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Ask Us

Q—I have been told there is a national organization which you can call for counseling about breast cancer. Can you tell me the name of the organization?

A—There is an organization which operates the Y-Me Breast Cancer Support Program (1-800-221-2141) which provides presurgery counseling, self-help counseling, literature and other services. You may also try American Cancer Society, which has local and district numbers in the phone book.

In Brief

UT chancellor

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas system Board of Regents went into an executive session with the task of choosing finalists for the chancellor's post out of 38 applicants.

Three hours after their meeting Tuesday, the regents surfaced with only one name — William Cunningham, president of UT-Austin.

Fuel efficiency

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House today planned to unveil new standards rolling back fuel efficiency requirements for cars that use alternative fuels and giving pollution credits to companies that take old cars off the roads, administration officials said.

Local

SNS board

Snyder Neighbors Sharing board members will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday at Sam Robertson Insurance Agency.

Nursing Center

Snyder Nursing Center will stage a pie social at 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Everyone is invited to bring a pie and socialize.

Fish fry

The Knights of Columbus annual fish fry will be held from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Tickets are $5 for adults and $2.50 for children.

Diabetes

The Senior Center Diabetes Support Group will meet at noon Thursday in the center dining room.

This support group will meet on the third Thursday of each month. Anyone wishing more information about its goals are invited to call the senior center at 573-4035.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 70 degrees; low, 46 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 47 degrees; .26 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date. 6.70 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the lower 40s. West to northwest wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, fair and cooler. High around 70. North wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:54 p.m. Sunrise Thursday, 6:48 a.m. Of 77 days in 1992, the sun has shone 69 days in Snyder.

BOYS CLUB — Tuesday's wet weather didn't stop Snyder students from enjoying their spring break. Wayne Braziel, left, and Matthew Fambro spent the afternoon playing games at the Scurry County Boys Club. (SDN Staff Photo)

South Africa...

de Klerk scores decisive victory

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — President F.W. de Klerk today received a mandate to end apartheid and share power with the black majority by winning d 72 percent of the vote. De Klerk won all but one of the reporting districts, including four traditionally pro-apartheid districts.

"Today we have closed the book on apartheid," the president told cheering supporters in Cape Town.

De Klerk's margin of victory exceeded most predictions and cleared the way for him to continue reforms on scrapping apartheid and giving blacks the vote. It was an unprecedented declaration for peace and compromise by whites in a nation branded for decades as an intractable stronghold of racism.

White and black political leaders said it was clear that most whites believe sharing power with the nation's black majority is the only solution to South Africa's problems.

"White voters have faced up to reality," said Ken Andrews, a lawmaker of the liberal Democratic Party, which backed de Klerk's governing National Party.

Helen Suzman, the veteran anti-apartheid activist, said: "At last South Africa has embarked on a new course."

Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, hailed the victory, saying: "An overwhelming 'yes' vote means the process (of democracy) is definitely on course."

Andries Treurnicht, leader of the pro-apartheid Conservative Party, conceded defeat. "De Klerk has won ... that is clear," he told reporters.

Patrick Lekota, another leader of the ANC, the nation's main black opposition group, told a rally in Johannesburg that the days of white minority rule are almost over. "We say it's the last time the white constituency votes by itself. We've had enough of that," he said.

Right-wing groups opposing de Klerk said they would not abandon their struggle for a white homeland despite their poor showing in the referendum.

Coffman files for SISD board

Tim Coffman, pastor of Avenue D Baptist Church, filed at noon today as the eighth candidate for two at-large positions on the Snyder public schools trustees.

Coffman, 37, joins Rudy Gutierrez, Charles Anderson, Mike Levens, Richard Chambers, Travis Bunch, Benjamin Felan and incumbent Luann Burleson as candidates for the SISD board.

Sam Robertson, the other incumbent trustee whose term is coming to an end, has not filed for re-election.

The filing period for Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh school boards, Western Texas College board and Snyder City Council ends at 5 p.m. today.

—Western Texas College board of trustees: Mike Dennis has filed for Place 3. Joe Bob Flowers and Jay Kidd have filed for Place 4. The incumbents for the two at-large positions, Howard Sterling and Robert Hargrove, have announced they will not seek re-election.

—Snyder City Council: Incumbents are the only candidates. They are Vernest Tippens, District 1; Jack Denman, District 2; Mike Post, District 3; and Jack Greene Jr., District 4.

—Hermleigh ISD board of

(see COFFMAN, page 8)

Primary roundup...

Clinton, Bush sweep Midwest

CHICAGO (AP) — Bill Clinton and George Bush shifted their sights to the fall campaign today after the Arkansas governor took command of the Democratic race and the president all but snuffed out Patrick Buchanan's challenge.

With big primary victories in Illinois and Michigan Tuesday, Clinton put distance between himself and Democratic rivals Paul Tsongas and Jerry Brown, but they vowed to press on. Tsongas and Brown hoped to blunt Clinton's momentum next Tuesday in Connecticut and turn the race around when New York votes April 7.

Buchanan said "only celestial intervention" can block Bush's renomination. The challenger told a news conference upon his return to the Washington area today that he will stay in the race, but with a less combative tone.

"I don't think there will be any more ads that deal with Mr. Bush's record of the last three years," he said.

Democratic Party chairman Ronald Brown said on CBS that it was "much too early" to declare the race over for his party's nomination. But if Clinton won in New York, the chairman said, it would be time to think about "rallying around our eventual nominee."

His Republican counterpart tried to quiet the acrimony gener-

(see CLINTON, page 8)

Coliseum promoter...

Friday said deadline to apply for position

Twenty-one people have indicated an interest in the position of coliseum director/promoter, according to committee members of the Scurry County Coliseum Advisory Board, who established Friday as the deadline to accept applications.

The committee met Tuesday to set the deadline and establish a procedure for the selection of those to be interviewed.

After reviewing all resumes, the committee will invite selected applicants to be interviewed by the entire 12-member advisory board.

After the applicants are interviewed by the coliseum committee, one or more recommendations will be made to the commissioner's court.

Commissioners approved qualifications for a director/promoter on March 6 and immediately began taking applications. Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree and two years experience in a related field, a working knowledge of public facilities management and techniques, and considerable knowledge of budget preparation, public relations and marketing principles.

The qualifications could be met by two years of college and six years experience in mid-level management with supervisory experience over three or more employees.

An annual salary of $30,000 with a $500 monthly travel allowance has been recommended as a suggested salary for the position.

The county is seeking to hire a director/promoter to help boost the facility, which is losing money on an annual basis.

Snyder National Bank officers are re-elected

Snyder National Bank, in its annual shareholders meeting Tuesday, re-elected officers and directors and heard a solid financial report from its chief executive officer.

Joe Jackson, who was re-elected president and CEO, commented on the bank's good financial performance in 1991. He noted growth in both deposits and equity capital, and said SNB anticipated an even better year in 1992.

Re-elected as directors were Jackson, Hugh Boren Jr., Ted Crenwelge, W.C. Hart, John Jarrell, Bruce Kallemeyn, Ralph Miller, Suze Mize, Bill Tolleson and Max von Roeder.

Jarrel was re-elected chairman of the board. Directors also named Kallemeyn executive vice president and Jack Gorman senior vice president.

Re-elected as vice presidents were Edna Anderson, Darryl Calley, Kate Owens and Doug Scott. Scott Gassiot was again named as cashier.

Re-elected as assistant vice presidents were Janelle Orr and Janie Sullenger, and re-named as assistant cashiers were Nelda Allen, Glen Gray and Janelle Pollard.

Denise Parks, a SNB employee for five years, was named as a new assistant cashier. She began her work with the bank as a loan secretary. A native of Scurry County, she attended Snyder public schools. She is a member of the First Baptist Church.

DENISE PARKS

Baseball...

13 teams due here for annual tourney

It should be a baseball lover's bonanza in Snyder for the next three days as 13 teams square off Thursday in the annual Snyder Baseball Tournament.

"It's a strong tournament," confirmed Snyder High School coach Albert Lewis, who himself brings a 8-2 squad into the action.

Play will be held both at Moffett Field in Towle Park and the high school field.

The action gets underway at 11 a.m. in the park when San Angelo Lake View takes on a Lamesa team which Lewis insists has the best pitching staff in West Texas.

At 1 p.m., Brownfield plays West at the high school field and Borger tests highly touted Frenship in the park.

At 3 p.m., Canyon and Big Spring vie at the high school field.

Snyder jumps into the fight at 3:30 p.m. by hosting Merkel at Moffett Field.

In a 6 p.m. game, tournament favorite Brownwood hosts Sweetwater at Moffett.

Levelland gets a first-round bye and will play the winner of the Lamesa-Lake View game at 10 a.m. Friday.

Snyder has beaten Merkel already this year, 13-4, but Lewis said he expects a tougher opponent Thursday.

"They are a much better team than that score indicates," the coach said. "When we played them they had some kids that had only been released from their basketball programs for a few days. They'll be a lot better this week and even better the following week. They've got some good kids."

Brownwood, which won the Monahans Tournament two weeks ago and its own tourney a week ago, is a favorite.

"They've got to be favored, but I expect it to be a real good tournament," said Lewis. "Lamesa is one to watch and Frenship is another strong candidate."

Brownwood is 7-2, Lamesa 6-1 and Frenship 7-4-1.

The tourney continues through Saturday with the championship game set for 6 p.m. at Moffett Field.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You know the speaker has a powerful message when you can hear him above the snoring."

The international flap with Japan has caused many Americans to better understand the importance of loyalty when buying certain products.

Bernhard Bartels, former county commissioner and county auditor, brought in an article published in the Radford Grocery News in 1931.

The idea in the article is consistent with what is sorely needed today to improve the nation's, the state's and the local economy. The article is entitled, "What's Wrong With Texas?"

"Nothing's wrong with Texas, except entirely too many of us get up in the morning at the alarm of a Connecticut clock, button a pair of Ohio suspenders to a pair of Chicago pants.

"Put on a pair of Massachussets shoes, wash in a Pittsburg tin basin, using Cincinnati soap, and a cotton towel made in New Hampshire, sit down to a Grand Rapids table, eat pancakes made from Minneapolis flour spread with Vermont maple syrup, and Kansas bacon fried on a St. Louis stove.

"Buy fruit put up in California, seasoned in Rhode Island spices, and sweetened with Colorado sugar. Put on a hat made in Philadelphia, hitch a Detroit mule fed on Oklahoma gasoline to an Ohio plow and work all day on a Texas farm covered with a New England mortgage.

"Send our money to Ohio for tires, wonder why Texas taxes are $2.75 per acre while Ohio farmers pay $1.00 tax and drive on paved roads, and at night we crawl under a New Jersey blanket to be kept awake by a bull dog, the only home product on the place, wondering all the time, where in the heck all the money went in this wonderful state of ours.

"If we all would buy more home manufactured products, patronize home owned stores and cut out buying from foreign owned chain stores we could keep our money at home and be prosperous."

Borrowing for college increases

BOSTON (AP) — Dawn Russo thumbed through college catalogs one recent evening after work, eagerly planning for a graduate degree in education. Her enthusiasm waned when she considered the cost.

"I'll have to do it all on loans," said Russo, 25, who already owes about $20,000 for her undergraduate tuition, room and board. "I've given up on getting any other kind of aid."

Sharp increases in borrowing worry educators, not to mention students and parents having trouble making payments during a recession. Student loan defaults in some areas have doubled in the last year, while appeals for delays have nearly quadrupled.

"It is not a pretty picture," said A. Dallas Martin Jr., president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, which scheduled the last of a series of regional hearings on the issue in Boston today.

"Parents are finding it hard to keep up with those loans," Martin said. "They just don't have the money. For the student, it's a tight job market and the ones that find jobs may be making less than they anticipated."

Total student aid has dropped in constant dollars in the last 10 years, according to the College Board, which administers the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Over the same period, the cost of going to a private college has more than doubled, while public university tuition rose 81 percent, the board said.

Not surprisingly, more students and their families are borrowing. In 15 years, the proportion of financial aid consisting of loans has increased from 17 percent to 50 percent, the College Board reported.

"What's happening is really disastrous," said Barbara Tornow, director of financial aid at Boston University and a member of the board of the Massachusetts Higher Education Assistance Corp.

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WEST STAR STUDENTS — Kindergarten through third grade students at West Elementary named Star Students by their teachers for the past six weeks are: kindergarten, Conor Johnson, Bryan Dunnam, Dillon Fisk, Kima Lewis, Marvin Butler; first grade, Lauren Day, Samantha Melton, Ramna Zamora, Jade Taggart, Jared Hagins, Kristy Martinez, Tray Don Goswick; second grade, Daisy Martinez, Chance James, Trent Boyd, Justin Stokes, Mandy Brock, Jon Medrano; third grade, Kristin Murray, Brandon Casey, Jenny Chandler, Jimmie Evans, Adam Lucero, Scott Vest and Genise Capitello. (SDN Staff Photo)

MORE STAR STUDENTS — Selected for the honor of Star Student for West Elementary are fourth grade, Jerhaid Duprey, Bryan Duprey, Derrick Crayton, Casie Edmonds, Angela Detlaff, Brady Hackfeld, Clay Preston, Kimberly Adams; fifth grade, Courtney Pechacek, Chris Fields, Brittany Drummond, Elizabeth Beckham, Taylor Lowrance, Michelle Rollins, Cally Parks, Jason Smith; sixth grade, Michael Perez, Linley Rinehart, Erin McDonald, Dustin Fish, Michael Hensley, Tiffany Salter, Angela Brewer, Haley Brown, Donna Bunzel and Jennifer Humphries. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bentsen says Texas agency did not keep track of money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over $100 million in federal low-income housing assistance for rural Texans has been unused and given to other states because the agency overseeing the program isn't doing its job, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen says.

But a spokesman for the Farmers Home Administration — which administers the low-income housing assistance programs — says Bentsen is wrong to say rural Texans aren't being helped.

"We're definitely not refusing applicants so that we can return money to the national office," FmHA spokesman Rob Sweezy in Washington said Tuesday.

But Bentsen, D-Texas, contended Tuesday in a letter to FmHA Director LaVerne Ausman that the state FmHA office has "the worst record in the nation for providing low-income housing assistance."

He urged Ausman to immediately review the way in which housing loans are made.

In a three-year period, the Texas FmHA failed to use more than $100 million — or 40 percent of its funds — in four major rural housing programs, Bentsen said.

In 1991, the Texas office returned to its national headquarters over $42 million for low-income housing assistance, using only 66 percent of its total allocation, he said.

"These funds have certainly not gone unspent because of a lack of need for rural housing assistance in Texas," Bentsen said.

"Texas leads the nation in the number of rural poor and ranks first in the percentage of occupied substandard homes," he said. "I believe it is essential that the federal dollars that are sent to Texas be used to make life better for rural Texans."

Sweezy said Bentsen was wrong in claiming three of the four housing programs did not use up their full allocation.

The single-family housing program was the only one with a surplus, he said.

"There's a number of reasons why it's not all used, one of which is just the general state of the economy and the real estate market down there," he said.

A shaky real estate market in Texas in recent years meant a surplus of homes returned to the FmHA because of loan defaults or other reasons, Sweezy said.

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Thank You all for a job well done!
Cynthia Waldrum

Dear Abby

Woman's Head, Heart Do Battle Over Love With a Married Man

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am 21, and my boyfriend is 40 and married. I am trying to decide what to do about this relationship. The age difference is not the problem. My mother and others close to me tell me that this is an unhealthy relationship ("once a cheater, always a cheater"), and I should break it off. Half of the time, I think they're right because being in love with a married man has me sneaking around like a criminal. Then there are times when our love is so beautiful, it's worth all the pain I go through, and all the thoughts of breaking up go right out the window.

He tells me he loves me and he will marry me once he gets everything straightened out.

Should I keep on seeing him and hoping for the best, or break it off now and tell him to get in touch with me when he can make a commitment?

I realize that only I can make that decision, but your advice would help me immensely.

IN LOVE, BUT CONFUSED

DEAR IN LOVE: You have answered your own question: Break it off now and tell him to get in touch with you IF and when he is able to make a commitment.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I recently spent four days with my daughter, son-in-law and baby granddaughter, 11 months old, who live in another state. Maybe I'm behind the times, but I would like your opinion of the following: My son-in-law works until 11 each night, and my daughter feels that the baby should be kept up until Daddy comes home so they can have some "quality time together." Translated, I believe that means that they want to sleep late mornings and not be awakened by a hungry baby at 6 or 7 a.m.

The baby wakes up about 8:30 a.m., is given a bottle and put back in her crib until 10 or 11 a.m. She is then bathed, dressed and fed breakfast at noon. She has a little afternoon nap. Lunch is fed to her around 5:30 or 6 p.m. She then takes a nap until 8:30 or 9 p.m. She is then awakened, fed supper, plays until her daddy comes home, and is put to bed for the night between 11 p.m. and midnight.

The baby also suffers from nonstop colds. Other than this situation, I can't find any criticism. She is adored by both parents and I'm sure will never be abused. However, I don't believe her present eating/sleeping pattern is healthy for her. How do you feel about this? My feelings will not be hurt if you tell me it's none of my business. Please be honest.

NERVOUS NANA

DEAR NERVOUS NANA: Thank you for telling me that your feelings will not be hurt if I tell you it's none of your business — because it isn't. However, the night schedule may be convenient now, but the baby may have some trouble adjusting to a day schedule when it's time for preschool or kindergarten.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I own a retail service business. Lately, I have noticed that many elderly people who call us to order merchandise won't give their credit card number over the telephone.

Abby, they have confused this credit card fraud issue. Will you please remind them that if they call the merchant, it is all right to give their credit card number over the phone, but if a stranger calls them soliciting business and asks for their credit card number, they should not give it.

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This one's for everybody, from teens to seniors! To purchase Abby's new booklet, "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It," send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes calcium deposits in the lungs? Is there a cure, or can I expect the condition to get progressively worse with time?

DEAR READER: As a defense mechanism, the body deposits calcium at the sites of inflammation. The calcium walls off the inflammation and may prevent contamination of surrounding tissues. Sometimes the calcium deposits cause more trouble than the inflammation itself; for example, calcific deposits in tendons often cause severe pain.

Lymph glands can also calcify. Such a reaction is common in the lungs and usually results from old, burned-out infection, such as tuberculosis and fungus inflammation. These deposits are not painful and are usually discovered accidently in a chest X-ray. The calcium itself needs no treatment and progresses slowly, if at all. The important consideration is to make sure there is no active infection needing antibiotic therapy.

Therefore, if your doctors have checked you for active infection (with blood tests and sputum analyses), you can safely disregard the calcifications in your lungs. Of course, this is a general answer; you must ask your doctor's advice about your particular case. Although calcium deposits do not cause disease, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from impotence, borderline glaucoma (treated with pilocarpine and Timoptic) and have been on liquid antacids for five years. Is there any connection between my impotence and the other problems I have?

DEAR READER: Impotence is not a consequence of glaucoma per se. Nor does it follow digestive problems, for which — I gather — you are using antacids. Impotence is usually caused by arteriosclerotic blockages in the circulation to the genitals and by certain medicines. Timoptic is one.

Until fairly recently, doctors did not believe that eye drops affected the body's other organs. Clearly, however, some medicines — notably beta-blockers such as Timoptic — do affect more than the eyes. For example, Timoptic can lower the blood pressure and the pulse rate; it has been reported to cause impotence.

Although I'm not necessarily blaming your eye drops for your sexual handicap, I'm suspicious enough to suggest you address the issue with your ophthalmologist. If the doctor were to stop the Timoptic and prescribe an alternative drug (or increase your use of pilocarpine, which does not affect sexual functioning), your impotence might improve. If not, a referral to a urologist is in order.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members urged to attend. 10 a.m.

Diabetes Support Group; Senior Citizens Center; 12 noon.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Country Club; 12 noon.

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

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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

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

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

Al-Anon; CADA office on the square, 2513 College Ave. For more information call 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956; 8 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

Survey: jobs, health care key concerns

AUSTIN (AP) — Small-town mayors say more job opportunities, more diversified economies and better health care are among the most important issues facing rural Texas.

Forty-five percent of rural mayors responding put job opportunities at the top of the list, "making it by far the most important issue," according to a new survey by the state comptroller's office.

Because the rural job market often is limited, many small town Texans must commute long distances to work.

More than three-fourths of the mayors said a "significant number" of residents in their towns were employed elsewhere. The average commute was 28 miles each way, ranging up to 80 miles.

According to the latest issue of the comptroller's publication Fiscal Notes, 127 of 593 mayors surveyed by mail in January responded.

Ranked second to increasing job opportunities was diversifying the local economy.

The local officials said recruitment of new industries is "a key to economic vitality in small communities," the report said. "A large- or medium-sized firm can provide jobs, increase the tax base and cut down on the number of residents who commute to work."

Third on the mayor's list was local government revenue, and health services was fourth.

Texas leads the nation in hospital closures, and one-fourth of rural counties lack a hospital. Half the rural counties have a critical shortage of primary care physicians, the most common providers of medical care, according to federal studies.

Also on the mayors' list of concerns is the educational level of their cities' residents and the quality of education, ranking seventh and 10th respectively.

"Education has been an essential element in creating new jobs in the rural counties that are prospering," the comptroller's report said.

"Companies look for a skilled work force as part of their decision to relocate. The rural counties whose residents are better-educated have more industries based in their communities and are better able to attract new investment," it said.

According to a 1989 Texas A&M University report, 50 percent of adult rural residents have completed high school, compared with 66 percent in metropolitan counties. Also, urban residents are twice as likely to have a college degree, 19 percent compared with 10 percent of rural residents.

When asked for solutions to the most critical problems, the mayors most frequently said the state should cut government regulation and stop issuing mandates without also providing the funds to carry out those orders.

The report said mayors cited recent state-ordered requirements to improve water and sewer systems, and additional requirements for landfills.

The mayors also cited need for more economic development efforts and increased state grants and loans.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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The pressure was too much

By Phillip Alder

In the 1989 Bridge Federation of Asia and Middle East Open Championship, Egypt won and Pakistan was second. Last year these positions were reversed. Strangely, though, only one player from each country played in both events: Zia Mahmood for Pakistan and Samir Salib for Egypt.

Salib had several well-played hands at the 1991 Gold Flake BFAME Championships. Today's deal, which occurred during the match against India, was his best. To test yourself, cover the East-West cards and plan the play in three no-trump. West leads the club king.

Assuming the diamonds were breaking 3-2, Salib had eight top tricks. But if he tried to take two heart finesses, he would be defeated by a 5-3 club split.

Salib ducked the first trick. West continued with a low club to the jack and ace. Declarer cashed his four diamond tricks, ending in the dummy.

This brought everyone down to seven cards. West had to keep his three spades. If he discarded a club, declarer could afford to take the double heart finesse. So West discarded two hearts.

Reading the position perfectly, Salib played a heart to his ace, led a spade to dummy's king and exited with dummy's last club. West could cash three tricks in the suit but then had to lead away from his spade queen, giving declarer his ninth trick.

Finally, note that if East retains his club jack at trick two, declarer can still succeed with the same line of play. He collects his ninth trick in hearts with a steppingstone play if East wins the third round of clubs.

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Production rules expected to become focus of meeting

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Railroad Commission prepared for a fiery meeting with state energy leaders today.

About 40 top executives from Texas energy companies signed up to address the commission's annual state of the industry hearing in Houston. That's up from about 25 last year.

"What will be unusual will be the amount of time they do devote to gas prorationing," Scott Anderson, general counsel for the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, said Tuesday.

In January, the three commissioners proposed changing the way it limits, or pro-rates, production from natural gas wells.

The limits, called allowables, are now based on monthly forecasts pipeline companies and other gas purchasers make of how much gas they will need.

But some believe that consistent overestimating by the purchasers is harming producers' access to the market because more gas is being pumped from the ground than is actually bought.

The commissioners proposed relying on historical buying patterns to set production levels, an idea that has deeply divided the industry.

Proponents, chiefly independent producers and royalty owners, say change could boost the industry, beset by the lowest prices in a decade, by assuring all the gas that is produced is bought.

But opponents, generally major energy companies and a few independents, say it will cause higher prices that spur customers to buy natural gas from another state.

"Those who have managed to get an advantage basically are against it," said Jim Nugent, the commission who designed the proposed rule changes. "They don't want to give up that advantage."

"The present proration rules for natural gas were put in in 1935. They're archaic," he said.

State law prohibits the commission from setting production limits below demand.

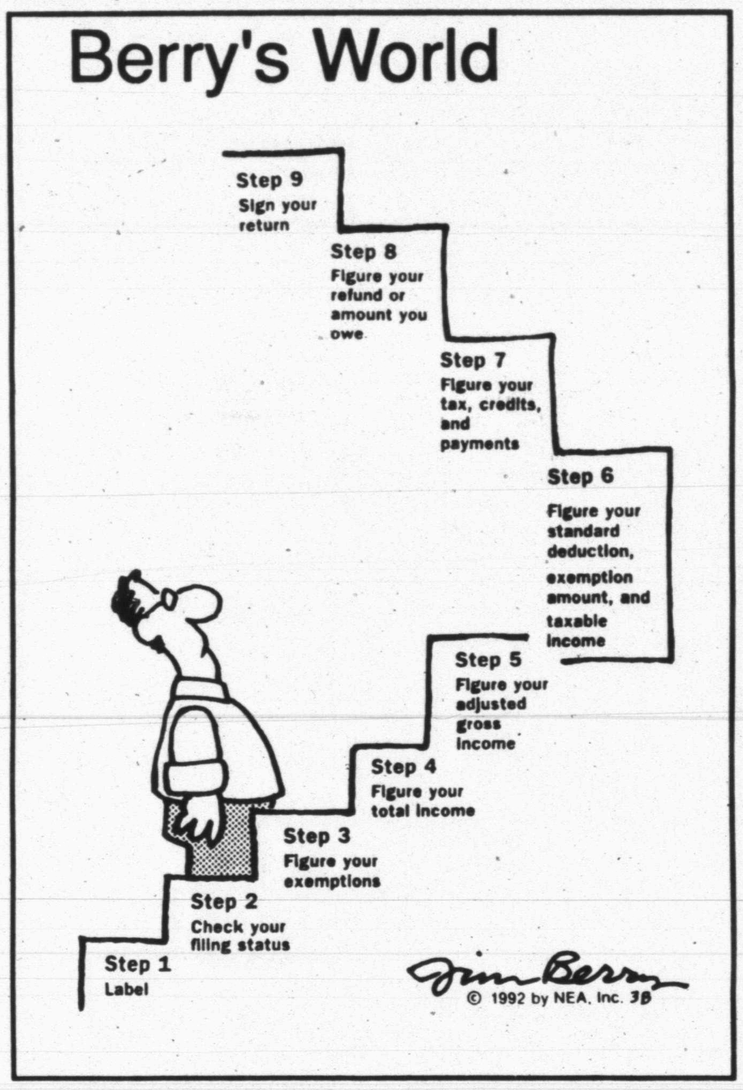
"We want to level the playing field, give every producer an opportunity to sell gas to the extent of a fair share of the market based on his production capability," Nugent said.

Commission examiners on Feb. 26 heard a day of testimony from many of the executives scheduled to speak to the commissioners Wednesday.

The examiners will prepare a recommendation from that hearing by early next month. The commissioners are expected to formally vote on the proposed rule changes later this spring.

The debate has resulted in a substantial public relations campaign by companies on both sides.

Opponent Arco Oil & Gas, the Dallas-based exploration and production arm of Arco, has funded a mailgram campaign and a study by a Texas A&M economist who found the changes would be harmful.



Brown forges anger, Clinton wins coalition

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerry Brown attracted angry voters, but Bill Clinton marshaled his road-tested winning coalition of middle-income, poor and black Democrats in the crucial Illinois and Michigan primaries, exit polls showed.

In the Republican primaries Tuesday, Patrick Buchanan's vote shrank to about 25 percent as President Bush won more votes than in past primaries from those who told pollsters they were independents or conservatives.

These findings from a joint poll of 1,830 Democrats and 1,529 Republicans by four television networks were echoed by voters who talked to reporters at polling places.

Retiree John Kirk, 66, of Springfield, Ill., said he voted for Bush because "I think he's smarter than the other ones that are running." Kirk dismissed Buchanan as "windy," and said of the president, "I think he's already got the message."

At Rawsonville School near Ypsilanti, Mich., principal Theresa Green said she was voting for Clinton because "I like what he stands for, his ideas. He's not just representing one segment of the population."

The Arkansas governor captured 69 percent of the black vote in Illinois and 72 percent in Michigan, CBS said. Clinton won 62 percent of those with family incomes under $15,000 in Illinois, ABC said.

Clinton also won the white vote, the union vote and the middle-class — 60 percent in Illinois and 57 percent in Michigan among Democrats with incomes between $15,000 and $50,000, CNN reported. Tsongas tied Clinton among those earning over $75,000 in Michigan, but these voters were too scarce to keep the former Massachusetts senator out of third place.

Brown scored a surprisingly strong second place in Michigan by wooing voters who said they were looking for a candidate who "will shake things up" and whose top issue was government corruption, CNN said.

Of Michigan Democrats who described themselves as angry about the way the federal government is working, 36 percent voted for the former California governor, ABC reported. Brown also got 36 percent of self-described liberals and independents in Michigan, the network said.

Karen Risinger, 32, a Chicago massage therapist, said she was going to vote for Tsongas because she liked his "honesty and painful truths."

But in Michigan, Brown won 42 percent of those who said they looked for a candidate "willing to tell the truth." Clinton got just 22 percent of those Democrats in Michigan, and Tsongas, who made truth-telling a centerpiece of his campaign, took 32 percent, ABC reported.

Majorities of those who voted for Brown and Tsongas in Illinois, 59 percent, said they would like to see someone else enter the race, ABC said. Just 36 percent of Clinton voters felt that way.

NBC said the number of voters who said they cast their ballots with reservations about their candidate, or because they dislike the other candidates, was around 40 percent in both parties.

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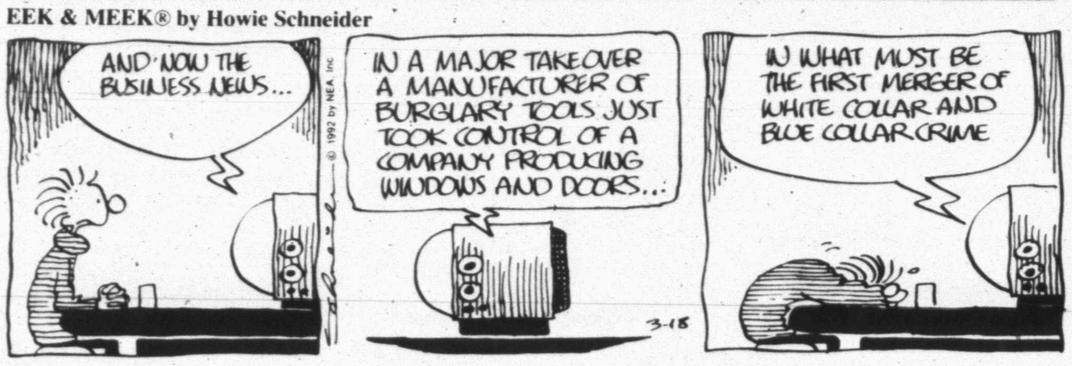

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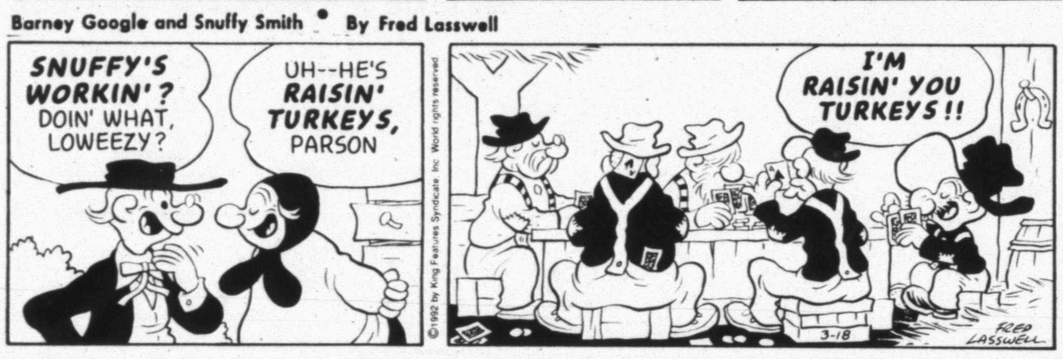

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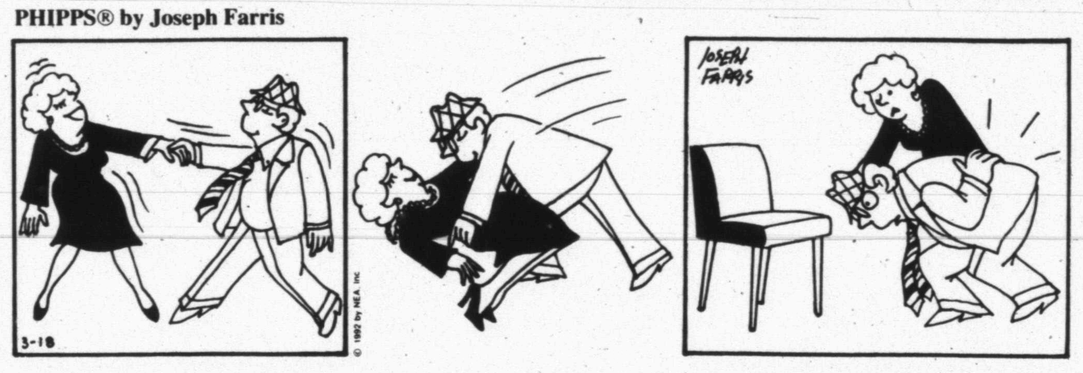

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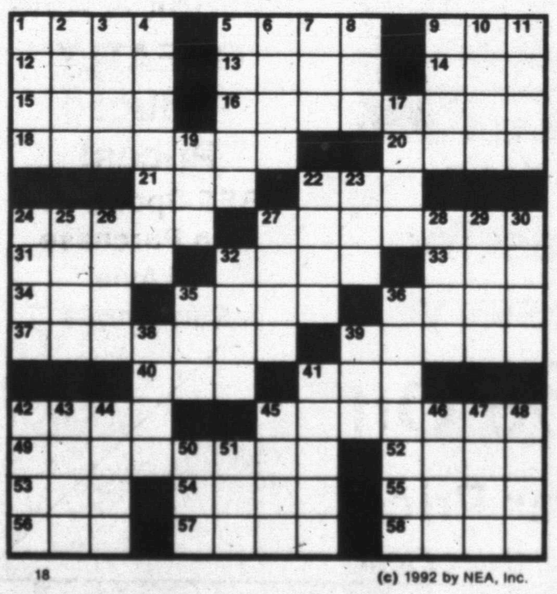

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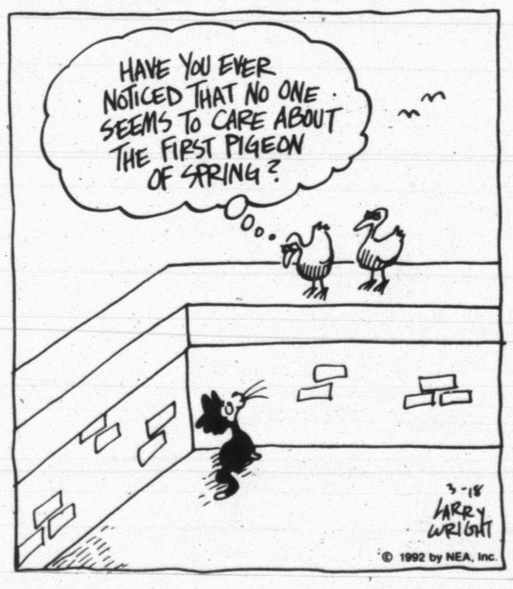

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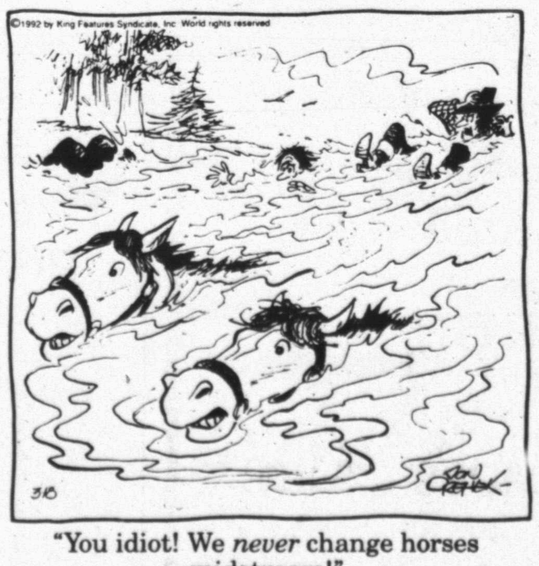

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Ponies end Tiger win-streak

SWEETWATER — Snyder's winning streak came to an end here Tuesday night, done in by four-hit pitching and big-ball hitting.

In a come-from-behind effort, Sweetwater toppled the Tigers, 8-3.

It was only Snyder's second loss in 10 games but ended an eight-game winning streak. Coach Albert Lewis' bunch will attempt to regroup Thursday when they entertain Merkel in the first round of the Snyder Baseball Tournament at Moffett Field.

Lewis said Tuesday's loss wasn't a matter of Snyder playing poorly; rather, Sweetwater played better.

"I thought our kids competed well. When you get somebody dominating you like Toby (pitcher Toby Stephens) was, you've just got to live with it. They have a talented group and they were the best team that night," the coach said.

They also hit the long ball well. Sweetwater's four home runs drove in all eight Mustang scores.

Early, however, Snyder dominated as the Tigers tagged Stephens for a 3-0 lead.

Mark King walked and Brian Crawford reached on a fielder's choice to set up a two-RBI double from Jason Rios in the first inning. In the second, House got aboard on an error and promptly stole his 14th and 15th consecutive bases without being thrown out. As he reached third, a pickoff attempt went awry, allowing him to come home for Snyder's third — and final — run of the night.

Snyder was able to get baserunners aboard in the third, fourth and seventh innings, but Stephens allowed just three more hits, and struck out seven. For the game, he fanned 11.

Sweetwater answered offensively in the third inning when Brian Mitchell led off with a double and Stuart Houston followed with a one-out home run. The Mustangs then tied the game in the fourth on a lead-off homer from pitcher Toby Stephens.

Stephens' brother, Tony, cracked a three-run homer in the fifth as Sweetwater charged ahead. James Moore added a two-out, two-run shot over the wall for extra insurance.

Daniel Espinosa went the distance for Snyder, allowing seven hits. It was his first loss against three victories.

Tony Stephens moved to 3-0 with the win. He gave up four hits — the double to Rios and singles to Brad Hart, Michael Fields and Mark King.

Sweetwater, 4-1, will also be in the three-day Snyder Tournament. The Mustangs open against tourney favorite Brownwood at 6 p.m. Thursday.

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Espinoza and Clinkinbeard; Stephens and Carr. WP: Stephens (3-0). LP: Espinoza (4-1). 2B: Snyder, Rios; Sweetwater, Mitchell, Houston; HR: Sweetwater, Toby Stephens, Tory Stephens, Moore.

Records: Snyder 8-2; Sweetwater 4-1.

WTC golfers garner fourth

GALVESTON — Western Texas golfers, paced by all-tourney selection Mark Wood, finished fourth in the Gulf Coast Invitational Tournament held here Monday and Tuesday.

WTC's 592 team total was just nine strokes behind No. 1-ranked Midland College who won the team championship with a 581 over 36 holes.

Coach Milton Ham said WTC played "really well" against the toughest junior college competition to date. "We had perfect weather on Monday and then had to play the course and the weather on Tuesday, but the kids held on and maintained their concentration."

In fact, WTC's team total improved on Tuesday. The Westerners turned in a 297 on Monday, followed with a 295 on Tuesday.

Midland College posted a 287 and 294 while second-place McLennan was second with rounds of 289 and 300 for a 589 total. Navarro was third with a 591, 197 on Monday and 294 on the last 18 holes.

Wood posted individual rounds of 72 and 73 for a 145 total to make the five-man all-tournament team. Teammate Ryan Teague posted identical rounds of 74 for a 148 and Mike Torres also had a 148 with rounds of 73-75. Greg Slicker carded a 78 on Monday and a 73 on Tuesday for a 151 total. Jon Roseberry's 157 total came from rounds of 79 and 78.

For a practice round on Sunday, Galveston Country Club hosted a member-college team low ball. WTC and the club member placed second in the tournament, finishing 17-under par.

The WTC links squad moved on to Huntsville for the Elkins Lake 36-hole tournament. Ham noted that the competition would all be senior colleges with WTC as the only juco entry.

A practice round was scheduled for today and the two-day, 36-hole tournament would begin Thursday.

Jordan scores 40 points in victory

By The Associated Press

They used to call the Chicago Bulls a one-man team. Against New Jersey, they almost were.

Michael Jordan scored almost half of Chicago's points in Tuesday night's 90-79 victory over the injured-riddled Nets at the Meadowlands. Eleven of his 40 points came during an 18-0 fourth-quarter run that clinched the Bulls' seventh straight win and 10th in their last 11 games.

Jordan personally outscored the Nets 13-9 in the final quarter, when the Bulls held New Jersey to one basket in the last nine minutes.

New Jersey, playing without Derrick Coleman, Sam Bowie and Kenny Anderson, took a 74-65 lead with 9:05 left on a jumper by Drazen Petrovic, who finished with 26 points. But the Nets didn't score a point in the next seven minutes as Jordan went wild.

In other games, it was New York 99, Orlando 86; Milwaukee 127, Boston 106; Houston 100, the Los Angeles Clippers 92; Denver 118, Sacramento 100; Phoenix 92, Dallas 81; Portland 111, Minnesota 91; and Golden State 119, Seattle 107.

Knicks 99, Magic 86

At Orlando, Patrick Ewing scored 25 points and New York used a 17-6 run in the final three minutes to beat the Magic.

The Knicks built a 22-point lead early in the third quarter, but allowed Orlando to battle back to 82-80 on a 3-pointer by Chris Corchiani with 5:28 remaining.

New York then scored the next nine points during a 17-second stretch to put away the Magic, who have lost 21 of their last 25 games. Ewing was 8-of-13 from the field and had 10 rebounds for the Knicks, who snapped a two-game losing streak.

Bucks 127, Celtics 106

At Milwaukee, Dale Ellis scored 22 points and Jay Humphries had nine of his 21 points in the decisive third quarter as the Bucks cruised past Boston.

Alvin Robertson had 17 points and Frank Brickowski 14 for the Bucks. Kevin Gamble finished with 20 points, while Rick Fox added 16 for the Celtics, who played without guard Dee Brown.

Suns 92, Mavericks 81

At Phoenix, Kevin Johnson had 18 points and 15 assists, and Dallas went scoreless for 7:15 of the fourth quarter as the Suns handed the Mavericks their 10th consecutive defeat.

Rodney McCray scored a basket 33 seconds into the fourth quarter to give Dallas a 70-69 lead. But the Mavericks, winless in their last 21 road games, did not score again until Rolando Blackman made a 10-footer with 4:12 remaining. The Suns scored 14 straight points during the Mavericks' dry spell.

Dan Majerle had five of his 16 points in the run and capped it with a 3-pointer from the top of the key as the shot clock expired with 4:33 remaining. Warriors 119, SuperSonics 107

At Seattle, Sarunas Marciulionis scored a season-high 30 points and Tim Hardaway added 28 as the Warriors beat the SuperSonics.

The Warriors guards also keyed a decisive third-quarter run when Golden State took control with a 19-4 run. Golden State led by as many as 18 points in the third quarter, and Seattle never came closer than nine points the rest of the way.

Ricky Pierce led the Sonics with 24 points and Shawn Kemp added 18.

Rockets 100, Clippers 92

At Houston, Vernon Maxwell scored 16 of his 20 points in the third quarter and Hakeem Olajuwon had 21 points, 18 rebounds and five blocks as the Rockets beat Los Angeles.

The victory was the Rockets' eighth in a row at home and gave them a 21/2-game lead over the Clippers for the No. 7 playoff position in the Western Conference.

The Clippers' Danny Manning scored 20 first-half points, including a 12-foot jumper at the buzzer for a 45-44 lead. But the Rockets took command in the third quarter, starting with consecutive 3-point baskets by Maxwell.

Nuggets 118, Kings 100

At Denver, Reggie Williams scored nine of his 27 points during a 17-2 second-period run as the Nuggets handed Sacramento its ninth straight loss.

Denver, which broke a two-game losing streak, outrebounded Sacramento 51-34 and converted 18 Kings' turnovers into 28 points.

Dikembe Mutombo emerged from his recent slump with 17 points and 15 rebounds for the Nuggets, who got seven steals from Mark Macon.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	40	25	.615	-
Boston	36	30	.545	4½
Philadelphia	30	35	.462	10
Miami	30	36	.455	10½
New Jersey	29	36	.446	11
Washington	22	44	.333	18½
Orlando	15	51	.227	25½
Central Division				
x-Chicago	55	12	.821	-
Cleveland	43	20	.683	10
Detroit	40	26	.606	14½
Atlanta	31	34	.477	23
Indiana	31	36	.463	24
Milwaukee	29	35	.453	24½
Charlotte	25	38	.397	28

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	43	23	.652	-
San Antonio	40	25	.615	2½
Houston	37	30	.552	6½
Denver	22	43	.338	20½
Dallas	17	49	.258	26
Minnesota	11	53	.172	31
Pacific Division				
Portland	47	19	.712	-
Golden State	43	20	.683	2½
Phoenix	43	24	.642	4½
Seattle	36	30	.545	11
LA Lakers	34	31	.523	12½
LA Clippers	34	32	.515	13
Sacramento	20	46	.303	27

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Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 8 p.m.
LA Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

Indiana rematch against LSU could be heated

By The Associated Press

It's a cinch that if Indiana and LSU get past their opening opponents in the NCAA tournament, there will be a couple of angry coaches going at each other in the second round of the West regional.

Bob Knight of Indiana and Dale Brown of LSU don't like each other from the last act — 1987, when Knight staged a telephone slamming tantrum at the scorer's table that ignited an Indiana comeback to beat LSU by one point in the NCAA regionals. After the episode, Brown called Knight "a bully," and their paths have not crossed since.

Both coaches arrived in this year's tournament in ill humor.

Knight was seething over Indiana's last-game loss to also-ran Purdue, a defeat that cost the Hoosiers a share of the Big Ten crown and almost certainly a No. 1 seed in the tournament. They wound up instead on the road in Boise, Idaho, as the No. 2 seed in the West.

Brown was so angry over an intentional foul committed against All-American Shaquille O'Neal by Tennessee's Carlus Groves in the semifinals of the Southeastern Conference tournament last weekend that he rushed onto the floor to confront Tennessee's Carlus Groves. The foul led to a brawl that delayed the game for 20 minutes and led the SEC to reprimand Brown.

"My philosophy is one of family, and if one of those members are threatened, in danger or unjustly accused, my role as their father away from home is to defend and protect," the coach said.

Indiana (23-6) opens against Eastern Illinois (20-9) in the West regional at Boise Thursday night. LSU (20-9) has a first-round date on the same floor against Brigham Young (25-6). There are 14 other first-round games at four sites that day.

Also scheduled at Boise are Georgetown (21-9) against South Florida (19-9) and Florida State (20-9) vs. Montana (27-3).

In the East at Greensboro, N.C., Seton Hall (21-8) plays LaSalle (20-10), Missouri (20-8) faces West Virginia (20-11), defending national champion Duke (28-2) takes on Campbell (19-11) and Texas (23-11) plays Iowa (18-10).

In the Southeast at Cincinnati, North Carolina (21-9) meets Miami of Ohio (23-7), Alabama (25-8) faces Stanford (18-10), Ohio State (23-5) plays Mississippi Valley State (16-13) and Nebraska (19-9) plays Connecticut (19-19).

The Midwest Region opens Thursday at Milwaukee with Arkansas (25-7) facing Murray State (17-12), Memphis State (20-10) against Pepperdine (24-6), Georgia Tech (21-11) against Houston (25-5) and Southern California (23-5) against Northeast Louisiana (19-9).

NCAA Pairings

By The Associated Press

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 19
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.

Duke (28-2) vs. Campbell (19-11)
Texas (23-11) vs. Iowa (18-10)
Seton Hall (21-8) vs. La Salle (20-10)
Missouri (20-8) vs. West Virginia (20-11)

Friday, March 20
At The Centrum
Worcester, Mass.

Massachusetts (28-4) vs. Fordham (18-12)
Syracuse (21-9) vs. Princeton (22-5)
N.C. Charlotte (23-8) vs. Iowa State (20-12)
Kentucky (26-6) vs. Old Dominion (15-14)

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 19
At Riverfront Coliseum
Cincinnati

Ohio State (23-5) vs. Mississippi Valley State (16-13)
Nebraska (19-10) vs. Connecticut (19-9)
North Carolina (21-9) vs. Miami, Ohio (23-7)
Alabama (25-8) vs. Stanford (18-10)

Friday, March 20
At The Omni
Atlanta

Arizona (24-6) vs. East Tennessee State (23-6)
Michigan (20-8) vs. Temple (17-12)
St. John's (19-10) vs. Tulane (21-8)
Oklahoma State (26-7) vs. Georgia Southern (25-5)

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 19
At The Bradley Center
Milwaukee

Arkansas (25-7) vs. Murray State (17-12)
Memphis State (20-10) vs. Pepperdine (24-6)
Georgia Tech (21-11) vs. Houston (25-5)
Southern California (23-5) vs. Northeast Louisiana (19-9)

Friday, March 20
At U. of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio

Kansas (26-4) vs. Howard (17-13)
Evansville (24-5) vs. Texas-El Paso (25-6)
Cincinnati (25-4) vs. Delaware (27-3)
Michigan State (21-7) vs. Southwest Missouri State (23-7)

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 19
At University Pavilion
Boise, Idaho

Florida State (20-9) vs. Montana (27-3)
Georgetown (21-9) vs. South Florida (19-9)
Louisiana State (20-9) vs. Brigham Young (25-6)
Indiana (23-6) vs. Eastern Illinois (17-13)

Friday, March 20
At University Activity Center
Tempe, Ariz.

UCLA (25-4) vs. Robert Morris (19-11)
Louisville (18-10) vs. Wake Forest (17-11)
Oklahoma (21-8) vs. Southwestern Louisiana (20-10)
DePaul (20-8) vs. New Mexico State (23-7)

Tech tickets are sold out

LUBBOCK (AP) — Forget about presidential politics, Congress' hot check scandal and the sluggish economy, folks on the South Plains are more concerned about getting tickets to see the Texas Tech Lady Red Raiders.

After tickets for the Lady Raiders' second round NCAA tournament game this Saturday sold out in less than five hours, even the mayor was fretting.

"They sold out so fast I didn't even get a ticket," Lubbock Mayor B.C. "Peck" McMinn said Tuesday. "Now I am going to have to hustle somebody."

Residents packed City Hall Tuesday as the Lady Raiders had the week of March 18-24 named in their honor.

"Folks have quit talking about the economy and quit talking about the mayor — and I thank you for that," McMinn joked in front of about 150 supporters who packed the city council chambers.

"We needed a kick in the pants — a boost. You all have been a breath of fresh air. I think the whole city has fallen in love with these girls."

The Lady Raiders, who won their first ever Southwest Conference Tournament last weekend after clinching the regular season title, lined up along the council chambers after receiving the proclamation from McMinn.

"We don't recognize you with your clothes on," McMinn quipped, but quickly added: "Oops, I guess I should say, 'We don't recognize you without your uniforms on.'"

On Monday, cars filed in from as far away as Hereford, 100 miles northwest of Lubbock, to snatch up the 8,200 tickets available for Tech's second round NCAA tournament game in Lubbock Saturday.

Upsets San Jacinto...

South Plains is 1st round winner

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — South Plains College, representative of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, surprised powerful San Jacinto in the first round of the National Junior College Athletic Tournament.

The Texans, the cinderella team from this region, upset the Runnin' Ravens 79-71 Tuesday night. The Texans had lost, 90-65, to San Jacinto last week in the championship game of the Texas-New Mexico Junior College Tournament in Waco.

In the women's NJCAA tournament in Tyler, Odessa lost to John A. Logan in the tournament's first round, 76-69.

South Plains' Terry Alexander had his best game of the season, a career-high 31 points, to pace the Texans to their 25th victory against nine losses.

The Texans, champions of Region 5, will challenge College of Southern Idaho (32-3) in a quarterfinal game at 6:30 tonight.

South Plains, making its first appearance in the national tournament, led by as many as 12 points through the first 11 minutes of play. However, that lead was cut to two points by halftime.

San Jacinto fell behind 44-37 with 17:33 left in the game following a three-pointer by freshman Artie Griffin who canned 26 points.

San Jacinto roared back with seven unanswered points, including a three-point play by sophomore Bill Burnett that tied the game at 44 with 16:29 left. San Jacinto was led by Carl Turner who finished with 16 points.

San Jacinto jumped out front, 56-48, with 13:08 remaining after a 14-4 surge. South Plains came on with a 23-9 rally with Alexander getting nine of his 31 points in the run, including a three-point play that gave the Texans a 72-64 edge with just three minutes left.

Pitcher's condition upgraded to serious

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — California Angels pitcher Matt Keough was upgraded from critical condition to serious, while the San Francisco Giants made plans to protect fans from foul balls at the stadium where the injury occurred.

Keough underwent emergency brain surgery Monday evening to relieve pressure from a blood clot hours after being hit in the head by a foul liner.

"At this point, Matt is awake and alert," Dr. Fred Dicke, the acting team physician, said. "He has movement in all extremities.

Exhibition baseball

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	W	L	Pct.
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Cleveland	7	4	.636
California	7	5	.583
Minnesota	7	5	.583
Detroit	6	6	.500
Seattle	6	6	.500
Chicago	7	8	.467
Boston	6	7	.462
Milwaukee	6	7	.462
New York	6	7	.462
Texas	6	7	.462
Toronto	5	7	.417
Kansas City	5	8	.385
Oakland	4	7	.364

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
San Francisco	9	2	.818
Cincinnati	9	4	.692
St. Louis	7	4	.636
Montreal	7	6	.538
Atlanta	6	7	.462
Houston	6	7	.462
Los Angeles	6	7	.462
Chicago	5	7	.417
New York	5	7	.417
Philadelphia	5	7	.417
Pittsburgh	5	8	.385
San Diego	3	9	.250

NOTE: Split-squad games count in standings, ties do not

Tuesday's Games

St. Louis 1, Toronto 0
Houston 9, Pittsburgh 5
Detroit 2, Cincinnati 1
N.Y. Mets 21, Kansas City 7
Minnesota 7, Boston 4
Baltimore 8, Montreal 3
Philadelphia 8, Texas 3
Chicago White Sox 10, N.Y. Yankees 9
Atlanta 3, Los Angeles 1
San Diego 7, Chicago Cubs 5
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San Francisco 7, Milwaukee 4
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Sealed proposals for 2.129 miles of planing asphalt surface, fabric underseal, asphaltic concrete pavement and pavement marking on SH 6 from east city limits to east side of Square in Stamford, covered by STP 92(23)R in Jones County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 P.M., April 8, 1992, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Joe Higgins, Resident Engineer, Hamlin, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Division of Construction and Contract Administration, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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Sealed proposals for 15.639 miles of slurry seal (poly modified) on IH 20 from FM 670 Overpass to 0.2 mile E. of FM 1229 and from 0.4 mile W. of FM 1899 to Nolan County Line, covered by CPM 5-8-87 and CPM 6-1-72 in Mitchell County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 P.M., April 9, 1992, and then publicly opened and read.

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2nd woman files lawsuit against Tilton

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Another woman has filed a $40 million lawsuit claiming Texas evangelist Robert Tilton sent solicitation letters to her dead husband promising that God would restore his health.

Gary Richardson, the Tulsa attorney representing both women, said he expects several hundred more to come forward in the coming weeks with similar allegations.

Tilton has been under investigation by the Texas attorney general's office since a broadcast report late last year alleged he promised to personally pray for people, but had a mail-processing company deposit contributions and trash the prayer requests.

"I have no desire that his church shut down," Richardson said. "I have a desire to represent people who are hurting because of Robert Tilton's conduct."

Dorothy Ries of Tulsa filed a lawsuit Tuesday claiming fraud and malicious infliction of emotional distress by Tilton and Robert Tilton Ministries.

The lawsuit was similar to the one filed Feb. 27 by Beverly Crowley of Wynona, who also said Tilton wrote in February that he had spoken to God about healing her husband, who died in September.

Tilton's attorney, J.C. Joyce of Tulsa, said Tilton's church "regrets that these ladies feel the church has harmed them. The church never intended to harm anyone at any time."

When asked why letters continued to be mailed, Joyce said, "We don't try court proceedings through the media."

Mrs. Ries, 67, said she and her husband first saw Tilton on television last year, and her husband asked her to call and request prayers. She never sent money because she said she had none to send.

Her husband died Jan. 6 of throat cancer. She said she wrote Tilton on Jan. 9 to thank him for the prayers but to inform him that her husband had died. She then received three more letters, the latest on Friday, addressed to Ries Fred instead of Fred Ries.

"God spoke a clear, prophetic word to me for you," one letter said. "He wants to do a work in your life. Ries, he wants to restore your health."

Mrs. Ries said she considered the letters a slap in the face.

"He couldn't hurt me as much if he were to come up here and hit me," said Mrs. Ries, who walks with a cane and wears an ivory-colored cross necklace.

Houston cops implicated in brutality incident

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Houston police officers beat and kicked a man even after he had been handcuffed and was on the ground, witnesses said.

More than a half-dozen people told the Houston Chronicle Tuesday that the officers used excessive force against a man who fled during questioning and against another man who came to the first man's assistance, the newspaper reported today.

Officers said Michael B. Cannon, 23, one of the men, had hit one officer in the head with a bottle and the other with a fist.

Police Chief Sam Nuchia said Tuesday he had received conflicting reports and would attempt to discover the truth.

The internal affairs division had not received complaints about excessive force, HPD spokesman Rick Hartley said, and he encouraged residents with complaints to come forward.

Sgt. M. Marsolais, the two officers' supervisor, insisted his men were jumped during a routine narcotics investigation.

"They were attacked by people at the scene," said Marsolais. "Anything further is pure speculation on the part ... of these so-called eye-witnesses."

Marsolais said the two officers were attempting to question two drug suspects early Tuesday when one of the men fled after throwing something on the ground. No drugs were recovered.

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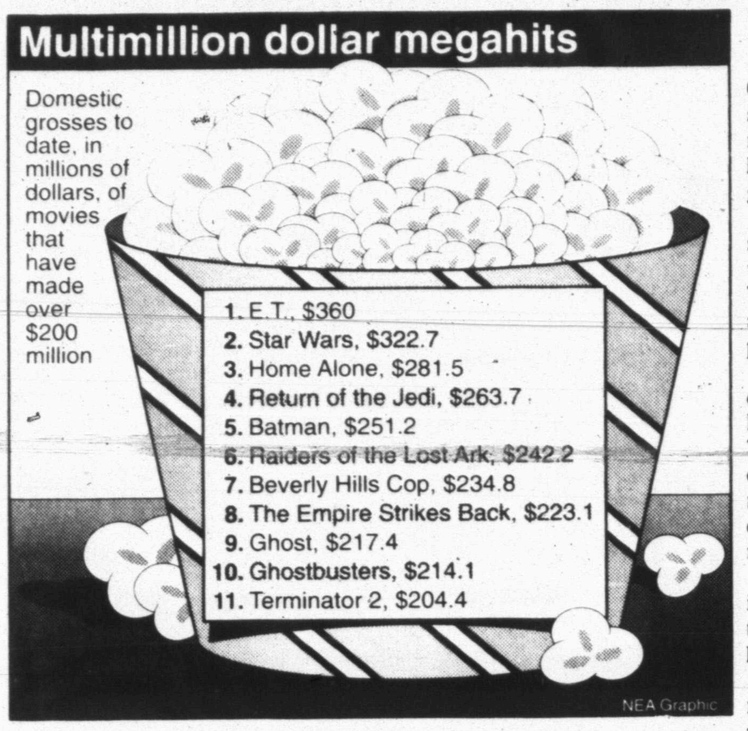
Multimillion dollar megahits



"E.T" is the champion money-maker among Hollywood films, having grossed $360 million to date in the United States. Each of the movies in the "Star Wars" trilogy has grossed over $200 million. "Terminator 2" is the latest entry in the over-$200 million club.

B-1 aircraft problems ground fleet

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Cracks found in the landing gear assemblies of more than 50 of the nation's B-1B Lancer bombers have resulted in the fleet being grounded.

Fifty B-1 aircraft of 74 inspected Monday at four air bases were found to have the cracks. They have been removed temporarily from service pending a complete analysis, officials said.

Col. Johnny Griffin, commander of the 96th Wing at Dyess Air Force Base, showed reporters at a Tuesday afternoon news conference one of the cracked parts and noted that the damage is so small it can't be seen without some type of magnifying device.

"You can't see it, you can't feel it, you can't smell it and you can't taste it, but it makes headlines," he said.

He said the cracks are tiny stress fractures and are a natural part of a plane's maturation process. New parts will be fabricated and the replacements made soon, Griffin said. He said it would take one person about two hours to change the part out.

The same part also will be changed out on the rest of the fleet, which fly out of Ellsworth Air Force Base at Rapid City, S.D.; Grand Forks Air Force Base at Grand Forks, N.D.; and McConnell Air Force Base at Wichita, Kan.

All the planes could be put into service within minutes in case of war, he said. Since it's peacetime, the parts are being replaced as a precaution, Griffin said.

"We consider it really a non-problem," Griffin said. Each part has a back-up on the B-1, and there were no cracks in the corresponding part on the other side of each aircraft, he said.

The problem part, a bracket, is about 6 inches long, and made of a metal alloy.

The part hasn't been inspected routinely in the past, but it will be from now on, Griffin said.

Tax bill not limited to fighting recession, helping middle class

WASHINGTON (AP) — Think of a problem and you'll probably find an answer in the tax bill making its way through Congress.

It may not be the complete answer — perhaps not even the right one. But a glance through the lengthy House and Senate versions of the bill shows lawmakers have more things on their minds than just a middle-income tax cut or using the tax law to boost the economy.

Trade policy? Turn 327 pages into the Senate bill and you'll find a provision redesignating imported four-door, multipurpose vehicles — such as a Range Rover or Toyota Previa — as trucks. The effect is to increase the tariffs on those vehicles by 1,000 percent — and to mollify Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., and the auto workers in his home state.

The savings and loan scandal? The House and Senate bills would prohibit a double-dip federal benefit for those who take over failing institutions. If the purchase is made with a taxpayer subsidy, the related loss could not be deducted.

Are corporate executives overpaid? Either bill would limit to $1 million a year the tax deduction a company could claim for each executive's pay.

Senior tax writers from the House and Senate arranged a meeting today to begin working out differences between their bills. Once the compromise is accepted by the House and Senate, it would be sent to President Bush for his veto. That could come Friday — the "deadline" Bush set for Congress to act on a short-term economic stimulus plan.

The chief goal of the House and Senate bills is to cut taxes for the middle class, although they would do it in different ways, and to raise taxes on the well-to-do. They also have a version of the short-term stimulus proposals recommended by Bush, including a reduction in capital-gains taxes.

But a big part of each bill has nothing to do with a general tax cut or the overall economy. Here are some of the extras one or both bills picked up along the way:

—Savings bonds: Present law allows tax-free treatment for interest on Series EE savings bonds redeemed to pay dependents' higher education expenses, but only if family income is under $90,000. The legislation would make the benefit available for anybody's expenses and the income limit would be removed.

—Health care: Group health plans generally would be prohibited from denying coverage on the basis of a worker's medical history.

—Education: Under a pilot program, a student aged 17 to 51 could borrow up to $30,000 of government money directly from selected colleges and gradually repay the loan through the tax system.

—Welfare: Cut off 10 percent of a state's federal welfare money if the state fails to require an able person aged 18 or older with no dependent children to accept a job as a condition of receiving state welfare benefits.

—Pensions: The bills include several simplifications of pension laws, aimed at increasing pension protection for employees of small business.

—Tips: Employers would get a credit that effectively would excuse them from paying Social Security taxes on employees' cash tips.

Check-kiting scandal includes three members of the Cabinet

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, no longer joking about the House rubber-check scandal, is standing by three Cabinet members caught up in the affair.

The back-to-back-to-back confessions Tuesday by Bush's defense, agriculture and labor secretaries let some air out of the political balloon for House Republicans who have relished watching Democrats squirm as the major abusers of privilege at the shoddily run, in-house bank.

A dour Defense Secretary Dick Cheney was the first Bush appointee to confess Tuesday — he had bounced as many as 25 checks. Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan owned up to 49 overdrawn checks — including one for $8,618 — and Labor Secretary Lynn Martin found 16 in her closet.

Cheney served in the House from Wyoming; Madigan and Martin represented Illinois districts.

Bush, who cracked a joke about the scandal on the campaign trail in Milwaukee on Monday, took a more sober-sided approach in a Rose Garden appearance Tuesday.

He expressed "total confidence in (Cheney's) integrity," and added, "I just haven't heard anything about any of the others."

Judy Smith, a White House spokeswoman, said later, "I'm sure he would say the same about all the Cabinet members, that it's a situation they didn't have any knowledge of.'

"Let's get the facts out, and then I think the American people are very smart," said Bush. "They will be able to make a determination as to what was wrongdoing and who were simply victims of a system that obviously has failed everybody."

Cheney called himself "angry and frustrated" and said he never knew his account had run dry.

Madigan called it "an embarrassment to me, my family and friends" but said it should not "impact my effectiveness as secretary of agriculture."

Martin said she was docking herself $425 in fees that a real bank might have charged and was donating the money to charity.

Twenty of the 24 people on the worst offenders' list were Democrats, and Republicans had been quick to lay the blame at the majority party's door.

Coffman

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trustees: Filing for two at-large seats have been incumbent Ronnie Price, Nelson Eckert, Randy Bates and Allen Kuss. The other incumbent, Donald McHaney, has not filed.

—Ira ISD board of trustees: Filing for Place 1 have been Don Davis and Darryl Calley. Suzanna Wilson, appointed to fill the term, has not filed. In Place 7, incumbent Wylie Oliver is being challenged by Doug White and Jeffery E. Brown. Running unopposed is Place 6 incumbent Keith Clements.

Clinton, Bush sweep Midwest

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ated by the Buchanan challenge to the incumbent president.

"We've never looked at Pat Buchanan as the enemy," said Rich Bond, whom Buchanan wanted fired. "Pat seems to be standing down," he told ABC.

In this race for the delegates who will choose the nominees at the conventions next summer, the totals gave Bush and Clinton formidable leads. The latest Associated Press count put Bush within 400 of the number needed. Clinton has amassed 44 percent of what it takes to capture the Democratic nomination.

Bush captured all 151 at stake Tuesday and his total now is 711. Buchanan has 46. In the Democratic race, Clinton's total climbed to 944.25, while Tsongas had 432.25 and Brown 130.25.

Buchanan aides said he planned to scale back his teetering campaign to a one-state protest in California. "Geography and time were not on our side," Buchanan conceded.

Buchanan's sister and campaign manager, Angela Bay Buchanan, said her brother eventually "is going to endorse George Bush and he is going to support him and want him to do well."

Bush vowed to stay put and looked beyond Buchanan's challenge after running his primary record to 16-0.

Officers investigate pickup theft, burglary

Snyder police began investigations into the theft of a vehicle and a burglary Tuesday and made two unrelated arrests early this morning.

Shane Gann of 2405 27th St., notified police at 6:49 a.m. Tuesday that someone had stolen his 1989 silver Ford Ranger. A report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was filed. At 11:20 p.m., DeeAnn Preston advised police of a wrecked Ford Ranger pickup in the 2600 block of Houston Parkway.

Upon investigation, Gann was determined to be the owner. The vehicle had struck a road sign owned by the City of Snyder. The driver is unknown at this time.

At 1:32 p.m., Ignacio Ramirez requested an officer at 1918 Coleman in reference to someone stealing an equalizer from his 1987 Ford van. A report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

Police also were alerted at 9:37 p.m. Tuesday that several males were hitting mailboxes with baseball bats in the area of 2100 Avenue M. Three subjects fled on foot as officers arrived. They were not located.

It was noted that mailboxes had been damaged at 2101 Ave. M, 1112 21st St., 1911 Ave. M, 1204 and 1206 20th St. and 2310 Ave. N.

This morning's two arrests came at 2:08 o'clock in the intersection of 26th St. and College Avenue. Arrested were a 17-year-old female for public intoxication and a 19-year-old male on a warrant for driving with a suspended license.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Ruth Roe, Snyder Nursing Center.

DISMISSALS: Rebecca Miller and baby, Christine Foster and baby, Ronald Morris, Loyd Minyard, Eldridge Bailey, Nova Creswell, Eula Montis.

Census: 39 (Med.-8, Long-Term Care-31).

Golden Globe award winners named Tuesday

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — The names Julia Roberts, Bill Cosby, Garth Brooks and Reba McEntire kept popping up at the 18th annual People's Choice Awards.

Roberts won for best movie actress in a comedy and in a drama, while Cosby won for best male TV performer and "The Cosby Show" was chosen best comedy. Brooks and McEntire triumphed over pop stars to win best performer awards in the general music and country music categories.

The public made "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" the favorite movie; "City Slickers" the best comedy and "The Silence of the Lambs" the best dramatic film.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	771/2	77	771/2	-1/8
Albtsn	443/4	435/8	445/8	+11/8
AlliedSignal	493/4	491/2	495/8	-1/8
ALLTEL Cp	383/8	381/8	383/8	-1/8
AmStor s	341/8	335/8	337/8	+1/4
Amer T&T	393/8	39	393/8	+1/4
Ameritech	591/4	585/8	583/4	-3/8
Amoco	453/8	45	451/4	
AndarkPtr	207/8	205/8	205/8	
Arkla	93/8	91/4	91/4	-1/8
ArmcoInc	57/8	53/4	53/4	-1/8
AtlRichfld	101	1001/8	1001/2	-1/2
BakerHugh	18	175/8	177/8	
BancTexas	21/8	21/8	21/8	
BellAtl	421/8	417/8	42	
BellSouth	451/4	447/8	45	-1/4
Beth Steel	147/8	141/2	143/4	+1/8
Borden	323/8	317/8	321/4	+1/2
Caterplr	481/2	473/4	481/2	+3/8
Centel	43	42	425/8	+5/8
CenSoWst s	261/8	26	261/8	+1/8
Chevron	631/4	63	631/8	-1/8
Chrysler	18	173/4	177/8	-1/8
Coastal	233/4	231/2	235/8	
CocaCola	823/8	817/8	82	-3/8
ColgateP s	471/4	467/8	467/8	+1/8
ComlMetl	227/8	227/8	227/8	+1/8
CooperIn	571/8	565/8	571/8	+3/8
CyprusMn	22	213/4	217/8	+1/8
DalySemicn	83/4	83/4	83/4	
DeltaAirl	665/8	653/4	657/8	-3/4
DigitalEq	587/8	581/2	585/8	+1/8
Dillard	1301/8	1291/2	1293/4	+1/4
DowChem	601/8	591/2	597/8	+1/8
DresserInd	197/8	191/2	193/4	-1/8
DuPont	453/8	45	451/4	-1/8
EstKodak	401/2	401/8	401/4	+1/8
EljerInd	97/8	97/8	97/8	
Enserch	123/4	125/8	123/4	+1/8
Exxon	561/2	553/4	557/8	—1
FtCtyBcp	17/8	17/8	17/8	
FlowerInd	143/4	143/4	143/4	-1/8
FordMotor	385/8	381/8	381/2	+1/4
GTE Cp	305/8	303/8	303/8	-1/8
GnDynam	613/8	611/8	613/8	
GenElct	785/8	781/4	783/8	-1/4
GnMill	673/4	671/4	673/8	+1/4
GenMotors	38	375/8	377/8	+1/4
GenMotrE s	305/8	303/8	303/8	-1/8
GaPacif	691/8	681/4	69	+11/4
GlobMar	13/4	15/8	13/4	
Goodrich	481/8	473/4	481/8	+1/4
Goodyear	62	615/8	617/8	-1/8
GtAtlPac	333/4	323/8	333/8	+35/8
Gulf StaUt	121/4	121/8	121/8	
Haliburtn	253/4	251/2	251/2	-1/4
Hanson	195/8	193/8	191/2	
HoustInd	413/4	411/2	411/2	
IBM	881/4	871/4	88	+3/8
IntlPaper	751/4	741/4	751/4	+3/4
JohnsJhn	971/4	963/4	971/4	-1/8
K mart	521/4	515/8	515/8	-
Kroger	177/8	171/2	173/4	+1/4
vjLTV Cp	7/8	13-16	13-16	
Litton Ind	971/4	97	97	
vjLoneStar	41/2	43/8	43/8	-1/8
Lowes	405/8	403/8	401/2	-1/4
Lubys	161/2	161/4	161/2	+1/8
Maxus	71/4	71/8	71/8	
MayDSt	585/8	581/8	581/8	-3/8
Medtrn s	773/4	767/8	773/8	+3/8
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Monsan	711/4	70	701/8	+1/4
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Nationbk	451/4	447/8	447/8	-3/8
Navistar	35/8	31/2	31/2	
Nynex	721/8	711/2	72	+5/8
OryxEngy	211/8	203/4	211/8	+3/8
PacTelesis	383/4	381/2	385/8	-1/8
PanhECp	147/8	145/8	145/8	-1/4
PenneyJC	651/4	647/8	651/8	+3/8
PepBoys	201/4	201/8	201/4	
Phelps Dod	847/8	831/2	837/8	-7/8
PhilipPet	235/8	233/8	235/8	+1/8
PilgrmPrd	65/8	65/8	65/8	
Polaroid s	291/8	29	291/8	+1/8
PrimeHca	397/8	391/2	395/8	+1/8
ProctGamb	995/8	993/8	991/2	-3/8
PubS NwMx	113/4	115/8	115/8	
SFePacCp	121/8	117/8	117/8	-1/8
SaraLee	537/8	53	533/4	+1
SearsRoeb	461/4	457/8	461/8	-1/4
Shrwin s	28	277/8	28	+1/4
SmthBchm	761/2	76	76	
SmthBch eq n	701/4	691/8	697/8	+7/8
Southern Co	313/4	313/8	313/8	-1/4
SwstAirl	39	383/4	387/8	-3/8
SwstBell	59	581/2	587/8	
Sprint	215/8	211/2	215/8	
SterlingChm	43/8	41/4	41/4	-1/8
SunCo	281/4	277/8	281/4	+3/8
TNP Ent	197/8	193/4	197/8	+1/8
Tandy	297/8	291/2	291/2	-1/4
TemplInl	543/4	541/2	543/4	+7/8
Tenneco	383/4	383/8	385/8	+1/4
Texaco	573/8	571/8	571/4	+1/8
TexasInd	205/8	205/8	205/8	+1/4
TexasInst	341/4	333/4	34	-1/4
Tex Util	387/8	381/2	383/4	+1/4
Textron	371/8	367/8	37	+1/8
Tyler	47/8	45/8	47/8	+3/8
USWst	341/4	34	341/8	+1/8
USXMar n	213/8	211/8	213/8	+1/4
USX-USS n	26	257/8	26	
UnCarbde	253/8	25	251/8	
UnPac s	477/8	473/4	473/4	-3/8
UnitTech	523/4	521/4	525/8	+1/2
Unocal	211/4	211/8	211/4	
WalMt	537/8	533/8	531/2	-1/4
WestghEl	193/4	191/2	195/8	
Woolwth	30	295/8	293/4	+3/8
Xerox Cp	763/8	76	761/4	+1/8
ZenithE	95/8	91/8	95/8	+

Obituaries

T.J. Newbury

1909-1992

EARLY — Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel for T.J. Newbury, 82, who died Monday in a Brownwood hospital. Burial was to follow in the May Cemetery.

He was the father of Dr. Don Newbury, president of Howard Payne University in Brownwood and former president of Snyder's Western Texas College.

Born in Pitkin, La., Mr. Newbury attended Pompey Creek schools in Mills County. He also lived in May, Blanket, Salt Creek and Early. He worked for Central Texas Gas and Lone Star Gas for 31 years, retiring in 1974.

Mr. Newbury was a member of the Early United Methodist Church and the May Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Tempie Gotcher Newbury of Early; another son, Dr. Fred Newbury of Dallas; three sisters, Aline Teague of May, Fay Brewer of Corsicana and Edwina Jones of Orlando, Fla.; a brother, Harry Newbury of Brownwood; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Early United Methodist Church or to the scholarship fund at Howard Payne University.

'Cut Your Own Taxes and Save'

How to deal with estimated payments

By George W. Smith

Not everyone is finished with their tax chores for the year by filing a tax return. Many taxpayers also are obligated to pay estimated tax payments. The first quarterly payment for 1992 is due April 15, 1992. The remaining payments are due June 14, Sept. 15 and Jan. 15, 1993.

The need for estimated tax payments generally results from:

1. Self-employment income because there is not tax withheld at the source.

2. High-salaried income on which withholding is not adequate to cover the tax.

3. Other income such as capital gains, interest income, divided income, rental income and partnerships on which there is no withholding at the source.

The purpose of estimated tax payments is to put all taxpayers on an equal pay-as-you-go basis throughout the year. The paying of estimated taxes is not optional. If you meet the requirements, you must pay estimates or you will incur penalties from the IRS. Each payment is to be sent with a payment-voucher, Form 1040-ES.

Who Must Pay?

You should make estimated tax payments for 1992 if:

1. You expect to owe, after subtracting your withholding and credits, at least $500 in tax.

2. The gross income that you expect to receive in 1992 will include more than $500 of income that is not subject to withholding.

You will be subject to a penalty on your 1991 tax return unless you meet the following conditions:

• Your withholding and quarterly estimated tax payments are at least 90 percent of the tax shown on your 1991 return. Farmers and fishermen have more leeway; they avoid the penalty if their estimate equals two-thirds of what they ultimately owe.

• You made each quarterly estimate payments timely.

• Your 1991 withholding and quarterly estimate payments are at least equal to your 1990 tax.

• You had no tax liability for 1990 and you were a United States citizen or resident for the entire year.

For those on a regular withholding basis, there is a way to avoid the payment of quarterly estimated taxes. Make arrangements with your payroll department to have additional amounts withheld from your earnings. This is to cover the amount of the additional tax that you expect to owe at the end of the year.

The purpose is to put all taxpayers on an equal pay-as-you-go basis throughout the year.

Pensions, annuities and IRA withdrawals are subject to automatic withholding unless the monthly distribution is $450 or less (or is a lump-sum distribution of less than $200). However, you may elect not to have withholding taken out of your distributions by filing Form W-4P, Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments.

You may have to include Social Security or Railroad Retirement Act benefits for estimated tax purposes if part of these benefits are taxable.

Withholding of taxes

All employees are required to file a wage withholding form. For this purpose, Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, should be completed and given to your employer. For individuals claiming "EXEMPT" from withholding, a new W-4 must be filed by Feb. 15 of each year. Individuals who claim more than 10 allowances should be aware that employers are required to forward such W-4s to the IRS for review.

Overwithheld?

Being overwithheld is not necessarily desirable because you cannot recover the overwithheld tax until you apply for a refund by filing your tax return for the year. If your taxes are being overwithheld, you are, in effect, making an interest-free loan to the government.

Example: In the first half of 1991 you had one additional dependent, but did not file a new W-4. Therefore, your federal taxes were overwithheld. You cannot recover this excess amount until after Jan. 1, 1992, the earliest date for filing your 1991 return.

However, for many individuals, a refund is like newfound money, and you can't beat that either. Maybe the refund will be used for a vacation, an investment, or just to pay off accumulated bills. What it boils down to is a forced savings plan, an accumulation of funds not earning interest, but a way of saving money that just might not happen any other way. And it beats owing taxes to the IRS come April 15.

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SECOND GRADE PROGRAM — The second grade classes at East Elementary performed "Amazin' Shapes" for classmates and guests during Public School Week. Students in Sharlot Sparlin's class are Amber Alexander, Kyle Blum, Sara Cave, Justin Cline, Kasey Collier, Kristen Early, Giana Fuentes, Jacob Gamez, Crystal Garcia, Crystal Garibaldi, Cherie Gasaway, Heather Hayley, Chris Hembree, Richard Irwin, Marci Kruger, Justin McBroom, Josh Ortegon, Shephen Ortegon, Amy Reynolds and James Villarreal. Students in Kristi Reneau's class are Zach Billingsley, Joanna Burk, Lori Chesser, Haley Elkins, Rachel Fritz, Jason Hall, Rudy Martinez, Nicole Moore, Amreen Rajabali, Eleazar Rangel, Amanda Smith, Chas Stroud, Blake Umsted, Roger Warr, Thomas Whitt, Tonya Wiles, Marcy Wilson, Misty Doty, Amber Kinney and Melissa Clark. Donna Smith is the music teacher. (SDN Staff Photo)

Coleman says bad checks are bank's bad bookkeeping

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — As the House bank scandal heated up, Democratic Rep. Ron Coleman was back home attempting to temper the anger of his constituents by explaining his 673 House bank overdrafts as bad bookkeeping.

Coleman, listed as the 7th worst abuser of the House bank, shifted much of the blame to the bank Tuesday and said he would welcome a criminal investigation of the bank by the U.S. Attorney's office.

"First of all it was not a bank," Coleman said. "It was an entity that got out of hand."

Like other members of Congress, Coleman leaned on the excuses that the bank wasn't really a bank, he was never told he had overdrafts and the bank had a history of problems.

"The very reason we closed the bank were the very shoddy practices," he said.

Asked why the bank wasn't closed sooner if he knew he enjoyed free overdraft protection when his constituents didn't, Coleman said: "Because if I had had the money in a bank, I could draw interest on my deposits, that's the tradeoff. It wasn't a bank."

Coleman, who wrote bad checks for $275,848, said he would be willing to pay fees on any checks that were returned.

But one of his hometown newspapers asked for more in an editorial published Tuesday.

"We think something should happen now. The (El Paso) Herald-Post calls for Coleman's immediate resignation for this betrayal of his position and the public trust," the newspaper said.

Coleman's explanation for the bad checks also left him defending his ability to preside on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, which has a major role in the budget decision-making process.

"I spend a great deal more time dealing with the House Appropriations Committee than with my own finances," Coleman said. But he added he and other Congressmen on the list have learned their lesson. He has since shifted his money to a commercial bank in Washington, D.C., and now pays for overdraft protection.

Coleman distributed copies of a letter from House Sergeant at Arms Jack Russ, written in response to questions Coleman asked about his account. He said he provided copies of the letter to show El Paso residents he did not lie in October 1991, when he said he had only written four bad checks.

While campaigning for the primaries, Coleman also said his name would not be on the worst abusers' list.

Russ said in the letter dated Oct. 17, 1991, that four of Coleman's checks for $285 were held by the bank for brief periods, usually one to three days, until they were covered by a deposit at the end of the month.

The letter said Coleman was not notified of the overdrafts "because they were isolated instances in an account that otherwise maintained healthy balances."

Judicial nominee has already started answering questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee have asked a Texas federal judicial nominee some probing questions about partisanship and his minority hiring views.

The questions asked Tuesday of Houston attorney Ewing Werlein Jr. were prompted by a complaint filed with the committee by Attorneys for a Balanced Judiciary, a group composed primarily of Democratic lawyers.

The committee Tuesday held a hearing to consider Werlein's nomination as a U.S. district judge in the Southern District of Texas, based in Houston.

Werlein, a Vinson & Elkins partner, faced the toughest questioning of the four nominees who testified Tuesday.

The attorneys' group, which argues that judicial nominations have become too partisan, reached back to Werlein's support for Republican Barry Goldwater in 1964 as a sign of partisanship. They also cited his lifelong involvement in Republican causes.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, who praised Werlein's qualifications, noted that the American Bar Association gave Werlein its highest rating. The ABA rates nominees to the federal bench.

Werlein, whose name was advanced by Republican Sen. Phil Gramm, said his previous political activities were not extensive. He said he ended his contributions to political candidates after learning last year he would be nominated for a judgeship.

The former Houston Bar Association president also assured Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., that politics would not color his judgment on the bench.

"Politics would be left completely behind and should have nothing to do with judicial decision-making," he told DeConcini, who chaired the hearing.

Werlein, a current director of the State Bar of Texas, disputed an allegation that he did little to further minority hiring.

Werlein, 55, noted that as president of the Houston bar, he addressed black and Hispanic attorneys groups. He also said he promoted minorities to committee chairmanships within the bar group.

Texas dad fights to see son he did not know he had

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Northeast Texas man says he's spent $11,000 so far in his legal battle to see a son he didn't know he had until after he learned that the son had been adopted by a New Jersey couple.

Randy Wiggins, 19, of Atlanta, says he has nearly drained his mother's account in the legal battle that he hopes will unite him with his 4-month-old son, who is now living with foster parents in New Jersey.

"I really don't think we can (financially) go much further," Wiggins said Tuesday. "At first I was worried I would never get my son. It looks better now, but I still could lose him."

Wiggins will go to court in San Antonio today to attempt to get the adoption overturned.

Lawyers for San Antonio-based Adoption Alliance are expected to dispute Wiggins' claim to his child by arguing he knowingly abandoned a pregnant woman and did not provide her with medical care or try to contact the child.

Attorneys representing the Adoption Alliance and the adoptive parents did not return repeated phone calls Tuesday, the San Antonio Light reported today.

Wiggins claims he has paid child support since December and repeatedly has tried to contact the child.

If a district court judge finds that Wiggins abandoned his child and the infant's mother, Wiggins forever would lose rights to his son.

Wiggins said he first learned about the son when he received adoption papers.

Wiggins' longtime girlfriend gave birth to his son Nov. 14 in Harlingen and signed papers relinquishing her right to the child to Adoption Alliance, Wiggins' lawyer Maria Teresa Brito said.

Wiggins said he had left the woman last May without knowing she was pregnant.

5-term Houston congressman admits to bouncing checks

HOUSTON (AP) — Five-term Rep. Mike Andrews has taken "full responsibility" for the 121 checks worth $103,946.37 he bounced at the now-defunct House bank, calling the episode "an embarrassing thing for me, an embarrassing thing for Congress."

"This chicken has come home to roost," a visibly nervous Andrews said at a news conference Tuesday in a courtroom at the Houston federal building. "It hasn't been very pleasant."

The Houston Democrat prefaced reporters' questions by reading a lengthy statement in which he took "full responsibility for errors and carelessness in my account and I am personally embarrassed by it."

However, he said he wasn't worried about a possible criminal investigation by federal prosecutors in Washington.

"As far as I know, there hasn't been any laws violated," he said.

Speaking while his feet jiggled nervously under the table and as his fingers tapped on the table top, Andrews said he hoped voters would consider his overall record of 10 years in the House and not merely use the check fiasco as a reason for not re-electing him in November.

"People are angry and rightfully so," he said. "This is a big boner."

While saying it was not meant to be an excuse, Andrews complained the House bank was a poorly run financial institution that only on a few occasions during the 39-month period did the bank notify him that his account was overdrawn.

"I was stunned to learn of the number of my checks that were held, absolutely stunned," he said. "None of my checks were ever returned for insufficient funds, none ever bounced, nor do any of my bank statements give any indications that any checks were held or that I ever had a negative balance in my account."

He said he recalled about four times a year when the bank would tell him he was overdrawn. "In those instances, I naturally acted to cover the check with a new deposit," Andrews said. "The Congress needs to be setting an example for the rest of the country. In this instance we have not done that and for that I am sorry for what has happened.

"I've learned from my experience, let me tell you."

Of the 14 current or former Texas congressmen who have been identified or have admitted bouncing checks, Andrews' money total ranks third behind Ronald Coleman, D-El Paso, who totaled $275,848, and Charles Wilson, D-Lufkin, who bounced $143,857.

Andrews said many of the largest checks were written to cover his mortgage payments and virtually all the checks were written to pay for monthly living expenses. The largest, however, was a $7,392.11 check to the Internal Revenue Service. The smallest was $6 to Phillips 66, he said.

Andrews said he investigated the overdraft charges he would have incurred if his account had been at a regular commercial bank and had written a $2,420 check to the U.S. Treasury as a restitution gesture.

Andrews coupled his acknowledgements with calls for an end to all special privileges enjoyed by congressmen, like inexpensive haircuts, health club membership, distinctive health insurance and others.

"A beauty shop and a barber shop are not necessary to run Congress," he said, although he admitted using the barber shop. "People in Congress should be treated like all Americans — no special privileges. This is a serious issue, one that Congress has tried to address, and not very well."

Parts of wool, mohair plant blaze doused by chemicals

INGRAM, Texas (AP) — Firefighters were able to douse parts of a blaze that roared through a wool and mohair processing plant by using a chemical foam and water mix on the hot spots.

The fire is believed to have started early Tuesday in the center of the Ranchman's Wool and Mohair building. The fumes from burning chemicals forced authorities to evacuate dozens of Hill Country residents, said Ingram Volunteer Fire Department Chief Bob Heiden.

Kerr County Judge Bill Stacy declared the city of Ingram a disaster area because of the fire and toxic fumes emitted from the plant.

Fire department volunteers evacuated more than 100 people living to the north of the Ranchman's building. A local school gymnasium was used as an evacuee shelter.

Six residents near the warehouse complained of eye and respiratory irritation from the fumes and were taken to Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital, and one woman was taken to the hospital for a possible cardiac arrest.

A total of 10 people were taken to the hospital for treatment, volunteer firefighter Pauline McDonald said.

A hospital official said all the patients were treated and released.

Heiden estimated that it could be three days before firefighters will be able to get inside the building to determine the cause of the fire.

Authorities declined to give immediate damage estimates, but Ranchman's manager Donnie Laughlin said the 25,000-square-foot structure contained about 1.5 million pounds of "mainly mohair."

Recent prices for mohair have ranged from $1.25 per pound for adult mohair to $2.50 per pound for kid mohair.

"It was pretty full," Laughlin said. "This warehouse probably handles about 10 percent of the supply of mohair in the U.S."

The American Red Cross assisted evacuees. About 40 families came to the shelter overnight, and Red Cross workers reported feeding breakfast to about 160 residents and 50 firefighters.

The Ranchman's wool and mohair business was started by the Priour family in 1936, and extra warehouses and additions to the original structure were added through the 1940s and early 1950s, according to Laughlin.

The current owner is Dale Priour.

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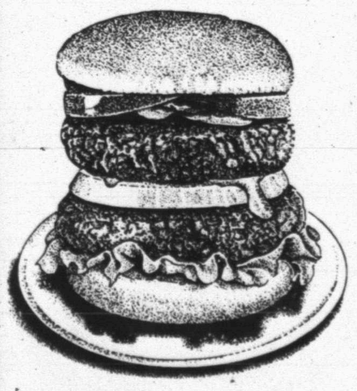

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Bill Clinton still has nomination to lock up

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and Democratic front-runner Bill Clinton are anxious to focus on the November general election and put an end to a divisive primary season. But Clinton still has a long way to go.

For Bush, things are looking up after a winter of Republican discontent.

He emerged from Tuesday's primaries in Michigan and Illinois with a 16-0 win record, the GOP nomination essentially in his pocket and a pledge from the camp of challenger Patrick Buchanan to suspend all anti-Bush television ads.

Furthermore, a spate of government reports Tuesday provided further promise that the long-stagnant economy finally may be on the mend.

On the Democratic side, Clinton also swept the two Midwestern industrial states on the heels of major Super Tuesday victories.

Barring any surprises, Bush and Clinton will be their respective party standard bearers in the November general election.

But surprises are always possible — and often the norm — in the

AP analysis

political process. And while it seems unlikely that Bush needs to fret much longer about Buchanan's insurgency, Clinton still has some key hurdles to cross.

"Bush, Bush, Bush," was the response given by Clinton deputy campaign manager George Stephanopoulos when asked where Clinton wanted to focus in upcoming primaries in Connecticut, Kansas, Wisconsin and New York.

It might have been wishful thinking. Clinton still needs to vanquish his two Democratic foes before he can turn his full attention to Bush and the general election.

"I think we always make a mistake" in putting too much importance on the most recent set of primaries, said veteran Democratic pollster Peter Hart.

While Clinton now appears to be the odds-on favorite to go all the way, Hart said, "I think you really have to go through the Eastern triad — Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania — to know if there's going to be a change in rhythm."

"In 1980, Jimmy Carter ran through Ted Kennedy in Illinois like a hot knife through soft butter. Then, all of a sudden it turned around," Hart recalled.

The Bush campaign might have responded "Clinton, Clinton, Clinton" when asked about the new focus of the campaign, because the Arkansas governor now is looming as Bush's likely opponent.

"We have to turn our sights on the general election," said Bush campaign political director Mary Matalin.

But since Clinton has yet to be nominated by his party, Bush will have to hold his specific fire and keep campaigning against generic Democrats — and those that control Congress.

In fact, just as Bush strategists hoped, the president all but wrapped up the nomination just three days before the artificial March 20 "deadline" he gave Congress to act on his economic stimulus program.

Aides said they expect Bush to make a lot of speeches about the economy and the Democratic-led Congress in the days ahead.

Clinton's formidable lead did not stop former California Gov. Jerry Brown and former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas from pledging to fight on.

Tsongas, already in Hartford, Conn., campaigning for next Tuesday's primary, said that if losing builds character, he has enough now and "we have to start winning for a change."

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

March 19, 1992

You may enter into an advantageous alliance with a reputable partner in the year ahead. This arrangement will have potential, owing primarily to this individual's contributions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you're negotiating an important matter today, be protective of your self-interests. There might be a tendency on your part to yield larger concessions than required. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Individuals who perform special services for you today should be fairly compensated, but not overpaid. Awarding a bonus could set a precedent that will be hard to undo.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Avoid the lines of least resistance today. What appears to be simple could prove to be complex, while what appears difficult might be the easiest route in the long run.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A well-intentioned associate might do everything today to assist you in reaching your objective. Unfortunately, this individual's contribution may be counter-effective.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are frank today, it will win you the respect of your contemporaries. Conversely, if you gild the lily, it will give them cause to doubt your future statements.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Skillfully managing your resources or the resources of others might not be your long suit today. Be extremely careful in both of these areas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If there is not harmony of purpose regarding an important objective within a partnership today, good intentions will count for little. Both participants must aim for the same target.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might pretend today that you were not adequately compensated for something you did for another. In actuality, what you received was determined by the contribution you made.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be extremely careful how you behave today; it will determine how you are perceived by your friends. Do nothing to make them think you're nice only to those who can do you some good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If the achievement of an important objective comes easily for you today, be careful; you may not have attained your goal. Retrace all your steps to be certain you have.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A situation where you were very fortunate previously might be governed by a different set of ground rules today. Be prepared to make quick adjustments — if the same tactics do not apply.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your financial projection looks quite good for today, but there is also a chance you might not capitalize properly on all your opportunities. Indifference is self-defeating.

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THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

March 18, 1992

Today is the 78th day of 1992 and the 88th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1766, the British Parliament repealed the Stamp Act because of widespread opposition to it in America.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Calhoun (1782-1850), U.S. politician; Grover Cleveland (1837-1908), U.S. president; Stephane Mallarme (1842-1898), poet; Nicola Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908), composer-teacher-editor; John Updike (1932-), novelist, is 60; Peter Graves (1926-), actor, is 66; Wilson Pickett (1941-), singer-songwriter, is 51; Kevin Dobson (1944-), actor, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1953, the National League approved a move that permitted the Boston Braves to move to Milwaukee, the first major franchise shift in 50 years.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A healthy male adult bore consumes each year one-and-a-half times his own weight in other people's patience." — John Updike

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1952, the storm of the 15th had not yet stopped! Cilaos on La Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean went on to garner the world's 5-day rainfall record of 151.73 inches, almost 13 feet of rain!

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TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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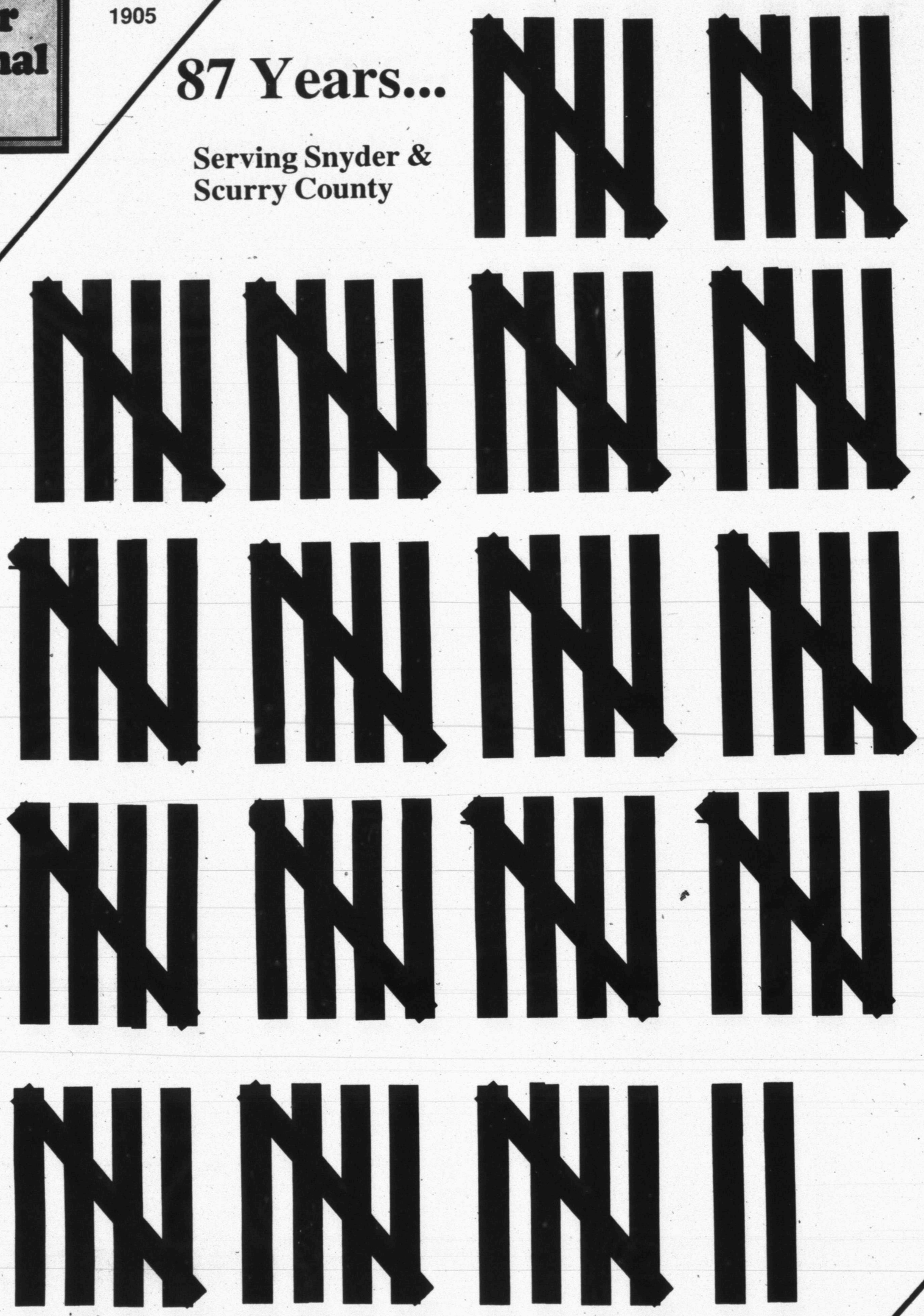

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