	421/2	421/4	423/8	
Textron	371/8	361/2	365/8	-1/4
Tyler	47/8	47/8	47/8	
USWst	39	383/4	39	
USX-Marathn	19	185/8	187/8	+3/8
USX-USS	257/8	253/8	253/8	-5/8
UnCarbde	131/2	133/8	131/2	
UnPac s	521/4	52	521/8	
UnitTech	55	545/8	543/4	-1/4
Unocal	283/8	277/8	281/4	+3/8
WalMart	58	575/8	577/8	
WstnGasRs	27	267/8	27	
WestghEl	161/4	161/8	161/8	-1/8
WinnDixie	533/4	531/4	531/4	-1/2
Woolwth	311/4	31	311/8	-1/4
Xerox Cp	767/8	761/4	767/8	+1/2
ZenithE	65/8	61/2	65/8	

Some House check writers cleared

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are criticizing a Justice Department investigation of the House bank, even though some lawmakers are finding FBI agents at their doors bearing letters clearing them of criminal wrongdoing.

The agents on Wednesday visited some House members who wrote at least one overdraft at the now-closed members' bank. They delivered a letter from department special counsel Malcolm R. Wilkey, informing recipients they were no longer under investigation.

But even as they opened their envelopes, several Democrats — suspicious of a Republican criminal inquiry into a Democratic-run bank — made clear they did not consider the letters a welcome gift.

Rep. Ben Jones, D-Ga., who had seven overdrafts on his House bank account, scoffed at the letter he received and called the probe "highly partisan and political."

An Associated Press survey found that at least 70 House members of both parties had received the letter Wednesday, and leaders said more would be delivered over the next few days.

But Wilkey's letter and a separate Justice Department statement said some members' accounts were too voluminous for an immediate decision. Those lawmakers, most of them likely to be Democrats, would probably remain under a legal cloud right through Election Day.

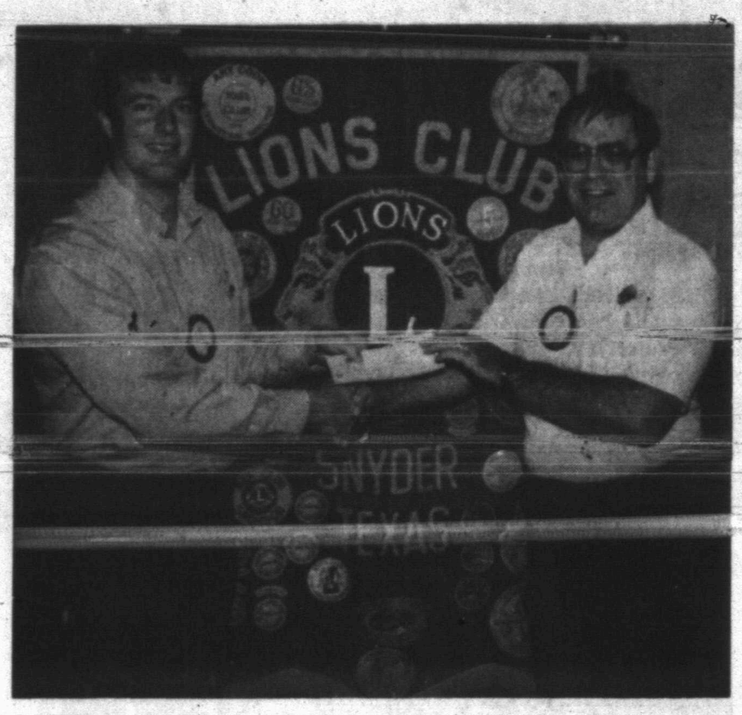
"It's a dastardly political thing" if a member gets no letter, said Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark, D-Calif., who had 64 overdrafts and received the letter. "I'm not a lawyer, but it doesn't seem to me it quite follows what ought to be ethics."

The 24,000-plus overdrafts written from House bank checking accounts have contributed to primary defeats of several House incumbents, and were a factor in others deciding to retire.

The Justice Department said Wilkey reviewed 329 accounts that had overdrafts — in effect interest-free loans to members' from their own bank.

Rep. Craig Washington, D-Texas, who had three overdrafts and received no letter Wednesday, called Wilkey, a former federal judge, "a lap dog for the Republican administration."

Referring to the letters, he added: "I think they are going to dribble them out right down through Election Day, keep people hanging from the rafters and drop the shoes one at a time to give the implication there's something sinister going on when there's nothing."



LIONS DONATION — Lions Club President Stan Paregien presents a donation to Snyder Chamber of Commerce Manager Ricky Fritz at a recent meeting. The money is used to help fund the annual July 4th fireworks project. (SDN Staff Photo)

China is warned on retalitation

WASHINGTON (AP) — China's threatened retaliation against President Bush's projected sale of fighter jets to Taiwan could boomerang against Beijing and the world community, says Acting Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger.

In an interview Wednesday, Eagleburger urged China to be "very cautious" about how it reacts to Bush's election-year decision, which China condemned as a betrayal of a 1982 U.S. pledge to gradually phase out U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.

As vice president, Bush helped work out that agreement meant to ease tensions between the Communist government on the mainland and the Nationalists on the island.

He couched the decision to sell up to 150 F-16 fighters to Taiwan for up to $6 billion as a jobs-saving step, announcing it last week while campaigning in Texas, where the planes are produced by General Dynamics Corp.

China responded by threatening to withdraw from arms control negotiations and to withhold its cooperation at the United Nations unless the decision, which can be reversed by Congress, was revoked.

The United States, Britain, France, Russia and China — the major arms suppliers — began talks last year on measures to reduce weapons sales.

William Clark, the assistant secretary of state for the Near East, was sent to Beijing to meet with Chinese officials. Eagleburger said Chinese leaders had not told Clark that China was going to withdraw from the arms control process.

"They just said this is one of the difficult issues they are going to have to face," Eagleburger said. "I can't predict to you what the consequences are going to be in specific terms yet. This is clearly one of the areas where the Chinese are going to be taking a hard look at things."

Eagleburger, who is in temporary charge of the State Department while former Secretary James A. Baker III tries to help Bush get re-elected, then went on to challenge the Chinese in strong but unspecific terms.

"I think they ought to be very cautious about how they react because they are, after all, involved in what is a pretty complicated international process," Eagleburger said.

Dear Abby

Mom's Tattoo Marks Dad With Fear of HIV Infection

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Last month my mom got a tattoo, and my dad is so furious about it that he can hardly stand to hear the word "tattoo." He's just sure that my mom has put them both at great risk for contracting HIV. There could be a divorce over this.

I have tried asking doctors and other health care officials, but nobody seems to know for sure.

I am a regular reader, and I don't remember ever seeing this issue addressed in your column, which is surprising considering how popular tattoos have become in the last few years.

Any information you could give me would be appreciated. Please don't use my name, city or state if you publish this in your column.

NEEDS TO KNOW

DEAR NEEDS: According to Dr. Mervyn Silverman, president and spokesperson for the American Foundation for AIDS Research, as of November 1991, the Centers for Disease Control had no recorded cases involving transmission of HIV from a tattoo needle. However, it is theoretically possible.

Therefore, it is important for those being tattooed to question the artist as to whether the needles (or any equipment that pierces the skin) have been properly sterilized.

If your father is really concerned about his safety, your parents should use the usual precautions for safer sex, and your mother should be tested for HIV after six months have elapsed from the time she was tattooed.

Those who have other questions about HIV and AIDS should know there is a toll-free AIDS hotline: (800) 342-AIDS.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of two married sons, each of whom has a lovely wife. One daughter-in-law is pregnant and the other just gave birth to a healthy, but relatively small baby born three weeks early. My problem is this: Each of these couples is doing very extensive work on their homes, which involves the use of prestain, stain, polyurethane, and/or paint for finishing. Each of the wives is actually participating in these projects and inhaling the fumes from these products. I'm not talking about a couple of days' work — these are long-term, extensive projects.

Each says she has asked her doctor if this is a problem. Reportedly, both obstetricians have said there is no problem as long as there is good ventilation (open windows).

I have always been led to believe that this is not a healthy activity for a pregnant woman. I also recall reading an article quite a while back in which a study reported that a high number of early deliveries were linked to mothers who were exposed to these kinds of fumes. I am concerned about possible detrimental effects to the baby.

Perhaps my concerns are unfounded, but right now I don't know what to believe so I hope that you will publish my letter very soon and that your readers, especially medical personnel and parents with this type of experience, will respond. I will lay aside my concerns if your responses tell me to. Thank you so much from a very ...

CONCERNED GRANDMA
(NO NAME PLEASE)

DEAR CONCERNED: I know you mean well, but do not volunteer any advice. Let the girls get their information from their physicians.

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First Lady in Texas

FORT WORTH (AP) — First lady Barbara Bush has taken her husband's education crusade and fight against drugs to his adopted home state, where crowds have been receptive.

Mrs. Bush continues her campaign sweep in Texas today, stopping in Midland and Lubbock to stump for President Bush and answer campaign phones. She is scheduled to attend the grand opening of the Victory '92 Telephone Banks in Midland.

In Lubbock, Mrs. Bush will address a group of supporters and later, attend a private fund-raiser, and visit the Lubbock Senior Citizens Center.

She surprised a few supporters in Fort Worth Wednesday when she joined in making calls at a new volunteer phone bank there.

"Hi, this is Barbara Bush calling," she informed Suzanne Berry of Fort Worth. "And I'm calling for the Fort Worth Bush-Quayle campaign. I hope we can count on you to vote for George Bush and Dan Quayle."

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People, pets eat strange things

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — Ask Dr. Richard Ybarra about unusual things he's seen on X-rays, and he doesn't need long to think.

The adult patient who swallowed six bullets to keep from being shot a couple of months ago comes quickly to mind.

"That was probably the strangest thing I've seen," says Ybarra, who is medical director at the Angleton-Danbury General Hospital Emergency Department. "He swallowed the bullets because someone he was with was threatening to shoot him."

A specialist removed the bullets without surgery by "snaking" an endoscope down the sedated patient's throat, Ybarra says.

Pets who swallow odds and ends don't usually have the "scope" option, says Angleton veterinarian Leonard Venhaus.

"The technology is there, but the equipment is very expensive, so most veterinary clinics don't have it yet," he says. "It's the wave of the future. But for now, animals either pass what they've swallowed, or they have surgery to remove it."

The veterinarian has had a few memorable patients, too.

"We had a poodle in here that had a fetish," Venhaus says. "He had to have surgery three times to remove rubber baby bottle nipples he'd swallowed. There was just something about 'em that dog was attracted to — we never knew if it was the smell of milk, or if he was jealous of the baby. But if he could get 'em, he would eat 'em."

The stomach acid caused the rubber to swell so the dog couldn't rid himself of the nipples through either of the natural routes.

The "most surprising" thing Venhaus says he has seen on X-ray is an open safety pin, although fish hooks are also a problem, especially with cats.

"They pick up the scent of the bait, I guess, and swallow the hook. I have seen cats where the only thing hanging out of their mouth was a bobber on a line," Venhaus says.

"A guy came in once with a cat like that, and he said, 'I know what's on the other end of this, and I know what'll happen if I pull it.'

"Sure enough, the X-ray showed that the cat had swallowed a fish hook," Venhaus says.

Pets and children have a few things in common — like a tendency to swallow coins, pins, erasers, paper clips and just about anything else that's loose and on their level.

Ybarra says the most dangerous things for children are batteries and sharp objects, although anytime a child swallows something odd, he "should be evaluated, just to make sure it's not a problem."

Stomach acid can damage batteries and cause them to leak, which may be life-threatening to a child, Ybarra says.

Signs that a child has swallowed something foreign may include a feeling that "something is stuck," salivating, difficulty breathing, pain, heart palpitations.

"Whether or not it's a life-threatening situation depends on what was swallowed," Ybarra says. "Sharp objects are very dangerous, because they can perforate the bowel."

The doctor says coins are most likely to get stuck at the point where the stomach joins the small intestine, or where the small intestine joins the colon.

A child who has swallowed one coin "can probably be observed at home," the doctor says, "but if it was more than one coin, we usually go in with a scope to get them out."

When animals swallow something strange, they may have symptoms like vomiting, abdominal pain and loss of appetite, Venhaus says.

Often, the thing causing the problem won't show up on an X-ray, because it isn't metal.

"Dogs like to chew on socks and pantyhose or knee-highs," Venhaus says. "They chew these things because the scent makes them feel close to the owners. It's the same reason a dog will chew your shoes."

Lake Jackson veterinarian Robert Schwebel says he's seen dogs and cats who've swallowed tennis balls, golf balls, socks and jewelry, among other things.

"Cats will swallow crab meat on a string, and it causes a lot of problems for them," he says. Once in the intestines, the string can cause "an accordian effect" that is very dangerous.

"Actually, any kind of string can cause problems, even if it doesn't have something sharp on the end," Schwebel adds.

He estimates that dogs and cats are about equally likely to swallow something they shouldn't, but if Schwebel had to name the worst offenders, his nominees would be large-breed dogs.

Venhaus agrees, noting that retriever-type dogs often wind up with rocks in their stomachs.

"It's not uncommon at all. I treated a dog who had about 2 pounds of rocks in his stomach. He was an old farm dog, and everybody who came out to visit would throw a rock for him to fetch. Over a period of time he swallowed a lot of them," Venhaus says.

Schwebel also has known dogs with peculiar eating habits.

"Back when I was in the Army many years ago, we had a spaniel who ate a tennis ball one time. He ate a wool mitten another time. He ate a whole set of pantyhose," Schwebel recalls. "And he ate rocks off the driveway quite frequently. He had five or six surgeries to take care of all that."

Shouldn't dogs be smarter than that?

"Well, most dogs are," Schwebel laughs. "Actually, it's a little unusual for us to see pets that have eaten something strange. It's not something we see every day of the week."

Bush presents economic goals

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is renewing his no-new-taxes pledge, buying television time and making a high-profile speech in an effort to persuade Americans he can lead the country to economic recovery.

Officials billed his address today to the Detroit Economics Club as a major statement of economic philosophy. Some said he might also mix in a few tax breaks for small business.

"It will be very substantive on jobs and the economy, on what direction this country needs to go," said campaign spokeswoman Torie Clarke. But no dramatic initiatives were anticipated and Clarke acknowledged most of the content was not new.

Aides said Bush would outline his view of America's role in the world economy and fold in proposals he has made on taxes, education, welfare, legal reform and health-care reform.

Cobo Hall, site of today's speech, was where Bush in 1980 became Ronald Reagan's running mate and renounced his earlier description of Reagan's supply-side beliefs as "voodoo economics."

Bush said in a campaign appearance Wednesday that the country had been through "economic hell." But he also asserted that "we're an economic superpower in spite of the lousiness of our economy" and insisted, as he has for months, that the country is poised for a strong recovery.

The president's campaign team acknowledged that the recession can't end fast enough to help Bush at the polls Nov. 3. The speech today was designed to convince voters he is the right man to lead them into a more prosperous future.

To reinforce the message, the campaign bought television time tonight on NBC, CBS, ABC and CNN for a five-minute taped speech in which Bush was to hit the highlights of his Detroit speech.

At a rally Wednesday in Middletown, N.J., Bush won cheers in response to his most adamant anti-tax vow of the 1992 campaign season.

The Cleveland Indians will move into their new Gateway Park in 1994.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a friend who tells me his body produces too much protein. I've never heard of this and cannot find anything in medical journals to substantiate his claim.

DEAR READER: In normal, healthy people, the amount of protein manufactured by the body is controlled by an astonishingly complex mechanism; hence, it's almost impossible for a healthy person to produce too much protein.

In contrast, protein excesses are common in many diseases, primarily those that stimulate the immune system, such as lupus, myeloma and similar conditions.

If your friend truly "produces too much protein," he probably has a chronic ailment and should be under the care of a physician. On the other hand, if he's healthy, he may just be making interesting conversation. Surprise him by asking to see a copy of his serum protein electrophoresis. This blood test measures the various proteins in the body and should resolve your understandable confusion.

In the event that his problem may be lupus, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Lupus: The Great Imitator." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain essential tremor and outline what can either cure or give relief. So far, my mother's doctor is puzzled and has only recommended sleeping pills to let her get some needed rest. I think she needs more.

DEAR READER: I think she needs less.

Benign essential tremor is a fine-to-coarse slow tremor that affects the hands, head and voice. The cause is unknown but the tremor is ordinarily worsened by stress, anxiety and performing skilled acts. It may be virtually absent at rest. Thus, I'm confused about why your mother has difficulty sleeping.

I wonder if, in fact, she may have Parkinson's disease, which causes a similar tremor that is WORSE at rest and DISAPPEARS during purposeful movements. I suggest you take your mother to a neurologist for a diagnosis.

Essential tremor is incurable but is usually treated with beta-blockers or mild anti-anxiety drugs, such as Zanax, whereas Parkinson's disease requires different, stronger medicine, such as Sinemet. Sleeping pills are, in my opinion, inappropriate therapy for benign essential tremor.

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Russian nationalists see trip delay as victory

SAKHALIN ISLAND, Russia (AP) — Boris Yeltsin's cancellation of his Tokyo summit is a victory, at least temporarily, for Russian nationalists led by the colorful and fiery governor of Sakhalin and the Kuril Islands.

Gov. Valentin Fyodorov — often mentioned as a possible conservative replacement for Yegor Gaidar as prime minister — spearheaded a campaign to stop Yeltsin from giving disputed islands in the Kuril chain to Japan in return for major economic aid.

The dispute over islands the Soviet Union seized in 1945 has been the major stumbling block in Moscow-Tokyo relations and prevented the Soviet Union and Japan from signing a treaty formally ending World War II.

Russian nationalists fiercely refuse to surrender any territory, arguing that the Kurils are militarily and economically strategic.

In a media barrage over the past month, Gov. Fyodorov and his allies in parliament built public opinion against a land-for-aid deal, demonstrating the power of patriotic appeals at a time of national distress.

The campaign became intense after the respected daily newspaper Izvestia, citing diplomatic sources, reported Aug. 14 that Yeltsin planned to recognize Japanese rights to at least two of the four disputed islands during the summit that had been scheduled for Sept. 13-16.

"I am certain that will not happen, because I consider the president a patriot, a Russian patriot, who understands that giving away territory has never brought honor to a statesman," Fyodorov, 53, told The Associated Press in an interview last week.

Yeltsin canceled the summit Wednesday without explanation. Since he had not disclosed what proposals he was carrying to Tokyo, he did not have to back away from them publicly.

The Soviet Union seized the 18 Kuril Islands in the final days of World War II. Japan claims the southernmost four, which it calls its "Northern Territories."

The United States has prodded Yeltsin to make good on a 1956 Soviet pledge to return the two smallest islands, Shikotan and Habomai. That appeared to be the very minimum he needed to do to get large-scale Japanese aid.

Fyodorov's forces argued that conceding land to Japan would set off a barrage of territorial claims against Russia by other countries, such as China and the Baltic states.

That struck a deep chord among Russians who fear their country is beginning to disintegrate, just as the Soviet Union did.

Fyodorov also contended that the loss of the Kuril fishing grounds would deprive Russia of about 1 million tons of fish a year, worth $1 billion. "Whatever paltry alms Japan may give us will amount to a lot less than that in the long run," he said.

Finally, Fyodorov and his supporters in the military contended that the islands were strategically vital.

They stretch in a long curving finger from the Kamchatka Peninsula to Japan. They provide a key link in the nation's radar system, and control the ice-free straits used by Russia's nuclear submarines to reach the open Pacific in winter.

In a slew of newspaper and television interviews, Fyodorov attacked "spineless democrats" for selling their motherland and called Yeltsin's diplomatic advisers [illegible]

Hard-liners in parliament threatened to seek Yeltsin's impeachment if he tried to give away the Kurils.

Fyodorov said he would appeal to Russia's Constitutional Court to overturn any Kuril deal.

"I will not carry out any order to hand over the Kurils. I will not do it," he told the AP. "If the president considers me to be interfering with his policy, let him fire me. But I will not concede."

Berry's World

"Hey, J.B. What's new?"

Jesse Jackson still grumbling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jesse Jackson, grumbling about what he calls a "push-off" strategy from Bill Clinton toward inner-city blacks and other core Democratic constituencies, says he won't make a full-tilt pitch for Clinton during his voter registration drive.

"We have not worked out a relationship with the Clinton-Gore campaign," said Jackson, who was named to head national voter registration efforts earlier this week by Democratic National Committee Chairman Ron Brown.

Jackson's appointment was taken as a sign that perhaps a long-running rift between Clinton and Jackson was over.

But a stone-faced Jackson, after being praised Wednesday by Clinton in Atlanta before the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., said they still had differences and would meet next week to try to work them out.

Before heading to Atlanta, Jackson said in an interview that Clinton had yet to inform him about campaign strategies, priorities or a potential role for Jackson in the presidential race. It would be inappropriate, Jackson said, to actively push Clinton during his voter registration efforts without such a meeting.

The two talked by telephone on Monday, their first conversation since the Democratic National Convention in July.

Jackson has accused Clinton of ignoring blacks, urban voters and organized labor in an effort to attract the white suburban voters that have defected to the Republican Party in the last few presidential elections.

"We hope that in time that we will have a unified, one big-tent strategy," Jackson said after Monday's phone call.

"I would hope that the call represents an adjustment in strategy, and that the campaign would become more inclusive and more reconciled to urban and suburban and rural interests," Jackson said.

"The strategy must be one of embrace, not one of push off ... I hope that the reaching out by Ron Brown and Governor Clinton represents that kind of strategic adjustment," Jackson said.

Clinton spokeswoman Avis LaVelle said continuing talk of a "push-off" strategy was a "ridiculous notion."

"An election is a game of addition. You win by encouraging voters to come to you, not by trying to push any of them away," she said.

Still, a Democratic source conceded a faction within Clinton's campaign wants the Democratic nominee to distance himself from Jackson.

DNC spokeswoman Ginny Terzano said that the Clinton-Gore ticket would benefit from Jackson's voter registration efforts, even if Jackson wasn't actively pushing Clinton.

Builders meet challenge to build house under $50,000

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — The American dream of owning a home inched closer to reality for some when a group of builders, bankers and residents unveiled a $43,000 home aimed at closing the gap between housing haves and have-nots.

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Two of the houses are under construction.

The house was designed after the Citizens League of Greater Grand Rapids, a community advocacy group, issued a report citing a critical shortage of housing for low- to moderate-income families in a city once ranked as one of the most affordable housing markets in the country. A task force was given the challenge of building a home for under $50,000.

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