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FRIDAY
Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—When does Daylight Savings Time begin?

A—It begins Sunday, April 5.

In Brief

Prison board

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials today met behind closed doors to discuss two conflicting proposals on the long-running prison lawsuit.

Texas Board of Criminal Justice Chairman Selden Hale said an agreement he reached with inmates' attorneys was "killed" by a counterproposal by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales.

Hale, other board members, prison officials and high-ranking members of the attorney general's office went into an executive session to discuss proposals to end the landmark prison lawsuit filed in 1972 by inmate-prison reformer David Ruiz.

Last week, Hale announced an agreement with Ruiz's attorneys that would allow some prison overcrowding if the state maintained educational, medical and other court-ordered improvements in the prison system.

South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Twenty-three blacks died in the worst factional violence this year and bombs damaged two governing party offices today ahead of next week's apartheid referendum, police said.

Also today, Nelson Mandela said any attempt to reimpose apartheid in South Africa would mean civil war and a massive new international boycott of the country.

If the right wing "comes to power and carries out its policies civil war is unavoidable," the black leader told a news conference. "The forces of peace inside and outside the country are too strong to allow the return of oppression."

Local

Orientation

Eighth grade parents are encouraged to attend an orientation on high school preregistration at 7 p.m. March 24 in Worsham Auditorium.

Night court

Snyder Municipal Court will hold a night court session on Tuesday, March 17.

Anyone who wishes to be placed on the docket must call 573-4958 on or before March 16.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 68 degrees; low, 34 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 39 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 6.44 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 45 to 50. South wind 10 mph or less. Saturday, mostly sunny. High around 80. South to southwest wind 10-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7 p.m. Sunrise Saturday, 6:54 a.m. Of 72 days in 1992, the sun has shone 64 days in Snyder.

TDCJ 'short list' expected Monday

Local delegation in Austin

A Snyder delegation attending today's Texas Department of Criminal Justice meeting in Austin is hoping for an early clue as to whether Snyder will make the coveted "short list" for new state prisons.

The short list is expected to be finalized by the TDCJ board today. State legislators will first be advised of towns making the list and the TDCJ staff will announce the list publicly on Monday.

Attending today's meeting from Snyder are three members of the Snyder chamber's economic development committee.

Some 63 communities, representing 67 proposals, have submitted applications for state prisons. The number of new facilities up for grabs could range from 22 to 28, depending on the number of substance abuse treatment facilities to be built.

Snyder is hoping for a second 1,000-bed facility since utilities were installed in 1987 to accommodate another unit. In 1987, Snyder also gave a section of land adequate for location of another unit.

The bidding stakes have risen each year since 1987 when Snyder was chosen as a site for the Price Daniel unit. The economic benefits have caused more and more communities to enter the bidding process for new prisons. Snyder submitted a bid for a second unit in 1989, but did not make the short list.

A 1,000-bed facility translates into 317 jobs and a payroll in excess of $6 million each year. A 2,250-bed unit means 800 jobs and an annual payroll of $16 million.

The state has said it plans to build three 2,250-bed and six 1,000-bed units and an undetermined number of units to house and treat 12,000 substance abusers.

After the short list is finalized, prison officials will review the finalists and will consider information from public hearings to be held in each of those communities.

The sites will be announced at a special board meeting set for April 10, according to TDCJ board chairman Selden Hale of Amarillo.

The prison system estimates it will spend nearly $642 million over the next four to five years to build new prisons. Each unit will take from 18 months to two years to complete.

The latest round of prison construction was made possible by state voters' approval of a consti-

(see TDCJ, page 10)

Tennis, track featured here over weekend

Athletes from all around the area will be in Snyder this weekend for the annual Snyder Invitational Tennis Tournament and the Canyon Reef Relays.

The tennis tournament began this morning at Snyder Junior High with an eight-team field from Big Spring, Lamesa, Abilene Cooper, San Angelo Lake View, Colorado City, Forsan and Snyder A and B.

The event will wind up Saturday with semifinal and championship rounds in singles and doubles.

The Canyon Reef Relays track meet will begin with field events and running preliminaries at 9 a.m. Saturday at Tiger Stadium. Finals will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Included in the 11-team girls' division are Snyder, two-time defending champion Borger, Big Spring, Amarillo Caprock, Lubbock Dunbar, Denver City, Pampa, Levelland, Sweetwater, and San Angelo Lake View.

Seven squads will compete in the boys' division. They are Snyder, Lubbock High, Dunbar, Lubbock Coronado, Abilene High, Big Spring and Levelland.

SNAKES ALIVE — Mike Price, Youth Director for Trinity United Methodist Church, shows one of his desert king snakes to five-year-old Brandon Crane, standing, and other students at the Trinity Rainbow School Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo)

'Heather Day'

Fund-raiser proceeds to help Snyder youth

A fund-raiser to help purchase a special machine for a 14-year-old Snyder girl will be held Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

UpWard Bound has scheduled Heather Day to benefit Heather Floyd, who suffers from cystic fibrosis. She needs a high-frequency chest compression system to help her better manage her illness. She is the daughter of Ted and Renee Floyd.

Activities include a barbecue meal to be served from 4:30-6:30 p.m., an auction at 6:30 p.m. and Christian entertainment.

A minimum donation of $5 will admit anyone to the coliseum. The meal is included.

Items donated for the auction include quilts, TVs, VCRs, antiques and paintings.

UpWard Bound was organized recently to benefit Heather Floyd and others in the county who face financial difficulties as a result of illness or accident.

All proceeds from Saturday's event will benefit Heather. The machine she needs — a ThAIRapy Bronchial Drainage System — costs $20,500.

UpWard Bound is recognized by Scurry County Services, Inc. All contributions are tax deductible.

Contributions may also be mailed to UpWard Bound, P.O. Box 16, Snyder, Tex. 79549-0016.

By SISD trustees...

Faculty contracts ok'd

Snyder public schools trustees approved teacher contracts and a 1992-93 calendar during their March board meeting Thursday.

Approved were 166 one-year renewals on term contracts, 34 one-year extensions on continuing contracts, 26 new additions to term contracts and 25 probationary contracts. The board also approved a leave of absence for West Elementary teacher Debbie Brunson and accepted resignations from West teachers Faye Cook and Francene Allen-Noah, Central Elementary teacher Shirley Jones and high school instructor Albert Mac Taylor.

In other business, the board accepted a recommendation to purchase video cameras for school buses, appointed election clerks and approved District Technology Committee members.

No action was taken following an executive session to discuss an appeal by East Elementary Principal Jim Erwin that he not be transferred to West Elementary.

The 1992-93 calender approved by trustees sets Aug. 12 as the first day of school, the end of the first semester on Dec. 17, and the end of the second semester on May 21, 1993.

Named as election clerks for the May 2 board election were Allen-Noah, Phyllis McGinnis, June McGlaun, Anita Felan and Polly Autry.

The 22-member District Technology Committee approved for 1992-93 includes business community representatives Mark Zeck and Chet Corser, Western Texas College representative Britt Canada, Region 14 Education Service Center representative Bill Merkel, school board member Ann Walton, Superintendent Dalton Moseley and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Tom Scannicchio, and technology coordinator Dale Byrd. Others include principals Gary Patterson, Wendell Sollis and Bob Travis, teachers Kay Carter, Linda Wright, Malcolm Crawford, Donna Farley, Bobbie Anderson, Magdalena Aguirre, Kristina Reneau, Sandy Baker, Jana Pool, Barbara Scannicchio and media coordinator Sandy Norris.

The board voted to purchase two video cameras at approximately $1,500 each and 25 camera housings at $40 each for monitoring activity on school buses. The total amount of about $4,000 will be taken from existing funds in the transportation budget.

In other business, trustees voted

(see SCHOOL, page 10)

Gov. Richards...

Business tax pool studied

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards' staff is attempting to put together a school-finance proposal that would remove businesses from local school district tax rolls and put them into a statewide pool, a newspaper reported today.

The Houston Chronicle reported that two sources, who asked not to be identified, said they had talked with the governor's staff and had been told the plan would put all business property, including utilities and minerals, into a separate tax base.

The money would be combined with other state tax dollars and distributed according to a formula designed to equalize money between rich and poor districts, the newspaper reported.

Local school districts would not be able to tax the businesses. The districts' tax base would be their tax base local residential property.

Such a plan would amount to a statewide property tax on businesses only and would require a constitutional amendment.

Margaret Justus, a spokeswoman for the governor, had no immediate comment on the report today.

As a fallback plan, Richards' staff also is looking at a proposal to modify the current County Education District (CED) system, the Chronicle reported.

That system was designed to shift hundreds of millions of dollars from wealthier to poorer school districts within the CEDs, taxing regions made up of one or several counties.

The CED plan was meant to meet a Supreme Court mandate to equalize school funding. However, the court in January declared the tax unconstitutional and gave lawmakers until June 1, 1993 to fix the system.

The governor is among a number of school officials, lawmakers and business leaders trying to come up with a plan to an end Texas' long-running legal battle over funding its public schools.

Spring Break celebrated by most schools

Snyder, Ira and Western Texas College were to dismiss classes for Spring Break today.

Hermleigh schools will dismiss classes on Friday, March 20, only.

Snyder schools were scheduled to dismiss at the regular time today, with classes resuming Monday, March 23.

Ira schools were to dismiss at 2:30 p.m., and will also resume classes on March 23.

Western Texas College dismissed classes at 1 p.m. today, with dormitories closing at 2 p.m.

The campus will be closed all next week with dormitories reopening at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, and classes resuming at 8 a.m. Monday, March 23.

Because school offices will be closed, the following arrangements have been scheduled for anyone wishing to file for candidacy to the WTC, Snyder or Ira ISD boards:

Anyone wishing to file as a candidate for Western Texas College board of trustees should call 573-7630 Monday or Tuesday. Candidates may stop by the WTC administration office or call 573-8517 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Candidates for Snyder school board should call 573-6704 to make arrangements for filing.

Those wishing to file for the Ira school board should call 573-6016.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's difficult to explain counter clockwise to a kid with a digital watch."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Recent dreary and wet weather caused Hood County's Roger Enlow to write about a Granbury husband who praised his wife for her hot chocolate.

"Hey, honey, this is good hot chocolate."

"I know," his wife said proudly. "It's homemade, too. It came from the range instead of the microwave."

Wacil McNair, in the Gilmer Mirror, said it is the consensus of most bosses that hiring new personnel can become a tedious process.

"No vita, or resume, can cover all the bases needed for flawless evaluation. There is a report of a firm that thought it had eliminated a problem concerning an employee who had continually been late to work.

"They hired a guy who had retired from the Army after 20 years of service. Military discipline should have been good training in punctuality, they reasoned.

"However, they soon discovered that the new employee was frequently late in getting to work. So the boss called him in for a discussion.

"What did they say in the army when you came in late?" the new employer asked.

"Well," said the employee, "It usually was 'good morning colonel.'"

O.G. Nieman, in the Hereford Brand, reported that the National Association of Psychic and Fortunetellers had cancelled its annual convention.

The organization blamed, "Unforseen circumstances."

Shrapnel bomb said mailed from Texas prison

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A federal investigation was launched after a shrapnel bomb a Texas prison inmate apparently made in his cell was mailed to lawyers who prosecute crimes occurring in prison, authorities say.

The bomb, which did not explode, was being examined by federal officials Thursday, authorities said.

The bomb, packed in a hollowed-out paperback novel, was mailed to the Special Prison Prosecution Unit, an arm of the Walker County district attorney's office, A.P. Merillat, an investigator for the unit, said.

"We're just real lucky it didn't go off" when a secretary opened the envelope, Merillat said. "She could have lost a hand or a finger."

Merillat showed reporters color photographs of an inmate who lost three fingers a couple years ago when he picked up a similar bomb.

Investigators suspect the bomb was mailed by a prison gang member at the Eastham Unit, in Lovelady south of Crockett, who has been prosecuted by the special office previously. They would not identify him but said his name was written on the return address.

The investigator said the bomb was made from tiny bits of razor blades and powder from match heads, packed into a small medicine bottle. The bottle was placed in a copy of a book. The bomb was rigged so that it would explode when the book was pulled from the envelope.

Authorities said they had not determined why the device failed to explode.

The bomb escaped detection from prison mail inspectors because a federal court order dating to 1977 prohibits prison officials from opening legal mail between inmates and their lawyers, as well as special mail from inmates to judges, prosecutors and other public officials, said Leonard Peck, a prison system lawyer.

FBI agents were called to Huntsville after the bomb was discovered, as were postal inspectors, the Houston Police Department bomb squad and agents with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The bomb was dismantled by Houston police after it was X-rayed. It has been sent to a Postal Service laboratory for fingerprinting and examination, authorities said.

Secretary Robbie Hall said that when she picked up the package, she joked to a co-worker, "I hope this isn't a bomb."

But when she pulled the book out of the envelope, she smelled sulfur and noticed that the book was tightly wrapped with a piece of string and a large rubber band.

"I just threw it down on the desk and screamed," said Ms. Hall, a 38-year-old mother of two.

The rule banning the inspection of legal mail between inmates and their lawyers and of special mail to public officials and journalists was mandated by U.S. District Judge John Singleton of Houston, Peck said. He added that the principle of confidentiality of communication was affirmed in the Ruiz prison reform lawsuit.

Soil compound stops AIDS Skin cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Laboratory studies in mice show that a compound from soil bacteria blocks the growth of Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer common among male AIDS patients that often causes red and purple skin lesions.

Researchers at the National Cancer Institute report today in the journal Science that a bacterial extract called sulfated polysaccharide peptidoglycan, or SP-PG, is more effective in laboratory studies against Kaposi's than the drugs now commonly used against the cancer.

Shuji Nakamura, a University of Southern California scientist formerly with NCI and first author of the study, said SP-PG was tested both against laboratory cultures of Kaposi's sarcoma, known as KS, and against lesions of the cancer that had been grown in laboratory mice that lack an immune system.

In both cases, said Nakamura, KS was stopped in its tracks.

"SP-PG specifically inhibited the growth of Kaposi's sarcoma cells on chicken cells and in nude mice," Nakamura said in an interview. "And during our experiment on mice, I did not see any type of side effect."

This is in contrast to other KS drugs that often have toxic side effects on humans.

Nakamura said SP-PG's effectiveness in controlling KS was then tested against three drugs — suramin, pentosan polysulfate and interferon alpha — now commonly used to treat KS.

"SP-PG is much, much better," the researcher said.

The SP-PG compound was isolated earlier from soil by Daiichi Pharmaceutical Co. of Tokyo. NCI said it has formed a cooperative agreement with Daiichi to organize clinical trials for the drug.

A report by Daiichi scientists that SP-PG suppresses the growth of blood vessels prompted NCI researchers to try the drug against laboratory models of KS, said Dr. Robert C. Gallo, head of an NCI team.

It was known that KS feeds its cells by the wild and rapid growth of blood vessels. "We began looking for compounds that were known to affect blood vessel formation and that might interfere with the growth of these cells," Gallo said in a statement.

The experiment leaned heavily on earlier studies of a natural protein, called oncostatin M, produced by the immune system. Research by Gallo's group, also reported in Science, showed that although oncostatin M can suppress other types of cancer, the substance actually doubles the growth of AIDS-related KS.

Federal judge throws out one lawsuit filed by plant workers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal judge has thrown out an $11 billion lawsuit that claimed that Levis Strauss & Co., illegally closed a plant and that it was done to avoid paying employee benefits, worker's compensation and salary bonuses.

U.S. District Judge H.F. "Hippo" Garcia Thursday rejected all of the claims the workers brought up in the class-action suit filed in the wake of the largest worker layoff in San Antonio history.

The more than 1,000 workers claimed that the closing of the plant in January 1990 was illegal.

Workers said Thursday night they will appeal the dismissal.

"We will continue the struggle," former seamstress Irene Reyna told about 50 members of Fuerza Unida, a group formed after the plant closing was announced. "They treated us like machines and not human beings, and it's up to us to stop it."

Judge Garcia rejected claims that Levi Strauss closed the plant to avoid payment of employee benefits, worker's compensation and salary bonuses. He also rejected a contention that the company violated state law by closing the plant, which employed 1,115.

Fuerza Unida lawyer Larry Daves explained the ruling during a hastily called meeting at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, the church where workers have met since forming their organization.

Levi officials declined to comment on any planned appeal and said the company will continue to try to help its former workers.

"We believed all along that we treated our employees in a fair and responsible way," company spokesman Armando Ojeda said. "The judgment validates that, although it doesn't diminish our concern for the well being of our employees in San Antonio."

About 600 of the workers are back on a payroll, including 200 who have been rehired at one of the other two local Levi plants, Ojeda said. Another 400 are enrolled in education or job training programs; 100 have retired or left San Antonio, he said.

Levi is the world's largest apparel manufacturer, with 1991 sales of $4.9 billion. The company employs almost 31,000 people worldwide, including about 1,500 at its two San Antonio production and finishing plants.

The workers claimed that the plant was closed to avoid giving employee benefits to the workers, but Garcia ruled that the company "made a business decision motivated by financial considerations during tough economic times."

A federal magistrate had earlier rejected a claim that Levi Strauss improperly calculated pension benefits and miscalculated the hourly rate for computing severance pay.

In rejecting a claim that the company violated Texas law in closing the plant, Garcia wrote, "No authority exists for plaintiffs' proposition.

"This court will not boldly go where no Texas Legislature has gone before," he said.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

March 14, 1992

Shifts in conditions could benefit you in the year ahead in very unique ways; you'll know how to successfully respond to what is initiated by outside factors.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might need some help today regarding something you want to accomplish in the business realm. Your best results could come from soliciting assistance from individuals you know socially. 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 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Perform your best in all your involvements today, but do it for yourself and not for an audience. If you accomplish something significant, it will be duly noted by others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If your hopes and expectations are running a little high at this time, there is justification for your optimism. You are now in a cycle where remarkable results are possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might be luckier than usual today where your career and earnings are concerned. Take positive measures to do things that could produce positive results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might face a situation today that is similar to one you handled successfully in the past. Repeat your procedures, and you could repeat the outcome.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your financial trends look extremely encouraging at this time. Side ventures, as well as your basic source of earnings, may be subjected to increases.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Partnerships have better chances for success today than solo efforts. However, in your alliances, you're better off playing the supportive role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're in a very favorable trend where your material interests are concerned. If you dedicate your efforts to generating income, success is likely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In situations where there is a need to assert authority, do so without hesitation. You'll instinctively know how to conduct yourself so that others will not take offense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll have a special knack today for managing matters for others that they are unable to deal with effectively. This gift might be utilized in two cases.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A critical decision might be required of you today that will affect others as well as yourself. Fortunately, your judgment is excellent and all involved should benefit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Both buying and selling could prove to be profitable endeavors for you today. This is because you'll be just as fair as you will be shrewd.

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COMMUNICATION

Bridge

by Phillip Alder

NORTH 3-13-92
♠ A 6 5
♥ A J 8 4 2
♦ A K Q
♣ 6 4

WEST
♠ J 10 9 8 4
♥ Q 9
♦ J 9 6 4
♣ K Q

EAST
♠ Q 7 2
♥ K 10 7 3
♦ 10 7 3
♣ 10 7 5

SOUTH
♠ K 3
♥ 6 5
♦ 8 5 2
♣ A J 9 8 3 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♥	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Another piece of deception

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday we looked at a hand in which a defender had a chance to make a play that rated to mislead declarer about the distribution of a suit. Sometimes it is vital to play a particular card.

In the diagram, cover the West and South cards. Against three no-trump, your partner leads the spade jack, which is allowed to hold. Declarer wins the second round of spades with his king, plays a diamond to the dummy, and leads a club to his nine and West's king. Do you see why the spotlight will be shining on you in a moment?

Your partner continues the spade attack to the ace, queen and diamond eight. Now comes the club six from dummy. Which card do you play?

When it is put like that, everyone will place the 10 on the table — but why?

If your partner is going to win a second club trick, the contract must fail. The only danger is that partner started with the K-Q doubleton. Look at the full diagram. If you don't play the club 10, declarer will know that West began with either the singleton king or K-Q doubleton. In the former case, South cannot make his contract. So he will go up with the ace, claiming 11 tricks when your partner's queen does drop.

However, if you play the club 10 at trick six, declarer will place you with the Q-10-5. He will finesse the club jack and finish three down. There is only a five-trick difference based on the play of one card.

The basic principle is: Play the card you are known to hold. Here that card is the club 10, from the first round of the suit.

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Education plan to measure knowledge

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania public high school students could become the first in the nation to be measured by what they know, not by how much time they spend in the classroom.

Board of Education members say a new plan they approved Thursday would not necessarily make students smarter, but could make them better thinkers.

Some parents oppose it, saying it imposes moral values they don't automatically condone. Others say a test that is part of the program asks intrusive questions, including about how much TV the students watch and how much their parents help with homework.

The plan would eliminate the graduation requirement of completing a prescribed number of courses in a certain amount of time. Instead, students would have to master a set of learning goals, called outcomes.

Along with requirements in such courses as math, science and English, there are sections on "wellness and fitness," "personal, family and community living" and "citizenship." One of the roughly 60 outcomes requires students to understand and appreciate others.

The system also includes new standardized tests, an increase in vocational training and a greater emphasis on foreign language.

It would allow students to learn at different speeds and let districts eliminate standard grading systems. That means more students could graduate earlier, while others might have to stay longer.

School districts would be able to design their own curricula and would be responsible for assessing student progress.

The plan must be reviewed by the House and Senate education committees.

"Pennsylvania has become the No. 1 state of what is a national movement to reorient the emphasis in instruction from time to what students know," state Education Secretary Donald Carroll said.

Joseph Bard, the board's commissioner for elementary and secondary education, said every other state is considering similar approaches but has not yet acted on them.

The public has contributed to hundreds of changes in the plan as it has evolved over the past two years. But some parents complain that they didn't get enough say.

"We are tired of our kids being used as educational guinea pigs," Cathy Little, of Newville, told the board before it approved the plan.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626 or 573-2349; 10 a.m.

10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

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

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

To share award

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — John Wayne's seven children will get this year's "Duke Award" for giving $2 million to a cancer center named for their dad.

The award will be presented at an April 4 charity ball to benefit the John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica. The actor died of cancer in 1979.

Lordy, Lordy Look Who's 40
Guess Who

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Abigah Sanchez	Technician	14 Years 1 Month
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Bruce Stewart	Technician	7 Years 8 Months
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Rodney Busby	Technician	3 Years 10 Months
Cody Pruitt	Asst. Technician	3 Years 0 Months
Carol McCowen	Asst. Office Manager	2 Years 9 months
Tina Long	Finance & Ins. Manager	2 Years 1 Month
Travis Wallace	Body Shop Asst.	1 Year 9 Months
Robert (Bobby) Velasquez	Salesman	1 Year 9 Months
Mary George	Salesperson	10 Months
Michael Barrera	Sales Porter	4 Months
Ollie Chapman	Driver	
Christine Collier	Driver	
Etta Chapman	Driver	
Hub Evans	Driver	
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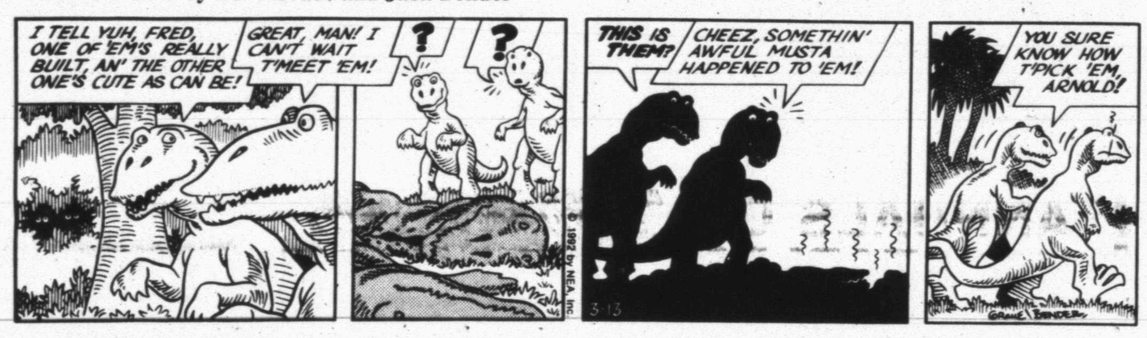

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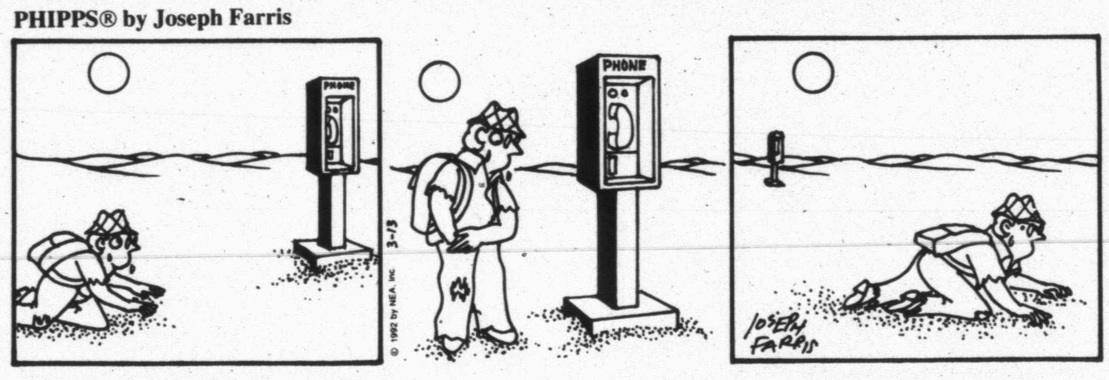

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63 Food from heaven
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2 Type of playing marble
3 Champagne bucket
4 Disable
5 Fabulous bird
6 Eggs
7 Marsh
8 Crossbeam
9 Unison
10 Smallest particle
11 Heavy stone
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20 Roman highway
22 Of an artery
23 Open for easy viewing
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25 Auld Lang —
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27 Aromatic ointment
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49 Petty quarrel
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53 Russian veto word
56 Woman's garment
57 Coq au —
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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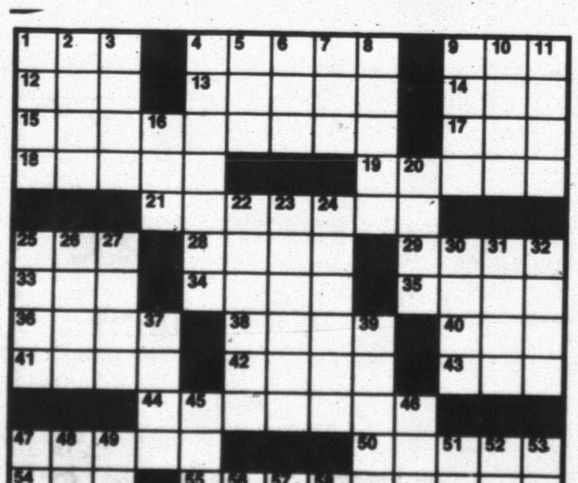

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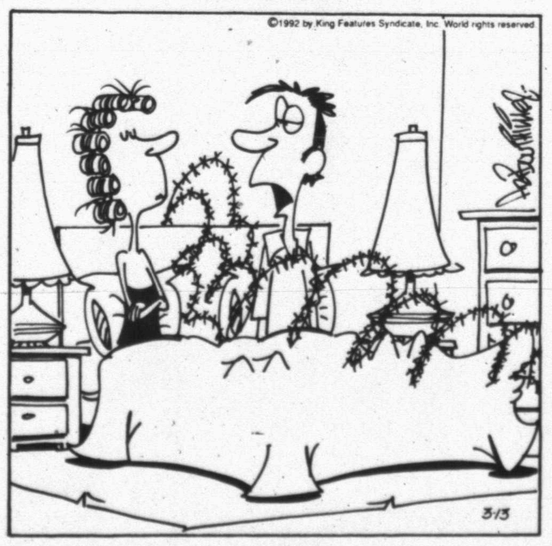

"I think I liked it better when you just had headaches."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I HAVE TO STAY HERE UNTIL MY DAD GETS HOME AND DEALS WITH ME."

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Fatalities lowest since 1974 figures

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas traffic mishaps claimed fewer lives last year than in any year since 1974, and the Department of Public Safety credits tougher enforcement, safety improvements and a determined effort against drunk driving.

"There's nothing accidental about the drop we've seen in traffic deaths," Col. James Wilson, DPS director, said.

Figures released Thursday by the DPS showed a total of 3,079 traffic deaths last year, a 5.1 percent decrease from the 3,243 in 1990 and the lowest total in 18 years.

"This is the sixth time in the past seven years that Texas has seen a drop in the number of traffic fatalities," said Wilson.

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Dear Abby

Coed's Mom Wants Answers About School's Policy on Rape

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Please help. I don't know how to handle this situation. My daughter is a freshman at a Midwestern coed college. She was assigned to a coed floor in a dormitory with 11 girls and 64 boys.

The first week of school, a girl she knows who lives across campus was raped in her dorm room. Campus police were notified. The boy admitted the rape. His "punishment": He was moved out of the victim's dorm, across campus, and onto my daughter's coed floor!

I am outraged! I definitely want to do something, but my daughter and her roommate are upset because they feel my involvement would label them, and the boy's friends would harass them. The roommate won't tell her parents because she is afraid her parents will make her move back home.

These girls are young and naive, but I have to respect her wishes. Since I am new to the state, I have no contacts or support.

I know that local police should have been involved and the victim should have pressed charges, but neither was done. I am deeply concerned for my daughter's safety; the rapist should have at least been moved to an all-male floor! Please tell me what to do.

CONCERNED MOTHER

DEAR CONCERNED: It is unfortunate that the local police were not notified immediately.

If the young man admitted to the rape, he should have been expelled. And, if your daughter is afraid to speak up because of possible harassment, you should contact the president of the university and request a copy of the school's policies about rape. Also, ask for the university's explanation for its action in this case. Finally, inquire about the school's programs for educating students about their vulnerability to this crime. If there are no programs, something should be started.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently attended a bridal shower. Many attended, since the bride-to-be is a well-known, well-liked local woman.

After opening all the gifts, the bride stood up and thanked everyone for coming and bringing such lovely gifts. Then one of her aunts, who was one of the hostesses, stood up and said, "Because of the price of postage these days, the verbal 'thank-you' you just heard from the bride will be the only one you will get. She will send written thank-you notes only to those who were unable to attend the shower."

Abby, I think this was very tacky. What gift isn't worth a 29-cent postage stamp to acknowledge? What do you think?

PUT-OFF GUEST

DEAR GUEST: If the aunt made that announcement without the consent of the bride, she had a lot of nerve. And if she had the consent of the bride, shame on both of them. Every shower gift calls for a written thank-you.

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DEAR ABBY: I sure enjoyed those letters from people who told about receiving gifts that had telltale signs of having been used. My cousin received a cookie jar as a wedding shower gift. When she got it home, she noticed some cookie crumbs at the bottom.

A friend of mine told me she received a steam iron for a wedding present. It was in a regular carton, taped shut, like brand-new items come in, but when she took it out of the carton to use it, it had water in it! I'm sure others have had similar experiences. Have you, Abby?

ME IN LANSING, MICH.

DEAR ME: Only once. I bought a brand-new purse, and when I got it home, I found a quarter in the coin purse!

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Everything you'll need to know about planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

New facts support counselor

DALLAS (AP) — Texas health officials say a Louisiana clinic's 200 HIV-positive tests is not cause for alarm, but a former AIDS counselor who resigned after reporting dozens of infected teens feels vindicated.

Dona Spence said Thursday that she was pleased to hear of results from 300 HIV tests given to teens during an 18-month span.

"Do I feel vindicated? I don't know that I've been tried and sentenced," Ms. Spence said.

"It's the community that's decided they want to ignore bad news. ... Maybe they'll realize I wasn't trying to be mean to the community. I was just trying to point out it's here, and please, God, do something about it."

Ms. Spence drew national attention to several small northeast Texas communities with her claim that 36 area teens were infected with the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

But school administrators and other skeptics questioned Ms. Spence's figures. The state health department said it could neither confirm nor dispute them.

Last month, Ms. Spence resigned her job as an AIDS counselor with the Ark-Tex Council of Governments, based in Texarkana.

A spokesman for the Texas Health Department, which is investigating Mrs. Spence's claims, said the report from Shreveport's Philadelphia Center could not be a backstop.

"This is not our golden opportunity to confirm," said Doug McBride. "It would be a nightmare."

A report released last month by Betty Coleman, vice president of the Philadelphia Center's board of directors, showed that out of 300 HIV tests given to teens during an 18-month span, 200 tests came back positive.

Mary Ransbottom, administrator of the Philadelphia Center in Shreveport, La., said Wednesday night that 200 teens tested positive for HIV. But other officials said the figure means fewer than 200 people because some confirmation tests could show up as duplicated figures.

Last month, Ms. Coleman told a Shreveport newspaper that the teens — from East Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas — all had been referred by doctors, hospitals or clinics for testing. She did not return phone calls Thursday.

McBride warned against reading too much into the Louisiana report.

"It's kind of the same as saying if 90 out of 100 people who go to the doctor are sick, then 90 out of 100 people are sick," said McBride.

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals spokeswoman Gwen Bach-Stewart said her agency does not have a state-by-state breakdown of the positive tests.

11 arrested in money laundering scam

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Federal authorities posing as gun and drug smugglers have smashed an international money-laundering operation suspected of hiding millions of dollars in illegal profits.

Eleven people were arrested Thursday on 25 indictments stemming from a scheme involving Mexican money exchange houses and South Texas banks.

The arrests highlighted a problem common along the border, where the proximity of U.S. and Mexican financial institutions facilitates laundering operations, officials said.

"I think this is the tip of the iceberg and I think you'll see more activity," said Dan Walker, resident agent in charge of U.S. Customs in McAllen.

Undercover agents have been working on the case since July 1989. The operation began after agents in the Rio Grande Valley became aware that up to $7 million in cash was being brought into the country each week, said John Hensley, assistant commissioner of U.S. Customs Service for enforcement in Washington.

Undercover officers posed as drug and gun smugglers and successfully laundered $1.2 million in government sting money through Casas de Cambio (money exchange houses) in Monterrey, Mexico.

The exchange houses produced wire transfers to U.S. bank accounts that allegedly came from Mexico.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Novak told a news conference that U.S. bank executives charged a fee for the transactions, usually 3, 4 or 5 percent of the amount being laundered.

Novak said that in most cases, exchange house officials contacted the undercover agents about moving the money.

Three South Texas bank executives were arrested on their jobs Thursday. Officials of five of the largest money exchange houses in Monterrey were also named in the indictment.

Authorities also confiscated hundreds of American bank accounts of the Casas de Cambio, two condominiums on South Padre Island and a four-unit apartment complex and a jewelry store in McAllen and 143,500 quaaludes.

The undercover agents had attempted to buy a ton of cocaine and the quaaludes as part of the laundering operation, officials said.

The quaaludes, which were smuggled in from Mexico, were retrieved at the Houston home of one of those arrested, Novak said.

Guillermo Garza-Garza, president and chief executive officer of Lone Star National Bank in Pharr; Juan Gerardo Lopez, assistant vice president of International Bank of Commerce in Laredo; and Margie Villagomez, supervisor of the wire transfer department at First City Texas Bank in McAllen were among those arrested.

Board members blame book errors on money pressure

AUSTIN (AP) — Pressure on publishers to cut costs and make a profit is one reason that proposed U.S. history textbooks contained numerous errors, a Texas education official has charged.

But a lawyer representing the Association of American Publishers disagreed, saying publishers have economic incentive to produce quality books.

"Bottom-line profit pressures have caused you to reduce expenses to the point that you are producing shoddy work," State Board of Education member Wili Davis of Austin said at Thursday's meeting with publishers.

But Joe Bill Watkins, an Austin lawyer representing the publishers' association, said later, "They (publishers) are in a very competitive business. If they don't produce quality, they get hammered" and risk not being able to sell their books.

"They try to be as perfect as they can," Watkins said. "This has been a very embarrassing situation for everybody ... It's causing some fundamental changes, I think. But they weren't sitting around, in my opinion, saying well, how much money can we save, and hopefully nobody catches us, because that is stupid."

Since U.S. history textbooks proposed for use in Texas schools came under intense scrutiny in November, more than 5,500 mistakes have been identified in them. Publishers must pay $647,100 in fines, with the payment to be made in books.

One of the most cited errors was a statement that the United States settled the Korean conflict by "using the bomb."

Errors found in the sample books will be corrected before they are used in the classroom, emphasized Carolyn Crawford of Beaumont, head of the State Board of Education.

A special board committee authorized a contract Thursday with a U.S. history textbook publisher, the Glencoe Division of Macmillan-McGraw-Hill School Publishing.

Contracts earlier had been authorized with four other publishers for U.S. history books to be used in the 8th grade and high school. The 5,500-error figure was the total for all the books; the number varied among them.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Textbooks asked publishers to submit information at their next meeting on what they have done in response to the number of errors that were found. The panel heard from publishers on how books are put together, and discussed how errors might have occurred.

Davis blamed the mistakes in part on publishers becoming part of large, publicly held holding companies that are expected to meet a particular bottom line.

Agriculture commissioner touts 'Farm Aid'

AUSTIN (AP) — A Johnson County farmer criticized Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry for downplaying the effectiveness of Willie Nelson's Farm Aid efforts.

Perry, a Republican, who defeated former Commissioner Jim Hightower, a friend of Nelson's, said Thursday: "Publicizing the difficulties that farmers and ranchers face is important. But when the occasional party's over, we should realize that a strong agriculture industry will not be created from donations."

David Senter, a Johnson County farmer who is national director of the American Agriculture Movement, said Perry's description of the benefit was "kind of insulting to a lot of us who are involved in the day-to-day work with farmers." He said his group represents full-time family farmers.

"I would suggest that Commissioner Perry come up here and talk to some of the farmers and ranchers who are going to be here," Senter said. "Evidently, sitting in his plush office overlooking the Capitol, he's lost touch with the reality of what's going on with the farmers across this state."

During his campaign against Hightower, Perry criticized the Democrat for his support from Nelson. Perry had noted that Nelson also supported a gubernatorial candidate in Kentucky who wanted to legalize marijuana.

Katie Dickie, a spokeswoman for Perry, said the commissioner's comment was not a swipe at Farm Aid.

"We're just calling attention that Farm Aid happens just every so often, but we need to be active in promoting that every day of the year," she said.

Perry said long-term help for farmers and ranchers will be based on creating demand for their products and processing more of their commodities instate. He said that the Texas Department of Agriculture works to create opportunity for people in the business.

Nelson's fifth benefit Farm Aid concert is scheduled for Saturday at Texas Stadium outside Dallas.

Farm Aid supporters decried Perry's reference to a "party."

"We give concerts because we have to, to raise money" for programs to help beleaguered family farmers, said Carolyn Mugar, executive director of Farm Aid.

Prince keeps visit private

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Great Britain's Prince Philip didn't respond when a radio reporter seeking an interview called out "Yo prince! Yo prince!"

Instead, Queen Elizabeth II's husband darted into a waiting limousine outside the Ritz-Carlton hotel, where he spoke at luncheon Thursday.

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March 13, 1992

Today is the 73rd day of 1992 and the 83rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1781, the planet Uranus was discovered by German-born British astronomer Sir William Herschel.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Priestley (1733-1804), chemist-political theorist-clergyman; Percival Lowell (1855-1916), astronomer; Oswald Garrison Villard (1872-1949), editor-journalist; L. Ron Hubbard (1911-1986), religious leader; Neil Sedaka (1939-), singer-songwriter, is 53; Deborah Raffin (1953-), actress, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, American Elaine Zayak, in seventh place after the short program, landed six triple jumps in her long program to win the world figure skating championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Space isn't remote at all. It's only an hour's drive away — if your car could drive straight upwards." — Sir Fred Hoyle

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1990, there was the strongest outbreak of tornadoes (59) so early in the year for so far northwest in the United States. Hesston, Kan., and Lawrence, Neb., were hard hit; a tornadic thunderstorm killed 10,000 geese in Nebraska's York County.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (March 11) and full moon (March 18).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

Can we really blame today's kids for thinking that, if it won't fit into the microwave, there's no way to cook it?

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Cattoor claims 2nd in bareback riding

ODESSA — Western Texas College sophomore Troy Cattoor earned a 68 in Thursday's first round of bareback riding at the Odessa College Rodeo.

Cattoor, from Nephi, Utah, rests in second place in the go-round.

Other WTC cowboys placing in the season-opening rodeo include Jimmy Kitchens and Scott Trevey, who turned in a second-place team roping time of 20.2 secods.

In addition, Dusty Beaton of the Western Texas women's team, took a 13.9 in breakaway roping Thursday, after breaking the barrier out of the chute.

Saddle bronc entrant Thad Little and bareback rider Jason Bradford were both bucked off their first horses Thursday for no scores.

The rodeo continues today with an 8 p.m. performance at the Ector County Coliseum.

WTC riders set for competition tonight include Brad Loesch in calf roping and steer wrestling; Scot Berger, Jim Phillips and Sid Morris in team roping; bareback rider Travis Whiteside; bull rider Stacy Jennings and Renee Dollar and Gina Burnett in breakaway roping and goat tying.

Saturday slack finds Berger and Phillips competing in steer wrestling; Dusty Bewes and Little in steer wrestling and team roping; and Angel Miller in breakaway roping and goat tying.

The rodeo finals, featuring the top 10 qualifiers from each event in the long go, is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday.

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SHS track squads host meet

Annual Canyon Reef Relays begin at 9 a.m. Saturday

An estimated 300 competitors from 17 boys' and girls' area track teams will be in Snyder Saturday for the annual Canyon Reef Relays at Tiger Stadium.

Action begins at 9 a.m. with field events and running event preliminaries.

Among the teams competing for the girls' crown will be two-time defending meet champion Borger.

"I don't really know much about any of the teams coming," said SHS girls' coach Patty Grimmett. "But I would expect Borger to be tough. They are usually the team to beat at this meet."

Besides the Lady Tigers and Borger, teams scheduled to compete include Breckenridge, Amarillo Caprock, Dunbar, Denver City, Pampa, Levelland, Sweetwater, San Angelo Lake View and Big Spring.

Snyder's last outing was a fifth-place finish at the Mustang Relays in Andrews a week ago.

Leading the Lady Tigers for the second straight week was sophomore Annie Ragland, who has posted two successive high-jump wins with back-to-back 5-2 leaps.

Also finishing strong were Trina Thompson, who claimed first in the 100 meters at Andrews with a 12.35 clocking, and Schanekka Thompson, who turned in a personal-best 16.74 for fourth in the 100 meter hurdles.

The Snyder boys came in sixth in the Andrews gathering behind Eddie Martinez, who placed among the top three in three events.

Martinez took second in both the long jump and the 200 meter dash and finished third in the 400 meters.

He posted a 20 81/2 in the long jump; a 22.72 time in the 200 and a 54.60 in the 400 to pace the Tigers.

Boys' coach Tommy Doyle feels like the team to beat could be one of the Lubbock squads scheduled to run.

"I haven't seen anything on any of them," Doyle stated, "but I expect Coronado to be real tough. And I imagine Dunbar will be pretty good, too."

Boys' teams slated to race here include SHS, Coronado, Dunbar, Lubbock High, Abilene High, Big Spring and Levelland.

Field events and preliminaries in the running events will begin at 9 a.m. Following a noon break for lunch, finals in running events, beginning with the 400 meter relay, will start at 1:30 p.m.

The awarding of team trophies is slated for 5:15 p.m.

Canyon Reef Relays
at Tiger Stadium
Saturday, March 14
Field Events

9 a.m. — Division I high jump; Division I triple jump north pit; Division I discus, east ring; Division II long jump, east pit; Division II shot put, north ring; Division IV long jump, south pit; Division III shot put, south ring; Division IV discus, west ring.

10 a.m. — Division I shot put, north ring; Division I loong jump, north pit; Division II high jump; Division II triple jump, south pit; Division II discus, east ring; Division III and IV pole vault; Division III long jump, east pit; Division III discus, west ring; Division IV shot put, south ring.

11 a.m. — Division IV high jump; Division IV triple jump, south pit; Division III triple jump, north pit.

12 noon — Division III, high jump.

Running preliminaries

9 a.m. — 3200 meters, all divisions. **10 a.m.** — 100 meter hurdles and 110 meter hurdles. **10:25 a.m.** — 100 meter dash. **10:45 a.m.** — 400 meter dash. **11:15 a.m.** — 300 meter hurdles. **11:40 a.m.** — 200 meter dash.

Final

1:30 p.m. — 400 meter relay; **2 p.m.** — 800 meter run; **2:20 p.m.** — 100 meter hurdles; **2:35 p.m.** — 110 meter hurdles; **2:55 p.m.** — 100 meter dash; **3:10 p.m.** — 800 meter relay; **3:25 p.m.** — 400 meter run; **3:45 p.m.** — 300 meter hurdles; **4 p.m.** — 200 meter dash; **4:15 p.m.** — 1600 meter run; **4:45 p.m.** — 1600 meter relay; **5:15 p.m.** — Team championship.

Espinosa strikes out 12...

Tigers blow by Merkel, 13-4

BIG SPRING — Snyder senior Daniel Espinosa struck out 12 and scattered five hits Thursday while guiding the Tigers to a 13-4 victory over Merkel in the opening round of the Big Spring Baseball Tournament.

In other first-rounders, Lamesa shocked Sweetwater, 10-1; and host Big Spring handed Brownfield a 7-2 defeat.

Lamesa and Big Spring will face off at 4 p.m. today with a trip to the championship game at stake.

Snyder will have to get past Ft. Stockton, which drew a first-round bye, to get into the title tilt Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

The Tigers and the Panthers face-off at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The outcome of the Snyder-Merkel game was not in doubt for long Thursday as the Tigers jumped out to a 7-0 first-inning lead.

RBI smashes by DH Chad Martin, catcher Bobby Clinkinbeard, Wacey Parks and Michael Fields put the Badgers in an early hole.

"We really played pretty well," said Snyder coach Albert Lewis, who saw his team win its sixth straight and move to 6-1 on the season with the decision.

Espinosa went the distance and walked just one batter while moving to 2-0 on the year.

Merkel's Jackie Dotson was the loser giving up five hits and seven runs in his one inning of work.

In all, the Tigers clubbed 13 hits on the night, including three by Clinkinbeard, and two each from Fields, Brian Crawford and Raymond House.

House also swiped his 11th consecutive base of the season against Merkel.

Snyder added three runs in the second on an RBI rip by shortstop Mark King and a two-run error to Parks that lifted the margin to 10-0.

All the Badger runs came in the fourth frame Thursday.

"Daniel was a little shaky that inning," Lewis reported. "But we finally got them out.

"Merkel has a tough team," Lewis added. "They're a little late getting together because of the basketball playoffs. But they have some good athletes on that team."

Singles to Dotson, Gary Walker, Dee Whisenhunt, Don Hillerman and Eddie Pace accounted for Merkel's fourth-inning rally.

Snyder continued the onslaught in the sixth, scoring three more. Two came on a triple by Jason Rios that plated Fields and Crawford, who had popped an RBI single that drove in Parks.

The game was called due to tourney time limits after six innings.

Senior Jason Rios (2-0) is expected to draw the start against Ft. Stockton Saturday. David Patrick (1-1) will toss the Saturday afternoon game for the Tigers.

Snyder returns home Tuesday to face Sweetwater, then will host the annual Snyder Baseball Tournament March 19-21.

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Espinosa and Clinkinbeard. Dotson, Pace, Rodriguez and Gunter. **WP:** Espinosa (2-0). **LP:** Dotson. **2B:** Snyder — Parks. **3B:** Snyder — Crawford. **Record:** Snyder 6-1.

Big Spring Baseball Tournament
Steer Park
Thursday, March 12

Game 1 — Lamesa 10, Sweetwater 1
Game 2 — Big Spring 7, Brownfield 2
Game 3 — Snyder 13, Merkel 4

Friday, March 13

Game 4 — Sweetwater vs. Brownfield at 11 a.m.
Game 5 — Big Spring vs. Lamesa at 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

Game 6 — Ft. Stockton vs. Snyder at 10 a.m.
Game 7 — Consolation championship. Merkel vs. Loser of Game 4 at 12:30 p.m.
Game 8 — Third place. Loser of Game 5 vs. Loser of Game 6 at 2 p.m.
Game 9 — Championship. Winner of Game 5 vs. Winner of Game 6 at 4:30 p.m.

State basketball tourney...

Miracles highlight cage event

AUSTIN (AP) — A miracle shot, a chance for a miracle season and victories by three teams debuting at the boys state high school tournament highlighted the opening day of the championship.

A record crowd was in attendance Thursday for the Class A, 2A and 3A semifinals at the 72nd annual University Interscholastic League event.

The tourney continues today with the Class 2A and 5A semifinals.

By virtue of victories Thursday, Laneville and Petersburg will meet Saturday for the Class A title while Stafford and Groesbeck will duel in 3A. The 4A clash will pit Georgetown and Dallas South Oak Cliff.

The last semifinal played Thursday proved to be the best as Georgetown downed Pampa 65-64 in overtime.

Georgetown's Matt Shell forced the extra period with a 16-foot jumper with 2 seconds left in regulation.

"I saw the ball on the floor and I knew there were only 8 seconds left when it was shot. I just picked it up, threw it up in the air and fortunately it went in," said Shell, who also scored the winning points in overtime with a pair of free throws.

Pampa's Cedrick Wilbon missed a chance at victory when his jumper with 3 seconds left hit the rim and bounced away. Wilbon also missed two free throws in the last 38 seconds of the fourth quarter.

Glen Senclair led Georgetown (29-8) with 17 points in its final four debut.

Pampa (33-3) saw its season end in disappointment for the second straight year. At last year's tourney, Pampa was ousted in triple overtime by San Antonio Alamo Heights.

The other Class 4A semifinal also was close, but Dallas South Oak Cliff scored seven unanswered points in the last minute to beat Austin McCallum 65-56.

"Our kids did what they were supposed to do down at the end. Our kids hung tough," said South Oak Cliff coach Chris Dyer.

McCallum overcame a 40-26 halftime deficit to lead 54-50 with 3 minutes left in the game. But their comeback stalled just when South Oak Cliff heated up.

"We have nothing to be ashamed of. The sun will rise tomorrow," said McCallum coach Don Caldwell.

South Oak Cliff (33-2), playing in its seventh UIL tourney, will appear in its first final since 1977.

McCallum ended the year 28-9 with its first final four game since 1966.

The appearance of Central Texas teams Georgetown and Austin McCallum helped sell a first-day record 28,253 tickets at the Erwin Center.

Even more fans may show up Saturday to watch what could be the miracle team — Class 3A's Groesbeck, the only undefeated team left in the state and another team in its first state tournament.

The 18-0 Goats have played fewer games than any other team because they didn't start the season until after their football team finished — with a state title.

Should the basketball team also win the crown, it would be only the second double-championship school year by a Texas team. Dumas in 1961-62 holds the lone honor.

Groesbeck was led to its 70-60 victory over Clarksville (26-10) by Brandon Bennett and Lenoy Jones, both of whom also are football stars. Bennett scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, while Jones had 22 points and 11 boards.

Stafford defeated Clint 58-52 in the other Class 3A semifinal, but the Spartans had to withstand a 19-3 fourth-quarter run by the Lions.

Clint (25-8) was making its final four debut, while Stafford (29-8) was trying to erase the memory of a 97-52 loss to Jefferson in last year's semifinals.

In Class A, Petersburg enjoyed its tournament debut by defeating Weatherford Brock 77-62.

Tim Fox helped the Buffaloes (29-4) cruise into the finals by scoring eight of his 16 points during an early fourth-quarter run.

Fox also grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds. Doug Porter scored 14 points and hauled in 10 boards.

John Walker led Brock (30-7) with 16 points and Ernie Enax grabbed 11 rebounds. The Eagles were making their first tourney appearance since 1973.

Laneville earned a spot in its first title game since 1952 by defeating Dime Box 84-72.

The Yellowjackets, making only their second appearance since 1956, are 36-1. The Longhorns, another first-time semifinalist, finished the year 31-6.

Snyder boys shoot opening-round 340

SAN ANGELO — Junior Chad Jacobi fired a 76 in the first round of the San Angelo Golf Classic Thursday to lead Snyder to a 19th-place 340 in the 30-team field.

Action was to have resumed at 9 a.m. today in the tournament's final 18 holes, shifting from San Angelo Country Club to Bentwood Country Club.

Andrews captured the first-round lead with a 311 followed by Lubbock Monterey's 313, Amarillo High with a 316 and Midland High's 318.

Snyder wound up the opening round trailing Lamesa's 335 by five strokes and leading San Angelo Central by three shots.

Andrews' Derrick Pursley and Cory Reneau of Borger each carded a 73 Thursday to tie for top individual honors at the halfway point.

Cody Womack of Monterey and Plainview's Shawn Savage are each one stroke off the medalist pace.

Jacobi's 76 was tops for the Tigers trailed by sophomore Jeff Armstrong with an 84, 90s from seniors Roe Patterson and Curry Koening, and a 95 from sophomore Adam Scott.

San Angelo Golf Classic
at San Angelo Country Club
and Bentwood Country Club
First round results

Team totals: Andrews 311; Monterey 313; Amarillo 316; Midland 318; Big Spring 321; Abilene 322; Odessa Permian 322; Pampa 323; Plainview 323; Hereford 324; Midland Lee 324; San Angelo Central No. 1 326; Brownwood 326; Borger 327; Tascosa 330; Abilene Cooper 332; Del Rio 334; Lamesa 335; Snyder 340; San Angelo Central No. 2 343; San Angelo Central No. 3 349; San Angelo Lake View 352; Lubbock 364; Uvalde 366; Coronado 368; Odessa 372; Palo Duro 380; Randall 382; San Angelo Lake View No. 2 427; Caprock 430.

Medalists: Derrick Pursley, Andrews 73; Cory Reneau, Borger, 73; Cody Womack, Monterey, 74; Shawn Savage, Plainview, 74; Jason Towbridge, San Angelo Central, 75; T. Cox, Amarillo, 75; Jayson Mines, Hereford, 75; Chad Jacobi, Snyder 76.

Snyder scores: Chad Jacobi, 76; Jeff Arnstrong 84; Roe Patterson 90; Curry Koening 90; Adam Scott 95.

The first southpaw pitcher in major league baseball was Robert Mitchell of Cincinnati in 1878.

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	39	24	.619	—
Boston	35	28	.556	4
Philadelphia	30	33	.476	9
Miami	29	34	.460	10
New Jersey	27	35	.435	11½
Washington	21	42	.333	18
Orlando	14	49	.222	25

Central Division

x-Chicago	52	12	.813	—
Cleveland	40	20	.667	10
Detroit	39	25	.609	13
Atlanta	29	33	.468	22
Indiana	30	35	.462	22½
Milwaukee	27	35	.435	24
Charlotte	24	37	.393	26½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	43	21	.672	—
San Antonio	39	24	.619	3½
Houston	34	30	.531	9
Denver	21	41	.339	21
Dallas	17	46	.270	25½
Minnesota	11	50	.180	30½

Pacific Division

Portland	45	18	.714	—
Golden State	42	20	.677	2½
Phoenix	40	24	.625	5½
Seattle	35	29	.547	10½
LA Lakers	33	29	.532	11½
LA Clippers	32	31	.508	13
Sacramento	20	43	.317	25

x-clinched playoff berth.

Thursday's Games

Phoenix 106, Milwaukee 100
San Antonio 104, Houston 98
Detroit 119, Golden State 112
Utah 114, Sacramento 103

Friday's Games

New Jersey vs. Boston at Hartford, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

LA Lakers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Portland at Boston, Noon
Denver at Cleveland, 1:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at LA Clippers, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Exhibition baseball

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee 8, Oakland 4
Houston 2, Kansas City 1
N.Y. Yankees (ss) 8, Montreal 7
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 1
Philadelphia 3, Toronto 0
Los Angeles 8, N.Y. Yankees (ss) 5
Minnesota 5, Boston 2
Pittsburgh 3, Baltimore 2, 13 innings
Atlanta 4, Detroit 0
Chicago White Sox 9, Texas 5
Chicago Cubs 4, Angels 2
San Francisco 2, Seattle 1
Oakland 8, San Diego 5
Milwaukee 3, Cleveland 2.
N.Y. Mets 6, Montreal 5

Friday's Games

Oakland (ss) vs. Milwaukee (ss) at Chandler, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
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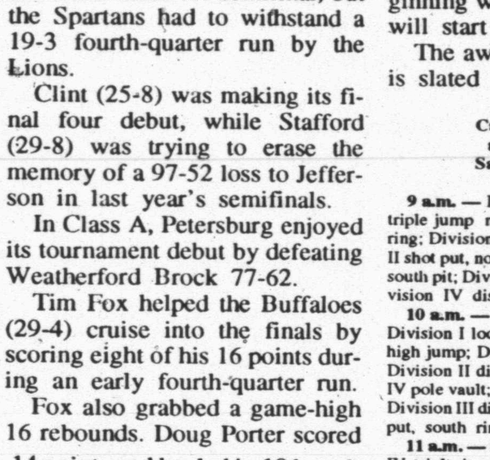

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Jordan's Hussein important

By Barry Schweid
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The wheels turn but U.S. diplomacy in the Middle East somehow always comes back to Jordan's King Hussein as the best hope for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Cautious sometimes to the point of distraction, the king has flirted for decades with the idea of transforming his de facto peace with Israel into the real thing. But he has never quite taken the leap.

On Thursday, he was courted at the White House by President Bush, who promised to do everything in his power to help Jordan's economy.

AP analysis

The king responded with support for Bush in trying to compel Iraq to comply with U.N. resolutions calling for the destruction of its most powerful weapons.

Since the king was conspicuously on the fence — and some would say tipped over to Iraq's side — during the Persian Gulf war, the statement issued after the Oval Office meeting was a diplomatic triumph for the administration.

Hussein also promised to do what he could to help Bush's slow-moving peace process.

One problem that is defying solution is when and where to hold the next round of talks. Only Israel has responded to a U.S. request for suggested sites. And Ambassador Zalman Shoval spoke last week of squeezing in one or two rounds before Israel holds its elections in June.

Bush and Secretary of State James A. Baker III would like to hear from the Arabs. They would like to see talks held again in April.

Israel is negotiating on four fronts — with Jordan, Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon. Only on one — the talks with Jordan — has the atmosphere been pleasant.

The two sides have exchanged "visions of peace" and may get into the details at the next round.

Hussein rules a country with a majority Palestinian population. He is bound to wait for the Palestinians to reach a settlement with Israel before stepping out on his own.

But his support for Bush's diplomatic initiative is essential.

Acknowledging differences with Hussein in the past, the President went out of his way to praise the king as a man of courage and said: "He is my friend and I welcome him back here."

It was their first meeting since August 1990 when Bush's U.S.-led coalition to free Kuwait from Iraqi occupation had to make do without Jordan. Despite decades of U.S. aid and friendship, the king looked nervously over his shoulder and decided it would not be wise to antagonize his powerful neighbor, Saddam Hussein.

It didn't cost the king a thing.

Once the war was over, Bush had aid flowing to Jordan again. And he is asking Congress for $77 million for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 despite strong suspicions Jordan is continuing to help Iraq evade international economic sanctions.

Tammy Faye and Jim Bakker will get a divorce

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Tammy Faye Bakker says she sought a divorce because she's tired of "pretending" her marriage to imprisoned TV evangelist Jim Bakker is OK.

"I cannot pretend anymore. Pretending becomes too hard on the physical body," Mrs. Bakker said in a letter to members of her Orlando, Fla., church. "I have been suffering with high blood pressure, anemia, asthma, hyperventilation ... all, the doctors tell me ... related to stress and severe nervous strain."

The letter was released Thursday by her husband's Hendersonville lawyer, Jim Toms, who said he expected the divorce to be granted today in Florida.

Toms said Bakker, 52, doesn't want the divorce "but at this point this is the only thing he can give her."

House oks making check-kiters' names public

WASHINGTON (AP) — Embarrassed House members are rushing to give constituents an explanation of their check-kiting habits before the release of an official offenders list. Many feared voters would seek retribution on election day.

The House early today voted 426-0 to make public the names of 355 current and former members who took advantage of free overdrafts at the House bank. It singled out 24 as the worst abusers, and left it to the public to label the rest.

The chamber began its debate by accepting the resignation of the overseer of the now-defunct bank, Sergeant at Arms Jack Russ, But for the most part, lawmakers worried aloud about their own jobs.

"As of today," ethics committee member Fred Grandy, R-Iowa, told his colleagues, "your talk-show hosts have a topic. Your opponent has an issue. And your constituents have a reason to support term limitations."

Before Thursday, only about five dozen lawmakers had confessed to writing checks beyond their balances, mostly small-change stuff. But when it became clear that the House was going to vote to disclose all the names, that figure began to soar.

House Speaker Tom Foley was asked today if he thought many members would lose their seats because of a repeated overdrafts.

"I don't think that you'll see many members of Congress losing their jobs ... over this itself," Foley said on NBC. "But members will have to tell the truth to their constituents, explain what happened. And I think for the most part, those who do, who come forward with the information and give it clearly and concisely, will have an opportunity to come back here. ..."

The surprise move had immediate political consequences, as members fearful of negative publicity hurriedly came clean.

Among those who came forward were:

Rep. Charles Hatcher, D-Ga., who said overdrew his account as many as 780 times over the 39 months.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., who disclosed he wrote an estimated 160 bad checks in the past three years.

Rep. Gerry Sikorski, D-Minn, 671 checks. "We should have known better," he said.

It was not immediately clear whether any of those three, or any of the others who went public, were on the worst offenders' list. Account data, published by the Washington Times on Thursday, showed there were many other contestants for that honor.

The list included no names. But it showed, for example, that one House bank user was more than $92,000 overdrawn at one point. The list was confirmed by The Associated Press.

"This is a sad and embarrassing chapter in this institution's history. We cannot deny it," said Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla.

The disclosure resolution passed easily only after Democratic leaders abandoned their efforts to halt the revelations with the release of the names of the 24 worst offenders. As recommended by the ethics committee, the others would have been free to obtain and release their records — or not.

But Republicans insisted on exposing all the offenders and, feeding on public discontent with congressional perks, charged there was a coverup underway.

Under the resolution, the list of 24 labeled "abusers" — 19 current House members and five former members — will be officially released within 10 days.

Sanctions against Iraq won't be eased

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Under pressure from an increasingly impatient Security Council, Iraq has promised to fulfill all U.N. cease-fire terms, return Gulf War detainees and reopen talks on selling its oil for humanitarian supplies.

The council on Thursday rejected Iraq's appeal to ease crippling economic sanctions, saying Baghdad must first make good on the promises to comply with the cease-fire terms. A key test could come early next week when another U.N. weapons inspection team goes to Iraq.

"Iraq has not yet complied fully and unconditionally with those obligations, must do so and must immediately take the appropriate actions in this regard," the council said in a statement read by its president, Venezuelan Ambassador Diego Arria.

The council "hopes the goodwill expressed by the deputy prime minister of Iraq will be matched by deeds," it said, referring to Tariq Aziz, the Baghdad envoy who met with the council during an extraordinary two-day session that ended Thursday.

A skeptical U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering told reporters he believed Aziz was "offering mirrors and smoke."

At the forefront is Iraq's past reluctance to reveal and scrap all Scud missiles and facilities built to develop or produce nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. Baghdad has hindered past missions by U.N. weapons inspection teams.

The council has threatened "serious consequences" if Iraq does not comply and has not ruled out military action to enforce the cease-fire terms.

The United States, a permanent member of the council, pushed for authorization of military force to drive Iraq from Kuwait last year.

During the session, Aziz argued unsuccessfully that Iraq was cooperating and that the council should lift the trade sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990.

Aziz also said Iraq would "do its utmost" with the Red Cross in arranging the return of Kuwaitis and other foreigners detained in Iraq, and was cooperating with international relief agencies.

He said Iraq was "ready to enter into serious talks and practical talks with the secretariat" on the U.N. offer to allow Iraq to sell oil to pay for humanitarian aid for its people.

But he said any sale of oil would have to be conducted outside the framework of a Security Council resolution outlining strict U.N. control over the transaction.

Western diplomats have blamed the Iraqi government for the food and medicine shortages hurting the Iraqi people, and urged it to agree to a one-time U.N.-supervised oil sale to finance supplies.

Still, despite such gestures, Aziz was adament on the issue of weapons disarmament — the focus of U.N. and U.S. ire.

Aziz repeated Iraq's claim that it has already destroyed all weapons banned under cease-fire terms.

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ALLTEL Cp	381/2	38	381/8	-1/8
AmStor s	335/8	33	335/8	+3/4
Amer T&T	381/4	373/4	381/8	+1/4
Ameritech	597/8	593/8	591/2	-3/8
Amoco	451/8	443/4	447/8	+3/8
AndarkPtr	201/8	197/8	197/8	-1/8
Arkla	93/4	91/2	95/8	
Armcolnc	6	53/4	57/8	+1/8
AtlRichfld	102	1011/8	1011/4	-5/8
BakerHugh	181/2	181/4	181/4	
BancTexas	21/4	21/4	21/4	+1/8
BellAtl	423/8	421/8	421/8	
BellSouth	453/4	451/2	455/8	+1/4
Beth Steel	133/4	135/8	133/4	+1/8
Borden	32	311/2	311/2	-3/8
Caterpllr	48	475/8	473/4	+1/4
Centel	421/4	417/8	42	
CenSoWst s	26	253/4	257/8	
Chevron	631/4	627/8	63	+1/4
Chrysler	17	165/8	163/4	+1/4
Coastal	221/2	221/4	223/8	+1/4
CocaCola	82	811/2	811/2	+3/8
ColgateP s	46	451/2	457/8	+3/8
ComlMetl	23	23	23	-1/8
CooperIn	563/8	555/8	555/8	-3/8
CyprusMn	22	211/8	215/8	+5/8
DallSemicn	83/4	81/2	83/4	+1/8
DeltaAirl	671/4	667/8	67	+1/4
DigitalEq	593/8	585/8	583/4	+1/8
Dillard	1213/4	1207/8	1211/4	-3/8
DowChem	571/2	571/8	571/2	+3/4
DresserInd	20	197/8	20	
DuPont	441/4	437/8	441/8	
EstKodak	425/8	421/4	423/8	
EljerInd	91/2	93/8	91/2	
Enserch	121/4	121/8	121/4	+1/4
Exxon	571/8	561/2	565/8	+1/8
FtCtyBcp	17/8	13/4	17/8	
FlowerInd	151/4	151/4	151/4	+1/8
FordMotor	371/4	363/4	367/8	+1/8
GTE Cp	307/8	301/4	303/8	-1/8
GnDynam	61	605/8	603/4	-1/4
GenElct	78	771/2	773/4	+5/8
GnMill	671/8	661/2	667/8	+7/8
GenMotors	383/8	373/8	375/8	-1/4
GenMotrE s	303/8	30	301/4	+3/8
GaPacif	641/4	637/8	64	+1/2
GlobMar	13/4	15/8	15/8	-1/8
Goodrich	48	471/2	48	+1
Goodyear	621/8	613/4	617/8	+3/8
GtAtlPac	301/8	293/4	293/4	
Gulf StaUt	117/8	113/4	117/8	+1/8
Haliburtn	261/8	253/4	261/8	+1/8
Hanson	191/4	19	19	-1/4
HoustInd	413/4	411/2	415/8	+1/8
IBM	901/4	891/2	893/4	+5/8
IntlPaper	74	731/2	733/4	+3/8
JohnsJhn	967/8	953/8	951/2	-1/2
K mart	511/8	501/2	507/8	+
Kroger	17	167/8	167/8	+1/8
vjLTV Cp	7/8	13-16	13-16	—1-16
Litton Ind	99	96	967/8	+1
vjLoneStar	43/8	41/4	43/8	
Lowes	395/8	387/8	387/8	-5/8
Lubys	163/8	16	16	
Maxus	71/4	71/8	71/4	+1/8
MayDSt	581/2	581/8	581/4	+5/8
Medtrn s	747/8	741/2	741/2	
Mobil	61	601/2	603/4	+1/4
Monsan	685/8	681/4	681/2	+1/2
Motorola	747/8	74	743/8	+1/8
Nationbk	455/8	451/8	451/8	
Navistar	35/8	31/2	31/2	
Nynex	73	721/4	723/8	+1/4
OryxEngy	203/4	201/8	201/4	-1/8
PacTelesis	391/4	383/4	387/8	-1/4
PanhECp	141/4	141/8	141/4	+1/8
PenneyJC	641/2	631/2	633/4	+13/4
PepBoys	201/4	20	201/8	+1/8
Phelps Dod	803/4	801/8	805/8	+13/8
PhilipPet	233/4	233/8	231/2	
PilgrmPrd	61/2	61/2	61/2	
Polaroid s	291/4	291/8	291/4	+3/8
Primerica	397/8	395/8	395/8	+1/8
ProctGamb	991/4	985/8	987/8	+1/4
PubS NwMx	111/4	111/4	111/4	-1/8
SFePacCp	121/8	117/8	117/8	+1/8
SaraLee	521/8	513/4	517/8	+1/4
SearsRoeb	461/8	451/2	455/8	+1/8
Shrwin s	271/8	267/8	267/8	+1/8
SmthBchm	741/2	733/4	733/4	
SmthBch eq n	687/8	673/4	677/8	-7/8
Southern Co	311/4	31	311/8	+1/8
SwstAirl	39	385/8	383/4	-1/4
SwstBell	58	575/8	575/8	
Sprint	227/8	221/4	221/4	-1/4
SterlingChm	41/4	41/4	41/4	
SunCo	273/4	273/8	275/8	+1/4
TNP Ent	20	193/4	193/4	-1/4
Tandy	295/8	291/4	295/8	+3/8
TemplInl	52	513/8	517/8	+3/4
Tenneco	385/8	381/4	381/4	-3/8
Texaco	58	575/8	573/4	+1/8
TexasInd	201/2	201/2	201/2	+1/8
TexasInst	341/2	333/4	337/8	-1/8
Tex Util	381/4	38	381/8	+3/8
Textron	363/4	363/8	365/8	+1/4
Tyler	41/2	43/8	41/2	+1/4
USWst	351/4	347/8	347/8	-3/8
USXMar n	215/8	211/4	213/8	-1/8
USX-USS n	261/4	26	261/8	+3/8
UnCarbde	247/8	245/8	243/4	+1/4
UnPac s	471/2	467/8	471/2	+1/2
UnitTech	517/8	515/8	513/4	-1/8
Unocal	215/8	211/4	213/8	
WalMt	533/8	523/4	527/8	
WestghEl	193/4	193/8	191/2	+1/8
Woolwth	29	285/8	283/4	
Xerox Cp	743/4	737/8	741/4	+3/8
ZenithE	87/8	83/4	87/8	+

Obituaries

Mrs. Flanagan

1897-1992

Services are set at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Roberta Flanagan, 94, of Snyder. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Raymond Dunkins will officiate.

Mrs. Flanagan died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Born on Aug. 12, 1897, in Wascom, Tex., she was married to Will Powell on Sept. 21. He preceded her in death in 1958. She was a housewife and a member of the United Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Eddie Lee Cobb of Snyder, Dorothy Mae Hunter of Abilene, Susie Bell Edwards of Riverside, Calif.; one son, James L. Floyd of Snyder; 22 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Saucedo

1932-1992

Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for Fernando G. Saucedo, 59, of Snyder. Fr. Joe Augustine, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Rosary will be said at 8 p.m. today at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Saucedo died at 10:35 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

Born on April 14, 1932, in Cuatrocienegas, Mex., he married Maria Flores in Mexico. He was a longtime Snyder resident and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife of the home; five sons, Juan Fernando Sauceda of Friendswood, Jose Luis Sauceda, Oscar Sauceda, Benito Sauceda and Simon Sauceda, all of Snyder; five daughters, Gloria Lopez of Snyder, Gloria Trivino of Uvalde, Josefina Velasquez, also of Uvalde, Norma Gonzales of San Marcox and Teresa Esparza of San Angelo; four brothers, Benito Sauceda of Snyder, Juan Sauceda, Edincio Sauceda and Julian Saucedo, all of Mexico; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Sunday service

A memorial service is set for 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church for Annie Mae Sears, 91, of Colorado, formerly of Snyder.

Bush opens TV campaign

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — President Bush today opened a slashing TV campaign against rival Patrick Buchanan and courted Michigan's manufacturing industries by promising to "cut needless red tape" through new legislation.

"I am determined to roll back the tide of overregulation," Bush told workers at a prosperous medical equipment-making plant as he campaigned for support in Michigan's presidential primary Tuesday.

Speaking in front of Stryker Corp. boxes marked for export to Japan, Bush said overregulation of business gives foreign competitors an advantage and forces U.S. firms to take their operations and jobs overseas.

"I'm going to introduce what legislation it takes to change this ... to correct unreasonable rules we can't change simply through executive action," Bush said.

He said he would introduce such legislation at the end of the current 90-day freeze on new regulation that he imposed Jan. 28 and promised to veto any bill containing excessive regulation "as soon as it hits my desk."

"As long as I'm the president I'm going to work to cut needless red tape," Bush said.

Later, Bush was to carry the theme to the auto industry, announcing the government will abandon a proposed requirment for new anti-pollution cannisters on cars.

Bush also went on the attack against his conservative GOP challenger with a TV ad aimed at Michigan auto workers, pointing out that Buchanan drives a Mercedes-Benz.

Officers note two hit-and-run cases

Snyder police worked two hit-and-run accidents and took a theft report during an otherwise quiet 24-hour period Thursday and early today.

Roy Garza, of 2107 41st St., told officers at 12:12 p.m. Thursday that someone had stolen his daughter's 10-speed bicycle. A report for a stolen bike was filed in the case.

At 1:04 p.m., officers took a report for a hit-and-run. Involved were a 1988 Oldsmobile Delta 88 owned by Vergie Howard of 2505 31st St. and an unknown vehicle. The location of the mishap has not been determined.

At 4:36 a.m. today, officers worked a hit-and-run at U.S. 84 and Huffman involving a 1989 Ford driven by Phil Bryan Raughton of Abilene and a vehicle which left the scene.

Officers filed a report of family violence after being called to a residence in the 1100 block of 26th Street at 10:09 p.m. Thursday. According to the report, a woman had been assaulted, but no charges were filed.

Officers also handled several other domestic disputes and minor complaints, all without incident.

Senate votes incentives for car buyers in tax plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is offering to let millions of Americans dip into their Individual Retirement Accounts to finance the purchase of a new car.

An amendment providing penalty-free IRA withdrawals of up to $10,000 for buying a car this year was added to a Democratic tax-cut measure Thursday night. The amendment's future is no brighter than that of the overall bill, which President Bush is promising to veto.

But the prospect of a veto is not deterring senators from adding amendments to the bill, which Democratic leaders hope to pass by tonight. Dozens of proposed changes were pending, although it was unlikely most would be considered.

"This bill is going to be vetoed and the veto is going to be sustained," Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas reminded colleagues. "Unless you just need to practice there's no need to offer all these amendments."

Democrats, who control the Senate, have successfully defended their middle-class tax cut against two major challenges, and are predicting at least a temporary victory once the flood of amendments ends.

A majority of senators rejected Bush's short-term tax plan for stimulating the economy. A bipartisan effort to eliminate the tax cut and use the revenue from a tax increase on the rich to reduce the deficit was defeated Thursday.

It is the tax increase that has raised Bush's ire. It would generally be paid by single people with annual incomes above about $180,000 and couples above the $210,000 range. In addition, those with taxable incomes above $1 million would be hit with a surtax of up to 10 percent.

The biggest single share of that tax increase would finance a permanent tax credit of up to $300 a year for each child under 16 in families making less than $60,000.

The bill also includes a version of the seven tax changes that Bush recommended as short-term stimulants for the economy. These include a capital-gains tax reduction, a new credit of up to $5,000 for some home buyers, special relief for the real estate industry and an incentive for businesses to buy machinery this year.

The Senate agreed to allow IRA withdrawals for car buyers over the opposition of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, chief author of the tax bill. He called it bad retirement policy. "What we are seeing here is shortsighted thinking," he said. "A car is not an investment."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who wrote the IRA amendment, cited one estimate that it could encourage up to 6.5 million people to buy new cars.

School

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for members to the Region 14 Education Service Center board of directors, approved a staff development day wavier to be sent to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and okayed payment of bills and past minutes.

During discussion, Dr. Scannicchio informed the board that officials with TEA have advised against using breathalizer capsules as an aid to help determine whether students at the high school are intoxicated.

Jim Rosson, Central Elementary principal, gave a campus report. The board routinely hears one campus report at each monthly meeting.

Present for the meeting were trustees Walton, Geraldine Parker, Luann Burleson, Billy Bob McMullan, Glen Clarady, Terry Martin and Sam Robertson.

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tutional amendment last Novembers calling for the sale of $1.1 million in bonds for the construction of new beds.

In that election, Scurry County voters approved the prison bond proposal by 80.5 percent, the third highest approval rating the state.

Several West Texas towns are also vying for prisons, including Colorado City, Lubbock, Lamesa, Odessa, Brownfield, Levelland, Littlefield, Plainview, Pampa, Borger, Amarillo, Hereford, Stamford, Abilene, Ranger, Childress, Big Spring, Brownwood, Dalhart, Dimmitt, Fort Stockton, Muleshoe, Seymour, Shamrock and Wichita Falls.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Rebecca Miller, 208 33rd; Tye Stone, 3100 Ave. T; Wayne Monroney, 5500 Cedar Creek Dr..

DISMISSALS: Barbara Browne, Francis Villegas and baby, Robert Greene, Gutierrez baby.

Census: 46 (Med.-12, Long-Term Care-29, CCU-2, OB-2, Nursery-1).

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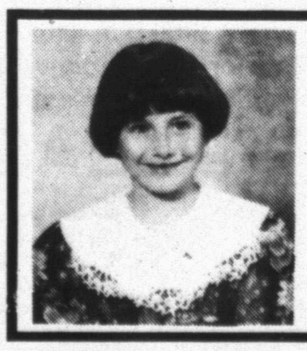

Friday the 13th is a Lucky Day Because It's Ashley's 8th Birthday
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Survivors return to cafeteria

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — Lillian Taylor was waiting anxiously for her first lunch at Luby's Cafeteria in nearly five months when she thought of the gunman who committed the nation's worst mass shooting there.

"We're putting thorns in that old devil's cap now," Mrs. Taylor said of George Hennard, who killed 23 people and then himself in the restaurant last Oct. 16.

"We're not giving him any glory," she said. "As long as they were closed, he was getting glory. That's what he wanted."

The restaurant reopened Thursday, drawing hundreds of residents, including some survivors of the shooting spree.

"The gunman ruled my life for about five minutes back there," said Hazel M. Holley, who was planning a Sunday school party with friends when Hennard crashed into Luby's and started firing.

"Since I was an adult, my life had never been ruled like that. And I am back here because I rule my own life," said Mrs. Holley, who broke her arm fleeing Hennard through a smashed window.

Company and civic leaders hailed the restaurant's reopening as a way for the central Texas city of 63,000 to heal from the massacre. Luby's received more than 300 letters asking to have the restaurant reopened.

But not all in the community feel that way.

Connie Nickolson, whose cousin Nancy Stansbury was killed in the shooting, said she wished Luby's would have built a new restaurant somewhere else in town. She said she bristles when others suggest that would have been "a victory for the shooter."

"It doesn't make any difference to him. He's dead," Mrs. Nickolson said.

McDonald's Corp. closed its San Ysidro, Calif., restaurant after gunman James Oliver Huberty killed 21 people inside it in 1984.

"I think it's definitely a process of healing and a realization we've got to go on with our lives," said Ralph Erben, chairman of San Antonio-based Luby's Cafeterias Inc., which owns 156 restaurants like the one in Killeen.

The company spent $350,000 remodeling the restaurant.

Its deep brown brick exterior was given a lighter shade. A gazebo-like area was removed from the dining room and its green-and-white styling was updated with contemporary colors, deep wood trim and flowered wallpaper.

The floor-to-ceiling glass windows at the front of the building, one of which Hennard drove his truck through, have been replaced. There is now brick to about waist-level and then window.

Erben said he never second-guessed the reopening.

Senate panel endorses Lake Meredith desalinization plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The four-year fight to get federal funds to remove the salt pollution from Lake Meredith — the source of drinking water for 450,000 West Texans — has moved a step closer to resolution.

The Senate Energy Committee agreed to consider legislation authored by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen to eliminate the primary source of salt pollution at the Panhandle lake. The provision, attached to the fiscal 1993 funding bill for the Bureau of Reclamation, should be voted on next week when the committee takes up the appropriation measure for that agency.

Bentsen, D-Texas, has tried since 1988 to obtain authorization for the Bureau of Reclamation to undertake the project. Earlier efforts stalled when the differing House and Senate versions could not be reconciled.

"I'm more confident than at any time since 1988 ... that we're going to win and probably this year," he said.

The Senate legislation is similar to a bill approved by the House last year.

Unless the situation is remedied, the naturally occurring salt could eventually render the water useless for human consumption. Each year, 30,000 tons of salt are added to the water, Bentsen said.

Studies show that 70 percent of salt entering the lake originates in a shallow brine aquifer in New Mexico. The aquifer is under artesian pressure and is leaking into the Canadian River, which feeds Lake Meredith.

A 1985 Bureau of Reclamation report recommended the most cost-effective solution would be to intercept the brine at the source by well pumping and disposal by deep well injection. Cost estimates have ranged as high as $9 million.

Bentsen's legislation would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to pay for design preparation and construction management, which is an estimated one-third of the total cost.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority would be responsible for the remaining two-thirds, including construction, operation and maintenance costs.

Congress would still have to vote separately to appropriate money for the project even if it authorizes Bentsen's legislation.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, Arkansas was ranked last in 1989 in money spent per capita for public libraries.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What kind of reaction might a person experience when ceasing methadone? My son was in the program for over two years and now that the treatments have ended, he wants to sleep more, has pains in his legs and has either diarrhea or constipation. What light can you shed on the subject?

DEAR READER: Methadone, itself a narcotic, is considered to be less addictive than heroin. Therefore, it is often used as a substitute drug during the withdrawal or de-toxification process. Methadone does not cause a heightened feeling of well-being or sleepiness; however, some withdrawal symptoms may appear once the drug is discontinued. Such symptoms can include restlessness and bowel irregularity.

Although your son may be experiencing minor withdrawal symptoms, I suspect his body is merely adjusting to being drug-free. Recovering addicts often feel sleepy, depressed, edgy and "spacey" because their minds and bodies have become "accustomed" to a drug crutch. This should pass in time. Nonetheless, I believe your son should describe his symptoms to the doctors who are in charge of his drug abuse program because he may need further counseling or treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 48-year-old female with a chronic pain in my right lower abdomen for 18 months now. Orthopedic tests, X-rays and trials of anti-inflammatory meds are negative. A biopsy of the uterine lining was negative. Pelvic ultrasound revealed a fibroid on the right side of the uterus. Could this be the source of my pain?

DEAR READER: Fibroids, which are benign growths arising from the uterine lining, can often grow to large sizes. Although small/moderate fibroids rarely cause symptoms, large growths can cause low abdominal pain, a "pulling" sensation, heavy menstrual bleeding and discomfort during intercourse.

Because you have been extensively tested and found to have no abnormalities (other than the fibroid), I suggest you return to your gynecologist for advice. If the fibroid is causing symptoms, it can be removed. Should the specialist believe the fibroid is an incidental finding, you will need further testing, such as a barium enema, to investigate the possibility of colonic disease, such as diverticulitis, a common source of abdominal pain.

To provide further information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Diverticular Disease" and "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like copies should send $1.25 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title(s).

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Military officials investigate allegations against cadets

HOUSTON (AP) — Military officials are investigating allegations that male members of the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University routinely harass and abuse female cadets, a newspaper has reported.

Military officials confirmed Thursday that "informal investigations are being conducted, but wouldn't talk about the contents or likely completion dates, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

Officials from the U.S. Army and Air Force ROTC divisions were on the College Station campus in December, January and February interviewing cadets and officers about the alleged problems, which caused an uproar last fall.

The allegations already have prompted a special fact-finding panel named by A&M President William Mobley to issue an interim report calling the verbal harassment, physical assault and other forms of discrimination against female cadets "disturbing" and in need of corrective action. The panel's final report is due soon, the newspaper reported.

In the most recent incident, a male cadet pleaded no contest in a Brazos County court to kicking a female ROTC student in the back and was given a $500 fine and a six-month probated sentence.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Darling, the Corps' commandant, expressed optimism about the Army and Air Force investigations through a spokesman. He said hour-long briefings with officials after the visits were "positive."

Cadets who talked with investigators said the Army investigation will cover the Corps' own review of the kicking incident. The Corps' review, completed three months before the male cadet agreed to the plea bargain, exonerated him.

"The Corps' investigation disgusted me, but nothing about the Corps surprises me anymore," said Carolyn Muckley, the victim of the kick. "I just hope the Army investigation shows what a sham the Corps' investigation was."

The Corps' review, obtained by the Chronicle, concluded that Muckley was not assaulted by kicking and recommended that neither the Corps nor the university take action against cadet James Patrick O'Connell.

O'Connell has since told the media he's innocent of the charge and only agreed to the plea bargain because he doesn't have the money to pay court costs.

But Brazos County Attorney said O'Connell failed two lie detector tests and Muckley passed one.

The Army and Air Force investigations were launched in response to a complaint lodged by Muckley's father, a retired Army officer.

On the issues

Funding graphic artwork

Editor's Note — The Associated Press asks the major presidential candidates a question each weekday about their views on a particular issue and assembles their responses.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are the views of the major presidential candidates on the question: "Should the government restrict federal financing of the arts to exclude works that some people might consider offensive or obscene?"

DEMOCRATS

—Jerry Brown: "No. The choice of a nonrepresentative minority should not be allowed to define art for the majority of Americans."

—Bill Clinton: "While I believe that publicly funded projects should strive to reflect the values that most Americans share, I strongly support and will defend freedom of speech and artistic expression."

—Paul Tsongas: "No. Local obscenity laws should exercise their jurisdiction in such cases."

REPUBLICANS

—George Bush: Has said he is "deeply offended by some of the filth that I see and to which federal money has gone, and by some of the sacrilegious, blasphemous depictions that are portrayed by some to be art," but opposes censorship. He was said to have requested National Endowment for the Arts Chairman John Frohnmayer's recent departure from the agency, although both Frohnmayer and the White House depicted the move as a resignation.

—Patrick Buchanan: Took credit for Frohnmayer's resignation, which came on the heels of his campaign ad that scathingly told voters the Bush administration "has invested your tax dollars in pornographic and blasphemous art." He has said that if elected, "we will close and padlock the National Endowment for the Arts, then fumigate the building."

—David Duke: "With a $300 billion deficit, we don't need to be federally funding the arts."

Love of trains runs in actor's family

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — "Family Ties" star Michael Gross, who's invested in a new rail line in Santa Fe, says his affection for trains runs in the family.

"I have been part of a railroad family for several generations," Gross said Thursday at a ceremony launching the Santa Fe Southern Railway.

The freight line, expected eventually to haul passengers, runs on an 18-mile branch line purchased from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co.

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