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MONDAY
Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—When will the U.S. runoff election be held?

A—The county clerk's office said it was waiting for the governer's office to notify them so, as of today, a date has not been set.

Local

Demos

A meeting of the Scurry County Democratic Party will be held at 7:30 this evening in Towle Park Barn.

County Chairman Hassie Sneed said all county Democrats are invited.

SHS choirs

Snyder High School choirs will hold their annual Pops Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium.

Legion

American Legion Post 181 will hold election of officers at 7:30 this evening.

Work Center

Scurry County Work Center board will meet at 7 this evening at 3100½ 37th Place.

Band meeting

A band meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the high school band hall. Everyone is welcome.

No shots

Scurry County Health Unit will not hold immunization clinic on Tuesday.

HISD board

Hermleigh school trustees will swear in new board members and reorganize the board during its May meeting, scheduled for 8 this evening.

8th graders

A party will be held for eighth graders from 7-11 p.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Admission will be $3. Any parents who would like to help are to call 573-8187.

Class of '83

Snyder High School Class of 1983 will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 2701 30th St.

For more information, call 573-5714 or 573-2185.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 89 degrees; low, 58 degrees; no precipitation; high Sunday, 74 degrees; low, 50 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 53 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 5.53 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the upper 40s. North wind 5-10 mph. Tuesday, becoming mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. High in the mid 70s. North wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Caution will be advised on area lakes.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:29 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 7. Of 129 days in 1993, the sun has shone 122 days in Snyder.



BAND FESTIVAL — Snyder Junior High seventh grade band members Amanda Scott, left, and Carla Norwood concentrate on their music as the band performed during concert competition Saturday. Snyder's seventh grade band won Sweepstakes and 55 of the students won Division 1 ratings. Lori Sanders was also chosen as outstanding soloist. (SDN Staff Photo)

Officials discuss using lotto money to finance schools

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Lawmakers are finalizing plans to use revenue from the state lottery for public schools and to consolidate 109 rich school districts with poor ones, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

The plan would not remove instructional decisions from local school boards.

The franchise tax, the state's primary levy on business assets, and revenue from pari-mutuel horse racing are also being considered as likely revenue sources to dedicate to education, the newspaper reported, citing unidentified sources.

House and Senate leaders had scheduled a news conference Monday to unveil a comprehensive program to push in the final weeks of the legislative session. The news conference, however, was postponed in order to fine-tune the proposal after legislative budget leaders over the weekend decided to pump additional funds into public education.

The proposal is expected to include a statewide funding system, a consolidation plan and measures to increase local accountability. The consolidation portion of the measure is expected to address the financial equality issue that courts have raised about Texas' system.

The plan comes after voters on May 1 rejected a constitutional amendment that would have legalized the distribution of money through county education districts.

A state judge in Austin has given lawmakers a June 1 deadline to find a constitutional way to fund public education. If they do not, he has pledged to shut off state aid to local school districts.

Gov. Ann Richards emphasized that a comprehensive approaeh is needed and that merely shifting existing money — including lottery revenue — won't work.

"It doesn't matter how much money you put in this system," she said. "You could put the entire state of Texas budget in this system and it would not bring about the equalization the court demands. You have got to bring down the level of taxing capacity of the rich districts before putting money into the system."

Lottery revenue is currently earmarked for the state's general fund.

For coliseum...

No-smoking policy tabled

Scurry County commissioners this morning tabled a recommendation from the coliseum board that would make the coliseum a non-smoking facility.

Coliseum Manager Jay Wesson told commissioners that he receives calls "all the time, asking which side is smoking and which side is non-smoking, so the board decided it should all be non-smoking, excluding the annex building."

Commissioners said they would like to take more time to look into the situation, but both County Judge Bob Doolittle and Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. said they had received calls from individuals saying they would support a decision of non-smoking.

The court also tabled a decision concerning the price per load for dirt hauled into the coliseum. Wesson told commissioners that some shows do not need as much dirt as others. Commissioners said they would study the matter and contact him.

Wesson presented the court with a revenue and days of utilization comparison for the coliseum and annex of 1992 compared to 1993. The court noted that revenue is up from 1992's $11,108 to $24,557 in 1993 for the first four months of the year.

Commissioners also approved County Clerk Frances Billingsley's request to consolidate voting boxes for the special U.S. Senate runoff election. This will mean that the voting boxes will be at the same place as they were for the the May 1 election.

Precinct 1 will vote at the county health unit; Precinct 2 the county library; Precinct 3 at Towle Park Barn; and Precinct 4 at the Senior Center.

The court recessed until 1:30 today, when they were to reconvene at the airport. They are to continue discussing recommendations from the airport board for an interim manager and aerial applicators.

Commissioners Ralph Trevey, Jerry Gannaway, Roy Idom and Gray were present. Doolittle presided.

Town bombed...

U.N. forces reach Zepa

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.N. forces who reached the embattled Muslim enclave of Zepa found a nearly deserted town where thousands once lived, 10 bodies in a bombed-out mosque and-"a humanitarian catastrophe," officials said today.

Military observers arrived in the mountain village 45 miles northeast of Sarajevo on Sunday afternoon after walking the last several miles because the road had been blocked by felled trees.

Their findings back up warnings by Bosnia's Muslim-dominated government last week of an impending catastrophe in the war-torn region.

A statement from the U.N. peacekeepers office in Zagreb, Croatia, said today that 200 wounded people needed to be evacuated by helicopter from Zepa, with 30 requiring "urgent attention."

The U.N. observers reported most residents had fled to the hills for safety, where they were living in huts and makeshift tents or in the open. Most were surviving on food from U.S.-led air drops and needed basic foodstuffs, blankets, clothing and medicine, the statement said.

The Muslim leadership had pleaded with the United Nations to intervene against Bosnian Serb fighters seeking to take over the region around Zepa before a peace plan could go into effect and incorporate it into a "Greater Serbia."

Band concert slated tonight

Snyder High School band department will hold its Spring Concert at 7 this evening in Towle Park.

Performing will be the concert band and symphonic band. Selections will include "Annie Get Your Gun," "Pineapple Poll Ballet Suite" and "The Watch on the Rhine," a German march.

Admission is free.

Cadenhead to address management seminar

J.F. Cadenhead, extension range and brush control specialist from Vernon, will be the guest speaker for a pasture and brush management workshop, scheduled Tuesday morning in the Fluvanna Community Center.

Registration is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. Coffee will be served.

The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. with information on herbicide selection, mixtures and application. Focus will include foliar and basal application methods for mesquite control, as well as control of broomweed, fenceline brush and rangeland weeds.

An equipment demonstration, featuring "boombuster" spray nozzles and a backpack sprayer, will be held at 10:30.

The workshop is being sponsored by Scurry, Borden and Garza County Extension Services. Two CEUs will be offered to participants having current Texas Department of Agriculture Private Applicator Licenses.

Henderson statements admissible, judge says

District Judge Gene Dulaney today denied a motion to supress statements made by a capital murder defendant at the time of her arrest.

The motion is expected to complete the pre-trial phase in the case of Nina Jonell Henderson, who goes to trial May 17 for the murder of former Snyder businessman Paul Milford.

Milford's body was found in a cistern north of Snyder in late March of 1992. An autopsy revealed he had been shot twice in the upper body.

Milford, owner of Fast Oil Change in Snyder, had been missing since Nov. 4, 1991. Henderson and a Milford employee, Arthur Lee Harding, left Snyder two days later.

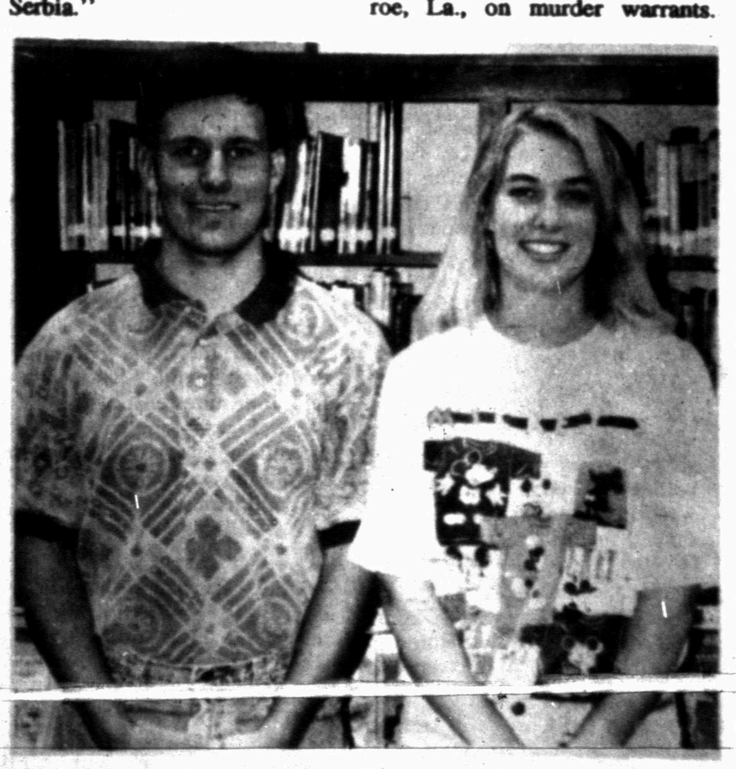
The couple was arrested July 15, 1992 outside a motel in Monroe, La., on murder warrants. Harding is also being held for capital murder in the case.

In denying the motion today, Judge Dulaney ruled that Henderson's statements were made voluntarily.

Previous to this morning's hearing, Judge Dulaney had heard several pre-trial motions in the case, including a request for change of venue, which he denied.

Henderson is being represented by Lubbock attorney Jim Bob Darnell. Prosecuting the case is the district attorney's office.

No trial date has been set for Harding.



IRA AWARDEES — Mike Hughes was named Sports Hero and Jennifer Rankin was selected Sweetheart at the Ira Booster Club Sports Banquet Saturday. Top athletes were tabbed in football, basketball, track, golf and baseball. (SDN Staff Photo)

McCathern places third

Snyder High School student Kurtis McCathern took third place in persuasive speaking for the second consecutive year at the state UIL academic contest, held last weekend in Austin.

McCathern, a junior, also competed in Lincoln-Douglas debate this year.

Other Snyder High School students did not place in state competition, but performed well, according to local administrators. They were Craig Row in persuasive speaking, Jimmy Hall in poetry, Tiffany Jones in spelling, Lisa Nix in feature writing and J. Parker in current issues.

Bids, rodeo request on WTC agenda

Consideration of bids and prebids are the primary topics for Western Texas College trustees, who convene for their May meeting at 5:45 p.m. today in the business administration building board room.

Trustees will take a tour of the health and physical education facility at 4 p.m.

Carolyn Osborn, special populations coordinator for the college, will make a presentation on her department at the start of this evening's meeting.

Under business items, the board will consider bids for boiler repair and a request for the rodeo team to attend the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Montana.

Approval of the financial information report and board minutes are also on the agenda.

In non-action items, the board will discuss an energy audit as well as [illegible] painting of the swimming pool, installation of gas water heaters, repair of dorm showers and a computer networking system.

The board will also entertain a presentation by John Zalman and hear several letters of appreciation.

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20 years after watershed visit, an orchestra returns to China

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese conductor Li Delun remembers the first visit of the Philadelphia Orchestra for its politics as much as for its music.

It was 1973. The orchestra was the first American cultural troupe to perform in Communist China and deciding what it should be allowed to play required delicate negotiation, Li said.

The orchestra returns this month for a 20th anniversary reprise that is shaping up to be tremendously different.

The Chinese have allowed the orchestra to make its own selection of Schubert, Strauss and Dvorak for a May 24 concert in Beijing's Great Hall of the People and a May 25 concert in the Shanghai Gymnasium.

Wolfgang Sawallisch will conduct.

The concert dates and times have been advertised for weeks in advance — which wouldn't be remarkable except for the mystery that shrouded the 1973 tour.

China was then sunk mired in the Cultural Revolution, a decade-long campaign to create a pure proletarian society, without decadent frippery such as traditional art or classical music. Many musicians and other artists were sent to the countryside to do manual labor.

But a brief political thaw in 1973, the result of leadership infighting, brought not just one but three of the world's top orchestras to music-starved Chinese. First came the London Philharmonic, then the Vienna Philharmonic, and finally the Philadelphia Orchestra led by Eugene Ormandy, who died in 1985.

"Coming at a time when many musicians couldn't perform, it was a great encouragement," Li, music director of the Central Symphony Orchestra, said in an interview. "People in cultural circles scrambled to get tickets through every possible method or even sneaked in."

Of course, no one told the Americans about all that, leaving them to puzzle about what was going on behind the facade of smiles.

Both sides knew more than music was at stake. President Nixon had visited China only 18 months before to begin erasing a quarter century of hostility.

Fire guts part of high school

VERNON, Texas (AP) — Arson was suspected in a fire Sunday that gutted part of Vernon High School, a fire official said.

Fire Chief Charles Stewart said the blaze broke out about 8:40 a.m., burning a teachers lounge and part of the school library.

A male suspect was detained for questioning, according to Stewart.

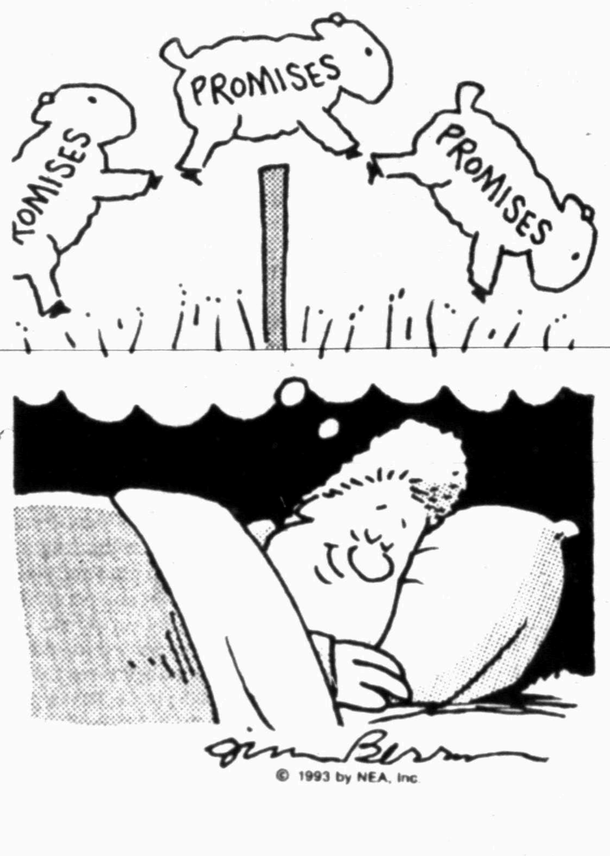
Heat from the fire ruptured some pipes in the ceiling, which caused water damage throughout the school. Damage was estimated at $100,000, said Stewart.

Authorities received a call that someone was breaking into the school, and arrived to find the structure on fire, said Stewart.

Classes were expected to be held as scheduled Monday.

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HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS — These five girls will be Hermleigh High School's cheerleaders for the 1993-94 school year. From left are, Sheri Sandefur, Lori Anderson, Michelle Roemisch, Stephanie Buchanan and Brandy Atkinson. (SDN Staff Photo)



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS — These five girls will be Hermleigh Junior High cheerleaders for the 1993-94 school year. From left, back row are, Ester Martinez, Miranda Terry and Jennifer Roemisch; front row: Tiffanie Moore and Brandy Wood. (SDN Staff Photo)

Mandated federal sentences come under attack, review

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stringent sentencing guidelines and long mandatory terms for minor drug offenders enacted in the 1980s are coming under fire from federal judges as Attorney General Janet Reno moves toward moderating the policy.

Two federal judges from New York said recently they would no longer take drug cases to protest the sentencing requirements and U.S. drug policy, and a federal judge in the District of Columbia declared one mandatory sentence unconstitutional and refused to impose it.

"I need a rest from the oppressive sense of futility that these drug cases leave," Jack B. Weinstein, a 72-year-old senior judge in New York, wrote to his colleagues.

"I believe that in the future we will look back on this horrendous period of overcharging and overpunishing as a temporary American aberration," he said, adding he would take no more drug cases in his court.

Not surprisingly, defense lawyers concur.

"The bottom line is they're not working," said Nancy Hollander, president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

"The mandatory minimum sentences were enacted during the mid-'80s as part of the war on drugs. It hasn't stopped the war on drugs, it's just made us fight it against our own people," she said in a telephone interview from Santa Fe, N.M..

In an Alabama case cited by Families Against Mandatory Minimums, 20-year-old Charisse Richardson is serving a 10-year mandatory sentence for federal drug conspiracy.

Miss Richardson, an 18-year-old high school senior at the time, was convicted for telling an undercover informant where to meet her boyfriend to buy LSD. The boyfriend, who pleaded guilty and cooperated with prosecutors, was sentenced to five years.

Judges, defense lawyers and the attorney general voiced concern over federal statutes that require such prison sentences of 10 years or more for first-time offenders convicted of being merely minor participants in a drug deal.

At a gathering of drug experts last week, Reno said mandatory minimum sentences need to be reexamined and made "consistent with the resources we have to achieve the one goal: that these people should never commit another crime."

While dangerous criminals must be jailed for as long as possible, law enforcers should look for ways to rehabilitate non-violent first-time offenders and return them to their communities, she said.

County attorney wants to clear up DWI cases

SAN DIEGO, Texas (AP) — Drunken driving cases — some backlogged for 13 years — may soon see their day in court.

After Duval County Attorney Jose Ramon Falcon took office in January, he found four cardboard storage boxes stuffed with 445 pending cases of driving while intoxicated or DWI.

"There's a very lax attitude among the public with regard to drinking and driving and this attitude has been exacerbated by the lack of prosecution," Falcon told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

That will soon change, Falcon said.

Falcon said he has recognized some defendants' names as felony DWI offenders prosecuted by the district attorney's office, where he worked before being elected county attorney last year.

San Diego attorney Abelardo Garza, Falcon's predecessor, said some of the cases were there when he took office in 1980. He served as county attorney 12 years. The main reason for the backlog was out-of-town defendants who didn't show up for court, Garza said.

He said he chose not to dismiss the cases because he hoped the defendants eventually would be picked up on an arrest warrant.

Falcon said he at first considered a wholesale dismissal of all but the most recent cases, but changed his mind. He has since begun to tackle them, a few at a time, onto his twice-monthly court docket.

Falcon said that since he has begun targeting some of the 2- or 3-year-old cases, most of the defendants involved have pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated or to reduced charges such as public intoxication or reckless conduct.

Some area prosecutors say it is difficult to track down defendants who don't show up in court when their cases are called, the newspaper said.

But the officials agreed that failure to prosecute carries tremendous consequences: A driver might escape the harsher penalties provided for repeat offenders and thus might be back on the road, drunk, causing an accident.

State law classifies a defendant's first two DWI convictions as misdemeanors, punishable by a maximum of two years in a county jail. A third conviction can be classified as a felony, punishable by a maximum of five years in state prison.

On the second and third offenses, the defendant's driver's license is automatically suspended for six months to two years.

An alcohol-related involuntary manslaughter conviction carries a maximum jail sentence of from two to 10 years and a mandatory 120 days in jail even if probation is granted. The driver's license is automatically suspended for six months.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Dinero Operating Co. will drill the No. 1 Harrell in the Camp Springs field, three miles north of Camp Springs. Planned for a depth of 7,600 feet, location is in Section 97, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Leclair Operating Co. will drill the No. 1 Van Norman in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles west of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 1;31, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Texaco Exploration will drill the No. 6363 Cogdell unit in the Cogdell field; 13 miles north of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 6,931 feet, location is in Section 551, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Dickson Petroleum has completed the No. 2-A Reed in the Howard-Glasscock field, five miles east of Forsan. The well produced 35 barrels of 30 gravity oil and 110 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,207-356 feet, and location is in Section 142, Block 19, W&NW survey.

Forsan Oil Co. will drill the No. 1-A Settles in the Howard-Glasscock field, three miles west of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 1,450 feet, location is in Section 6, Block 32, T&P survey.

Forsan Oil Co. will drill the No. 6-A Settles in the Howard-Glasscock field, three miles west of Forsan. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 1,950 feet, and location is in Section 6, Block 32, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley Development Co. has completed the No. 279 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 11 barrels of 31.5 gravity oil and 29 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,452-818 feet, and location is in Section 17, Block 29, T&P survey.

Kent County

Lunar Oil Co. will drill the No. 1-48 Wallace, a 7,805-foot reentry wildcat 32.5 miles northwest of Polar. Location is in Section 48, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Texaco will drill the No. 1014 Cogdell Unit in the Cogdell field, 22 miles northeast of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 6,800 feet, location is in Section 771, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mobil Producing has completed the No. 213-G Salt Creek unit in the Salt Creek field, seven miles northwest of Clairemont. The venture was finaled to produce 404 barrels of 38.7 gravity oil and 4,950 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 698-1 with perforations from 6,247-448 feet. Location is in Section 12, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Borden County

Collins and Ware has completed the No. 1-23 Jeff Good, a wildcat located 4.25 miles northwest of Vealmoor. The well was finaled to produce 94 barrels of 40.6 gravity oil and 24 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 512-1 with perforations from 7,780-788 feet. Location is in Section 23, Block 32, T3N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Enrich Oil Corp. will drill the No. 6 Stewman Ranch, a 7,700-foot wildcat located five miles southwest of Maryneal. Location is in Section 96, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Rand Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 2 Owens, a 7,100-foot wildcat 3.5 miles northeast of Maryneal. Location is in Section 114, Block X, T&P survey.

Tucker Drilling Co. will drill the No. 1-B B.K. Harris, a 5,500-foot wildcat 2.5 miles north of Maryneal. Location is in Section 95, Block X, T&P survey.

Tucker Drilling will drill the No. 1 Harris Railroad unit No. 8, a 5,500-foot wildcat located three miles north of Maryneal. Location is in Section 76, Block X, T&P survey.

Walter Exploration will drill the No. 1 Hogue, a 6,000-foot wildcat one mile northwest of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 40, Block 22, T&P survey.

Rincon Production Co. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Canfill in the Sandy Hill field, 6 miles northeast of Roby. Location was in Section 3, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Grand Banks Energy Co. has completed the No. 1305 Mills Strain unit in the Sharon Ridge field, four miles east of Cuthbert. The well was completed to produce 30 barrels of 32.2 gravity oil. Perforations were from 1,594-637 feet, and location is in Section 1, G.Y. Williams survey.

Fisher County

Cholla Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 14 Arco Hill in the Newman field, eight miles south of Roby. Planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, location is in Section 11, Block K, T&P survey.

Garza County

J.M. Huber Corp. will drill the No. 2 King in the Buenos field, nine miles northwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 9,000 feet, location is in Section 1,301, BS&F survey.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 6 p.m.

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Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall, 2701 Ave. Z; 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; TU Reddy Room; 7:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Daughters of the American Revolution; Snyder Country Club; Virginia Clark, speaker; 11:30 a.m.

Plainview Extension Homemakers; 2 p.m.

Athenieum Study Club dinner and installation of officers, hostesses, excutive committee; 7 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club, 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club "Spring Garden Party" Luncheon; Martha Ann Woman's Club; Zoe Kirkpatrick of Post and author of "Wildflowers of the Western Plains," program; noon.

Altrurian Daughters luncheon; MAWC; 11:15 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; W. 37th St.; hostess, Rachel Martin; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Diabetes Support Group; Senior Center; lunch if preferred and interested persons are welcome; for information, cal 573-7638; 12-1 p.m.

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

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

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

Scurry County Sheriffs Posse; Posse Clubhouse; 7:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

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

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



POSITIVE ACTION PROGRAM — Presenting the program, "Wishing For Summer," for the April positive action assembly at Central Elementary School were students of third grade teachers Paula Bowden, June Holcomb and Betty Thompson. On the first row are, from left, Leticia Martinez, Ashley Thomas, Cliff Beights, Randy Valadez, Trey Ramon, Jaci Tovar, Bernice Ornelas, Justin Cline, Thomas Whitt, Lacie Green, Melonie Adams, Crystal Rodriquez, Randy Carrisalez, Jeremy Martin, Rachel Fritz; second row, Jason Williams, Erin Dunham, Chris Hembree, Corey Clay, Aaron Bayer, Jennifer Linn, James Vaughn, Jase Olvera, James Villarreal, Chris Garza, Roxanne Chavez, Jason Hall, Kasey Collier, Jason Maldonado; third row, Brandon Gentry, Kristen Early, Adrianna Hermosillo, Mark Fields, Heath Conners, Monica Leyva, Chelsea Strunk, Freda Jackson, Brandon Simon, Arron-Hud Benitez, Amy Jaurez, Tim Fye, Tyler Neves, Kallie Billingsley, Vanessa Freeman; fourth row, LaTrisha Rollins, Marci Kruger, Jimmy Cockerell, Jenny Medrano, Sara Potts, Marcy Wilson, Ray Hernandez, Cherie Gassaway, Jonathan Scalf, Steven Ortegon, R.J. Sanders, Damen Woods and Ryan McAnally. Not pictured is Stephanie Garza. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dear Abby



DEAR READERS: "Vacillating in California" — a 76-year-old woman — wrote to say that she had been married to a practicing alcoholic for 42 years, and stayed with him because she wanted their two daughters to finish college. Their father died at home from cancer. During his long illness, his daughters refused to help their mother, saying, "He did it to himself," and they could never forgive him.

Mother was left with a $400,000 estate, and asked: "Shall I leave it to my daughters, or to the organization that cares for battered women in our community?"

My reply: "The battered women's organization gets my vote," and I asked my readers for their input.

I received an avalanche of mail (mostly negative). Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am writing as the former wife of an alcoholic and an active member of Al-Anon. One letter cannot possibly describe the hellish lives those daughters must have led and the sort of abuse they had to endure. I think they deserve the $400,000 inheritance — which can't make up for what they've been through, but it might make a dent in their psychiatrists' bills.

I hope those daughters find their way to Al-Anon and Adult Children of Alcoholics. I don't blame them for turning their backs on their father after all he put them through.

BEEN THERE

DEAR ABBY: I'm with you 100 percent. Why should "Vacillating" leave her $400,000 to those two ungrateful daughters who refused to help their mother with their father's care when he was dying? I'm for helping battered women — not rewarding selfish brats.

WILLIE LEE CRADER, CHOWCHILLA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Please tell "Vacillating" to spend her money on herself. She can afford to travel in style — and take along a less fortunate friend or two. With $400,000, she could make substantial contributions to deserving local charities, and set up a trust fund at a college to help some needy students. She shouldn't cut her daughters out completely — $25,000 to each of them would be plenty.

FAITHFUL READER, TAIPEI, TAIWAN

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your advice to "Vacillating." She says she stayed with her husband all those years for her daughters' sake. It would have been far better for her and her daughters had she left her husband — even if she had to work two jobs to support them. Most alcoholics have someone who has stayed with them, covered for them, and accepted the most unacceptable behavior. That's called "enabling." Please, Abby, no signature on this one. My mother is still living with her alcoholic husband.

WATSEKA, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: I vote for "Vacillating" to spend the $400,000 on herself and some charities of her choice, but she should leave each daughter $1 so she can't be accused of "forgetting" them. (Advice from a lawyer who taught a class on how to write a will.)

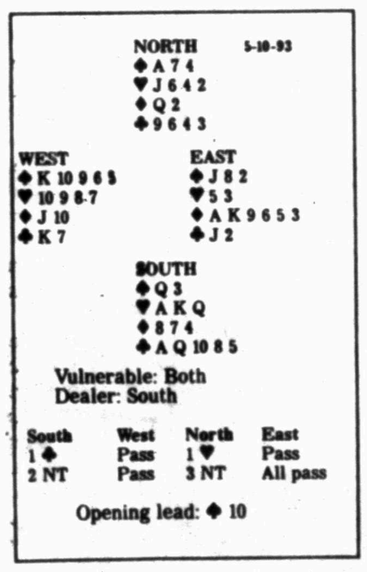
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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



A difference of how many?

By Phillip Alder

Suppose the same deal is played at two tables, and the same contract — three no-trump — is reached at both, but played from opposite sides of the table. How great a difference in the number of tricks won could this make?

When North was the declarer, East could have cashed the first six tricks in diamonds. However, he led the spade two. (Perhaps his partner had bid spades; the auction isn't on record.) When dummy's (South's) spade queen was covered by the king, declarer won immediately and finessed the club queen. But West won with the king and switched to the diamond jack. The defenders thus took 11 tricks: four spades, six diamonds and one club.

At the other table, South was Paul Yovich, a promising young player who was competing in his hometown of Perth, Australia. He considered his options when the dummy was tabled. He was favored with a spade lead around to his queen. Rather than cash the club ace or — better — cross to dummy with a spade and finesse the club queen, Yovich made an imaginative play. In tempo, at trick two he led the club *queen* from his hand.

Understandably, West assumed his partner had the club ace. To retain an entry card until after his spade suit was established, West played his low club. Imagine his consternation when the queen held and the next trick contained the club ace, king and jack.

After a momentary feeling of embarrassment, West joined in the laughter and congratulated Yovich on a great play.

Yovich won 11 tricks: nine more than the declarer at the other table.

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Congress created the Department of Justice in 1870.

In 1713, England's Queen Anne ordered French descendents in Nova Scotia to take an oath of allegiance to her government within a year or leave.

Cult children deny they were abused

WACO, Texas (AP) — Critics say the state child's welfare agency erred when investigating abuse allegations against the Branch Davidians by telephoning before visits and conducting interviews at the cult's home.

But a spokesman for the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services said there was no basis for legal action even though the agency feared that the children lived in less than ideal conditions.

"We were saying we were not able to validate the report of suspected abuse," Stewart David said. "We're not saying it didn't happen. We're just saying we were not able to validate it."

The agency's Waco office began investigating the religious sect in February 1992 after allegations were brought to its attention, local director Bob Boyd told the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Investigators made three visits to the Mount Carmel site. Also, leader David Koresh's wife, Rachel, brought their children to the agency's local office.

The inquiry ended with no action taken in April 1992 after officials spoke with 10 to 15 children, Boyd said.

The doctor now working with 21 children who lived in the compound said he doubts investigators received accurate information from the children because they were interviewed in their home.

"My sense is that there was a lot of censoring," said Dr. Bruce Perry of the Baylor College of Medicine. "It's clear these kids knew that they were being evaluated by outsiders. I'm sure that if there were things to disclose, they were not going to be in a position to do that."

Perry said the children he's spoken with recently have made "clear acknowledgement" of the charge that Koresh had sex with girls as young as 11.

"I believe if someone is having sex with someone who is 12, that's abuse," Perry said. "Absolutely. It's abusive and emotionally destructive."

The state agency has reported there were no signs of sexual abuse in the 21 children that left the Branch Davidian compound before it burned to the ground April 19.

About two months after the state agency dropped its investigation, the cult came under scrutiny by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Their work led to a Feb. 28 raid on the compound that turned into a firefight, killing four agents and six cultists. A 51-day stalemate ensued, ending in the April fire that killed 72 Davidians.

TV program to end

NEW YORK (AP) — When Fred Savage wants to look back on his adolescence, he doesn't have to deal with cumbersome photo albums or boxes of snapshots.

"It's all documented right there on TV," the 16-year-old star of "The Wonder Years" says in this week's People.

During the show's six-year run on ABC, millions of Americans watched Savage develop: He shot up almost a foot, his voice changed, the first hint of whiskers appeared. "I feel a little embarrassed," he says.

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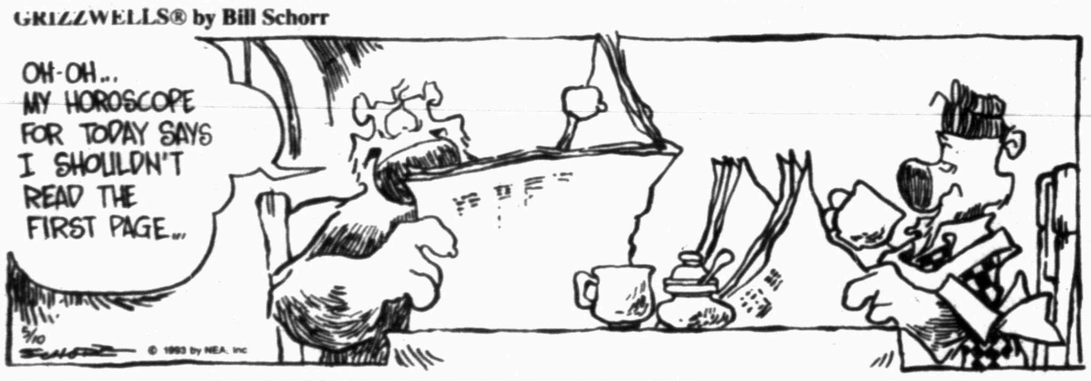
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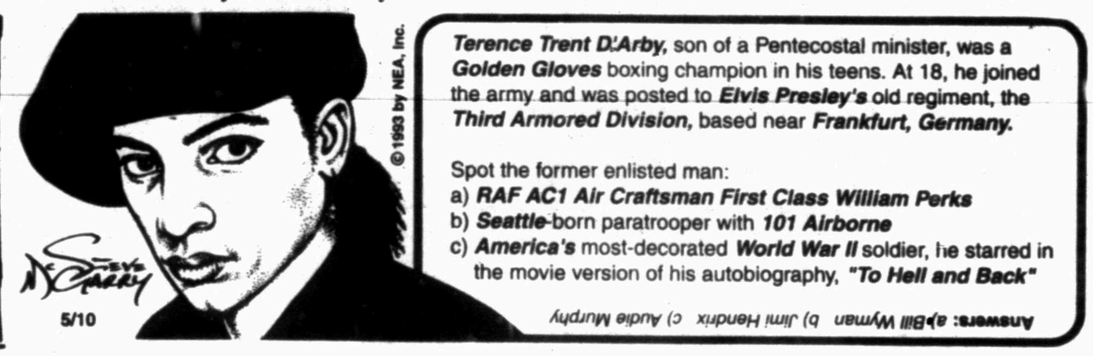
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29 — Claire, Wis.
30 Finish
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35 Opposite of nay
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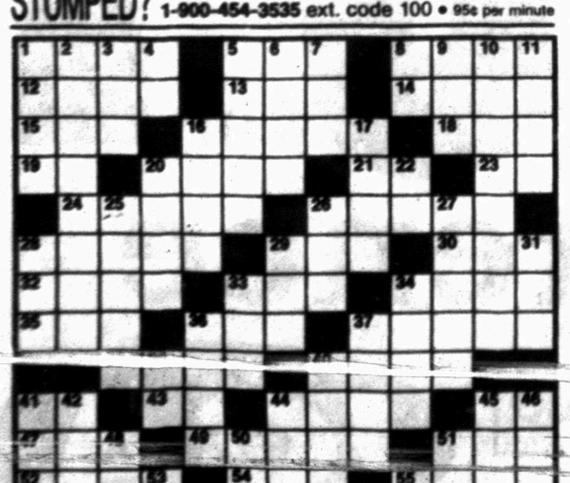
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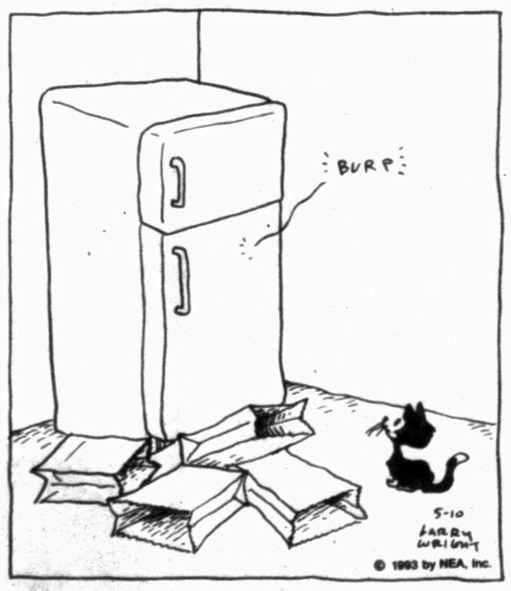
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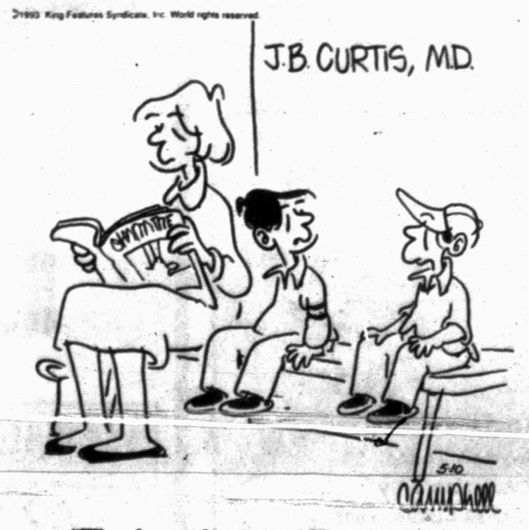


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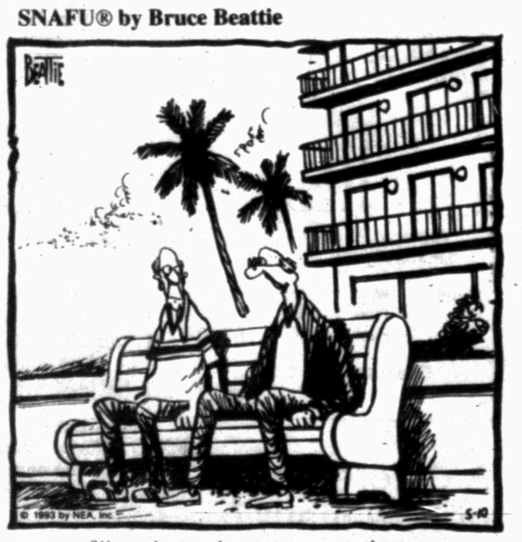
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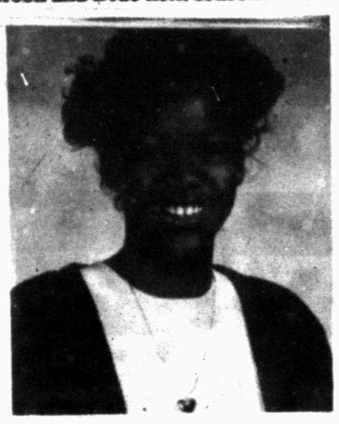


Plainview standout decides on Dusters

Fans of Snyder High School girls' basketball may recognize the latest addition to the Western Texas College Lady Dusters roster.

WTC coach Ron Jones announced Friday that Plainview standout Ericka Thompson will play for the Green and Blue next season.

Thompson, called E.T. by her teammates, was an All-district 2-4A forward in 1993, helping Coach Danny Wrenn's Lady Bulldogs to a 20-9 regular-season record, including a win over SHS at Scurry County Coliseum, and an appearance in the Class 4A playoffs as the loop runners-up.



ERICKA THOMPSON

Jones expects Thompson to make an immediate impact for the Dusters.

"She has excellent speed and quickness," he said of the 5-6 talent. "She also has a good outside shot.

"She'll fit in well with the style of basketball we play."

Thompson averaged 11 points and four rebounds a game as a senior at Plainview High. She shot almost 50 percent from the floor and was a 70 percent free throw shooter.

She was tabbed a PHS Scholar Athlete of the Week during her senior season and earned all-tournament recognition twice.

She picked WTC because of its strong business curriculum, various campus organizations and activities, and a friendly faculty.

Thompson plans to study accounting at Western Texas.

NBA playoffs...

Phoenix finally shakes L.A.

by The Associated Press

The Los Angeles Lakers were one shot away from a third shocking victory at Phoenix and the biggest playoff upset in NBA history.

That shot in the final seconds of regulation came with the score tied 95-95 and the series tied 2-2. But Byron Scott's desperation 3-point attempt just before the buzzer missed and the Suns avoided first-round embarrassment by outscoring the Lakers 17-9 in overtime for a 112-104 victory.

"They were fantastic and they just showed what they were made of," Suns coach Paul Westphal said of the Lakers. "We are very fortunate to get past them."

Charles Barkley had 31 points and 14 rebounds for the Suns, who also got a sparkling overtime performance from Oliver Miller, the heavy-set rookie who lost 40 pounds during the season. Miller had 17 points, 14 rebounds and seven blocked shots, including nine points and five rebounds in the five-minute extra period.

In other playoffs Sunday, Cleveland ousted New Jersey 99-89 in another first-round fifth game and New York defeated Charlotte 111-95 in a second-round opener.

Other second-round pairings have Houston at Seattle starting tonight and San Antonio at Phoenix and Cleveland at Chicago on Tuesday.

The Lakers, the only team in the playoffs with a losing record, were making their third straight attempt to complete the series victory over the team with the league's best record. No eighth seed has beaten a No. 1 seed.

Led by James Worthy's 24 points, the Lakers led 95-91 before baskets by Barkley and Dan Majerle tied the score. Then came Scott's errant 3-pointer.

"I knew it was a little short. Danny Ainge hit the palm of my hand just when I released it," Scott said.

Knicks 111, Hornets 95

Patrick Ewing, who averaged 35 points against Charlotte in the regular season, scored 33 as New York extended its home winning streak to 23 in the opener of the second-round series.

The Hornets led by as many as 12 points, even though All-Star Larry Johnson sprained his right leg above the ankle a minute into the game, forcing him to the sidelines after he hit two jumpers in the first 46 seconds.

It wasn't until midway through the third quarter that New York started dominating, outscoring Charlotte 48-22 in the final 18:47 and holding Hornets center Alonzo Mourning to six points in the second half after he scored 21 in the first.

"We were letting them score too easily. Our defense just wasn't there," Ewing said. "But we won the game. I won the battle with Alonzo because we won the game."

Mourning, who made 7 of 12 shots from the field and 7 of 9 free throws in the first half, was 3 of 9 with no free throws in the second half. Nine of his 13 rebounds came in the first half.

After Charlotte took a 73-63 lead in the third quarter, New York rallied with 13 consecutive points, including a 3-pointer and 18-footer by backup point guard Greg Anthony. After Tony Bennett's 3-pointer gave Charlotte an 80-78 lead, Anthony tied it with another jumper with 20 seconds left in the third period.

Then the Knicks outscored the Hornets 31-15 in the final quarter.

Cavaliers 99, Nets 89

Cleveland earned its fourth playoff meeting with Chicago since 1988, eliminating New Jersey behind Brad Daugherty's 24 points and team playoff record 20 rebounds.

Terrell Brandon replaced ineffective starter Mark Price midway through the first quarter and brought the Cavaliers to life, scoring 10 points and helping his [illegible] Derrick Coleman. Cleveland trailed by two when Price left and led 47-38 when he returned at the start of the second half.

Cleveland's starters took over from there, led by Daugherty and Larry Nance, who had 20 points and 12 rebounds. Price, a 37 pecent shooter in the first four games of the series, scored 16 second-half points.

"We were never overconfident playing New Jersey," Daugherty said. "In this locker room, we knew they're capable. They were one of six teams to beat us here during the regular season. We knew they were going to be difficult."

NBA playoffs

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First Round
(Best-of-5)

Thursday, April 29
Cleveland 114, New Jersey 98
Boston 112, Charlotte 101
Houston 117, LA Clippers 94
San Antonio 87, Portland 86

Friday, April 30
New York 107, Indiana 104
Chicago 114, Atlanta 90
Seattle 99, Utah 85
LA Lakers 107, Phoenix 103

Saturday, May 1
Charlotte 99, Boston 98, 2OT
Portland 105, San Antonio 96
New Jersey 101, Cleveland 99
LA Clippers 95, Houston 83

Sunday, May 2
New York 101, Indiana 91
LA Lakers 86, Phoenix 81
Chicago 117, Atlanta 102
Utah 89, Seattle 85

Monday, May 3
Charlotte 119, Boston 89
Houston 111, LA Clippers 99

Tuesday, May 4
Chicago 98, Atlanta 88, Chicago wins series 3-0
Indiana 116, New York 93
Utah 90, Seattle 80
Phoenix 107, LA Lakers 102

Wednesday, May 5
Charlotte 104, Boston 103, Charlotte wins series 3-1
San Antonio 107, Portland 101
Cleveland 93, New Jersey 84
LA Clippers 93, Houston 90

Thursday, May 6
New York 109, Indiana 100, OT, New York wins series 3-1
Seattle 93, Utah 80
Phoenix 101, LA Lakers 86

Friday, May 7
New Jersey 96, Cleveland 79
San Antonio 100, Portland 97, OT, San Antonio wins series 3-1

Saturday, May 8
Houston 84, LA Clippers 80, Houston wins series 3-2
Seattle 100, Utah 92, Seattle wins series 3-2

Sunday, May 9
Cleveland 99, New Jersey 89, Cleveland wins series 3-2
Phoenix 112, LA Lakers 104, OT, Phoenix wins series 3-2

Conference Semifinals
(Best-of-7)
New York 111, Charlotte 95, New York leads series 1-0

Monday, May 10
Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12
Charlotte at New York, 8 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 13
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Friday, May 14
New York at Charlotte, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 15
Phoenix at San Antonio, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 9 p.m.

Sunday, May 16
New York at Charlotte 1 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 9 p.m.

Monday, May 17
Chicago at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18
Charlotte at New York, TBA, if necessary
Houston at Seattle, TBA, if necessary
San Antonio at Phoenix, TBA, if necessary

Wednesday, May 19
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, May 20
New York at Charlotte, TBA, if necessary
Seattle at Houston, TBA, if necessary
Phoenix at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary

Friday, May 21
Chicago at Cleveland, 8 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, May 22
Houston at Seattle, TBA, if necessary
San Antonio at Phoenix, TBA, if necessary

Sunday, May 23
Charlotte at New York, TBA, if necessary

Cleveland at Chicago, TBA, if necessary

Brown, Gonzalez lead Texas to 2-1 win over Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kevin Brown waited and then waited some more and seemingly was better than ever.

Rain washed out Brown's scheduled start Saturday. He came back Sunday and waited out a two-hour, 39-minute rain delay. He then held Kansas City to one run on six hits as Juan Gonzalez' two-run homer gave the Rangers a 2-1 victory over Kansas City and the Royals' new hard-luck pitcher, David Cone.

"Getting pushed back in the rotation hurts," said Brown, who is now 2-1 this season when pitching on six days rest. "You never know what you are going to have. You're kind of holding your breath to see what you come out with. Sometimes I get too strong when I have extra days."

Brown (4-1) could not get much stronger, retiring the last 12 batters as he pitched his major league-leading fourth complete game and lowered his leading earned run average to 1.27.

Brown had retired the last 13 in a row in pitching a complete game in his last start against Milwaukee.

All that had manager Kevin Kennedy invoking names like Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale.

"Those pitchers save runs," Kennedy said. "They're tough competitors. He's got a runner on second with no outs and he's going to make you earn it. He doesn't cave in under pressure. He's going to make you hit his pitch."

George Brett reached second leading off the sixth when Jose Canseco dropped his sinking liner in right for a two-base error. Brown struck out Felix Jose and got Wally Joyner and Chris Gwynn on fly outs to save the potential tying run.

The Royals lost three runners on the basepaths and have scored just 16 runs in Cone's seven starts. Cone pitched admirably — as he has all season — but came away with nothing to show for a complete game two-hitter. He is only the second pitcher in Royals history to lose a two-hitter.

Julio Franco doubled leading off the fourth and Gonzalez followed one out later with a drive over the 410-foot sign in left-center, his second homer in as many games. Gonzalez is eight for his last 12 official at-bats after his ninth homer.

The Royals got their run when Brett doubled in the fourth, moved up on a single by Jose that deflected off the glove of third baseman Dean Palmer and scored on Joyner's sacrifice fly.

Cone (0-5) walked off after the ninth to a standing ovation from the small crowd who had waited through the rain to watch the game.

Baseball glance

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	17	12	.586	—
New York	17	13	.567	½
Boston	17	14	.548	1
Toronto	16	15	.516	2
Milwaukee	13	15	.464	3½
Baltimore	12	17	.414	5
Cleveland	12	19	.387	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	18	11	.621	—
California	17	11	.607	½
Texas	16	12	.571	1½
Seattle	16	15	.516	3
Kansas City	12	17	.414	6
Minnesota	12	17	.414	6
Oakland	10	17	.370	7

Saturday's Games
Baltimore 6, Toronto 3
Milwaukee 6, Boston 3
Texas at Kansas City, ppd., rain
Chicago 10, Cleveland 7
New York 10, Detroit 8, 11 innings
Seattle 7, Minnesota 2
Oakland 6, California 2

Sunday's Games
New York 11, Detroit 2
Baltimore 4, Toronto 3
Milwaukee 6, Boston 0
Chicago 6, Cleveland 5
Seattle 6, Minnesota 4
Texas 2, Kansas City 1
California 7, Oakland 6, 10 innings

Monday's Games
New York (Perez 1-2) at Detroit (Wells 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Dopson 2-1) at Baltimore (Mussina 4-1), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (Fernandez 3-2) at Seattle (Hampton 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (Leibrandt 3-1) at Oakland (Darling 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Banks 2-2) at California (Farrell 2-3), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	22	7	.759	—
Montreal	16	14	.533	6½
Pittsburgh	15	14	.517	7
St. Louis	15	15	.500	7½
Chicago	14	15	.483	8
Florida	14	16	.467	8½
New York	10	18	.357	11½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	19	12	.613	—
Houston	18	12	.600	½
Atlanta	18	15	.545	2
San Diego	13	16	.448	5
Los Angeles	13	17	.433	5½
Cincinnati	12	18	.400	6½
Colorado	10	20	.333	8½

Saturday's Games
Florida 4, New York 2
Chicago 8, San Diego 6
Atlanta 8, Colorado 7
Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 2, 12 innings
Philadelphia 2, St. Louis 1, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 10, Montreal 9, 10 innings
Houston 12, Cincinnati 1

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 5
Florida 6, New York 4
San Diego 5, Chicago 4
Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 5, 11 innings
Atlanta 12, Colorado 7
Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 4
Houston 6, Cincinnati 3

Monday's Games
San Diego (Taylor 0-1) at Cincinnati (Browning 2-2), 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Walk 3-2) at Philadelphia (Jackson 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
Florida (Bowen 2-3) at New York (Saberhagen 2-3), 7:40 p.m.
Los Angeles (Astacio 2-2) at Chicago (Hibbard 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 2-3) at Houston (Portugal 3-2), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Wilson 0-2) at Colorado (Reynoso 1-1), 9:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Astros' quick start downs Cincinnati

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have recently discovered a good way to win ball games. Score early and pitch strongly.

For the second straight game, the Astros scored five runs in the first inning and got a good performance from their starting pitcher and turned it into a 6-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Sunday.

Reds rookie Tim Pugh (2-3) became the latest victim of the Astros' early outburst. Houston roughed up the Cincinnati starter for nine hits and six runs in five innings, while Astros starter Pete Harnisch (3-1) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings, striking out 10.

As they did in Saturday's 12-1 over the Reds, Houston scored five runs on five hits in its first at-bat and coasted the rest of the way.

"It looked like a replay from the night before, except they didn't hit any home runs," Cincinnati manager Tony Perez said. "I guess that is good."

After watching his Reds win the first two games of the four-game series, Perez saw his pitching staff victimized for 18 runs in the last two games. After winning three of the first four games on the road trip, they finished at 3-3.

Joe Oliver's two-run homer and Roberto Kelly's solo shot accounted for Cincinnati's runs.

Jeff Bagwell, the Astros' first baseman, went 8 for 14 for the series with three home runs to push his batting average to .345. He ranks among league leaders in virtually every offensive category.

A sure sign of a hitter on a roll, he had a first-inning broken-bat single that dropped safely in front of left fielder Kevin Mitchell.

"He broke his bat and still got a hit, that happens when you're swinging the bat well," Pugh said. "Bagwell can hurt you. He's a tough out."

Despite offensive numbers ranking with the best this year, Bagwell remains realistic about his early success.

"It's been one of those things where I am getting decent pitches," Bagwell said. "I have been hitting the ball well, but I have also been lucky. When you're hitting like I have been this season you have to get some breaks."

The rest of the Astros' lineup has joined Bagwell in posting offensive numbers they could hardly have imagined at this point last season.

Houston has a team-batting average of .272 this year compared to a meager .224 at this point a year ago. The other improved numbers over the first 30 games of the year include 30 homers to 14, 153 runs to 84, 60 doubles to 42, all while reducing strikeouts from 223 to 142.

As a result, Houston is 18-12 and a half game out of first place, instead of five games off the pace as the Astros were at the same time last year, with a 13-17 record.

"We've got some pop in the lineup this year," Houston outfielder Eric Anthony said.

Ira outlasts Cards, 21-17

The Ira Bulldogs prevailed over Hermleigh, 21-17, in a sloppily-played District 4-A baseball game Saturday at Moffett Field.

"The score pretty much tells it all," said Ira coach Lynn Cauley. "Abner Doubleday had to be spinning in his grave watching that one."

The game, played Saturday morning, was made up from Friday night's rain-out.

The Bulldogs were led by Ricky Stroud, who was 3-for-3, Mike Hughes and winning pitcher Jason Hartley, who each had a double and a single in three at-bats, and Toby Haynes and Brian Miller, who each went 1-for-3.

Hermleigh's top offensive producer was Chris Roemisch, who managed three hits in five trips to the batter's box.

Hartley took the win with a 3 1/3-inning relief stint. Wyatt Webster was the starter for Ira, going 3 2/3 and fanning six.

Hermleigh's Joey Sanchez was Saturday's loser, coming on in relief of Chris Velasco.

Saturday's win lifts the Bulldogs to 6-8 on the season and 3-1 in district games. One win in their final two games, versus Loraine on Tuesday and Westbrook on Friday, will put Ira in the playoffs for the second straight year.

The Cardinals, in their first baseball season, are winless in eight starts, including four 4-A contests.

Hermleigh's last two games will be at Westbrook on Tuesday and at home against Loraine on Friday.

District 4-A

	Baseball Season		District	
Team				
Loraine	8	4	4	0
Ira	6	8	3	1
Westbrook	1	4	1	3
Hermleigh	0	8	0	4

Friday's game
Loraine 1, Westbrook 0 (forfeit)

Saturday's game
Ira 21, Hermleigh 17

Tuesday's games
Loraine at Ira
Hermleigh at Westbrook

Locals place at state TKD tourney

DALLAS — Three Snyder entrants advanced to the National Senior Taekwondo Championships with wins at the state level here recently.

Brett Wright, Chris Wright and Greg Gafford all earned berths at the May 27-29 national tournament, to be held in St. Paul, Minn.

Brett Wright, 16, was fighting in the 17-33 Year-Old Division as a red belt welterweight. He took a silver medal in forms and the bronze in free-sparring.

Chris Wright was a gold-medal winner in fighting in the same age group. He competed as a middleweight red belt at the meet here.

Gafford, instructor at Snyder's West Texas TKD Academy, also captured a gold medal. Gafford took first place in fighting in the black belt Masters Division of the state tourney.

Gold and silver medalists in each division at state advanced to the national tournament in Minnesota.

Youth baseball results

LITTLE LEAGUE
Indians 15, Giants 5

Josh Gonzales was 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles, and winning pitcher Johnny Pena gave up just three hits as the Indians downed the Giants Friday.

Sonny Cumbie rapped a two-sacker and a single, Pena, Clint Hook and Banks Alexander each laced an extra-base hit, Chris Fields singled twice and Rowdy Cumbie lifted a hit for the Tribe.

Tyler Warren punched a pair of singles and Matthew Grimmett doubled for the Giants.

Randall Price was Friday's loser.

White Sox 9, Yankees 8

The White Sox scored three runs in the last of the sixth inning to overtake the Yankees in a Little League matchup Friday.

Josh Ward drilled three hits, including a double, Jacob Hodges doubled, Sam Bedell popped twin singles and Michael Childs added a hit for the Sox.

Top hitters for the Yanks included Brad Roemisch, who doubled and singled, James Shields, who nailed a two-bagger, Clay Berryman, who smacked a pair of hits, and Brett Gibson and Ryan Gibson, who lashed a single apiece.

Ward was the winner, fanning 13. Roemisch struck out 12 and was the losing pitcher.

FARM LEAGUE
White Sox 7, Yankees 6

The White Sox pulled out the 1-run win Friday, scoring three in the top of the sixth inning to rally from behind.

Nicholas Barboza homered, Kyle McClendon doubled twice and added a single, La Bow Rivers tripled and James Villareal chipped in a double and a single for the Sox.

In addition, Billy Burleson and Joey Rocha thumped a single each.

The Yankees' 12 hit attack was led by Jeremy Border's two doubles [illegible]

Getting a single each were Adam Roemisch, Clay Preston, Dane Crunk, losing pitcher Patrick Vincent, Jake Thompson, Brooks Nunley and Josh Levens.

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Persian Gulf War vets joining ranks of homeless people

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials say as many as 300 Gulf War veterans are now among the Houston's homeless.

"The Vietnam vet seems to draw the most attention, which they deserve, but that just makes it harder for me," said a former Desert Storm Marine, who would be identified only as 40-year-old B.B. He served in the Persian Gulf for nine months and saw extensive combat action with one of the first battalions that entered Kuwait, he said.

Since his return to Houston in August 1991, B.B. said he's been unable to find a fulltime job. He has temporary shelter in a relative's home, but the house is for sale and once it's sold, he and his dog Brownie will be out on the streets. He said he's prepared to live in his car.

"I don't think the government is doing enough to help me readjust," B.B. told The Houston Post. "They make it look like they're helping but they really aren't. There is a lot of runaround and a lot of red tape and I never seem to be able to talk to the right people."

B.B. receives counseling, employment and medical services and a monthly disability check. But none of those have pushed him back into society.

"We have no idea how severe the situation is, but I think we're falling behind," said George Castillo, coordinator for the Veteran's Administration Medical Center's homeless health care program. "We need to do more."

Overall, an estimated 3,000 to 6,000 homeless war veterans are living on the streets of Houston.

Many others may be on the verge of homelessness. More than 13,000 veterans are registered with the Texas Employment Commission, meaning they are looking for work, receiving unemployment checks, or both.

Most of those are Vietnam veterans.

But the American Legion's Jim Hubbard said he is seeing a growing number of Desert Storm veterans joining their ranks.

"We know there is a problem and now we're trying to persuade Capitol Hill that the problem exists so we can get the funding to study it," said Hubbard, director of the Legion's national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Despite the numerous, but limited benefits available to homeless veterans, including housing and job placement, medical services, counseling, mental health therapy, drug and alcohol treatment and vocational training, some simply choose to live on the streets.

"The bureaucracy they have to get through to get benefits from the government often is too much for them," said Mamie Arbuckle, a clinical nurse specialist at the VA Medical Center's homeless health care program. "They get frustrated and they just drop out."

Balancing campaign reform with winning elections is not easy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says his campaign finance bill would "change the course of America." More likely, it would change the course of elections.

But because it was drafted by Democrats, Republicans will fight to make sure it changes nothing.

To the public, federal campaign finance reform means getting the sleaze out of politics. Odd as it may seem, few politicians in either political party object to this goal.

What makes passage of campaign reform legislation through the Congress difficult is that the politicians also want to win elections.

"Campaign reform is well known to every member. Every detail is something that they personally live with and experience," House Majority leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said in an informal chat with reporters last week.

"That's why this is such a hard thing to come to a common denominator," he said. "There's lots of details."

To accommodate concerns of congressional Democrats — never mind the Republicans — the campaign finance Bill Clinton proposed Friday certainly contains some quirks.

For example: House members would be allowed to raise the least money overall, but would raise the most from political action committees, or PACs. The House limit would be $5,000, compared with $2,500 for Senate races and $1,000 per PAC in presidential elections.

That was to accommodate the concerns of women and minorities from poor districts who depend heavily on PAC money.

It also leaves loopholes for the flow of corporate and union "soft money" — unrestricted donations to the parties — into the political system.

Unions especially would be able to continue to help Democrats get elected, without having their activities counted against the campaign spending limits envisioned in the bill.

But Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky, says clamping down on contributions to the political parties is "a blatantly partisan attempt to put a lid on the kind of political contributions that Republicans tend to do well with."

Republicans are offering their own version of campaign reform, which would ban all PACs, prohibit incumbents from mailing at federal expense in an election year, cut off the union "soft money" and limit candidates access to out-of-state money.

The GOP also is unalterably opposed to even limited public financing of congressional elections. It's a favorite of reformers, but Republicans see it as a Democratic incumbency subsidy — and as the place to start building public opposition to the Clinton plan.

"During the presidential campaign, Bill Clinton promised to "change welfare as we know it. ... Little did we know that this change would consist of creating a new entitlement program for politicians," said McConnell, the Republican point man.

But since theirs can't pass, the main GOP goal is to rip apart the Democrats' package. If they close ranks in the Senate, they can succeed in the same way they killed Clinton's $16 billion stimulus spending bill, by using the Senate's filibuster rule to block a final vote.

But Republicans weren't the only ones unhappy with the Democrats' package.

Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., doesn't accept PAC money and says no one should.

"The proposal ... fails to seriously limit the influence of special interest money, nor does it help to improve the competition in congressional races," he said.

Cher seeks aid for Armenians

LONDON (AP) — Cher is calling on the West to help get humanitarian aid to Armenia, which has been engulfed in an undeclared war with neighboring Azerbaijan for five years.

"The situation there is dire," the half-Armenian actress told reporters Sunday at London's Heathrow airport. "They are landlocked and have no fuel supplies. They have no water, they have no power, they have nothing. The people there are desperate."

Cher went to Yerevan, capital of the former Soviet republic, on Wednesday aboard a chartered cargo jet with 25 reporters and $2.75 million worth of privately donated humanitarian aid, including toys, medical supplies and computers. The trip was sponsored by the United Armenian Fund.

Cher called on Britain and the United States to pressure Turkey to open up a supply route. She said she planned to return to Armenia in the fall.

"I'll probably go in with supplies but one planeload is just a gesture," she said.

Twisters kill one person; dozens injured

WYLIE, Texas (AP) — Most tornado survivors say the swirling storms sound like the roar of an approaching freight train, but Art Newland, 46, says he never heard it coming.

That's not true of some of his neighbors, whose Mother's Day observances were disrupted by a tornado Sunday that killed one and injured more than 60 in the town of Wylie (population 8,600), about 20 miles northeast of Dallas.

But Newland swears he didn't hear anything.

Instead, he saw a swarm of debris whiz past his window, prompting Newland to herd his wife and 18-year-old son into the bathroom.

"I was the last one in," Newland said. "I tried to close the door, but the air pressure kept pushing it in. I finally got it closed and a few seconds later there was this 'boom' as the windows broke and everything in the house started spinning."

Newland's house suffered major structural damage, he said. But his prized 1968 Pontiac GTO in the garage was intact. "I've been restoring that car for a year and a half," he said.

The twister that carved a swath of destruction through Newland's neighborhood already had touched down just a few miles to the [illegible] community of Sachse, in the northeast corner of Dallas County.

"I heard it coming and got in the bathtub and prayed," said a woman in the next block. "It was terrible."

Bill Kunstmann was not home when the storm hit, but he returned immediately to check on his dogs.

Officers work several mishaps

Snyder police worked several minor traffic accidents during the weekend.

At 1:01 p.m. Saturday, police investigated a vehicle-pedestrian accident in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Involved were a 1978 Oldsmobile driven by Venita Davis of 3915 Muriel Drive and a pedestrian, Clinton Lambert of 907 27th St. No ambulance was called.

At 4:38 p.m. Saturday, officers investigated a second mishap in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Involved were a 1990 Chevrolet driven by Emilee Taylor of Rt. 1 and a 1989 Buick driven by Izora Milliken 2107 29th St.

At 2:27 p.m. Sunday, officers worked an accident in the 1400 block of 37th St. Involved were a 1991 Pontiac driven by Timothy Daniel Clark of 3608 41st St. and a 1985 Oldsmobile driven by Amy Marie Mendoza of Sweetwater.

Police also worked a mishap at 6:14 p.m. Sunday in the Golden Corral parking lot. Involved were a 1987 Chevrolet driven by George Alvarado of 307 24th St. and a 1992 Ford pickup driven by Sandra Mahan Wheeler of Denver City.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Staci Bollinger, 4516 Fredonia; Sharon Gilbert, Rotan; W.C. Hart, P.O. Box 337; Doug Ayers, Weatherford; R.L. Grimmett, Rt. 3 Box 118D; Oran Sturdivant, 4505 El Paso; Kiva Greenwood, 2315 Peyton; Linda Sanchez, 4400 Ave. U.

DISMISSALS: Annie Cornelius, Rexanne Kalmer, Bonnie McDorman, Anna Perez and baby; Oralia Rodriguez, Geraldine Stokes, Doug Ayers, Staci Bollinger, Billie Sue Stuard.

Census 56 (Med.-15, Long-Term Care-37, OB-2.; Nursery-2).

Births

Gordon and Sharon Gilbert of Rotan announce the birth of their son at 11:44 a.m. on May 8 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds and ¾ ounces.

Stacie and Charles Bollinger of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter born at 2:49 p.m. on May 7 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 8½ ounces.

Linda Sanchez of Snyder announces the birth of her seven-pound, three-ounce son born at 5:40 a.m. on May 9. He weighed seven pounds and three ounces.

Teen airlifted to Lubbock hospital

A one-vehicle rollover Saturday has left two Scurry County teen-agers in a Lubbock hospital with multiple injuries.

Thirteen-year-old John D. Border was treated for a fractured leg and possible internal injuries at Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room shortly after 6 p.m. Sunday and transferred to St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock by an Aerocare helicopter at 9:18 p.m.

Jeremiah Border, 11, was treated for facial injuries at Cogdell and also transfered to St. Mary's at 9:50 p.m.

Both boys are listed in stable condition in the pediatric intensive care unit.

A third victim in the accident, 16-year-old Johnny Hill of Snyder, was brought to Cogdell emergency room at 6:32 p.m. and was released after being treated for contusions and lacerations.

The mishap occurred shortly after 4:30 p.m. along Country Road 644 near Hermleigh.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	687/8	673/4	683/4	+11/8
Albertsons	563/4	56	565/8	+1/8
Alldsignal	631/8	627/8	63	+1/8
ALLTEL Cp	521/2	521/8	521/4	
AmStores	43	423/4	427/8	-1/8
Amer T&T	565/8	561/4	561/4	-1/8
Ameritech	751/8	741/2	743/4	+1/4
Amoco	551/8	547/8	551/8	+5/8
AndarkPtr	401/8	397/8	40	
Arkla	103/8	101/8	101/4	+1/4
Armcolnc	7	67/8	7	+1/8
AtlRichfld	123	1221/8	1225/8	
BakerHughes	271/4	263/4	271/8	+1/8
BancTexas	21/8	21/8	21/8	-1/8
BellAtl	527/8	523/8	523/4	+3/8
BellSouth	521/2	52	523/8	+5/8
Beth Steel	191/2	193/8	193/8	-1/4
Borden	21	203/8	205/8	-1/8
Caterpllr	693/8	681/8	693/8	+11/2
CenSoWst	321/8	317/8	32	-1/8
Chevron	865/8	86	863/8	
Chrysler	427/8	421/2	427/8	+3/8
Coastal	261/2	263/8	261/2	+1/8
CocaCola	393/8	383/4	393/8	+5/8
ColgatePalm	605/8	603/8	603/8	-1/4
ComlMetl	281/8	28	281/8	+1/8
CooperIn	471/4	47	471/8	+1/4
CyprusMn	251/2	25	25	+1/8
DallSemicn	143/8	141/8	141/4	+1/4
DeltaAirl	581/8	573/8	581/8	+1
DigitalEq	463/4	457/8	463/8	+5/8
Dillard s	405/8	403/8	401/2	+1/8
DowChem	551/4	545/8	551/8	+5/8
DresserInd	205/8	203/8	201/2	+1/4
DuPont	521/4	513/8	521/8	+5/8
EstKodak	507/8	501/8	503/4	+11/4
EljerInd	77/8	77/8	77/8	
Enserch	191/4	19	19	-1/4
Exxon	641/2	641/8	641/4	+1/8
FlowerInd	173/4	171/2	173/4	+3/8
FordMotor	56	553/8	557/8	+1/2
GTE Cp	36	357/8	357/8	
GnDynam	953/4	951/4	951/2	
GenElct	95	933/4	943/4	+1/2
GnMill	673/4	671/8	671/2	+1/2
GenMotors	411/4	401/4	411/8	+11/8
GnMotr E	315/8	311/2	311/2	
GaPacif	637/8	63	631/4	
GlobalMar	41/8	4	41/8	
Goodrich	46	453/4	453/4	
Goodyear s	381/4	373/8	381/8	+11/4
GtAtlPac	293/8	283/4	29	+1/4
Gulf StaUt	173/4	173/4	173/4	-1/8
Haliburtn	39	383/4	387/8	+1/8
Hanson	181/2	183/8	183/8	-1/4
HoustInd	46	451/2	457/8	-1/8
IBM	49	481/2	485/8	
IntlPaper	653/4	653/8	655/8	
JohnsnJns s	443/8	433/8	443/8	+11/8
K mart	233/4	233/8	231/2	+1/4
Kroger	177/8	175/8	173/4	+1/8
vjLTV Cp	11-32	1/4	5-16	
Litton s	61	603/8	61	+7/8
Lowes s	311/4	31	311/8	+1/8
Lubys	23	223/4	227/8	+3/8
Maxus	93/8	91/4	91/4	-1/8
MayDSt	753/8	741/2	751/4	+1
Medtronic	691/2	673/4	691/2	+17/8
Mobil	695/8	691/8	691/2	+1/8
Monsanto	531/2	531/8	533/8	+1/4
Motorola s	771/2	763/8	771/4	+3/4
Nationsbk	491/4	483/4	491/8	+1/2
Navistar	21/2	23/8	23/8	
Nynex	84	831/4	84	+7/8
OryxEngy	221/2	223/8	223/8	-1/8
PacTelesis	461/8	455/8	46	+3/8
PanhECp	213/4	211/2	215/8	+1/4
PenneyJC s	441/2	441/4	441/4	+3/8
Pennzoil	64	631/2	637/8	+1/2
PepBoys	213/4	211/2	211/2	-1/4
PhelpD s	421/2	413/4	421/4	-1/8
PhilipPet	295/8	293/8	291/2	-1/8
PilgrmPrd	81/2	81/2	81/2	+1/8
Polaroid	351/8	343/4	35	+3/8
Praxair n	15	147/8	147/8	-1/8
Primerica s	455/8	443/4	453/8	+3/4
ProctGamb s	491/4	485/8	491/8	
PubS NwMx	133/8	131/4	131/4	-1/8
SFePacCp	161/8	153/4	161/8	+3/8
SaraLee s	26	255/8	253/4	
SearsRoeb	54	531/2	533/4	+3/8
SherwinW	323/8	321/8	321/4	-1/8
SmthBch s	373/4	371/2	371/2	+1/8
SmthBc eqt s	333/4	331/2	335/8	+1/2
Southern Co	417/8	415/8	415/8	
SwAirl s	39	373/4	381/2	+5/8
SwstBell	75	741/2	75	+1/2
SwstBell wi	38	371/2	375/8	-1/8
Sprint	311/8	307/8	311/8	+1/8
SterlingChm	37/8	37/8	37/8	
SunCo	243/4	241/2	241/2	-1/8
TNP Ent	193/8	19	191/4	
Tandy	301/2	301/4	303/8	+1/4
TempInl	443/4	441/2	441/2	-1/8
Tenneco	487/8	48	487/8	+11/8
Texaco	637/8	631/8	633/4	+3/8
TexasInst	633/8	623/8	631/4	+1/2
Tex Util	471/2	467/8	471/4	+1/4
Textron	481/2	481/8	481/2	
Trinity	47	46	467/8	+13/8
TritonEngy	415/8	411/2	411/2	+1/8
Tyler	47/8	47/8	47/8	
US West	421/8	413/4	42	+1/2
USX Delhi n	19	187/8	19	+1/8
USX-Marathn	191/2	191/8	193/8	+1/4
USX-USS	423/4	421/2	421/2	-1/4
UnCarbde	195/8	191/4	191/2	
UnPac	623/8	62	621/8	-1/4
UnitTech	52	515/8	515/8	+1/4
Unocal	307/8	305/8	307/8	-3/8
WalMart s	261/2	261/8	263/8	+1/8
WstnGasRs	317/8	315/8	315/8	
WestghEl	163/8	157/8	161/8	+1/8
WinnDixie	561/2	557/8	561/8	+1/4
Woolwth	301/8	293/4	297/8	
Xerox Cp	75	743/8	743/4	+3/8
ZenithE	7	67/8	67/8	

Police note five arrests

Snyder police made five arrests over the weekend, including two on drinking-related charges.

At 10:24 a.m. Saturday, police arrested a 71-year-old man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated in the 2100 block of 30th Street.

Officers arrested a 23-year-old man at 8:14 p.m. Saturday in the Allsup's parking lot on outstanding Midland DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

At 11:01 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 22-year-old man at 26th Street and Avenue Q for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old woman for Class B theft, shoplifting, at 12:47 p.m. Sunday at Furr's.

Police also arrested a 23-year-old man for violation of a protective order at 5:37 p.m. Sunday in the 200 block of 31st Street.

Police were advised of a burglary in progress at 12:06 a.m. today at 1401 College Avenue. The suspect, described as a 6-foot male Hispanic, fled the area. Owner of the service station, O.D. Brewer, reported that an undetermined amount of currency was missing from the business. A report for burglary of a building was filed.

At 8:04 p.m. Saturday, police were advised of damage to two speakers at Sweet's Shop. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

A second report for criminal mischief, Class B, was filed after damage to a screen and window were reported at 1609 Ave. E at 9:43 p.m. Saturday.

Officers also filed separate reports for Class C assault at 6:54 p.m. and 8:26 p.m. Sunday. In one, a man informed police that he had been assaulted by another man. In the second report, a woman advised she had been assaulted by her husband.

Obituaries

Shane Roe

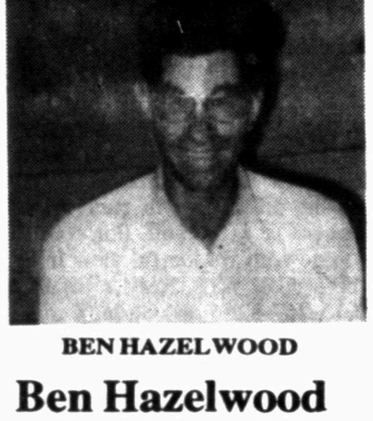
1970-1993

MIDLAND — Services are pending in Midland for former Snyder resident Shane Roe, 23, of Houston who died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident Sunday.

He had attended Snyder public schools.

Mr. Roe was the son of Jerry and Beatriz Cline; the grandson of Troy and Connie Green; the brother of Justin Cline; and the sister of Rachel Morgan, all of Snyder.

Other survivors include his wife, Tammy Roe of Houston; his mother, Mary Shaw of Midland and his father, Jerry Roe of Houston; another brother, Jim Bob Cline of Korea.



BEN HAZELWOOD

Ben Hazelwood

1930-1993

Services have been set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Benney Lee "Ben" Hazelwood Sr., 62, of Snyder. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mr. Hazelwood died at 3:10 p.m. Sunday at a daughter's residence in Abilene following a lengthy illness.

Born on Oct. 10, 1930, in McKinney, he had resided in Snyder since 1942 and was involved in farm and ranch work. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wesley Hazlewood, in 1986 and by a brother, Ray, in 1992.

Survivors include three sons, Bennie Lee Hazelwood Jr. of Hermleigh, Robert Dewey Hazelwood of Snyder and Michael Ray LaSalle of Trent; two daughters, Corby Lee Hill Ozuna of Abilene and Sally Ann Munday of Abilene; his mother, Newell Hazelwood of Snyder; two brothers, John Wesley Hazelwood of Bryan and Harold Dean Hazelwood of Tyler; three sisters, Mary Ellen Clay of Snyder, Bonnie (Patsy) Faye Hazelwood of Snyder and Roma Lenderman of Las Cruces, N.M.; and seven grandchildren.

Ricardo Rivera

1961-1993

SPUR — Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. Mary's Catholic Church for Ricardo Rivera, 31, of Spur who died Saturday in University Medical Center in Lubbock. Burial will be in Spur Memorial Cemetery.

He was the nephew of Jesse and Ester Lara of Snyder.

Mr. Rivera was born in Spur and had lived there most of his life. He was a truck driver and a Catholic.

Other survivors include his parents, Valentine and Paula Lara Rivera of Spur; a son, Ricardo Jessie Valentine Rivera of Spur; a daughter, Amber Rivera of Spur; four brothers, Valentine Rivera Jr. and Venito Rivera, both of Wyoming; Benjamin Rivera of Germany and Jessie Rivera of Dumas; a sister, Nora Rivera of Bovina; and several cousins of Snyder.

News briefs

Drug crimes increase prison count

WASHINGTON (AP) — The inmate population at state and federal prisons reached a record 883,593 last year due to an increase in people locked up for drug-related convictions, the Justice Department says.

While the total increase of 59,460 inmates in state and federal prisons represents [illegible] smaller federal prison population grew at a much faster rate of 12.1 percent, to 80,259 inmates. State prison populations rose by 6.8 percent, to 803,334.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics report released Sunday said that in 1990 — the last year for which the bureau had available data — almost one-third of all new court commitments to prison were drug offenders. That was up from 11.5 percent in 1977.

The agency said 1990 was the first year the number of inmates imprisoned for drug offenses, about 103,800, exceeded those in prison for property crimes, 102,400. Approximately 87,200 were imprisoned for violent crimes.

Princess Di's stepmother to remarry

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana's stepmother Raine Spencer will marry for the third time, it was announced today, slightly more than a year after the death of her second husband, Earl Spencer.

Countess Spencer, 63, is engaged to French businessman Count Jean-Francois de Chambrun, her mother, romantic novelist Dame Barbara Cartland, was quoted as telling British newspapers.

"She said she was frightfully happy and I am delighted she is marrying again, because she has been wandering the world alone. That is not right for a single woman," Dame Barbara told Press Association, the British news agency.

Diana's father, the 8th Earl Spencer, died March 29, 1992, after a heart attack.

Wedding plans were not immediately announced.

Diana, her brother and two sisters reportedly had an acrimonious relationship with their stepmother and blamed her for selling family treasures. They reportedly called her "Acid Raine."

Diana's father married Raine Legge in 1976, after divorcing her mother. Raine was formerly married to the Earl of Dartmouth.

Actor pleads for death row inmates

HOUSTON (AP) — Actor Danny Glover is lending his support to Texas death row inmates Gary Graham and Leonel Herrera.

Glover, the star of "Predator II" and three "Lethal Weapon" movies, told up to 100 people at a rally at a Houston park Sunday that the two men should not be executed.

"We're not making a demand for what's unjust, we're making a demand for what's right," Glover said.

Glover, of San Francisco, said it was appropriate the rally was held on Mother's Day.

"In a sense, traumatic experiences affect mothers the most — they are the ones that go through pain more than any of us," he said.

"I've come down here because I'm part of this family. We all have to be part of this family in the struggle for what's right ... we're fighting for all justice. We're fighting for all our rights."

Graham is facing execution June 3 for the death of Bobby Grant Lambert during a scuffle and robbery in May 1981. Gov. Ann Richards granted him a 30-day reprieve April 28, hours before he was to die.

Herrera was convicted of the 1981 shooting death of a Los Fresnos police officer and is scheduled to die before dawn Wednesday. He also pleaded guilty to killing a state trooper.

During the rally, Herrera's sister, Norma, repeated her claim that another brother, Raul, who was slain in 1984, actually committed the crimes.

Raul Herrera's son, Raul Jr., a Texas prison inmate, also has submitted an affidavit stating his father killed both officers. Raul Jr., who was 9 at the time, said his entire family was involved in drug smuggling.

Congressional leaders urge action

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional leaders say the United States should retaliate if it's proved that Saddam Hussein's government was behind an assassination plot against former President Bush.

"We cannot tolerate that kind of an action against a former president of the United States. It's just outrageous," House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., agreed.

"If it can be proven it was state-sponsored terrorism by Iraq, we should retaliate appropriately," he said on the same program, adding that military action must be among possible responses because "that, I suspect, is the only thing that Iraq would understand."

The White House said Saturday that an investigative team had been sent to Kuwait to gather evidence into an alleged Iraqi scheme to kill Bush when he visited Kuwait last month. The suspected assassins apparently did not get close to Bush or his party.

Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said that if Iraq is found to be behind the attack, "we should resolve explicitly and formally to drive Saddam Hussein out of power."

Asked on CBS' "Face the Nation" whether he advocated the assassination of Saddam or a military invasion, Gingrich said he was "talking about just simply increasing the pressure."

Sheik Ali al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti defense minister and acting interior minister, was quoted in the Kuwait daily Al-Anba today as saying the emirate would not extradite the 17 suspects. He said they would be tried in Kuwait because that was where they were going to carry out their plans.

Al-Sabah said Kuwait was supplying the American government with information about the alleged plot.

Kuwaiti authorities said the suspects drove from Iraq in several cars laden with at least 550 pounds of explosives. One of those arrested said he planned to strap explosives around his waist and blow himself up along with Bush, officials said.

International police force considered

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States and other nations will ask the U.N. Security Council this week to authorize deployment of a 500-member international police force to Haiti, according to newspaper reports.

The New York Times said today that foreign ministers from the Caribbean would meet in St. George's, Grenada, today with U.N. diplomats who would brief them on the plan and seek their support.

News of the police force plan was reported on Sunday by The Miami Herald and today by The Times. The reports cited unidentified officials in the Clinton administration and the United Nations.

The United States and other nations have been trying to get Haiti's military-backed government to back a plan that would allow the return of elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was ousted in a September 1991 military coup. Haiti is already under international economic sanctions.

Senior Clinton administration officials have said an international police force is needed as diplomatic efforts proceed because of sharp class divisions, political violence and a climate of fear in Haiti, The Times said.

White House spokeswoman Lorraine Voles told The Associated Press late Sunday that she was unaware of the [illegible]

On Wednesday, international rights monitors in Haiti said they had encountered "numerous and grave violations" of human rights and that the army had interfered with their mission.

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Spinal nerve disorder is inherited

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is chronic proximal spinal muscular atrophy? I have three children with it and want to know if it is inherited and what our outlook ...

DEAR READER: This is a rare, inherited disorder, marked by weakness and muscle degeneration caused by withering of certain nerve cells in the spinal cord. Some cases may be caused by the absence of specific enzymes, such as hexosaminidose, that are necessary for proper nerve functioning; in other cases, the cause is unknown.

The affliction may be present at birth or may appear during childhood or adolescence. Because the weakness may spread to involve the muscles of respiration, death often results from respiratory complications.

Spinal muscular atrophy is diagnosed through the combined use of electromyography (measuring the strength of muscle contractions, which are abnormal) and nerve conduction studies (which are normal). There is no treatment, although patients are usually helped by physical therapy, braces and so forth.

Because you already have three children with the disorder, your chances are high for having another affected child. Therefore, if you are ... should first undergo genetic counseling. Such facilities are available in major teaching centers.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss globus sensation. A fiberoptic scope, chest X-ray and thyroid tests were all normal, yet I'm hoarse and the lump remains in my throat.

DEAR READER: Globus sensation is the perception of a "lump in the throat." The cause is unknown. Although the disorder may be related to tension and anxiety, some authorities believe that it may stem from abnormal muscle contractions in the throat that do not show up on testing, as in your case.

The tests you had were appropriate, because a globus sensation can be caused by webs of scar tissue in the esophagus, myasthenia gravis (a neurological disorder), reflux (backwash of acid from the stomach), and tumors. Fortunately, you appear not to be suffering from these physical ailments.

A globus sensation is not hazardous to health. Therefore, you can safely disregard your symptoms. ... respect to monitoring this condition.

Because hiatal hernia is a common cause of globus sensation, I am sending you a free copy of my updated Health Report "Hiatal Hernia." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Top housing officials may have interferred with probe

HOUSTON (AP) — A newspaper reports that top housing officials may have pressured Texas officials to halt a probe into a Woodlands-based company accused of misusing or diverting ... tax money.

A March 1 memorandum claims some of the probe's findings were either ignored or watered down because of political concerns, The Houston Post reported in Sunday editions.

The memo, written by a senior U.S. Housing and Urban Development auditor in the agency's Fort Worth office, claims auditors were under political pressure from Washington officials to find a quick solution to problems discovered in the audit of J&B Management Co.

J&B was accused in a March 1992 audit of misusing or diverting $19.6 million in tax money. Despite the allegation, HUD officials gave J&B what amounted to ... wrist, the paper reported.

The memo refers to a trio of officials who played a role in sweeping the matter under the rug: former HUD Secretary Jack Kemp, U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y. and Alfred DelliBovi, president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York.

J&B, which once managed 86 HUD projects in 11 states, also was allowed to pick its own successor agent while it served the suspension. The company chose Westmark Management Co.

Although auditors questioned the choice of Westmark, J&B's selection could have been speedily approved because of pressure from the "New York connection," as HUD auditors dubbed it.

That connection included Kemp, a former Buffalo congressman, D'Amato and DelliBovi.

The agency's two-year suspension quickly expired seven months after the March 1992 audit.

With other exemptions granted to J&B by HUD, the company still collected tax dollars for managing federally subsidized projects in Houston, Dallas and Groves.

David Zimmerman, the author of the memo, refused to comment on the matter when asked by The Post.

But in his memo, he aired some of the frustration HUD auditors felt after watching their 18-month investigation grind to a halt.

A spokesman for DelliBovi said he never saw the J&B audit, and D'Amato's office did not return The Post's telephone calls.

Bill Dal Col, Kemp's former chief of staff at HUD, said audits weren't handled by the secretary's office.

"Jack has no knowledge of J&B," he said. "He would not have seen this."

J&B's owners, John Luciani and Bernard Rodin, have strong New York political ties. Both are longtime contributors to New York Attorney General Robert Abrams. D'Amato defeated Abrams in his bid for the U.S. Senate last year.

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Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

May 11, 1993

Advancement in your chosen field of endeavor is a strong probability for the year ahead. However, you must be patient, because your ascent up the ladder of success could be in fits and starts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Important objectives are achievable today, provided you don't let your impulses override your methodology. Be systematic, practical and patient. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're not likely to mince words today with people who oppose your opinions and positions. It might be wise to stay away from debatable subjects that neither party is capable of resolving.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Collective ventures have good chances for success today, provided your teammate can offer to the endeavor as much as you can. If not, it may not work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone with whom you'll be involved today might need a little push for a jump start, but if you persist with this tactic, it could prove counterproductive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're likely to be both productive and industrious today, and these are enormous assets. However, if you take on more than you should, this could disrupt the entire assembly line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You have lots of friends who like and admire you, so don't push yourself into a group or clique today where you're not generously accepted. It might be a bad experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Nature has endowed you with an adequate dose of determination and drive. Once you set your mind to something, you're not easily deterred, but, unfortunately, this may not be true of you today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Plans that you have devoted lots of time and thought to shouldn't be revised at the last minute today. Impulsive changes could ruin everything.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be exceptionally fortunate in this cycle with people you're involved with, provided none of the parties gets greedy. All bets are off if they do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Things should work out rather well for you today if everyone goes along with your way of thinking, but woe to those who oppose you. Opposition could become a heated, emotional issue.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If possible today, try to devote your effort and energy to tasks or assignments that are of a mental or creative nature. You're not apt to do too well handling physical chores.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have a lot going for you today, such as good ideas, the support of friends, and a possible assist from Lady Luck, yet there is still a chance you may not fully capitalize on these assets.

Farm and homes may be sold out from under several people

MAYESVILLE, S.C. (AP) — It's not having to move that bothers the old men and women who've lived and worked for decades on the Mayes family cotton farm. It just hurts that Bill Mayes Jr. gave them only 15 days to get out.

Being uprooted are about 16 people, mostly widowed women and men and couples in their 60s and 70s. There's also a young family with five or six children. All are black and live rent-free except for one white man. He rents his house and works in town, but he, too, must go.

Their houses dotting the property are ramshackle, but tidy, with flowers carefully planted in some yards. Built of either wood, brick or cinderblock, some stand by dirt roads, others by pavement. Many lack plumbing.

W.M. Mayes Sr., patriarch of the family that gave its name to this town of 800, told them they could live here always.

But soon after he died last month at 72, his son decided to sell the thousands of acres that stretch across the state's flat, rural midsection. On April 29 he knocked on doors to deliver the bad news.

"I couldn't believe it," said Rosanne Harvin, 62, a resident for 32 years and a cotton picker for half that. "I offered to pay rent. But he said the (prospective buyer) didn't want nobody on the place."

Mrs. Harvin said she was paid $2 for every 100 pounds of cotton she picked, a job she had until tractors replaced women pickers in 1976. "I picked more than 200 pounds a day," she said.

Mayes, reached Friday at his home, declined to discuss the matter, referring questions to his attorney.

The lawyer, Bill Robinson, said the rising costs and dwindling profits associated with farming played a part in the property being sold.

"They had to make a decision this year whether they were going to borrow the funds to farm again or whether they were just going to discontinue farming," he said.

Several investors are interested in the property, Robinson said, but so far no sale has been made.

Meanwhile, the soon-to-be displaced residents met Thursday with people from Wateree Community Actions Inc., a non-profit agency that helps the poor.

The agency told them state law requires they be given at least 30 days notice before they can be forced to move.

Missing baby returns home

PASADENA, Texas (AP) — A Pasadena woman celebrated Mother's Day with the return of her 17-month-old daughter who was abducted last week by a live-in baby sitter.

Carrie Yarworth called police Thursday night when her child, Ashley Felicia Ryan, was taken from her home.

Terrie Brewer, 27, the child's baby sitter, was arrested in southeast Houston Saturday morning, charged with kidnapping, and the little girl was back in her mother's arms by noon.

Ms. Brewer remained in the Harris County Jail Sunday on a $10,000 bail.

Ms. Yarworth had let Ms. Brewer stay at her house in exchange for taking care of the little girl. Police said Ms. Brewer became very attached to the child and took her from the house Thursday.

She called Ms. Yarworth twice Thursday evening, saying that she was going to return but never did.

Ms. Yarworth then called Pasadena police. The FBI also was notified because there were fears Ms. Brewer was going to drive to Alabama, where she has relatives.

Houston police received a call about 9 a.m. Saturday to go to a Houston street to investigate a kidnapping.

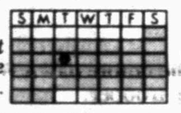
When they arrived, they found Ms. Brewer standing at a phone booth with the baby in her arms.

The child's father, Donald Mossop, said he and Yarworth had been up most of the night.

"It was a really good feeling. I can't explain that feeling. They told us they were going to pick the girl up and for us to wait, but we couldn't wait. We drove straight to the police station," Mossop said.

DATE BOOK

May 11, 1993



Today is the 131st day of 1993 and the 53rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1952, President Truman conducted a tour of the newly refurbished White House.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Irving Berlin (1888-1989), composer; Henry Morgenthau Jr. (1891-1967), U.S. government official-conservationist; Margaret Rutherford (1892-1972), actress; Martha Graham (1893-1991), dancer-teacher-choreographer; Salvador Dali (1904-1989), painter; Mort Sahl (1927-), comedian, is 66; Stanley Elkin (1930-), novelist, is 63; Louis Farrakhan (1933-), religious leader, is 60.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1919, Cincinnati's Hod Eller pitched a no-hitter against the St. Louis Cardinals.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Dance is the hidden language of the soul of the body." — Martha Graham

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1966, the 1.6-inch snow at Chicago set the record for the city's latest measurable snow.

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On April 16, 1993, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for approval of a new optional service, Network Subscriber Information Interface (NSII). NSII is a new service feature developed primarily for the provision of Voice Messaging Service (VMS). It will give a VMS provider (as SWBT's customer) the ability to receive originating call information from SWBT's central office and to activate and deactivate a Message Waiting Indicator (MWI) on the line of the VMS provider's patron. NSII also gives the VMS provider the ability to activate and deactivate an intermittent dial tone on a patron's line in multiple offices. The VMS provider will be able to perform these functions in multiple offices through a connection to a single Message Node office. The Message Node will be a predesignated central office and will interconnect with all central offices within the Message Node Service Area. Upon approval of this application, NSII will be available to customers where facilities are available. Available facilities are not currently deployed statewide. The proposed effective date of this service is June 20, 1993.

SWBT estimates these new services will increase its annual revenues during the first year by approximately $2.4 million. VMS providers and Telephone Answering Services and their subscribers are the types of customers likely to be affected by approval of these services.

The proposed recurring monthly rate and nonrecurring installation charge is as follows:

Rate Element	Recurring	Nonrecurring
NSII	$6,000.00	$2,000.00

Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the Commission by June 10, 1993. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at 512-458-0256, or 512-458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

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KINDERGARTNERS PERFORM — Stanfield kindergarten students recently presented "ABC and the Coconut Tree" for classmates and their families. In the left photo are, from left, front row, Shannon Burdett, Kimberly Grove, Taran Knipe James Nussey, Joseph Yruegas, Gabrielle Ivey, Jonathan Hembree, Ricky Early, Adam Booker and Andrew Rollins. On the back row are Thomas Carroll Hefner, Amanda Alaniz, Casey Crain, Brandon Bragg, Kyle Saenz, Bryan Dupey, Brad Richardson, Lacee Early, Amanda Jones and Krysta Atwood. Not pictured are Ruben Salas and Charley Taylor. In the right photo are, front row, Jessica Hallford, Nathan Graves, C.L. Davis, Jody Costilla, Devin Gutierrez, David Martin, Matthew Morris, Ashley Poland, Joshlyn Tovar, Heather Zajicek, Natasha Gutierrez and Brandon LeBouef. On the back row are Thomas Henderson, Brian Lee, Clinton Blume, Jason Hook, Ashley Pruitt, Logan Lloyd, Erica Medrano, Jeffrey Stanfield, Jerome Delce, Michael Hurst and Karen Taylor. (SDN Staff Photo)

Penniless preacher plans pious community

HOUSTON (AP) — A penniless prophet who says he can tap into $1 billion plans to build a religious community near Hemphill.

But promising a fight are Sabine County residents, who still have the tragedy at David Koresh's Mount Carmel commune near Waco on their minds.

They already have jammed two town meetings to talk about their concerns in the last two weeks.

"With this thing coming right on the heels of the Waco incident," said Sabine County Judge Larry Hyden, "people are extremely wary of anything that looks like it's some sort of cult."

Complaints focus on the plans of two Carrollton men, Charles Allen Bosworth, 46, and his partner, Carl Donald Smith, 47.

Bosworth, hit town about mid-April, saying he wanted to buy $5 million in property on the shores of Toledo Bend Reservoir.

He has no money, but says he has access to $1 billion.

Hemphill, near the Texas-Louisiana border is about 160 miles northeast of Houston.

Bosworth's vision is for a community of 5,000. They would support themselves by manufacturing and marketing a tablet guaranteed to pep up exhausted immune systems, Bosworth said.

Bosworth says City of Seven Stars would travel in Hovercraft vehicles and residents would live in beehive-like structures equipped with windows capable of deflecting bullets from a .357 Magnum.

"Why do they need bulletproof glass?" asked Six Mile Baptist Church's Rev. Paul Scott.

Bosworth says he has no plans to arm the community. The glass he wants is just that strong, he said.

The project would be funded through an interlocking network of trusts registered in the Caribbean, he said.

"What's going to take place," Bosworth said flatly, "is beyond the imagination of most of us .... I'm a prophet. I am ordained by God. I am not ordained by man."

Bosworth's biography is sketchy. Born in Cleveland, he moved to Riverside, Calif., as a teen-ager. He said he worked for a loan company, as a Las Vegas casino dealer and as an "investigator" for Howard Hughes.

In the Caribbean, he said, he made a good living working on financial deals. When it all fell apart, he spent seven years drifting through the American South.

"I don't have a dime to buy anything with," Bosworth said. "I don't own anything and I will never own anything."

A year ago, Bosworth said, he emerged from his spiritual wilderness and into a church run in Carrollton by another evangelist, Howard Richardson.

When Bosworth and his partner Smith outlined their plans, Hyden was impressed with their confidence and their businesslike manner. When he confirmed that the pair had spoken to Jasper landowner Jack Martindale about buying 3,500 acres for more than $5 million, he grew distraught.

"When he comes down here and talks about buying 3,500 acres at $1,500 an acre, I have to take him seriously," Hyden said. "... I think they have the money."

The prospect of an influx of 5,000 faithful is not taken lightly by a town of only 1,200 residents.

"Maybe it's a bad dream," said Hyden. "Maybe it's a pipe dream. I'd like to laugh it off — but I can't afford to ... ."

"I'm hoping this is a land scam rather than a legitimate cult," said the Rev. Scott. "We could deal more with a land scam than a cult."

Seeking to curb residents' growing panic, Hyden called a town meeting to discuss the matter.

When an overflow crowd of about 700 swarmed Hemphill's 87-year-old county courthouse about two weeks ago, the judge scheduled a second meeting. Few had warm words for Bosworth and his mysterious endeavor.

Sabine County Commissioner Lynn Smith said: "This is a quiet county. We like it the way it is and we don't want it to change."

Mayor dressed in genie costume

NEW YORK (AP) — Ever the civic booster, Mayor David Dinkins donned a genie costume, complete with turban, to take the mothers of the cast of NBC's "Saturday Night Live" on a magic-carpet ride around New York.

The usually reserved mayor lip-synched "A Whole New World" from the Disney movie "Aladdin" during the tour as part of the show's second annual Mother's Day special Sunday night.



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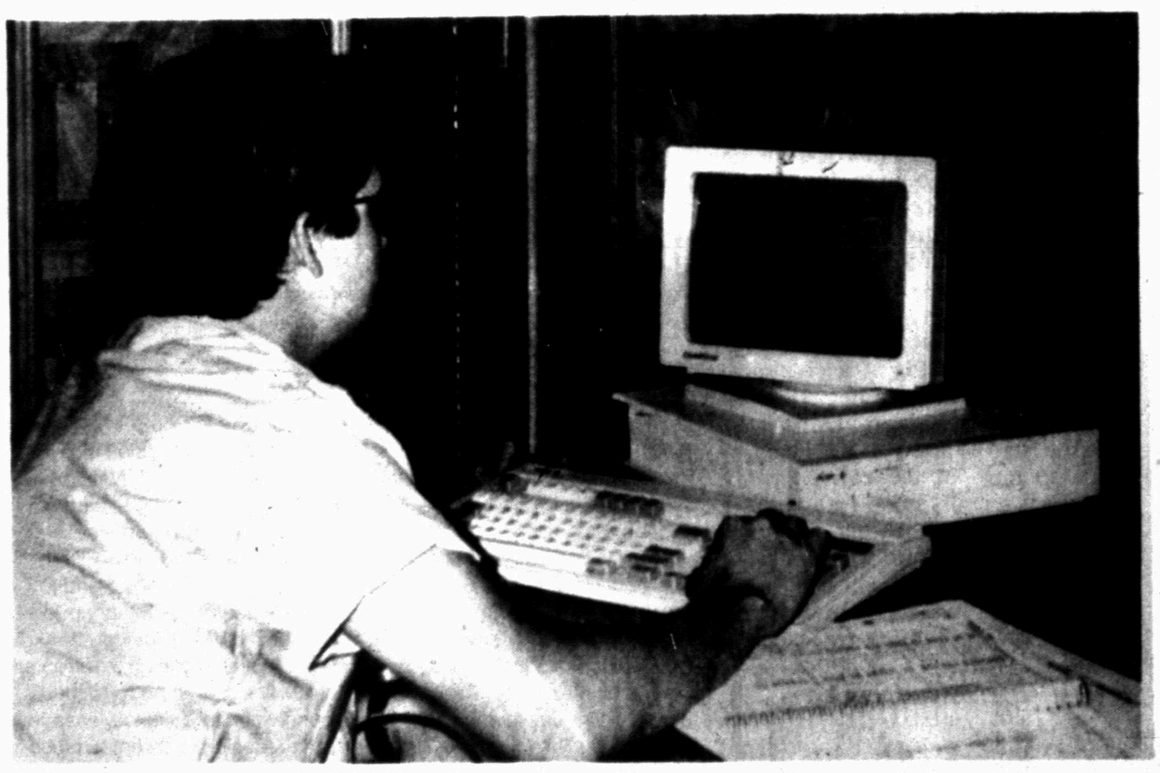
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