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Q—Is there a place to write to obtain booklets on protecting the environment?

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In Brief

Gun bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The Legislature, defying a threatened gubernatorial veto, voted Sunday to allow Texans this November to voice their opinions on whether carrying handguns should be legal.

The Senate voted 22-9 and the House voted 99-35 to place a non-binding referendum on the Nov. 2 ballot.

Local

County

Scurry County commissioners will attend to a short agenda starting at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

The only two agenda items are approval of a safety and health policy and payment of bills.

At the court's April 26 meeting, commissioners appointed 14 county employees from various departments to serve on a safety committee at the request of Julie Strunk, the county's loss control coordinator.

Demos

Scurry County Democratic Party will meet Tuesday in Towle Park Barn at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Fluvanna FD

Fluvanna Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a Mexican dinner at 7 p.m. Friday, June 4, in the Fluvanna Community Center.

Plates will include enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, salsa, chips and tea and are by donation. All proceeds go to the volunteer fire department.

Golf marathon

Golfers are needed for the first annual Eddie Johnson Golf Marathon, an event planned June 28 to benefit Scurry County Boys Club.

"We need 20 golfers who are willing to risk exhaustion, sunstroke and a possible coronary to help raise enough funds to keep our Boys Club open," said Joel Hook, vice president of the club.

For more information on the marathon, contact Larry Anderson at 573-1731.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures High Saturday, 88 degrees; low, 61 degrees; trace precipitation; high Sunday, 92 degrees; low, 62 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 67 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 6.09 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight: Mostly fair. Low in the lower 60s. East to southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday: Partly cloudy with isolated mainly late afternoon showers and thunderstorms. High in the lower 90s. South to southeast wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Chance of rain is less than 20 percent.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:43. Sunrise Tuesday, 6:40. Of 150 days in 1993, the sun has shone 143 days in Snyder.

Blood drive Tuesday

"Get Out of the Heat and Off Your Feet; Donate Blood!" is the theme for the next United Blood Services blood drive, scheduled Tuesday at Towle Park Barn.

The drive will be held from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and is sponsored by Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Scurry County Advisory Council for UBS.

"Summer blood donations often decrease, but there is no summer drop in blood usage. If anything, United Blood Services anticipates an increase in blood usage this summer due to the possibility of organ transplant surgeries," said a UBS spokesperson. "The organ transplants are phenomenal medical procedures happening in West Texas. However, these surgeries require a tremendous amount of blood.

"Snyder's drive will help ease this summer's potential blood crunch for all area patients, especially in the event of organ transplant surgeries."

Each participant will receive coupons for a DQ Sundae from Dairy Queen; malt or milk shake from Sonic Drive-In; medium drink with the purchase of any dessert from Whataburger; small soft drink and order of Potatoes Ole' from Taco John's; "Big Breakfast" coupon from McDonald's; a dollar off at Golden Corral; $2 off any service at M.B.'s Beauty Shop; a medium drink with any food purchase from Wal-Mart; and a medium drink with any meal purchase at Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppe.

Every fifth donor will receive a 6-pack of cola and every other donor will receive a coupon for a regular order of Gill's Fried Chicken.

Five-dollar gift certificates, seven each from Jaramillo's Restaurant and Spanish Inn, will be distributed by random drawing. A Sunday buffet for two from Willow Park Inn will be awarded by a number drawing from a list of all donors.

There will be a choice of small gift items from United Blood Services.

Cookies will be furnished by Lawrence IGA and orange juice by Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary.

Outdoor signs advertising the drive are at Bar-H-Bar, Ben Wilson Supply, McWilliams Pharmacy, The Shack, Kmart, Pizza Hut, Golden Corral and Scurry County Coliseum.



A HELPING HAND — Scott Reston and his dad, Darrell Reston, worked outside their house on 40th Street Sunday afternoon, making sure their American flag would be in place today, in honor of Memorial Day. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tomorrow last day to cast early ballot

Tuesday is final day to vote early in the special U.S. Senate runoff between Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison and Democrat Bob Krueger.

Early in-person voting closes at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the county clerk's office in the Scurry County Courthouse. The office was closed Memorial Day, and at the close of business on Friday, there had been 553 votes cast.

Statewide, Hutchinson was leading in the polls, but light voter turnout statewide, predicted by some to be as low as 12 percent of registered voters, could make the race a tossup.

A poll conducted by the Snyder Daily News last week showed Scurry County citizens favored Hutchinson over Krueger by 79 percent to 21 percent.

The election is Saturday, June 5. Polls will be open at four locations in the county on that day.

Both Hutchison, currently Texas state treasurer, and interim Senator Krueger received 29 percent of the vote in the May 1 election. Though Hutchison edged Krueger by 497 votes, 593,479 to

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Services Tuesday for oilman Horace Fowler

Horace Fowler, a long-time Scurry County independent oil producer, died Sunday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a long illness.

Fowler, 67, was a partner in the Ira-based company, Calley and Fowler.

Services are set for 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating will be the Rev. C.E. Cox, pastor of the Ira Church of God where Mr. Fowler was a member. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Fowler and his long-time partner, Billy Calley, sold their West Texas oil production, the majority located in the Sharon Ridge area of Scurry County, to Anadarko Petroleum Corporation. The sale was completed on March 23, 1992.

At the time of the sale, Calley and Fowler owned properties that produced approximately 500 barrels a day.

In 1991, the Snyder Chamber of Commerce honored Calley and Fowler with the C.T. McLaughlin award for their contribution to the petroleum industry in Scurry County.

Born July 11, 1926 near Brady, Mr. Fowler had been a resident of Ira since 1946. He married Luvenia Taylor on April 17, 1948 in Ira.

Survivors include his wife, Luvenia, of the home; a son, Bob Fowler of Snyder; three sisters, Claudine Jones of Artesia, N.M., Beatrice Brashears of Gillette, Wyo.; and Lou Carmichael of Las Vegas, Nev.; and two grandchildren.



HORACE FOWLER

Richards inks public schools funding bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards' today signed the latest school finance reform bill into law.

Richards signed the bill surrounded by lawmakers and students at Pease Elementary School in Austin.

"We've had three school finance plans that have been struck down since 1989, and we pray that this fourth try will produce the charm," Richards said.

The signing came one day before a court hearing is scheduled in the long-running school finance case.

The Texas Supreme Court had given the Legislature until Tuesday to even out funding available to school districts with differing property wealth. Missing the deadline would have meant a court-ordered cutoff of state education aid. School districts rely on state funds and local property taxes.

After voters on May 1 rejected the "Robin Hood" share-the-wealth proposal, lawmakers last week completed work on another finance plan.

The bill Richards plans to sign is meant to ensure that none of Texas' 1,048 school districts has more than $280,000 in property wealth per weighted student. Students with special needs are counted as more than one pupil in the weighted system, to make up for the extra cost of educating them.

The 109 that exceed that level could choose among several options for giving away some wealth: Merging tax bases with one or more poorer districts; sending money to the state; contracting to educate students in other districts; consolidating voluntarily with one or more districts, or moving some taxable property to another district's tax rolls.

If school districts don't choose an option under the plan, the state education commissioner would order commercial taxable property to be moved. If that wasn't enough, there would be forced consolidation.

State District Judge F. Scott McCown of Austin, who oversees the long-running school funding case originated by poor school districts, will preside over Tuesday's hearing.

McCown has said he would presume a bill passed by the Legislature is constitutional.

WTC summer school registration Tuesday

It may be a short summer for some, as Western Texas College's summer session is launched Tuesday with registration and classes beginning immediately.

An early registration starting at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday is slated for those enrolling in classes which begin at 8 o'clock the same day. Otherwise, registration will be from 8 until 11:30 a.m., from 1 until 4:30 p.m., and from 5 until 6 p.m.

Depending on individual instructors, the classes will run for six or nine weeks. The six-week classes will end July 8 while the nine-week classes will end July 29.

The registration process begins at the admissions office, located in the south wing of the Learning Resource Center.

Because of the placement process for students enrolling in such traditional college classes as English and math, students who are attending WTC for the first time are encouraged to bring their TASP scores as well as scores from either the ACT or SAT college entrance exam.

The last day to change a class schedule for the summer term is Thursday.

WTC is also offering extension center classes at Crosbyton, Stamford, Haskell and Winters, as well as the Price Daniel and French Robertson prison units.

Arts, crafts festival is next weekend

The third annual Snyder Arts and Crafts Festival will be held June 5-6 in Scurry County Coliseum with more than 100 exhibitors displaying original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items.

Hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 5 o'clock. There is no admission charge.

Mel Prather, organizer, said the festival will offer a number of new and unusual exhibits.

"Some of the newcomers will feature such items as feed sack clothing, crocheted rugs and baskets, lamps, broomstick skirts, pens and pencils made from more than 40 different woods, and bean soup mixes.

"Others will offer tole painted furniture, tapestry handbags, name cutouts, painted fireplace screens and quilt racks," he said.

Also included as first-time exhibits will be potpourri pies, soft sculpture, yard ornaments, porch swings, silver and bronze jewelry, spice mixes and candy.

A large number of exibitors will also be returning from last year, offering such items as finished and unfinished furniture, crystal and paper mache jewelry, wall hangings, clothing, quilts, toys, dolls, lawn furniture and bird houses.



A STRINGER FULL — These four young ladies were more than happy to go fishing with their grandparents, Gilbert and Dolores Merritt of Snyder. The foursome managed to reel in 21 fish. The eldest, Mikka Mitchell, holds the stringer while her younger sister, Morgan, poses in front of her. To the right, Hailey Wilkinson enjoys her tropical ice and her older sister, Shea, smiles in back. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Suspect arrested for killing NYC boy, dumping his body

NEW YORK (AP) — A sanitation inspector was arrested in Texas on Sunday and charged with killing a 41/2-year-old boy who was strangled, beaten and dumped into a trash compactor at a housing project.

Stephan Poole, 31, was charged with second-degree murder in the death of his wife's foster son and could be returned to New York on Monday if he doesn't fight extradition.

Police said that he drove the boy, Kayesean Blackledge, from his home in Jersey City, N.J., to a Brooklyn housing project where he killed him May 20.

Poole was picked up in Huntsville, Texas, Saturday. Police were searching for a gray car and a Texas trooper stopped a car with New York license plates.

After he was arrested, Poole "made some statements," New York City Housing Police Chief of Detectives Vincent Pizzo said, declining to elaborate.

Poole fought with his wife, Dana Blackledge-Poole, in a dispute that "had nothing to do with the child," Pizzo said.

Blackledge-Poole was stabbed several times and ran into the hallway. A newspaper deliveryman found her and drove her to a police station. She eventually was hospitalized.

While she was out of the apartment, the child disappeared.

Blackledge-Poole, a transsexual who used to be the child's uncle, was Kayesean's legal guardian.

Relatives said Poole and Blackledge-Poole were married three months ago in a civil ceremony.

Poole was a sanitation inspector whose territory included the housing project where Kayesean's body was found. Blackledge-Poole is a hospital clerk.

In light of the boy's death, investigators will review the 1989 death of Poole's first wife, said John P. Harkins, a deputy police inspector.

She was found dead in a basement laundry room three months after their wedding. Her death had been attributed to natural causes.

Poet has become very popular

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Maya Angelou says her new book, "Lessons in Living," is something of a "how-to" manual: "how to live with some grace, some laughter, some courage ... and some resistance."

The poet spoke Sunday at the American Booksellers Association Convention.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Silence on Mother's Day Is Answered With a Pen

DEAR ABBY: On Mother's Day, since I didn't get a card, a hug, or even one "I love you" from any of my children, I knew I deserved something, so I wrote this letter to myself:

"Thank you, Mom, for the strength you have shown through all the troubled waters; thank you for always being there for us, encouraging us, and loving us no matter what.

"Thank you for your help with the babies, and for taking charge when we were floundering. Thank you for always being honest, and setting high standards, and for never being a hypocrite. Thank you for all the special things you did — from the heart; the sacrifices you made; the lost hours of sleep; and for all your prayers. Thank you for all the selfless service you have given to others all your life. We love you. — Your Kids"

P.S. Abby, I haven't the courage to sign my name. Besides, it might embarrass my children.

FORGOTTEN MOM IN INDIANA

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DEAR ABBY: I am somewhat confused over the meaning of Mother's Day. I have been married for 10 months. This is my first marriage and my wife's second. For Mother's Day, I took my mother, my wife and her mother, plus my wife's two children by a previous marriage (ages 9 and 10) out for a lovely dinner.

I had gifts of equal value for both my mother and my mother-in-law. I even gave my wife's children money with which to buy their mother a Mother's Day gift.

At the end of what I thought had been a very enjoyable day, my wife told me that she was hurt and disappointed because I had not given her anything for Mother's Day.

Abby, correct me if I'm wrong, but I thought Mother's Day was for honoring one's mother. Was I remiss for not giving my wife a gift along with my mother and mother-in-law? She is *not* my mother.

CONFUSED IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR CONFUSED: No. You honored your wife by helping her children to honor their mother on Mother's Day. You also honored your own mother as well as your wife's mother with gifts of equal value. In addition, you took them all out for a lovely dinner to celebrate the day. Your wife's criticism was petty and inappropriate.

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DEAR ABBY: I am getting married this summer and have recently been given a beautiful bridal shower.

Much to my dismay, as I opened two of the gifts, there, tucked away in the box, were shower gift cards that were given to two of my guests (who were married four years ago).

Abby, please tell your readers that if they are planning on giving away their leftovers, to be a little more discreet and remove the cards.

BAFFLED IN BOSTON

DEAR BAFFLED: Consider them told. To warn them is a kindness.

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Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Wheelchair-bound park ranger breaks stereotype

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kathryn Stohr is a National Park Service ranger and a foster mom.

The fact that she relies on a wheelchair for mobility works to her advantage, the 30-year-old says especially with the children.

"With the kids, this is a group effort," Mrs. Stohr said. "I help them and they help me.

"I think by me sitting all the time and not standing, I am more on their eye level and I think the kids like that," she added.

Mrs. Stohr is the first Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services foster mom in Bexar County "in a chair," as she refers to it.

She and husband, Benjamin Stohr, who's 29, would like to see more disabled people volunteer as foster parents for abused and neglected children.

"Hopefully, more people will be interested if they see us," she said.

The child welfare workers who screen and train foster parents say they'd like to see more foster parents like the Stohrs.

"The truly hard part of being a foster parent is the emotional and intellectual demands," said Mary Doran, who supervises the recruitment of foster parents and the department's program for placing children with special needs.

"You need someone who can provide the love and structure and invest in the children emotionally, and then let them go. That has little to do with physical strength," Doran said.

A year and a half ago when the Stohrs decided to apply to become foster parents, they worried about the adjustment of going from 11 years as a married couple to becoming a family.

"We talked it over for quite a few years before we did it, because we really enjoyed our free time together," Benjamin Stohr said.

"But we both really have a love for children and kept hearing about how few foster parents there are," Mrs. Stohr said. "We knew there needed to be happy, secure places for kids to live."

While going through the certification process, Mrs. Stohr said she knew she was asked some questions that completely able-bodied people wouldn't be.

The couple had to spend more time explaining emergency evacuation plans at their North Side home and how Mrs. Stohr would handle the children in a case of a medical emergency.

"It ended up that I have more medical training than a lot of people," Mrs. Stohr said.

But Mrs. Stohr said she understood the concerns and never felt as though any of the process was designed to discourage her.

"I wouldn't let them hold this against me," Mrs. Stohr said.

By profession, Benjamin Stohr is a dog handler and works with the military work dog squadron at Lackland Air Force Base.

Mrs. Stohr is a National Parks Service ranger at Mission Conception, about five miles south of the Alamo.

At Conception, Mrs. Stohr conducts tours of the mission and is learning artifact curation.

She also does what she can to sensitize the park service staff to the needs of the disabled.

Mrs. Stohr said she learned her experience battling stereotypes has come in handy when trying to help the foster children in her home.

"When you have a foster child, you are that child's advocate. That is your No. 1 priority," Mrs. Stohr said. "At school, foster children can kind of be labeled, like they are juvenile delinquents. You have to fight that (stereotype).

"With me having a disability, I recognize the attitudes. So you have to do a lot of speaking up," she emphasized.

Vivian Harris is the child welfare worker assigned to the Stohr family.

Ms. Harris said she's so impressed with the Stohrs and their ability with children that she had the couple's certification increased from two children too three after they expressed interest in keeping three siblings together who needed foster care.

"I have just been impressed with them both," Ms. Harris said. "Her husband really helps out. They are just ideal."

Ms. Harris said she sees the inner strength Mrs. Stohr has as helping the children overcome the effects of abuse.

"They can relate to the kids' needs," Ms. Harris said. "Someone who has had to overcome a handicap can relate to the children's needs I think, what they need to overcome."

Both Stohrs admit foster parenting can be exhausting. Aside from basic child care, foster parents also often provide shuttle service to numerous weekly appointments with doctors, counselors, therapists and social workers.

That doesn't count trips to Little League games, the movies and Fiesta Texas.

The Stohrs said they enjoy throwing in fun trips so the children can learn what it is really like to be a child something many of the children who come into state care have never been afforded.

"We want to show them what's normal," Ms. Stohr said. "What we take for granted, like three meals a day and baths, they just aren't used to."

At the Stohr household, the youngsters get the added fun of riding with Mrs. Stohr as she zips over the hardwood floors or down the driveway.

She said she enjoys the children's fascination with her chair.

For now, the Stohrs have 3-year-old twin girls and their 8-year-old brother. At the mall, the girls ride with Mrs. Stohr, one on her lap and one by her feet.

She hasn't quite mastered catch with the 8-year-old, who is a rising Little League star.

"He had to spend so much time chasing the ball when I missed," she said.

Civil rights nominee's writings stir debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's nominee for civil rights chief faces a confirmation fight in the Senate — a bastion of minority veto power — over her published argument that blacks need similar protection when majority rule turns racist.

"In a racially divided society, majority rule is not a reliable instrument of democracy," University of Pennsylvania law professor Lani Guinier wrote in the Boston Review last fall.

Electing black members to legislative bodies is not always enough, she wrote in the Michigan Law Review in 1991.

"A fair system of political representation would provide mechanisms to ensure that disadvantaged and stigmatized minority groups also have a fair chance to have their policy preferences satisfied," Guinier said.

Guinier, nominated to head the Justice Department's civil rights division, has taught law for five years. Earlier, she headed the NAACP Legal Defense Fund's voting rights project.

Conservative and liberal groups are lining up for a spirited fight over Guinier's nomination, and her writings are giving them plenty to argue about.

"It's going to be the most controversial nomination so far," Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole said Sunday.

He said Guinier's writings suggest she would do away with the one-man, one-vote principle and that he will vote against her.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said the nomination would be "in real big trouble" if the vote were held this week. "I couldn't support her nomination based on what I know right now, but I'm going to keep an open mind," Nunn said on NBC's "Meet the Press" program Sunday.

Guinier has written:

—The federal Voting Rights Act can be used to guarantee not only the right to vote, but the right to effective representation in government.

—That can be accomplished by different election procedures, a "minority veto" in legislatures or rotating leadership positions.

—Some blacks, particularly those elected by whites, may not be considered "authentic" representatives of minority needs.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

June 1, 1993

In the year ahead you are likely to become rather closely involved with a variety of new friends. The links that bind you together will be the similar interests you share.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're not apt to feel fulfilled today unless you busy yourself with endeavors you deem to be worthwhile. Don't let the day end with regrets. Be productive. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to schedule your time today so that some can be devoted to a relaxing, enjoyable pursuit. You need social outlets to balance the day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your greatest asset today is your tenacity and determination to successfully conclude that which you start. Get going early, because you can accomplish a lot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When offering advice or criticism to others today, be careful how you phrase your comments. There is a thin line between constructive and destructive remarks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Usually you strive to treat others in a generous manner, but today you might be a trifle reluctant to share or part with what you have.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your independence will be of considerable importance to you today, so try to avoid involvements that tie you down or restrict your freedom of mobility.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are a shrewd investigator today and it will be difficult for others to hide anything from you that you want to know. Satisfy your curiosity, but don't use this gift in an unbecoming way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's best not to request special favors from friends today. Pals who are close to you are aware of your needs, so let them feel free to make the gesture themselves.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Whether you're aware of it or not, the spotlight will be focused on you today. Be very careful how you conduct yourself around people you wish to impress.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are both a good teacher and a receptive student today. You should be able to learn and retain things of value from involvements where you function as the instructor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Joint ventures are worthy of your efforts today, especially if you're putting something together that needs a sturdy foundation. However, don't expect things to happen too fast.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In partnership arrangements today it might be wise to let your counterpart assume the more assertive role. You'll be a strong team if you supply the back-up.

Oil Patch News

Garza County

Primrose Operating Co. has completed the No. 32 Blakey in the Dorward field, 6.5 miles east of Justiceburg. The well produced 19 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 51 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 2000-1 with perforations from 2,452-601 feet. Drill site is in Section 110, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating has completed the No. 141 M.A. Fuller in the Dorward field, seven miles southeast of Justiceburg. The well was finaled to produce 19 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 61 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 2,000-1 with perforations from 2,494-672 feet. Location is in Section 111, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating has completed the No. 142 M.A. Fuller in the same field, seven miles southeast of Justicburg. The well produced 23 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 58 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 2,000-1 with perforations from 1,919-2,610 feet. Location is in Section 111, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating has completed the No. 143 M.A. Fuller in the Dorward field, seven miles southeast of Justiceburg. The venture was finaled to produce 22 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 63 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 2,000-1 with perforations from 1,898-2,393 feet. Location is in Section 113, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose Operating has completed the No. 144 M.A. Fuller in the Dorward field, seven miles southeast of Justiceburg. The well was completed to produce 18 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 59 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 2,000-1 with perforations from 1,906-2,532 feet. Location is in Section 113, Block 5, H&TC survey.

George R. Brown Partnership has completed the No. 77 Post Estate in the Garza field, two miles southwest of Post. The well produced 72 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 99 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,370-526 feet. Location is in Section 9, Block 5, H&TC survey.

J.M. Huber will drill the No. 17-1 Macy-Lott in the Coulter field, 13 miles southwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 9,000 feet, location is in Section 17, Block 30, T7N, J.V. Massey survey.

Fisher County

Charter Petroleum Inc. has plugged and abandoned the No. 1 Terry in the Terry field, four miles west of Roby. Drilled to 5,536 feet, location was in Section 29, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Midland Oil and Gas has completed the No. 2 Four Leaf Clover unit in the Shamrock field, six miles east of Rotan. The well produced 25 barrels of 45 gravity oil. Perforations were from 5,152-225 feet, and location is in Section 8, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Centaur Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 1 Headrick, in the Canyon Sand field, seven miles south of Longworth. The well produced 19 barrels of 46 gravity oil and one barrel of water. Gas-oil ratio was 53-1 with perforations from 4,782-790 feet. Location is in Section 16, Block 21, T&P survey.

Kent County

Pitcock Inc. will drill the No. 1 Hamlin East in the Toni C field. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 87, Block 98, H&TC survey.

J.H. Hastings Oil Co. will drill the No. 5 Baldridge, a 4,600-foot wildcat located 10 miles southwest of Jayton. Location is in Section 404, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Enrich Oil Corp. will drill the No. 7 Stewman Ranch, a 7,500 wildcat six miles southwest of Maryneal. Location is in Section 96, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Enrich Oil Corp. will drill the No. 6 Stewman Ranch, a 7,800-foot wildcat located five miles southwest of Maryneal. Location is in Section 96, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Union Oil of California has completed the No. 3-R Otis Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, 10 miles southeast of Big Spring. The well produced 85 barrels of oil and 62 barrels of water. Location is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Union Oil has completed the No. 43 Otis Chalk in the same field, 10 miles southeast of Big Spring. The well was completed to produce 25 barrels of oil and 46 barrels of water. Location is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Union Oil of California has completed the No. 22-R Otis Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, 10 miles southeast of Big Spring. The well produced eight barrels of 23.8 gravity oil and 48 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,110-295 feet, and location is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Union Oil has completed the No. 41 Otis Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, 10 miles southeast of Big Spring. The well produced 60 barrels of 28 gravity oil and 64 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,113-291 feet, and location is in Section 129, Block 25, H&TC survey.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary of VFW; VFW Hll; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-1141 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; 9 a.m. tee time.

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack, noon.

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

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

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Snyder Police Auxiliary; Snyder National Bank Community Room; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-1141, 573-5867.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Golden Corral; 6:30 p.m.

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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

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

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave M, 8 p.m. For more information call 573-1141, 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 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

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

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

Observing water safety can save lives

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Alertness, good judgment and sound equipment can be life savers when it comes to water safety.

Last year, 71 Texans perished in boating accidents, an increase of 20 percent from the 59 who died in boating mishaps in 1991, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reports, and 154 people were injured in accidents.

Anything that clouds judgment can increase the risk of harm in boating activities, said Ewel R. "Mokey" McCrary of Lubbock, lieutenant district supervisor for the department

"Obviously, the first thing is don't drink and drive — just like on the highway," he said. "We need to keep our wits about us whenever we are operating a motor boat."

McCrary said a number of factors come into play when a boat is taken out. "Just the stress that's put on you by the motor noise, the vibration of the boat ... even the sun is going to affect you. So, if people combine those stresses with alcohol, it affects them real quick."

He said alcohol also can debilitate a boater's ability to distinguish between red and blue navigation lights at night. "The primary colors are affected by alcohol first; so if a person is drinking, they can't see the red and blue."

Alcohol has more of an impact on a person who's boating than on a person who's driving an automobile. McCrary said. Statistics show that a person's ability to drive a car is affected at .08 blood alcohol level, whereas a boat driver's ability is hampered at just .04, he said.

Having a life jacket available is another important safety precaution.

In fact, its importance cannot be overemphasized, McCrary said.

More than 80 percent of boating fatalities involve people not wearing "personal flotation devices," according to the National Safe Boating Council.

All boats are required by state law to have life jackets available, and children 12 years of age and younger must wear a jacket while a boat is in operation.

"We think a lot of kids, and we don't give much slack when it comes to issuing a ticket over that, because it's life or death with them," McCrary said.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has had additional personnel patrolling lakes during this long Memorial Day weekend.

According to McCrary, the cost of a ticket for an infraction of the state's water safety law varies from $25 to $500. "It will vary dramatically from one judge to another. If a judge has had personal experience with a drowning where they had to go out and be the coroner on it, the fine may go up."

Life preservers are inexpensive and available in several types.

"What we are more used to is what we call the water ski jacket," McCrary said. That will keep a person afloat as long as they are conscious. I give my children one that has a flap on the back so that if they were to go into the water face down, the jacket will bring them right side up. The flap on the back will raise their head completely out of the water. Even unconscious, they would still be able to breathe."

The department has seen its strenuous policies on life preservers vindicated.

"We had a girl last year who was working down in the gulf ... and for whatever reason, she got dumped overboard and had to spend the night out in the bay. Without a life jacket, it would have been pretty tough. So, we wear ours too — that's how much we believe in them."

Wind can be a particular hazard on West Texas lakes, McCrary noted. And when it comes to safety in boats, the bigger the boat, the better.

"With less freeboard and bigger waves, you are taking a chance of being swamped," McCrary said. Freeboard is the part of the boat that rises above the water line. "Obviously, a boat that has tall sides is better in this country because of the wind."

McCrary said white caps can signal an approaching storm.

"I have seen it when we got caught ourselves. We didn't know a storm was coming in, and the next thing we knew, we were pushing 4-to 6-foot waves in Lake Meredith. It's not fun."

In a stormy situation, he said, boaters should think about staying in coves or should consider working their way a little closer to the dock in case the weather turns worse.

Having one's own equipment and keeping it in good condition also can add to boating safety, McCrary said.

"If you are out in a storm and you have a boat with a motor that is going in and out — working about half the time — that's really going to make it scary. In a storm you've got to have the power, or your boat ill turn and then push up against the bank, and the waves will just literally pound it in."

Good maintenance also is important.

"Boats by nature are hard to keep running and working right, and you have to spend a lot of time in repairs," McCrary said. "So, check them before you go to the lake."

He said some people already have been testing the lakes for the summer boating season.

"The main thing is that we want people to have fun, but we want them to be safe," McCrary said. "Our job is to keep them on top of the water."

An aspect of safety that many boaters overlook is rules specific to a lake.

"As people go to the lakes this summer, take time to contact the lake before you go, and see if there are any special lake laws," McCrary said. "Some lakes require you to wear your life jacket while you are out there. Others say it just has to be readily accessible. But if you take a few minutes to contact the lake, it will make for a lot safer place — plus, they can also give tips on things such as fishing."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Dbl.
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

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Tempt him to the losing path

By Phillip Alder

It was suggested on Saturday Night Live that because of the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Yakov Smirnoff is out of work. But back in 1984 he summed up life in Russia like this: "In the United States you have freedom of speech. You can go up to Ronald Reagan and say, 'I don't like Ronald Reagan.' In the Soviet Union you have the same thing. You can go up to Chernenko and say, 'I don't like Ronald Reagan.' "

Today's deal was defended brilliantly by a top Russian player, Tim Zlotov.

In the original auction, South opened one club, the Moscow Standard System opening bid to show — as if you didn't already know — a balanced 12-15 points or an unbalanced 17-plus. In my version, North's sequence, a forcing one-no-trump response followed by a jump to three spades, shows about 11 points and three trumps. I feel that South was optimistic to use Blackwood.

Declarer won the heart lead with dummy's ace and played a spade to his king. He continued with three rounds of clubs, ruffing the last in the dummy and bringing down the queen. He played a second trump and claimed the slam a few moments later.

At least, that is the likely scenario. However, under the second top club, Zlotov dropped the queen. Now South thought he would be overruffed if he ruffed the club three in the dummy. Instead, South played a diamond to dummy's queen and led a trump. Zlotov went in with the ace and returned his last trump. With the diamonds not breaking, declarer had to finish one down.

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Man apparently shoots wife, himself

AUSTIN (AP) — An 82-year-old man apparently shot his ill wife then turned the gun on himself, police say.

Police on Sunday found the bodies of John Silva and Naomi, his wife for nearly 50 years, side-by-side in the bed of their South Austin home. Mrs. Silva had been afflicted with Parkinson's disease for several years.

Mrs. Silva, 77, had been shot twice in the head and he had been shot once in the head, the Travis County medical examiner's office said.

Police said a handgun was found in the home, and there were no signs of a struggle or forced entry. No suicide note was found.

Parkinson's disease is a neurological disorder that affects about 1 million Americans, mostly those over 50 years old. It causes tremors that embarrass, depress and sometimes debilitate those with the disorder, said Sadie Smallwood of the Capital Area Parkinson's Society.

"I'm really going to miss them. You won't find anyone around here who'll say a bad word about them," said Julie Kenyon, who lived next door to the Silvas for five years.

Berry's World



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Rabin settles coalition crisis with small change in cabinet

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin changed his Cabinet lineup on Sunday, ending the greatest threat to his 10-month-old government and preserving his ability to maneuver in Mideast peace talks.

The coalition crisis began last month when the ultra-orthodox Shas party demanded the ouster of Education Minister Shulamit Aloni, an outspoken critic of Israel's powerful rabbis and leader of the secular Meretz bloc.

Mrs. Aloni initially refused to step aside, but in an agreement approved by the Cabinet in an emergency session Sunday night, she will hand over the ministry to a Meretz colleague.

Had Shas' six legislators bolted from the coalition over the affair, Rabin would have been left with only a 61-seat majority in the 120-member Parliament, based on backing from five Arab legislators who are not in the coalition.

Rabin had said he wouldn't head such a government, contending that only with the backing of a Jewish majority in Parliament can he make bold moves at the peace table, such as yielding occupied Arab land to Syria and the Palestinians.

A tough Meretz stand could have led to the breakup of the coalition and a regrouping with more hawkish partners.

The Mideast peace talks began in October 1991 and have yielded no breakthroughs. The ninth round ended in Washington earlier this month.

Sunday night, the Cabinet created a new job, minister of communications and science, for Mrs. Aloni and gave the education ministry to Amnon Rubinstein, formerly energy minister. Two ministers from Rabin's Labor Party gave up part of their portfolios to create Mrs. Aloni's new job.

Asked afterward if she can still sit in the same government with Shas despite the party's attacks on her, Mrs. Aloni said: "This is not a love story. The government has to carry out policy, and if this government can make progress in the peace talks ... I think this is desirable."

Shas leader Aryeh Deri, the interior minister, called for reconciliation and rejected suggestions that his party was using the crisis to get a bigger share of state funds.

"We didn't get anything extra, we didn't ask for anything extra," Deri said after the session. "We asked for something in principle, and we got it."

The Shas-Meretz feud stemmed from a longstanding cultural chasm between Israel's mighty ultra-religious minority and the country's secular majority.

Buys home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress-comedienne Stephanie Hodge just bought a house, but she's not staying home.

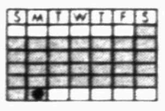
The former co-star on the NBC sitcom "Nurses" bought a three-bedroom, $425,000 house with her husband in the Canejo Valley, about 65 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

"I lived in the L.A. area for seven years and finally decided to put down some roots," she said. "And now I just want to stay in my new home and nest, but I'm pretty much on the road."

DATE BOOK

May 31, 1993

Today is Memorial Day. It is the 151st day of 1993 and the 73rd day of spring



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1902, Britain and South Africa signed a peace treaty to end the Boer War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Walt Whitman (1819-1892), poet; Fred Allen (1894-1956), comedian; Clint Eastwood (1930-), actor-director, is 63; Johnny Paycheck (1941-), singer, is 52; Joe Namath (1943-), football star-sportscaster, is 50; Sharon Gless (1943-), actress, is 50; Brooke Shields (1965-), actress-model, is 28.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1938, Henry Armstrong won the world welterweight boxing title, defeating Barney Ross in New York.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Go ahead, make my day." — Clint Eastwood, in the film "Sudden Impact" (1983)

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1985, tornadoes in Pennsylvania killed 65 people, the state's worst one-day toll ever in such storms.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL • 1993 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (May 28) and full moon (June 4).

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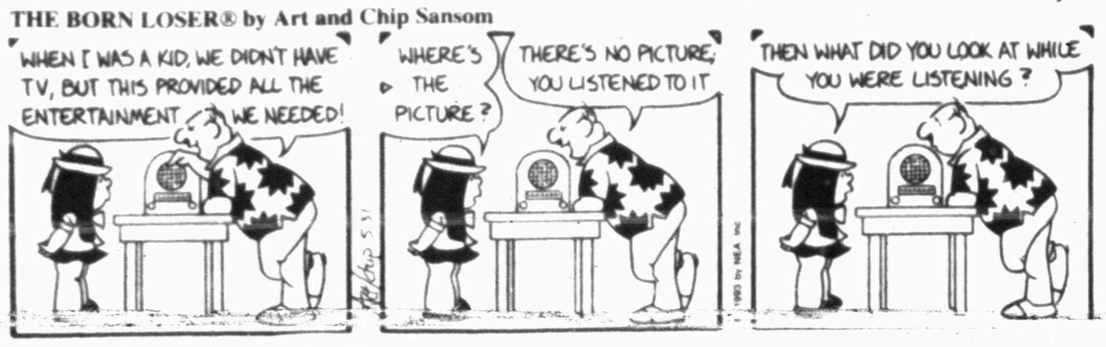
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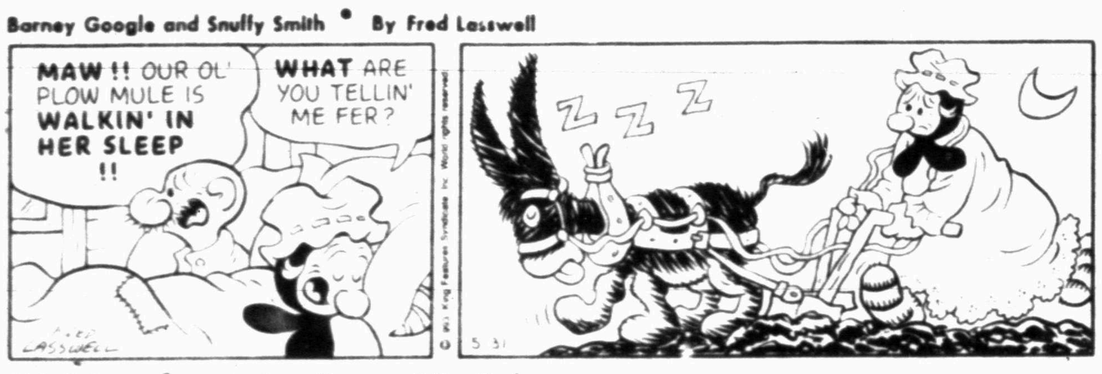
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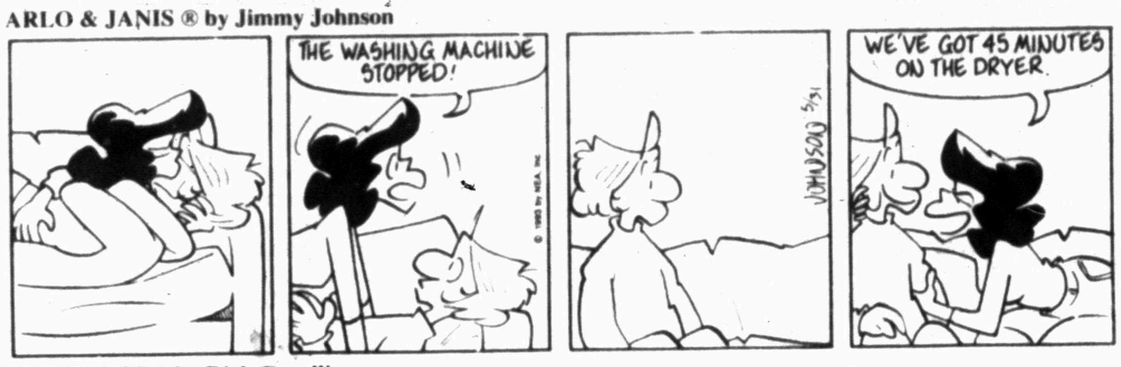
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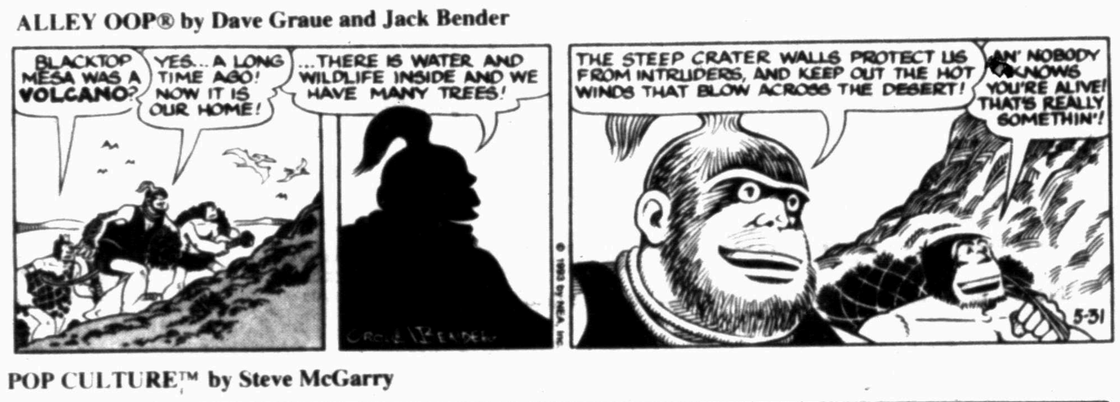
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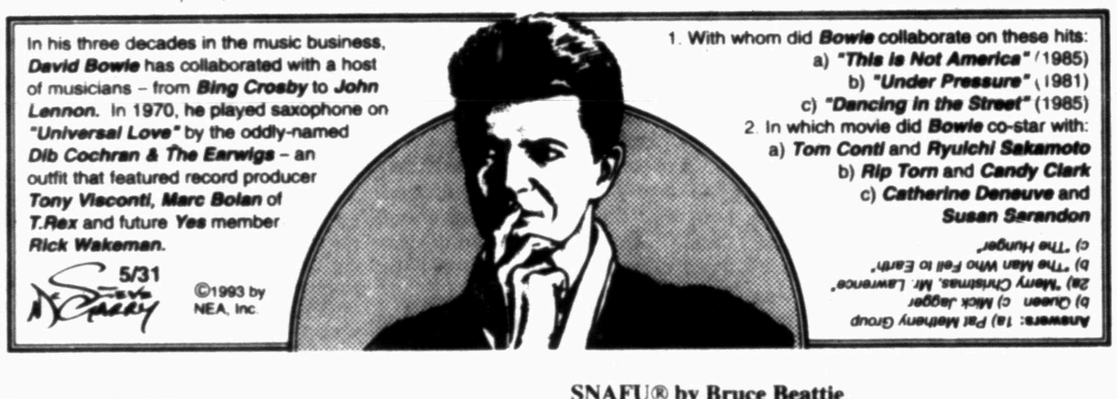
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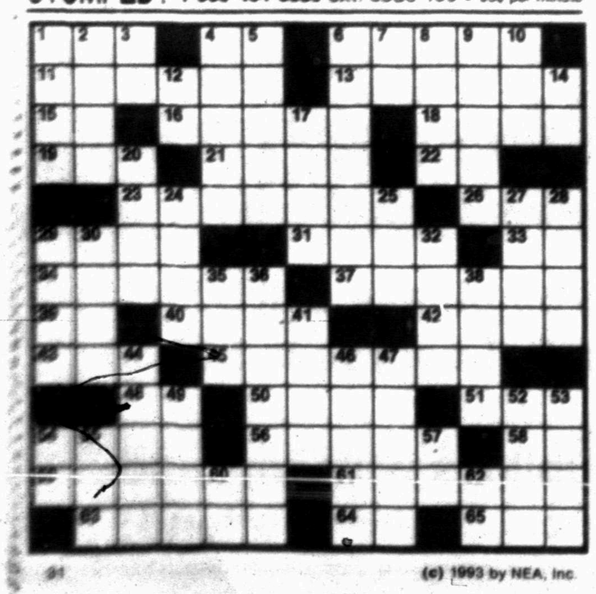
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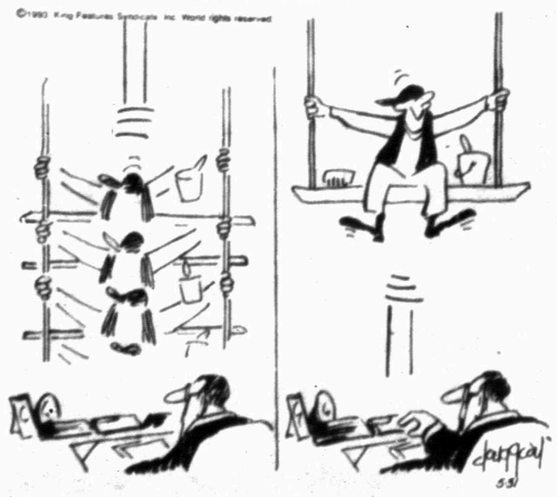


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BoSox win in 12 innings...

Rangers drop heartbreaker

BOSTON (AP) — On the day after Jose Canseco made a relief appearance, things got really crazy for the Texas Rangers and the Boston Red Sox.

A pitcher batted for the Rangers and [illegible] base for the Red Sox after both teams emptied their benches. Boston eventually won 6-5 in 12 innings Sunday to complete a series sweep.

John Valentin doubled home the winning run with one out in the 12th. The Red Sox, who had rallied to tie the game with runs in the ninth and 10th innings, won for the [illegible]

Texas has lost four straight for the first time this season and six of its last seven. The Rangers used Canseco as a relief pitcher in a 15-1 loss on Saturday and had just two hits Friday in a 4-1 loss.

"It wasn't exactly a good weekend for a Kennedy in this ballpark, I can tell you that," said Texas manager Kevin Kennedy. "It's [illegible] see us have two save opportunities and blow them both."

The long game and injuries that limited some players' abilities to run or bat forced both managers to juggle their lineups. Boston used outfielder Billy Hatcher at second base, the first infield appearance of his career. Texas ran out of position players and had pitcher Jeff Bronkey bat in the 12th.

Hatcher had no chances at second base, while Bronkey grounded out in his first major league plate appearance.

"Well, that was a lot of fun," Boston manager Butch Hobson said. "Everybody came through and guys battled back. We didn't win too many of those games last year."

Andre Dawson began the Boston 12th with an infield single and was replaced by pinch-runner Tony Pena. Carlos Quintana sacrificed, Bob Zupcic was intentionally walked and Valentin doubled into the left-field corner off Bronkey (0-1), the fourth Texas pitcher.

Jose Melendez (1-0) went 2 1-3 innings for the victory. He was the sixth Boston pitcher.

Texas took a 5-4 lead in the 10th on pinch-hitter Julio Franco's RBI single with two outs. Boston tied it when Quintana had an infield single with one out, Zupcic doubled and Bob Melvin hit a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded for his third RBI of the game.

The Red Sox rallied in the ninth for a run against Tom Henke, making it 4-4. Melvin singled with one [illegible] Ivan Calderon's single under the glove of second baseman Doug Strange.

Scott Fletcher was hit by a pitch and Hatcher walked on four pitches, forcing home a run. With the bases still loaded, Mo Vaughn grounded to first baseman Rafael Palmeiro, who started a double play.

Kevin Brown pitched the first seven innings for Texas. He has pitched at least seven innings in each of his 10 starts this season.

Viola has not won a game in more than a month. He is 0-3 in his last five starts.

Sonics down Suns to even series 2-2

SEATTLE (AP) — Charles Barkley disappeared when the Phoenix Suns needed him most, and the Seattle SuperSonics on Sunday evened the Western Conference finals at 2-2.

The league's MVP scored 27 points but was held to a pair of baskets in the second half when the Sonics pulled away for a 120-101 victory.

Barkley was taunted with chants in the Seattle Coliseum after he picked up his fifth foul with 7:34 to go and when he missed the basket entirely with a 3-point attempt with 9:41 left.

Game 5 will be Tuesday night in Phoenix, with Game 6 on Thursday night in Seattle. Game 7, if necessary, will be in Phoenix next Saturday or Sunday.

The Suns have the home-court advantage throughout the playoffs because they won 62 regular-season games for the best record in the NBA. But they didn't have any advantage in Game 4.

The Suns left Seattle with a 104-97 Friday night victory to regain the home-court advantage in the series after Seattle managed a split in the first two games of the series in Phoenix.

On Sunday, Barkley's best scoring performance in this series on 11-for-20 shooting was overshadowed by the Sonics' frontline of Sam Perkins, Derrick McKey and Shawn Kemp. Kemp and McKey each scored 20 points and Perkins had 19.

Dan Majerle had 16 points for the Suns and Kevin Johnson, playing with a badly bruised left thigh, had just 6 points on 2-for-11 shooting.

Seattle outscored Phoenix 21-7 in the first 7:27 of the second half to take an 82-65 lead. As it turned out, that was the game.

McKey went to work 1-on-1 inside against the Suns for eight points and the Sonics released Kemp early after Phoenix shots for a dunk and a layup.

The Sonics were able to hold Barkley, who had 23 points in the first half, to a single basket and three shots in the third quarter. The Suns cut the Seattle lead to 87-76 after three quarters on Frank Johnson's 15-footer with 37.4 seconds left.

NBA playoffs

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Tuesday, May 25
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Seattle 103, Phoenix 99
Friday, May 28
Phoenix 104, Seattle 97
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Chicago 103, New York 83, New York leads series 2-1
Sunday, May 30
Seattle 120, Phoenix 101, series tied 2-2
Monday, May 31
New York at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.

Carter notches hole-in-one at SCC

Neal Carter posted a hole-in-one on the 170-yard No. 18 at Snyder Country Club recently.

Carter used a 6-iron for his ace, which was witnessed by Mark Glass, Joe League, Mackey Greene, Rex Robinson and Harold Lacik.

Krier's homer downs Brownwood

Senior B.J. Krier blasted a seventh-inning homer, his third in the playoffs, to lift the Frenship Tigers to a 4-3 win over Brownwood Saturday.

The District 2-4A champion Tigers, 22-9 overall, will battle Andrews, 25-8, in a best-of-three series, beginning Friday in Abilene, for the Region 1-4A championship.

Game 1 of the series is slated for a 7:30 p.m. start at Crutcher Scott Field. Game 2 will be Saturday at 2 p.m., followed by Game 3, late Saturday, if it is necessary.

Brownwood grabbed a 3-0 lead in Saturday's area clash with FHS, before the Tigers, led by a defensive effort that included three double plays, rebounded to tie the game in the sixth, setting up Krier's heroics.

Cyperts win country club event

Jack and Kaye Cypert fired a low-net 69 to win the May 21 Snyder Country Club's Friday Night Swingers event.

Mike McLeod and Norma Thompson and Dutch and Donna Stehley tied for second-place honors with identical 70s.

Kaye Cypert was the chip-in winner.

Friday Night Swingers play for May 28, a two-person scramble, saw Alton and Sheri Patterson win in First Flight, followed by a second place tie between Cloyce and Anita Talbott, and Gary Norwood and Cynthia Jackson.

Second flight winners were Mike McLeod and Norma Thompson.

Don and Gwen Sealey, and Jack and Kyle Cypert were knotted for second place when competition ended.

Johnny Powell had a chip-in.

Youth baseball results

8-9 YEAR-OLD LEAGUE

Indians 20, Yankees 7

The Tribe lashed 29 hits Thursday, taking a 13-run victory over the Yankees.

Britt Harbin punched a triple, a double and a single, Joshua Key, Jonathan Beard and Jesse Luera each slapped three hits, including a two-bagger, Brandon Carnes, Tyson Kubena, Nathan Hines and Colter Brown each added three hits, Garrett Arney and Case Hardy contributed two singles apiece, and Ryan Coffey singled for the Indians.

Top hitters for the Yankees were Dustin Bennett, who homered and singled, and Tim Huddleston, Duran Lopez, Chance Greenwood, Logan Hill, Matt McCormick and Miguel Lopez, who each banged two hits. Lifting a single each were Austin Rinehart, Cory Lyons and Shane Kitchens.

Cardinals 15, A's 3

Brady Reed blasted a home run, Dustin Olsin, Jonathan Guy and Jeremy Autrey each added a double and a single, and T.J. Jones rapped a two-sacker as the Cards rolled past the Athletics Thursday.

Stafford Gray, Shawn Atkins, Josh Knox, John David Chandler, Tanner Beard, Zach Starnes and Clay Williams each punched a single for the winners.

Bret McClendon belted a double and a single, Chad McCright doubled, and Michael Fletcher, Jonathan Scalf and Britt Sharrock each knocked a base hit for the A's.

Baseball glance

By The Associated Press
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AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	30	18	.625	—
New York	28	22	.560	3
Toronto	28	22	.560	3
Boston	27	22	.551	3½
Milwaukee	22	25	.468	7½
Baltimore	20	29	.408	10½
Cleveland	19	31	.380	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	27	20	.574	—
Chicago	24	23	.511	3
Kansas City	24	23	.511	3
Texas	24	24	.500	3½
Seattle	25	26	.490	4
Minnesota	20	26	.435	6½
Oakland	19	26	.422	7

Saturday's Games
New York 8, Chicago 2
Boston 15, Texas 1
Toronto 5, Oakland 3
Minnesota 9, Cleveland 3
Kansas City 6, Milwaukee 5, 13 innings
Detroit 3, Seattle 2
California 6, Baltimore 3
Sunday's Games
Boston 6, Texas 5, 12 innings
New York 6, Chicago 3
Minnesota 8, Cleveland 2
Milwaukee 8, Kansas City 2
California 7, Baltimore 5
Toronto 13, Oakland 11
Seattle 9, Detroit 5
Monday's Games
Cleveland (Cook 3-2) at New York (Perez 2-4), 1 p.m.
Texas (Leibrandt 5-2) at Minnesota (Tapani 2-5), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 6-2) at Oakland (Darling 0-2), 4:05 p.m.
Toronto (Morris 2-5) at California (Farrell 2-5), 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Cone 2-5) at Boston (Dopson 3-3), 7:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	34	14	.708	—
Montreal	27	21	.563	7
Chicago	24	22	.522	9
St. Louis	25	23	.521	9
Pittsburgh	23	24	.489	10½
Florida	21	28	.429	13½
New York	16	31	.340	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	33	18	.647	—
Atlanta	28	23	.549	5
Houston	26	22	.542	5½
Los Angeles	25	23	.521	6½
Cincinnati	24	26	.480	8½
San Diego	20	29	.408	12
Colorado	14	36	.280	18½

Saturday's Games
Montreal 5, Chicago 4
San Diego 7, St. Louis 4
San Francisco 6, Atlanta 3
New York 4, Cincinnati 3
Philadelphia 6, Colorado 0
Houston 4, Florida 2
Los Angeles 6, Pittsburgh 1
Sunday's Games
San Francisco 4, Atlanta 3
Houston 2, Florida 1
Pittsburgh 5, Los Angeles 3
Cincinnati 8, New York 4
St. Louis 10, San Diego 4
Philadelphia 18, Colorado 1
Chicago 5, Montreal 2
Monday's Games
San Francisco (Swift 6-2) at Florida (Hammond 3-4), 1:35 p.m.
Montreal (Barnes 1-1) at Houston (Williams 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Candiotti 2-4) at St. Louis (Tewksbury 4-4), 2:15 p.m.
New York (Hillman 0-2) at Chicago (Harkey 5-1), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 6-1) at Cincinnati (Belcher 2-4), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Whitehurst 0-3) at Atlanta (Maddux 4-4), 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Wakefield 3-4) at Colorado (Reynoso 2-2), 9:05 p.m.

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Astros nudge Marlins, 2-1

MIAMI (AP) — Houston pitchers again stifled the Florida Marlins on Sunday, with Pete Harnisch and three relievers combining on a five-hitter for a 2-1 victory.

Harnisch (5-2) struck out six and allowed three hits, two walks and a hit batsman in seven innings. He also pitched seven scoreless innings on April 18 in his only other start against Florida.

Xavier Hernandez, Al Osuna and Doug Jones completed the victory. Jones got the last two outs for his 11th save.

The Marlins scored in the ninth against Jones when pinch-hitter Alex Arias singled, took second on a wild pitch and came home on Jeff Conine's single. Jones struck out Benito Santiago and got Walt Weiss to ground out to second.

It was the Marlins' first run in 17 innings.

Luis Gonzalez gave Houston a 1-0 lead in the second inning with his seventh home run on a 3-2 pitch from Luis Aquino (2-3). Jeff Bagwell drove in the other run with a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

The hard-luck Aquino went 7 2-3 innings and lowered his ERA to 2.08, but Florida has scored just 14 runs in his seven starts.

Girls' softball results

DIVISION I

Angels 15, Pink Panthers 12

Winning pitcher Sabrina Terry slammed a homer and a single to pace the Angels in Saturday's win.

Candace Gonzales added two hits and Carcie Posey singled for the winners.

Kasey Collier, who was saddled with the loss, nailed a round-tripper and two singles. Danaica Snyder had a home run and Leticia Martinez rapped a base hit for the Panthers.

DIVISION II

Raiders 15, Tornadoes 5

Kami Bates hammered twin doubles and Laurie Kerley punched a single and a two-sacker in support of winning pitcher Shandi Moore Saturday.

Other Raider hitters included Lorraine Southern, who had two singles, and Latisha Thamez, Brooke Williams and Jennifer Taylor, who each lifted a hit.

Losing pitcher Lexi Lammert doubled, Jessica Blevins laced two hits, and Donna Nobles, Sheila Garza and Terra Lyons knocked a single apiece for the Tornadoes.

The Raiders are 5-1. The Tornadoes carry an 0-6 mark.

Illusions 25, Pink Pizazz

The Illusions drilled 13 hits, including a triple and two singles from Keila Helms, a single and a three-bagger from Michelle Dortch, and Christy Tomlinson's triple, to get past the Pizazz Saturday.

Angie Reynolds added a double and a pair of singles, and winning pitcher Kendra Dacus, Brandy Wood, Renae Trevino and Crissida Taylor each popped a hit.

The Pizazz was led by a homer and a single by Cameron Mackey, Sheena Callaway's two doubles, two singles each from Calley Parks and Ashley Grimmett, and a hit by Heather Shook.

Whitney Webb was the losing pitcher.

Poison II 17, Purple Pros II 16

The Poison II moved to 5-1 on the season with a 1-run win Saturday over the Pros.

Winning pitcher Kristen Martinez hammered a triple, two doubles and a single, Angela Matthews doubled and singled, Vanessa Jones and Mindy Thompson each had an extra-base hit, Jennifer Mayer singled twice, and Amber Haackmeyer and Miranda Hackford each lashed a hit.

The Pros' top hitters included Starla Davis, who knocked a triple and two singles, Sabrina Davidson, who tripled, Emily Fowler, who had three hits, including a double, and Lara Price, who punched a single and a two-sacker. Christina Dunham, losing pitcher Bradi Johnson and Pam Brace each added two hits, and Laci Sullenger and Lisa Hall drilled a single apiece.

Terminators 14, Krushers 4

The Terminators scored seven runs in the fourth inning on their way to a 10-run win Saturday.

Winning pitcher Brittany Drummond contributed a double and a triple from the plate.

Darcie Purcell, losing pitcher Courtney Rinehart, and Rene Trevino each doubled, and Kelly Hasso chipped in a single for the Krushers.

DIVISION III

Flash 13, Stingers 11

The Flash outhit the Stingers, 12-10, en route to a Saturday Division III victory.

Katy Walker and Monie Pena each leveled a single and a double, Neoma Nobles and Lochie Applin belted two hits apiece, and Mendy Winter, CeCe Valdez and Katie Potts each contributed a hit for the Flash.

Jodi White led the Stingers with two triples and a single. Shanna Fisk tripled, Amy Vaughn doubled, Brandy Bates whipped two hits, and Stephanie Hernandez, Vanessa Britton and Sharon Gulseth each singled.

Allem nudges Norman at Colonial

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Fulton Allem birdied two of the last three holes then hung on for a one-shot victory over Greg Norman in the Colonial Invitational on Sunday.

Allem, a South African, won for the second time in his 7-season career on the American PGA Tour with a closing 67 and a tournament-record 264 total.

The victory, his 16th around the world, was worth $234,000 from the total purse of $1.3 million and more than doubled his previous winnings for the season.

It did not come easily.

Allem's record score was one of a half-dozen marks set in a week-long scoring extravaganza on the Colonial Country Club course. He had to make four consecutive one-putt pars — one a 20-footer — in the middle of the round to stay in the hunt.

He pulled in front with birdies on 16 and 17, from about 12 and 10 feet, respectively.

"I just hung in there," Allem said. "In the middle of the round I made some terrible swings. I made Fred Astaire look like a statue. But I hung in there. I won. It's great."

Norman, just back from a 6-week vacation, kept the pressure on to the end with a 68.

The Australian, a winner at Doral earlier in the year, was two shots back playing the final hole, but pitched a wedge about 15 feet below the cup.

Allem left his long first putt about 5 feet short. Norman then dropped his birdie putt to close to within one.

Allem, needing a par-saving effort to avoid a playoff, got the 5-footer just in the right lip.

"It went in the kitchen door, but it went in," he said.

"Fulty got a couple of breaks, but that's what you have to do when you win," Norman said.

One of those breaks was on the ninth, where Allem's approach hit the rock wall supporting the front of the green above a pond.

Instead of bouncing back into the water, the ball caromed into the gallery. Allem got it up and down, with a pitch and a 20-foot putt, for par.

"That was the tournament, right there," Allem said. "If the ball goes back in the water, I make double-bogey and it's a different game."

Both Allem and Norman broke the tournament scoring record of 266 set by Corey Pavin in 1985.

Fittipaldi grabs narrow win at Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Emerson Fittipaldi used experience and patience to outfox a pair of former Formula One colleagues Sunday in the most competitive Indianapolis 500 ever.

With 10 cars on the lead lap at the end, it was anybody's race until Fittipaldi took the checkered flags and shook his fist in triumph. Only 9.9 seconds separated the top eight finishers.

The 46-year-old Brazilian, a two-time Formula One champion and the 1989 Indy winner, gave team owner Roger Penske a silver anniversary present with a record-setting ninth Indy win.

Fittipaldi started ninth and stayed close to the front throughout the race, but never led until he charged past Indy rookie and reigning Formula One champion Nigel Mansell on a controversial restart 16 laps from the end of the 200-lap race.

Fittipaldi wasn't challenged the rest of the way, easily holding off runner-up Arie Luyendyk, the pole-starter and 1990 Indy winner, despite one more restart just five laps from the end.

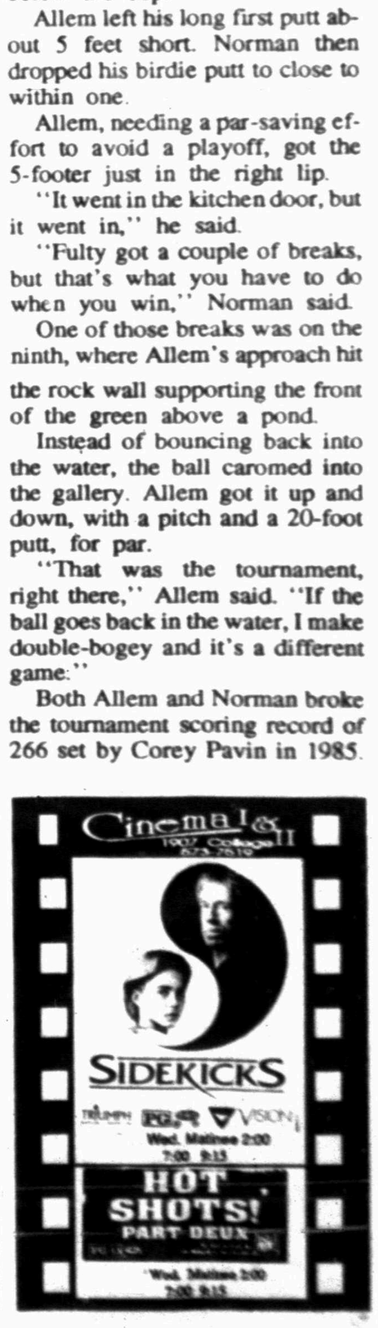
In fact, the winner turned the fastest lap of the race, 214.807 mph, on lap 198 as he drove away from Luyendyk.

When he got to Victory Lane, Fittipaldi passed up the traditional drink of milk in favor of orange juice, smilingly saying he likes it better. He happens to own a few orange groves.

"It was very, very difficult," Fittipaldi said. "It was very tough to follow the car ahead of you. The turbulence was high; there was only one groove, one line, and it was very difficult to maneuver in traffic."

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Hutchison denies allegation she made endorsement deal

DALLAS (AP) — Republican U.S. Senate candidate Kay Bailey Hutchison on Sunday denied charges she gave a former political opponent a job in return for an endorsement.

Democratic opponent Bob Krueger, meanwhile, stepped up the attacks, saying he wants the Travis County district attorney to investigate the allegations before the June 5 runoff special election.

"We know what happened in Watergate," Krueger, the interim U.S. Senator, told reporters in Houston.

"The press began to reveal things and the public was not aware of it until after the election. This time it's important that these questions be addressed in advance of the election."

The head of Travis County's public integrity unit said the district attorney's policy is to refrain from investigating charges against a political candidate in the midst of a campaign unless there is a compelling need, such as as the possibility that evidence will be destroyed.

"That's our policy, and we're not commenting further," Claire Dawson-Brown told the Houston Chronicle.

The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday that two former campaign aides allege that Mrs. Hutchison, the state treasurer, promised a post in the state treasurer's office to a Democratic opponent in exchange for an endorsement, a violation of state law.

Steve McDonald and Frank Ortega, former campaign aides for failed state treasurer candidate Tom Bowden, are willing to give sworn statements to a district attorney stating that Mrs. Hutchison made a deal with Bowden to get his support, the newspaper reported.

McDonald and Ortega say Bowden, a Democrat, told them after the 1990 Democratic primary that he had decided to openly endorse Mrs. Hutchison during her campaign for treasurer because he needed a job.

Bowden, who was not listed, couldn't be reached for comment Sunday, but he has previously denied the allegations.

Mrs. Hutchison denied the allegations Sunday on "This Week With David Brinkley," and said the allegations were a sign of a desperate campaign.

"Bob Krueger has gotten out of control. I think he's getting hysterical. That is ridiculous," Mrs. Hutchison said. "Because he's 19 points behind in the polls, he's making those charges."

Bowden, who campaigned as a Democrat, is one of 12 employees in the Treasury department who tracks collection of tobacco taxes, said David Beckwith, a spokesman for Mrs. Hutchison.

Beckwith told The Associated Press Sunday that Bowden was chosen for the post because of his abilities.

Mystery epidemic eyed by health department sleuths in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A small army of medical investigators swarmed over a sprawling Navajo reservation looking for clues to the cause of a mysterious epidemic that has killed 10 people and sickened more than a dozen others.

Three more people were hospitalized Sunday with the flu-like illness, which doctors say usually strikes suddenly and can kill in a day.

Officials said they are checking 25 possible cases, 19 of those among Indians. Most victims lived on or near the Navajo reservation straddling northwestern New Mexico and northeastern Arizona.

Four people appear to have recovered, but doctors say they do not know whether treatment — primarily with antibiotics — is responsible.

"I don't know that we can say with any confidence that individuals have responded or survived because of what we've done for them," said Dr. Gary Simpson of the New Mexico' health department.

Several other suspected cases were found to be unrelated, including one in Colorado.

Investigators were searching for an infectious substance, a toxic chemical or some other cause, but have come up with nothing. They say the illness may be contagious, but not highly contagious since most family members and others who were in contact with victims have not developed it.

Health officials said what makes the disease — dubbed unexplained adult respiratory distress syndrome — so difficult to catch and treat is that it escalates quickly.

"The early symptoms are extremely non-specific. They're your basic cold and flu symptoms," said Dr. Jim Cheek of the Indian Health Service. "We don't know whether we have a good way to tell who's going to just have a regular cold and who's going to go on to develop ARDS."

Snyder police officers busy with ten weekend arrests

Snyder police made 10 arrests, mostly alcohol-related, Saturday and Sunday as the Memorial Day weekend got underway.

At 3:58 a.m. Monday, police officers responded to a 9-1-1 call at the Key Mobile Home Park on the Lamesa highway due to a possible overdose. A male subject was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

At 1:47 p.m. Saturday, local officers also investigated a report of a house being broken into at 601 29th St. An offense report for a Class B theft was filed at 12:05 p.m. Sunday by Regina Kenly who said her daughter's 20-inch bicycle had been stolen.

An employee at Skinny's on Coliseum Drive reported a motorist left without paying for $5 worth of gasoline. The incident occurred at 9:46 a.m. Saturday.

Saturday evening, police responded to a pair of disturbance calls, one involving a husband and wife. No action was taken. Also Saturday evening, police received two calls for separate incidents of possible gunshots. Officers were unable to locate.

The first arrest of the weekend came at 9:42 a.m. Saturday in the 2800 Block of Ave. K. A 24-year-old male was arrested on an outstanding reckless conduct warrant.

At 9:45 p.m. Saturday in the 3700 Block of College Ave., an 18-year-old male was arrested for no insurance, no driver's license and an expired motor vehicle inspection sticker.

At 11:43 p.m. Saturday, officers responded to a disturbance call in the 800 Block of 27th St. A 31-year-old male was jailed for public intoxication.

At 3 a.m. Sunday, several juveniles were detained in the 2900 Block of Ave. Y after police received a call about several juveniles in the area. The youths were transported to their home and released to their parents.

Four arrests were made at 9:27 a.m. Sunday after officers received a call of suspicious subjects in 400 Block of 36th Place. The four, ranging in age from 16 to 22, were arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct-language.

At 9:02 p.m. Sunday, a 29-year-old female was arrested in the Wal-Mart parking lot for driving with a suspended license. The final arrests of the weekend came at 1:03 a.m. Monday. A 42-year-old female was jailed for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 29-year-old passenger was arrested for public intoxication.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT — Irene Montez, center, received a social science honors scholarship to Western Texas College in a recent presentation by Dr. Jim Palmer, left, and Dr. Gil Fleer. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Chris Riggins, 317 34th; Marilyn Lowery, Round Rock; Robin Arispe, Colorado City.

Census: 49 (Med.-6, Long-Term Care-40, OB-2, Nursery-1).

Births

Ricky and Robin Arispe of Colorado City announce the birth of their daughter born at 5:39 a.m. on May 31 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pound and five ounces.

Snyder PD works 3 minor mishaps

Police worked three minor accidents, including two hit and run mishaps, during the weekend.

The first occurred at 8:35 p.m. Saturday in the 2400 Block of Ave. E. Involved was a 1992 Isuzu owned by James Cervantez of 214 23rd St. and a vehicle which left the scene.

At 7:45 a.m. Sunday, officers investigated damage to a mailbox in the 2300 Block of Ave. I that had been struck by an unknown vehicle.

At 9:43 p.m. Sunday in the 2900 Block of College Ave., a 1984 Oldsmobile driven by Rachael Villanueva of 1800 Scott St. was in collision with a 1984 Dodge van driven by Verna Garrett of Pittsburg. Kan. There were no injuries and damage was minor.

Vacant house is consumed by fire

Fire destroyed a vacant house in the 3000 Block of 21st St. Sunday afternoon.

The Snyder Fire Department received the call at 3:33 p.m. Owner of the house and origin of the fire were unknown. Snyder firefighters were at the scene until 6:30 p.m.

At 1:38 p.m. Sunday, the department responded to a grass fire at 19th St. and Ave. I. At 7:43 p.m. Sunday, units went to a reported dumpster fire in the 1700 Block of 30th St.

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Clinton's visit to 'Wall' raises political risks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, who opposed the Vietnam War and once thanked a mentor for "saving me from the draft," faced the ghosts of his youth by deciding to speak at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on his first Memorial Day as commander-in-chief.

The president was speaking during ceremonies today at the black marble wall that serves as a stark reminder of the thousands of lives lost and a generation torn apart over the Asian conflict.

He also was visiting Arlington Cemetery and signing a proclamation in honor of the 50th anniversary of World War II.

His speech at the Wall was sure to anger some veterans and their families, and was a risky political move for an already battered president.

Veterans who organized a post card campaign opposing Clinton's visit were near the wall early today with signs saying, "For Shame"; "Disabled and Dead Accuse You"; "The Truth Convicts [illegible]".

John Roberts, 56, of Athens, Tenn., a former Green Beret in Vietnam, said, "I personally feel that because of Bill Clinton's overt actions, he gave aid and comfort to the enemy, causing names to be added to this wall. He's a traitor to his country."

Richard DeMarco, 48, of Cleveland, a Marine in Vietnam, said Clinton committed "treasonous acts" by protesting against the war overseas.

But Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown said today that it was "outrageous" to oppose the president's visit. "I think quite frankly that he has a moral and legal obligation to be at that wall," Brown said on ABC.

Clinton returned from Camp David, Md., early this morning after spending Sunday at the presidential retreat. He had breakfast at the White House with veterans group leaders and their spouses. Brown attended the breakfast.

Clinton's appearance at the wall called attention to the controversy over his efforts to avoid the draft. But it also offered him the chance to bury the matter as a political issue, while helping his generation — and the country — come to grips with the anger and angst wrought by the war.

Taxes, spending...

Momentum builds for compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — An emerging compromise between conservative Senate Democrats and the Clinton administration over spending cuts and energy taxes is increasing the prospects for congressional approval of the president's deficit-cutting economic plan.

Sen. David Boren, a key obstacle to Clinton's economic package, voiced a new willingness Sunday to accept some form of broad-based energy tax with the White House agreeing to additional spending cuts.

The administration quickly welcomed the Oklahoma senator's comments.

"I'm very encouraged. ... I think we have a very good chance of getting this package done," said Budget Director Leon Panetta, who, like Boren, spoke on CBS' "Face the Nation."

The House approved the deficit-reduction legislation, a combination of spending cuts and taxes totaling $500 billion over five years, by a 219-213 vote last week.

Conservative Democrats, led by Boren, have threatened to block the legislation in the Senate because of the energy tax and what they consider insufficient spending cuts.

But Boren said Sunday that he sees "a lot of room for agreement" on the tax and spending plan the Finance Committee — of which he is a member — will consider in the coming weeks.

He cited among the reasons for his new optimism Clinton's decision to bring Republican moderate David Gergen into the White House as a senior counselor, and the president's willingness to scale back the energy tax and increase spending cuts.

The administration signals on spending and an apparent willingness to modify its energy tax proposal "improve the chances by about 100 percent that we're going to be able to work out an agreement," Boren said.

Aspin honors war dead

NETTUNO, Italy (AP) — Defense Secretary Les Aspin said today that a carefully crafted policy must be in place before U.S. and allied lives are put in jeopardy to stem bloodshed in the former Yugoslavia.

In remarks at a Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony here, Aspin recalled the tens of thousands of soldiers who died in the World War II Allied assault against Nazi forces on nearby Anzio Beach.

The ground where 7,862 troops and 3,095 unknowns are buried, Aspin said, recalls the sacrifices required to keep freedom alive.

It also "reminds us that the decision to commit military force — be it in peacemaking, peacekeeping or humanitarian assistance — is the most serious decision a nation can make, one that puts its young men and women in harm's way," he said.

"With the problems of the former Yugoslavia so pressing, we must consult constantly to ensure that a deliberate and carefully thought-out policy is in place to help restore peace and stop the killing," Aspin said.

His remarks came in the context of last week's NATO meeting in which the allies were unable to reach agreement on how to implement a new Western plan to stem the fighting in Bosnia.

The Balkan conflict is close to home for the Italians. Rome allows U.S. and NATO fighter aircraft to use several air bases on its territory to enforce a "no-fly" zone over Bosnia in an attempt to quell the factional fighting.

"For these reasons, which are moral before being political, our solidarity must be particularly active and concrete, also in the awareness that the Bosnian crisis, if it is not brought quickly under control, threatens to spread, thus increasing danger, ruin and agony."

Edwards Aquifer bill sent to governor

AUSTIN (AP) — Pumping from the Edwards Aquifer would be regulated by a permit system to protect the lives of endangered species under a bill approved by the Legislature Sunday and sent to Gov. Ann Richards.

The aquifer, the sole source of drinking water for San Antonio, extends 176 miles under six Central Texas counties.

The Legislature was forced to come up with a plan to regulate water withdrawals after a federal judge ruled rare fish, salamanders and plant life which feed off of the underground water source needed protection.

Regulation of the aquifer has been met with disdain by developers, city officials and farmers, who say their crops and property will be devalued by restrictions on water rights.

The court gave the Legislature until May 31 to come up with a plan, which is expected to be signed by Richards. The Senate approved the bill unanimously on a voice vote. The House approved the bill on a vote of 116-22.

"This measure is a fair and balanced compromise between those who rely on the aquifer," said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. "I am pleased that we were able to resolve the difficult matter within the time constraints imposed by the court.

"It's a milestone in the battle over use of one of our greatest natural resources," Bullock said.

"I truly believe that this legislation will pass all elements of (the court's) orders," said Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville.

An environmental group that helped bring about the lawsuit resulting in the regulation called the plan a good first step, but said it lacks planning in case of a drought.

"I think it's a step in the right direction," said Ken Kramer, executive director of the Sierra Club's Texas chapter. "The big question is, 'Does it guarantee spring flows in all situations, including a drought?' The court will decide."

Under the plan, pumping would be limited to 450,000 acre-feet of water annually through the year 2007, and withdrawals would be reduced to 400,000 acre-feet by the year 2008. An acre foot of water equals 325,828 gallons.

Farmers would be allowed 2 acre-feet of water per acre. That amount would be guaranteed barring a drought situation.

Growers balked at an earlier plan that would have allowed their water permits to be interrupted.

Senate votes to reopen PUC bill negotiations

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers on Sunday sent back to a negotiating committee a bill that consumer groups say would cost ratepayers $1 billion in "phantom taxes."

Both the Senate and House voted to hold more talks on the measure that would extend operations of the Public Utility Commission.

The bill was approved by a House-Senate conference committee Saturday and included a provision that was blasted by some consumer advocates and some lawmakers.

The provision would allow utilities to charge ratepayers for federal income taxes that the utility companies did not actually pay.

John Hildreth, of Consumer's Union, said public furor over the provision was the reason senators voted to send the bill back for further negotiations.

Hildreth also criticized how utility lobbyists were able to influence the bill by huddling privately with lawmakers.

"The utility lobby just completely took over the process. That should stink enough to bother every person in the state of Texas," Hildreth said.

With the regular session set to end Monday, lawmakers said late efforts to change the bill may fall short.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, chairman of the Senate conference committee members, said the PUC legislation "is in intensive care right now."

Rep. David Cain, D-Dallas, said, "Chances are very slim but there's always nope as long we're in session."

If the PUC sunset legislation dies, the agency that regulates telephone and electric companies could be dismantled in one year. But lawmakers have a fail-safe provision in another bill that would leave operation of the agency as it is now for two more years.

Parker said a proposed compromise would allow utilities to collect some of the phantom taxes in the future, but would not allow them to increase rates to make up for not collecting the fees in the past.

Parker said criticism from consumer groups over the bill wasn't fair because the measure includes much-needed reforms that would help consumers, such as holding rate hearings before an independent agency.

The PUC currently includes federal income tax liability when it figures a utility's expenses in setting rates. Until last year, the commission assumed a utility paid taxes based on its total income, although the actual tax bill might be lowered by deductions taken by a utility's parent company.

Neighborhood back to normal after verdict

MIAMI (AP) — Florida National Guard troops packed their gear and went home as calm and a holiday atmosphere prevailed in Miami's inner city, two days after a policeman was acquitted in the deaths of two black men.

The verdict Friday in the case of suspended Officer William Lozano was followed by a night of brief disturbances and sporadic rock- and bottle-throwing.

But police reported no incidents Saturday and Sunday. Barricades that cordoned off the predominantly black Overtown and Liberty City neighborhoods were lifted.

"Very quiet, all day long and we expect it to continue that way," Miami police spokesman Armando Villorin said late Sunday.

Police remained on 12-hour shifts heading into Memorial Day. Some 200 members of the National Guard, who had been on standby alert at an armory, were told early Sunday by Gov. Lawton Chiles that they could go home.

Vote

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592,982, statewide a runoff was forced because she did not win a majority of the overall votes cast.

Locally, voting officials called the early vote turnout "good" so far. Early voting is surprisingly high statewide, according to the secretary of state's office.

The two are battling to fill the final 1½ years of the term originally held by U.S. Treasury Secretary Loyd Bentsen, before his appointment by President Bill Clinton.

Krueger, a former Texas congressman and Texas Railroad Commissioner, was appointed to the senate state by Gov. Ann Richards.

All registered voters are eligible to cast a ballot in the runoff. Persons need not have voted in the May 1 election.

On June 5, Precinct 1, Boxes 14-15, will vote at Scurry County Health Unit. Precinct 2, Boxes 5-6-7, will vote at the county library; Precinct 3, Boxes 8-9-10, will vote at the Snyder ISD Administration Building. Precinct 4, Boxes 11-13, will vote at the Senior Citizens Center.

Voting Saturday will take place from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Obituaries

Caleb Bonner

1904-1993

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Caleb S. Bonner, 89, of Snyder who died today at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Mr. Bonner was born on March 25, 1904.

Survivors include one stepson, Larry Bills of Snyder; four stepdaughters, Beth Roberts of Austin, Lenora Winkler of Odessa, Joy Watley of Midland and Donna Sullenger of Kermit.

James Douthit

1916-1993

ABILENE — Services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Elliot-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel for James Riley Douthit, 76, who died Friday in an Abilene hospital. Burial was to follow in the Riverside, Calif., National Cemetery.

He was the father of Barbara Kay Runnels of Snyder.

Born in Kimble City, he worked as a law enforcement officer in Lamesa before retiring in 1949. He owned the Aquarium and Pet Shop in Abilene until 1974. He moved to California and returned to Abilene in 1989.

Mr. Douthit was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, having served in France and Germany. He was a member of the Hillcrest Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Ophelia Kingsfield; another daughter, Martha Lois Hayes of Orogrande, Calif.; three sons, Robert Brooks of Abilene, Herbert Douthit of Oak Hills, Calif., and Kenneth Douthit of Long Beach; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Rape reported over weekend

A 16-year-old Snyder woman reported to sheriff's officers Sunday that she was the victim of a rape Saturday night at Lake Thomas.

The incident is reported to have occurred late Saturday. Deputy Joe Cheyne said a suspect has been identified, but no charges have been filed. The investigation is continuing.

A 2-year-old boy escaped serious injuries about noon Sunday when the youth was struck by a car driven by his aunt.

The Texas Department of Public Safety responed to a 911 call on County Road 4134 Sunday. Wesley Goswick of Midland was taken to Cogdell Hospital where he was treated for minior cuts and bruises, then released. His aunt, Susan Groves of Midland, had bumped the child while backing out of a driveway.

DPS troopers also responded to a accident involving a cow, 10.3 miles southeast of Snyder. According to reports, a car driven by Joe Boyd Grove Jr. of Midland struck a cow while traveling east on Farm-to-Market Road 1606 about 10 p.m. Saturday..

No one in the vehicle was injured but the cow was killed. The owner of the cow is unknown at this time.

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Is caffeine restriction necessary?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have glaucoma. I enjoy coffee with caffeine, and two of my doctors have varying opinions. One says it brings the pressure up, the other says it doesn't. What do you think?

DEAR READER: Any prohibition against caffeine, which can aggravate glaucoma, depends on how high the pressure is within your eyes. Your ophthalmologist can examine and advise you.

Glaucoma, an increase in the fluid pressure in the eye, is usually treated with drops or surgery; caffeine restriction is ordinarily not necessary, unless the standard therapy is not effective. Check with your eye doctor.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A recent blood test came back positive for ANA. Please explain what this is and what I can expect.

DEAR READER: Under certain circumstances, the body may become allergic to its own normal tissues, causing so-called auto-immune diseases, such as lupus. The ANA blood test, which measures the reaction to a person's normal tissue, is often a hallmark of lupus, a chronic disease causing arthritis and kidney disease.

Despite the accuracy of the test, some healthy patients (without lupus) exhibit a faint ANA reaction. Therefore, the diagnosis of lupus must be confirmed by other analyses, such as the anti-DNA antibody test or a biopsy. Remember that some drugs, notably the hypertensive drugs hydralazine and beta-blockers, may cause a false positive ANA test.

Before your doctor can offer a prognosis — or even a diagnosis — he'd need further lab data. He has his work cut out for him. Once the testing is completed, he can answer your specific questions.

To give you more information, 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 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

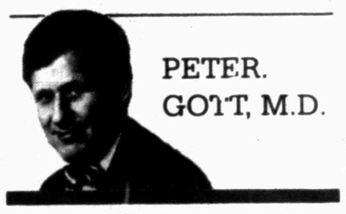
DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a 9-year-old son who is allergic to bees. He has a kit prescribed by his doctor that contains epinephrine, yet it seems he actually attracts the critters. Is there an odor he emits that could be controlled by medication to repel bees?

DEAR READER: This is an intriguing question. I have several patients allergic to bee stings who swear that they seem to attract the insects. Yet I am unaware of any data in the medical literature to confirm this belief. Most experts assume that children, who go barefoot and frequently play out of doors, are simply more at risk than are adults.

In addition, I do not know of a drug your son could take to discourage unwanted visitors. Perhaps an all-around insect repellent is your best bet.

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Places in the News

YEMEN

Yemen held its first free democratic, multiparty elections since the merger of North and South Yemen in May 1990. Formerly Marxist South Yemen — called the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen — and capitalist North Yemen — the Yemen Arab Republic — joined to become the Republic of Yemen.

With between 12 million and 14 million people, the newly united country is the most densely populated on the Arabian peninsula, and the poorest.

Since 1990 Yemen has been ruled by an interim government comprised of the northern-based General People's Congress and the southern-based Yemen Socialist Party. Gen. Ali Abdullah Saleh, former president of North Yemen and first president of united Yemen, presided over a five-member ruling council made up of three northerners and two southerners. Following the election, it will now be replaced by the parliament.

During the Gulf War, Yemen was one of the few Arab states to openly support Iraq and Saddam Hussein. As a result, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf nations expelled over 1 million Yemeni immigrant workers and stopped millions in foreign aid. Since then unemployment has reached almost 50 percent and inflation has soared.

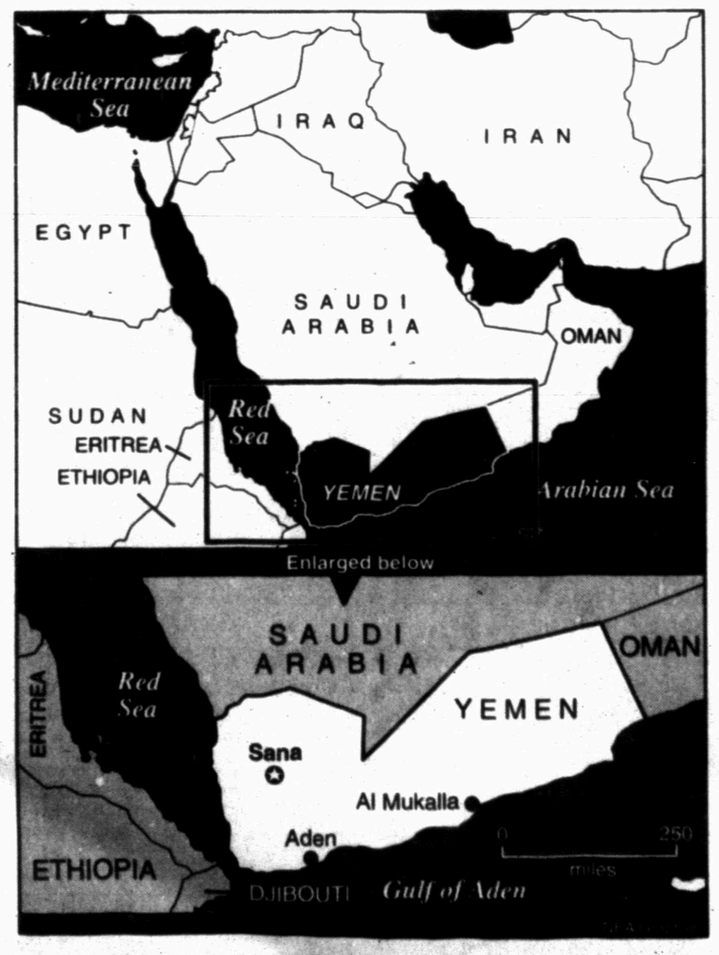
However, this election is important not only for Yemen, but for the whole region. It marked the first multiparty free election in any Arabian peninsula country. In Kuwait, for example, voting is restricted to an elite male minority, while in neighboring Saudi Arabia, legislators are appointed by the king. Even more extraordinary was that Yemeni women were allowed to vote and that 49 women were candidates.

Some 5,000 candidates representing 45 political parties vied for 301 parliament seats. A coalition of the General People's Congress and the Yemen Socialist Party won the election and will run the country for the next five years. The solid victory of the coalition will strengthen the fragile unity between north and south.

The most important development in the voting was the unexpectedly weak showing of the Saudi-bankrolled Islamic party, Islah, which won only 62 seats.

Yemen's territory was once part of the ancient kingdom of Sheba. In 1918 the country won independence from the Turkish Ottoman Empire. The British colony of Aden became South Yemen when it won independence in 1967, then forming the only Marxist state in the Arab world.

Hostility between the two states flared into warfare twice in the 1970s until the Arab League negotiated a truce. Economic and political agreements made in 1988 paved the way for unity two years later. Sanaa, capital of former North Yemen, became capital of united Yemen. Aden, former capital of South Yemen, is the country's second largest city.



Steely Dan plans reunion tour

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Donald Fagen says his new album "Kamakiriad" offers a more positive outlook on life than his Steely Dan hits of the 1970s.

"In Steely Dan, we were responding to the times we lived in," Fagen said in the Saturday Daily News of Los Angeles. "Because of the way we grew up and our familial and cultural circumstances, we were optimistic but there was a sense of bitterness that a lot of kids had at the time."

Fagen, 45, and his Steely Dan partner, Walter Becker, churned out a string of hits dealing with life's losers, rejects and misfits, including "Rikki, Don't Lose that Number," and "Hey Nineteen."

They broke up after the 1980 album, "Gaucho," but are now planning a reunion tour.

Fagen says the impact of his time in therapy and his recent marriage is evident in the futuristic, jazz-funk recording "Kamakiriad."

"The main character on the album goes through a series of losses ending on the dunes, where he is totally abandoned and despondent, even suicidal," he says. "Then he experiences a sort of resurrection through music. It's salvation through art in a sense."

Worker to return home

DOYLINE, La. (AP) — One of two American oil men freed Saturday by tribesmen in Yemen was to return to his home here Monday after five days in captivity.

James Bennett, 37, and Bob Hicks, 57, a Texan who lives in Aberdeen, Scotland, were taken hostage Tuesday by tribesmen trying to gain freedom for imprisoned clansmen.

"We know that it was through prayer that he was released," said Roy Taylor, a longtime friend of Bennett. "We just thank God."

Bennett is due in Doyline late Monday, and a town celebration is planned for Tuesday afternoon, Taylor said.

"Everyone I've talked to is overjoyed," he said.

Taylor said Bennett's wife, Patricia, was very tired when he spoke with her Saturday morning, but she was relieved at her husband's release. Attempts to contact her Sunday were unsuccessful.

Bennett, a drilling foreman with Yemen Hunt Oil Co.; and Hicks, an engineer with subcontractor Baroid Drilling Fluid Corp., were taken hostage as they returned from field work in Marib.

Tribesmen had threatened to kill them unless authorities released four of their clansmen sentenced to death for killing a police officer.

The men were released in Yam, a mountain region between Jawf and Marib, 125 miles east of the capital city of San'a.

Hunt Oil Co. spokesman Jim Oberwetter said reports indicated the men were treated well during their captivity.

They were released into the custody of Yemeni military forces and traveled to San'a, where Yemen Hunt Oil has its main offices, Oberwetter said.

No information was available on the terms of the release, which was reportedly peaceful.

About 5,000 Yemeni troops were sent to stake out the area where the kidnappers were believed to be hiding, while government officials and tribal leaders worked to get the two Americans released.

Chili war continues

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico apparently lost a round in its ongoing chili war with Texas when none of the state's citizens participated in a weekend contest held on native soil.

All five entrants in the cook-off competition at the New Mexico Wine and Chile War Festival were Texans.

"I guess we scared all the New Mexico chili cookers away," said Phebe Cude of El Paso, who received first place in the salsa division.

In the cook-off, entrants had to make chili from scratch on site. Glenn Higgs of El Paso was declared grand champion for a green chili dish.

The wine festival recently expanded to include the chili competition, said festival director Bill Gomez. About 20 New Mexico wineries were represented at the event.

Black Panthers and white supremacist share ideals

DALLAS (AP) — The New Black Panther Party's latest call to use violent force to counter racial injustice was met this weekend by a standing ovation from a crowd of more than 200 that included a nationally known white supremacist.

"Any attacks of aggression against the Panthers or any African-American brothers or sisters in our community will be met with maximum retaliation," Dallas Panther president Aaron Michaels said.

Michaels told the group during a three-hour Saturday night rally dubbed the "Black Power Conference and Youth Summit" that repression of the black community would be met with violence.

"We're gonna beat the hell out them. No more," he said to the crowd's cheers. "Don't tell me we don't have the gunpower. Hello. We got the gunpower. We just got to get the organization, and they can never stop us."

Tom Metzger, head of the White Aryan Resistance, was greeted warmly by the mostly black audience as he echoed the words of slain activist Malcolm X.

"I believe in achieving goals by whatever means necessary," Metzger said.

South Dallas community organizer Thomas Muhammad said the seemingly disparate organizations do share common goals.

"The two groups have been advocating a place of their own where there would be self-determination," Muhammad told The Associated Press Sunday.

Muhammad said Metzger's group and the Panthers both support the right to maintain same-race communities and are opposed to bussing students to public schools.

"The groups are both opposed to forced integration," Muhammad said. "The government shouldn't force people to be together.

Metzger was a guest of Michael McGee, commander of the Black Panther Militia in Milwaukee and a key figure in the party's resurrection.

"I was riding through South Dallas today and my heart started bleeding to see how we live in Dallas and Milwaukee and Chicago and New York City," McGee said.

"Animals at the zoo live better than people in the 'hood. We've got a Humane Society for animals — and an inhumane society for people," he said.

McGee said that at last count New Black Panther groups have formed in 20 cities, including Indianapolis, Detroit and New York.

McGee and Michaels said the rally was a way of forming alliances that could lead to a national structure for the new Panther Party. The original group ended in the mid-1970s after confrontations with the police and FBI.

Searching for right phrase very important

WASHINGTON (AP) — When a debate in Congress stretches more than eight hours, as it did last week on the tax bill, the two sides soon run out of new things to say.

That's when competition for the perfect metaphor gets as hot as the Super Bowl, the Space Race and the Nielsens all rolled into one.

"This is really the Dr. Kevorkian plan for our economy," said Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif. "It will kill jobs, kill businesses, and, yes, kill even the higher tax revenues that these suicidal tax increasers hope to gain."

Rep. Gary Franks, R-Conn., quoted a young constituent who calls the Democrats the Robin Hood Party. If Robin Hood isn't quite right, how about Bill Clinton the Pied Piper?

"Please don't follow this misled Pied Piper down the wrong road. It is going to ruin you," warned Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind.

House Minority Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill., said the Democrats were "like lemmings headed over a cliff."

"I am not a lemming," protested Rep. James Traficant, D-Ohio, who voted against the Clinton plan.

Democrats supporting the bill retorted by thinking up creative ways to call Republicans cowards and hypocrites.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said Republicans who didn't fuss about how the House handled tax bills when President Bush was in the White House only started hollering after Clinton was sworn in.

"They have a gag reflex they can turn on and off," he said.

Rep. James Inhofe, R-Okla., offered another view: It was the Democrats who created the tax bill to "cram down the throats of America with little or no notice."

Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., told other Democrats if they didn't support the president they would "cut him off at the knees."

Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., covered all the bases in his speech of support for the president.

—The federal deficit, he said, was "the cancer" that "grows and festers and continues to eat away at the economic vitality of our nation."

—He cited history. "Wellington at Waterloo could have delayed attacking Napoleon until all the options had been thoroughly reviewed."

—He quoted Shakespeare: "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries."

—And he ended with a mixture of geography and disease. "This is such a crossroads. I urge a vote for this bold initiative, and let us begin to cure the cancer."

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Britons freely debate future of royal family

LONDON (AP) — Her 40th year on the throne was one of the worst for Queen Elizabeth II, who observes the anniversary of her coronation Wednesday. Some of her less loyal subjects also would like it to be one of her last.

Anti-monarchy sentiment is growing in Britain, and there is lusty debate in the pubs, press and palaces of the realm about the royal family's future.

For the first time since 1936, when King Edward VIII rocked the nation by abdicating, there is serious talk of abolishing the 1,100-year-old monarchy in favor of an elected president.

"Last year basically marked the end of the monarchy as we know it," said Andrew Morton, a former tabloid journalist whose biography of Princess Diana destroyed the myth that the House of Windsor was one big, happy family.

Even the queen called 1992 her "horrible year."

Instead of proudly celebrating 40 unblemished years on the throne, she saw the marriages of three of her four children end in divorce or separation.

Intimate, sometimes earthy, photographs and telephone conversations attributed to the royals were published around the world.

To rally support for the tarnished crown, the queen agreed to pay income tax for the first time and to open her Buckingham Palace to tourists.

Even though Elizabeth personally remains popular, many Britons see the monarchy as an expensive anachronism. In a very un-British manner, they have started saying so in public.

Gallup's pollsters, sensing a change, asked Britons for the first time in December 1992 whether they favored abolishing the monarchy. Of the 1,000 people polled, 24 percent did, 69 percent did not and 6 percent didn't care.

"It's the sort of question that nobody dared even ask about a few years ago," said Graham Williams, a senior researcher for the polling firm.

In a new poll for The Guardian newspaper, published Saturday, 52 percent did not feel the monarchy was as relevant as in 1953. Half of the 1,400 people polled in a survey that had a 3 percent margin of error said the cost of the monarchy should be cut.

So what got the monarchy into so much trouble?

"Something recently died, and I think what died was not the royal family or the monarchy, but what died was the British public's enchantment with the monarchy," said Stephen Haseler, professor of government at London Guildhall University and a leading republican.

A constitutional historian, David Starkey, says the royal family lost its main purpose, as laid down by Queen Victoria in the previous century, to uphold family and moral values: Who wants to emulate Prince Charles' separation and close friendship with another man's wife, or the Duchess of York's bare-breasted frolics with her financial adviser?

Morton cites relentless media coverage and public disenchantment with all pillars of society, from the Church of England and the aristocracy to the Conservative Party and the British Broadcasting Corp.

Anthony Holden, a writer on royal matters, notes the high cost to taxpayers, especially during a recession.

If Charles wants to become king, say the royal watchers, he must revive the monarchy. There is growing consensus he will have to do it alone, and that he and Diana will divorce after the two-year separation required by law.

Not everyone who criticizes the monarchy wants to abolish it. But many want reforms on the lines of the Scandinavian and Dutch models, cheekily referred to as "monarchs on a bicycle," stripped of all power and much of the pageantry. Oh yes, it should be pretty much self-financing.

Capitol Almanac

AUSTIN (AP) — Defying a threatened gubernatorial veto, the Legislature voted Sunday to allow Texans in November to voice their opinions on whether carrying handguns should be legal.

The Senate voted 22-9 and the House voted 99-35 to place a nonbinding referendum on the Nov. 2 ballot.

But Gov. Ann Richards said, "I will veto this bill."

Richards blasted lawmakers who pushed the gun referendum.

"The move by sponsors to report out a stripped-down version of the concealed gun bill is nothing more than game playing by a few legislators who appear intent on embarrassing this great state as a place where gun-toting vigilantes roam the streets," she said.

Backers of the referendum said it would simply give voters a say on the controversial issue of carrying handguns.

"A vote 'yes' is a vote to give your citizens and your constituencies the right to express an opinion, and a vote 'no' is a vote that says that you don't want to know," said Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, sponsor of the referendum proposal.

The measure is considerably weaker than earlier proposals that would have legalized carrying of handguns.

But Richards said the referendum bill would cost taxpayers $60,000 for what amounts to nothing more than "a public opinion poll for gun interests."

"What a joke. There are plenty of private pollsters that they can hire for that purpose. This bill is not about letting people vote in a meaningless and expensive referendum. It is a bill that promotes violence on our streets and in our neighborhoods," Richards said

UTILITY IMPASSE

Legislation to continue Public Utility Commission operations went back into negotiations after consumer groups complained it would cost ratepayers $1 billion in "phantom taxes." The bill, as approved by a House-Senate conference committee Saturday, drew fire for a provision that would let utilities charge ratepayers for federal income taxes the companies didn't actually pay.

WATER DEAL

Pumping from the Edwards Aquifer would be regulated by a permit system to protect endangered species under a bill approved by legislators. The aquifer, sole source of drinking water for San Antonio, extends 176 miles under six Central Texas counties.

LIQUOR REGULATIONS

Lawmakers gave final approval to a bill that would give local areas more control over alcohol consumption and prohibit public drinking near schools. But the measure doesn't include a provision pushed by the House to increase the age at which people can dance nude or topless in bars from 17 to 21.

AND

The governor's office says she will sign the latest school finance bill into law at an Austin elementary school on Monday. Tuesday is the Texas Supreme Court deadline for enacting a new plan.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It appears that the House was in the posture of protecting the young women across this state, and some of the folks in the Senate decided to protect the pedophiles." — Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, on a Senate decision against raising to 21-years-old the minimum age for topless dancing.

Perot speaks against trade pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross Perot brandished a wooden club as he urged voters to pressure lawmakers to reject a major trade pact with Mexico, calling it a threat to American jobs.

"If you and I just sit here complacently, it will create that giant sucking sound that I've been talking about," last year's independent presidential candidate said Sunday in a 30-minute paid program on NBC.

Supporters of the North American Free Trade Agreement were braced for the attack and defended the pact earlier Sunday.

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, at the Suffolk University law school in Boston, said the agreement would create jobs, while six members of Congress released a letter to Perot that said they "firmly believe that NAFTA will promote growth and employment in our country."

The letter was signed by Reps. Robert T. Matsui, D-Calif.; Bill Richardson, D-N.M.; Kika de la Garza, D-Texas; Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz.; David Dreier, R-Calif.; and Nancy Johnson. R-Conn

Perot, however, told viewers that a large-scale publicity campaign in favor of the plan was on the way, "so put on your helmet, put in your teeth guards and be prepared for it."

Waving a wooden stick he said was once used to break mules, Perot urged Americans to make it clear to lawmakers that they will be defeated in next year's elections if they support the pact.

The agreement, signed in December, would phase out tariffs and other trade restrictions among the United States, Mexico and Canada. Negotiations are continuing on side agreements to address concerns that American companies would head south to take advantage of low wages and lax labor laws.

A free-trade agreement between the United States and Canada already exists. Moving to expand the free-trade area by adding Mexico has brought criticism from labor unions and environmentalists. Perot has been a longtime foe of the pact.

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