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County oks resolution, gazebo use

Scurry County commissioners voted to proclaim Tuesday, May 20, as "Special Olympics Day in Scurry County" and to allow two groups to use the gazebo that day for programs in conjunction with the Special Olympics.

Joe Cheyne and Mike Duddleston addressed the court with respect to employees of the Price Daniel Unit and the Snyder Police Department hosting ceremonies at the gazebo in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run through Snyder. Cheyne is a Texas Department of Criminal Justice employee at the PDU; Duddleston is a city patrolman.

In the only other order of business for commissioners this morning, the court approved a budget amendment in the amount of $6,600 for the county's health department.

The funds were needed to pay for audits of the department's Maternal and Child Home grant for the past two years by Mason Warner & Co.

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided. All commissioners were in attendance.



SILENT AUCTION — Saturday's annual May Day celebration raised some 26,000 for the Senior Citizens Center. Sadie Longbotham and Bobbye Greene are shown looking at items displayed during the silent auction. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Search still on for two who fled

Hound wounded when shots fired

FORT DAVIS (AP) — Five shots were fired this morning at dogs that were unleashed to track two Republic of Texas members who fled into the rugged Davis Mountains after a weeklong standoff.

"So far we have not returned any fire and none of our officers have been shot at," Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox said.

One dog was wounded.

Richard Keyes III, 21, and Mike Matson, 48, fled the group's remote hideaway before the others surrendered peacefully on Saturday. Authorities aren't sure who left first, but one walked away at noon and the other about 4 p.m. Authorities let them go to avoid jeopardizing the negotiations with leader Richard McLaren.

Airplanes and helicopters searched for the men Sunday. Hounds and horseback troopers were held back because of possible booby traps left behind by McLaren's group. Authorities have found more than 60 pipe bombs and 12 gasoline cans in the area, as well as several fortified bunkers.

Cox said searchers discovered a campsite with a tent, two bedrolls and ready-to-eat meals in the canyon behind the group's "embassy."

The dogs from Texas Department of Criminal Justice were unleashed about 8 this morning near the campsite and within minutes, the shots were fired. The men are believed to be armed with a .30-30 deer rifle, an SKS semi-automatic military rifle and a 9 mm handgun, Cox said.

Helicopters from the DPS and the U.S. Border Patrol were circling the area.

"We're on these guys," Cox said. "The DPS is on their trail."

Of the two, only Keyes is charged with a crime. He is accused of organized criminal activity and kidnapping related to a hostage-taking April 27 that sparked the seven-day standoff.

Their leader, McLaren, told NBC News in a report broadcast today that the embassy was surrounded with booby traps and explosives because members felt they needed protection.

McLaren, a 43-year-old Missouri native, was in jail today without bail, sharing a cell with his wife, Evelyn. He and three other members are charged with organized criminal activity; the others were held on $500,000 bond.

Like other members of the Republic of Texas, McLaren believes Texas was illegally annexed by the United States in 1845. But other factions have disavowed his actions; one even "impeached" him.

The standoff began April 27 when McLaren's followers stormed the home of two neighbors and held the couple hostage to protest of the arrest of a comrade, Robert Scheidt. He was exchanged for the hostages, but the standoff continued. Scheidt later surrendered.

McLaren and three others left their "embassy" after McLaren signed a "cease-fire document" with the Texas Rangers on Saturday afternoon. His wife had given up earlier in the day.

U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins announced in Dallas today that Richard and Evelyn McLaren are accused of issuing more than $1.8 billion in bogus Republic of Texas documents. They were indicted Tuesday on federal charges of conspiracy, bank fraud, mail fraud and aiding and abetting.

May Day brings in $26,000 for Center

Saturday's May Day celebration raised $26,427 for Scurry County Senior Center.

As usual, the quilt auction was the big fund-raiser, bringing in $18,015. A large number of people enjoyed the barbecue dinner, which brought in $4,368.

The silent auction took in $2,098, the Sweet Tooth Booth $679, crafts and collectibles $688 and the Country Store $579.

Robertson, Martin win city council seats

Voters on Saturday chose Dayton Robertson and Terry Jon Martin to occupy at-large seats on the Snyder City Council.

Robertson, an incumbent and Y-Z Industries plant manager, received 172 of the 383 votes cast in the election. Martin, a retired oil field supervisor and former Snyder ISD board member, received 129 votes.

Ron Shaw, a U.S. Postal Service employee seeking another term on the council, fell short with 82 votes.

That was the only contested race on the ballot.

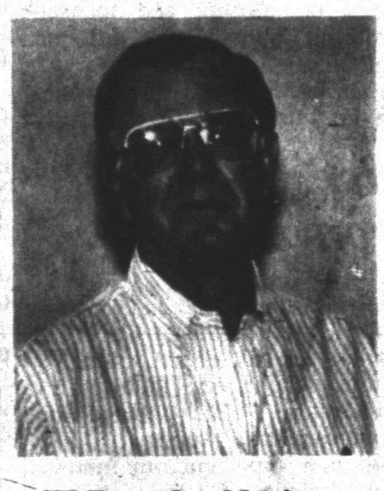
David Holt was re-elected mayor and Kerry Bredemeyer was elected to finish out a one-year term in District 3.

Canvassing of the votes will be held at noon Friday at City Hall.

Mayor
David Holt (I) 159
Council, District 3
Kerry Bredemeyer 12
Council, At-Large
Dayton Robertson (I) 172
Ron Shaw (I) 82
Terry Martin 129



Dayton Robertson



Terry Jon Martin

Trial begins for man accused of murdering 7-year-old Megan

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The defendant's own confession and a bite mark little Megan Kanka left as she struggled for her life will prove Jesse Timmendequas lured the girl into his home, raped and killed her, the prosecutor said at the start of his trial today.

In her opening statement, Deputy First Assistant Mercer County Prosecutor Kathryn Flicker took the jury back to the night of July 29, 1994, when Megan asked her neighbor if she could see his new puppy. Timmendequas told the girl she would have to come inside his house to see the dog, Ms. Flicker said.

"Unsuspecting, trusting, 7-year-old Megan walked into the defendant's house, unseen by any of the people who might have intervened. She would never walk out," Ms. Flicker said.

In the years since Megan was slain, laws in her name have been passed around the country in hopes of notifying communities about against sexual pdators.

Timmendequas, who had two prior sex convictions, lived across the street from the Kanka family in suburban Hamilton Township. He is charged with murder, kidnapping and sexual assault. If convicted of the top count of murder, he could face the death penalty.

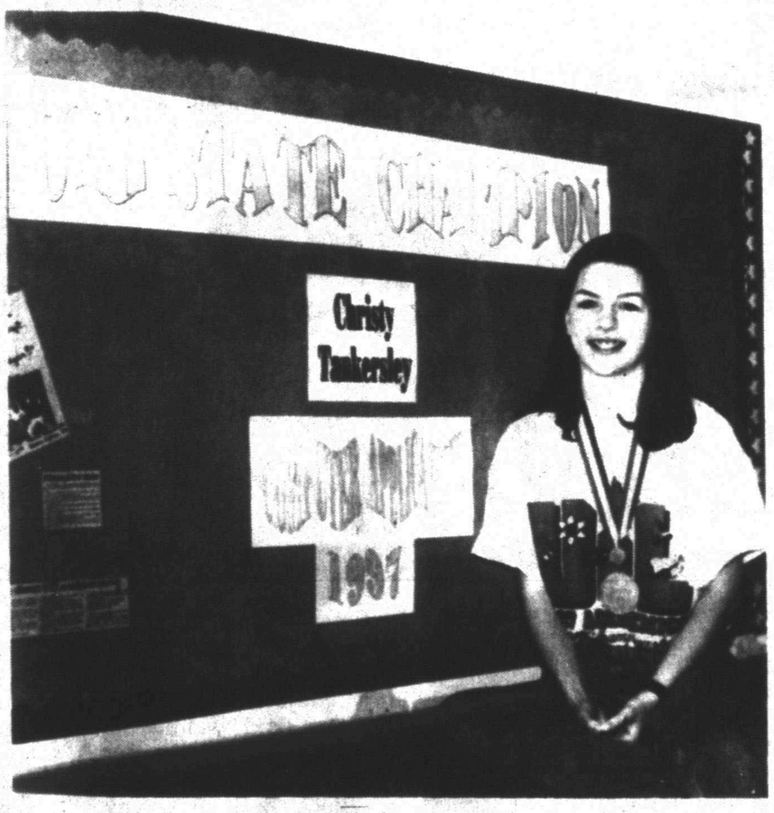
Ms. Flicker addressed the jury in a stern, strong voice. She said the evidence would include pieces of cloth found in the defendant's garbage, which Megan's mother identified as the shorts her daughter was wearing when she disappeared.

Armed with that evidence, police took Timmendequas in for questioning. Hours later, he agreed to lead officers to the girl's body in Mercer County Park.

"And there in the high brush, exactly where he said she would be, was Megan's discarded body, exactly where he had dumped it approximately 24 hours earlier," Ms. Flicker told the jury.

She said Timmendequas then gave police an oral statement, a handwritten statement and finally a formal, typewritten confession.

Ms. Flicker said a forensic dentist would testify that a cut visible on Timmendequas' hand when he was being questioned was a bite mark.



Christy Tankersley

Tankersley is UIL champion

AUSTIN — Snyder High School junior Christy Tankersley took first place in computer applications at the Class 4A UIL State Academics Meet over the weekend.

"This is quite an honor when you consider that out of the whole state of Texas she was number one in Class 4A," said her sponsor, Lynda Patterson. "She really did a teriffic job."

Tankersley swept the competition all year, winning first at district and region as well as state.

Others competing here fo. Snyder High but not placing were Jenise Judah and LaTrisha Lee.

Open house set for OB area

Area citizens are invited to see the newly remodeled obstetrics department at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

An open house has been scheduled from 4 until 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Visitors should enter through the front lobby where they will be escorted to the new maternity center.

Following the tour, guests can visit in a refreshment area, where hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Gift packages will be given to the first 250 who register. Visitors will also have an opportunity to win one of two rocking chairs and several infant car seats. Plus, moms-to-be can register for one of four Lullaby Lane packages to be given away.

Repairs force road's closing

Travelers who use the FM 1611 exit off U.S. Highway 84 will be detoured for the next couple of days, but it should be worth the inconvenience.

Texas Department of Highway officials will close off a portion of the farm to market to work on the roadway at the Santa Fe railroad crossing. A new concrete crossing will be put in.

The work will begin at 7 a.m. Tuesday and continue through Wednesday.

Traffic will be re-routed using County Road 274.

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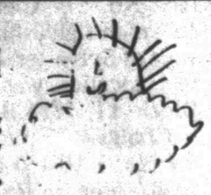
Q.-What percent of those eligible voted in last Saturday's city election?

A.-Of 7,503 eligible city voters, 338 cast ballots, or 4.5 percent.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 71 degrees; low, 45; high Sunday, 81; low, 50; 7 a.m. Monday, 60; no precipitation; total for 1997. 10.63 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Storm chance: 20%. Low 55-60. NE wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy morning, partly cloudy afternoon. High around 85. SE wind 10-20 mph.



Jeremy Torrez
'Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:26 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:54 p.m.
Of 124 days in 1997, the sun has shone 112 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Natural ability without education has more often raised a man to glory and virtue than education without natural ability.

--Cicero

Negotiating trends have changed since Waco

FORT DAVIS (AP) — A twist in negotiating style may be why the separatists walked away from their standoff, unlike Texas' most infamous law enforcement siege, where more than 80 Branch Davidians died.

"I think it was a matter of a determined patience," said Mike Cox of the Texas Department of Public Safety, which was in charge of the weeklong standoff in this remote part of West Texas.

Four years ago, federal officers stormed David Koresh's compound outside Waco while trying to serve arrest warrants, resulting in a gunbattle that killed four agents and six sect members. A 51-day standoff ended when a fire destroyed the group's home, killing 80 people.

"One major difference between the operations is that the DPS was in charge this time from the get-go," Cox said. "Although we had assistance (here), we were the agency making decisions and calling the shots. In Waco, there was overlapping jurisdictions."

Although the DPS did cut telephone lines and electricity to the Texas separatists, Cox said the DPS tried hard to be flexible with them and self-proclaimed leader Richard McLaren. For example, early in the standoff, negotiators swapped a Republic of Texas follower for two hostages.

That move was contrary to standard law enforcement techniques, but some experts called it shrewd and said it probably helped build trust with McLaren.

Also, family members' pleas were sent to Republic of Texas members holed up in their mountain retreat.

"You take away some of the heavy tension when you can get somebody in the middle with credibility in both camps," said Brian Levin, an associate professor of criminal justice at Richard Stockton College in New Jersey.

"It's important sometimes to stand back. One of the things law enforcement has found is it's not a sign of weakness to use intermediaries. At Waco, the FBI, with exception of the lawyer, didn't take advantage of intermediaries."

The FBI and other law enforcement agencies had only secondary roles in the Republic of Texas standoff.

Telephone messages left Sunday with the FBI's Crisis Management Unit were not returned.

Federal agents took a more hard-line approach with the Branch Davidians. They shut off utilities, stopped deliveries, squelched outside contact and beamed lights and music relentless toward the site.

In 1995, FBI hostage team member Barry Higginbotham said of the Waco incident: "We just felt that if we make them suffer a little more, deny them perhaps a little more food, lights, power, things like that inside, that would cause more pressure on their leaders inside."

Now, after the examinations of Waco, experts say barricaded standoffs with ideologues are likely to stay at a lower intensity for a longer time.

"I think what you're going to see is a much more careful decision on when you go to the hard-line process," said Levin, who is also director of the Center on Hate and Extremism. "As long as you have a group isolated and contained that's the important thing. Not everything has to be solved by the 6 o'clock news."

Last year, the armed siege with the Freeman in Montana — the longest in modern U.S. history — ended peacefully after 81 days.

But during the FBI's August 1992 standoff with Randy Weaver at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, a bureau sniper shot and killed Weaver's wife, Vicki, and wounded Weaver and a friend. The FBI got involved after Weaver's son, Samuel, and a deputy U.S. marshal, William F. Degan, were killed in gunfire Aug. 21 as marshals scouted for a way to arrest the elder Weaver for failing to appear in court on gun-sale charges.

Cox said he believes previous standoffs have taught law enforcement officers a lot, including a better understanding of extremist behavior.

He said the chief negotiator, Texas Ranger Capt. Barry Caver, a shy and quiet Midland resident who has spurned interviews, was convinced that one reason the operation succeeded was Caver's willingness to sign a cease-fire agreement with McLaren.

"He said it was almost as simple as signing his name," Cox said.

Caver, 39, made the tactical decisions during the standoff. Fellow officers are crediting him for the peaceful end to the siege. "When those people came out, even they seemed to be in a good mood," Cox said. "I think it's because we lived up to our motto of 'courtesy, service, protection.'"

Chief negotiator's parents fretted during talks

CUSHING — While the eyes of the nation were on Fort Davis, the hearts of two Cushing residents were with their son at the Republic of Texas standoff.

Barry Caver, the son of Bobby and Janet Caver of Cushing, holds one of only six captain positions in the Texas Rangers. He was chief negotiator throughout the high-profile Republic of Texas siege last week.

Republic of Texas separatists repeatedly called for a statewide referendum on whether Texas should become an independent republic. During the siege, self-styled ambassador Richard McLaren wanted to plead his case before the United Nations.

Republic of Texas separatists had vowed to die rather than surrender, but they laid down their guns Saturday. McLaren and his wife signed a "cease-fire" document with Texas Rangers.

Caver said he saw the document on CNN, and the only three names on it were the names of the McLarens, and the name "Barry Caver."

"It was really something to hear people in New York and all over the nation saying my son's name," he said.

Terence O'Rourke, a Houston lawyer who represented McLaren during the standoff, said Saturday that the cease fire agreement was instrumental in coaxing his client to come out.

O'Rouke was quoted in Sunday's Dallas Morning News Sunday, saying: "Rick McLaren chose not to die because Barry Caver, a Texas Ranger, signed this document."

The stand-off began last Sunday, and according to the Cavers, their son has been in their thoughts and prayers ever since.

"It was really a nerve-wracking week," Ms. Caver said. "As his mother, it was really upsetting not to know where he was and what he was doing. A mother can imagine all sorts of things."

Caver said he was continuously watching the news so he could be up-to-date, and he called his daughter-in-law daily.

Barry and his wife, Tammy, live in Midland with their three children, Tiffany, Chris and Chad.

Caver said his son would call Tammy when he was able, but that wasn't often. When he did call, there was very little he could tell her about the proceedings.

"She would call us at midnight or one in the morning," Caver said. "She knew we wanted to hear whatever he had to say as soon as she heard from him."

The Cavers said that at 4 p.m. Saturday, the long-awaited phone call came.

"Tammy called us and said 'Turn on CNN, it's over, it's over!' " Ms. Caver said. "Naturally I started crying, and then our friends all started calling."

Caver said between the crying and the ringing of the telephone, he couldn't hear what the news announcer was saying.

He said he stayed glued to the TV until about midnight, and now he's anxious to talk to his son.

"He won't leave Fort Davis until Monday," he said. "Reporters have been calling Tammy, and she keeps telling them -- 'Wait 'til he gets home,'" he said.

When the ordeal was finally over, the Cavers told Barry's grandmother what he'd been through.

"She's 84 years old, and she hadn't really been paying attention to the standoff. We hadn't told her anything because we didn't want to upset her," Ms. Caver said. "After we told her, she said she knew there was something going on."

Barry Caver was promoted to the position of captain in November of 1996. He is a 19-year veteran of the Texas Department of Public Safety, and he's spent the last seven years as a Texas Ranger. At 39, Barry is one of the youngest people to have served as a captain for the Rangers.



Texas Senate prepares to move tax plan

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — It's a tale of two tax plans, and there will be a test.

The first plan, already approved by the House, would cut local school property taxes by about $5 billion every two years. It would raise about $4 billion in state taxes to replace most of that money and another $1 billion in additional state funds to cover the rest.

The second plan, the subject of a public hearing in a Senate committee today, would lower local school property taxes by about $2.5 billion every two years. It proposes about $1 billion in new state taxes and additional state funds to cover the cuts.

AP analysis

The Senate plan is expected to clear the committee and the full Senate quickly — unlike the House plan, which took two months in committee and three days in the full House.

Then the real work would begin as the legislative time clock continues to tick. The session ends June 2.

Senate and House leaders would be assigned to a conference committee where differences between the plans would be resolved. Any compromise deal again would have to clear the House and Senate before a final test in August: the voters.

Senate leaders concede the House plan offers bigger cuts. But, they quickly warn, nothing's free.

Both plans would expand the current state business tax to all companies except sole proprietorships. Both would raise "sin" taxes on alcohol and tobacco products, although by different amounts.

The key to a compromise would be the future of business property taxes.

The House wants to tax business property statewide for schools, while Senate leaders want to keep the levy local.

Under the House plan, local business property taxes used for school maintenance and operation would be eliminated. Local districts would continue to tax residential property for so-called M&O purposes, although at lower amounts than under current law.

Local districts also would continue to tax residential and business property for school debt purposes. Both plans would encourage those rates to be lowered by offering more state funds to cover such debt.

Replacing the local business property tax would be a statewide business property tax, set lower than the current average local rate. Money from that tax would be distributed around the state.

Under current law, 91 school districts with an abundance of taxable property are forced to share their income with so-called property poor school districts. House leaders say their plan would do away with that system, called Robin Hood.

Senate leaders object, calling the House proposal the Mother of all Robin Hoods. Instead of taking from 91 school districts and delivering to the poor, the House plan would take from everyone, according to key senators.

The Senate plan would leave residential and business property to local districts to tax for both debt and M&O. It would reduce by 26 the number of schools subject to Robin Hood by changing the definition of property rich school

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Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

Parker and Parsley Development has completed the No. 358 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 25 barrels of oil and 85 barrels of water. Location is in Section 9, Block 29, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley has completed the No. 25-C Mitchell Fee in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 18 barrels of oil and 201 barrels of water. Location is in Section 9, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley will drill the No. 370-W Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,240 feet, drill site is in Section 10, Block 29, T&P survey.

Ruwco Oil and Gas will drill the No. 1 Diamondback, a 7,500-foot wildcat located one mile east of Loraine. Location is in Section 48, Block 25, T&P survey.

Borden County

Texaco will drill the No. 250-H Jo Mill field unit, 14 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 10,065 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 33, T&P survey.

Texaco will drill the No. 2522-H Jo Mill field unit, 14 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 10,000 feet, drill site is in Section 12, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Texaco will drill the No. 9212-H Jo Mill field unit, 18 miles southwest of Gail. Contracted for 10,043 feet, location is in Section 4, Block 33, T3N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Marathon Oil Co. will drill the No. 1-26 Heusinger in the Howard-Glasscock field, eight miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 67, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Costilla Energy has plugged and abandoned the No. 2-20A Hamlin in the Talbot field, 12 miles north of Big Spring. Drilled to a depth of 9,200 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Costilla Petroleum has plugged and abandoned the No. 2-35 Fred Ziffle in the Talbot field, 11 miles northeast of Big Spring. Drilled to 9,120 feet, location was in Section 35, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Walter Exploration Inc. has completed the No. 1-D RobTann in the Sprague field, 12 miles southwest of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce 64 barrels of oil and 13 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,576-586 feet, and location is in Section 4, Block X, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 3-A Billie Hanks, a re-entry projected in the Hylton northwest field, six miles south of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,034 feet, location is in Section 28, Block Z, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 30-A Billie Hanks in the Hylton northwest field, six miles south of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,300 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 2, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration Co. will drill the No. 30-A Billie Hanks, a 63,000-foot wildcat located six miles south of Nolan. Drill site is in Section 28, Block Z, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Cholla Petroleum Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Beck in the Newman field, three miles southwest of Sylvester. Drilled to 3,850 feet, location was in Section 22, Block 1, HT&B survey.

Cholla will plug and abandon the No. 1 Clearfork in the Newman field, three miles southwest of Sylvester. Drilled to 3,850 feet, location was in Section 25, Block 11, HT&B survey.

Cholla will plug and abandon the No, 1 Ulsted in the Newman field, four miles southwest of Sylvester. Drilled to a depth of 3,798 feet, location was in Block 18, Bastrop CSL survey.

'Breakdown,' 'Austin Powers' push 'Volcano' from top spot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Breakdown," the tale of a man's desperate search for his mysteriously vanished wife, was the top box office draw over the weekend, breaking the one-week hold of "Volcano."

"Breakdown" had $12.7 million in ticket sales, followed by "Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery," which debuted with $10 million, according to industry estimates released Sunday.

"Volcano" was third with $9.5 million, a 35 percent drop from its opening weekend, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

"Breakdown" stars Kurt Russell as a man trying to find his wife (Kathleen Quinlan), who disappears after accepting a ride from a trucker when the couple's car breaks down.

"Austin Powers" stars "Wayne's World" and "Saturday Night Live" star Mike Meyers as a swinging '60s super-spy transplanted to the 1990s.

The only other major film to debut in the top 10 was "Warriors of Virtue," a martial arts adventure that finished seventh with $3.6 million.

Jim Carrey's "Liar, Liar" remained strong, finishing fourth with $5.8 million. The comedy has $151.5 million in ticket sales in just seven weeks.

"Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion," a comedy that co-stars Oscar-winner Mira Sorvino, was fifth with $5.6 million, followed by "Anaconda" with $5 million.

"The Saint" was eighth with $3.2 million, followed by "Murder at 1600" with $3 million. "Grosse Pointe Blank," a dark comedy about a hitman who returns to his high school reunion, was No. 10 with $2 million.

Several films opened in limited release, including "Commandments," which had $321,600 on 269 screens. Aidan Quinn and Courteney Cox star in the fable about a man who decides to test God by breaking the Ten Commandments.

Final weekend box office figures were to be released today. The top 10 films from Friday through Sunday:

1. "Breakdown," $12.7 million.
2. "Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery," $10 million.
3. "Volcano," $9.5 million.
4. "Liar, Liar," $5.8 million.
5. "Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion," $5.6 million.
6. "Anaconda," $5 million.
7. "Warriors of Virtue," $3.6 million.
8. "The Saint," $3.2 million.
9. "Murder at 1600," $3 million.
10. "Grosse Pointe Blank," $2 million.

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Plans for scenic ranch tear town asunder

WESTLAKE (AP) — Ross Perot Jr.'s ranch near Dallas has rolling pastures, ponds, an old-fashioned house and bison — a picture of peace that's now the center of a vicious development battle.

The mayor who opposed development has been ousted from office. The town just north of Fort Worth is the biggest casualty — on maps, it now looks like a doughnut, with 70 percent of its original land now controlled by others.

"I don't even recognize it," said Steve Thornton, whose father was born in the affluent ranch community in 1917.

Perot, the son of the presidential candidate, wants to build a mall, hundreds of homes, more than 10,000 apartments and perhaps a basketball arena for his Dallas Mavericks on his Circle T Ranch.

Critics want him to build less on the last big tract of raw land in the rapidly suburbanizing area, and for Perot to use his own money for utilities and roads instead of millions of local tax dollars.

The opponents include Scott Bradley, who was mayor until April 29, three days before town elections. He says he was unfairly booted from office in an invalid scheme cooked up by four Perot backers on the board of five aldermen.

"It's only explainable in terms of the Perot ego and need to control things," says Bradley, elected mayor of the 250-person, seven-square-mile suburb in 1994. A court could return him as mayor as early as today.

Perot spokesman Pete Geren, a former congressman, said the mayor's ouster had nothing to do with the ranch.

"You've got four aldermen, I guess, representing the old-timers that hate what Mayor Bradley has done to the town and want him out," Geren said. "I challenge anyone to find a connection between what those aldermen have done and Mr. Perot."

Still, thanks to those aldermen — one of whom, Carroll Huntress, is a tenant on Perot property — Perot should face fewer problems doing what he wants to with his land.

On Friday, the same four aldermen who dismissed Bradley released about 3,000 acres, including the Circle T, from Westlake's control.

The next day, Perot's 2,660 acres were absorbed by Fort Worth, a city that has been friendly to his requests for zoning and tax breaks at his Alliance Airport development west of the Circle T.

Perot bought the ranch — once owned by Dallas oilman Nelson Bunker Hunt — out of bankruptcy court in 1993 for about $20 million. At about the same time, Westlake annexed a neighboring subdivision called Stagecoach Hills and things went downhill from there.

Huntress accused the mayor of illegally sneaking the annexation through to get another anti-development person on the board. Bradley denies the charge.

The subdivision has about 80 residents, enough to gain control of the town's board in at-large elections. Perot's supporters on the board immediately began trying to untangle Stagecoach Hills and the ranch from Westlake, claiming the town is too restrictive and in political chaos.

But over the weekend, as expected, the Perot bloc of aldermen dissolved. One member was defeated in elections; another's term expired.

They were replaced by pro-Bradley forces: salesman Abe Bush Jr. and attorney Charla Bradshaw, whose husband is retired Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw.

"I'm going to try to salvage the town of Westlake somehow — that's our goal," Bush said Sunday. "New map, old map, whatever. I'd rather have the Circle T back and work with Ross Perot Jr. With this new board, we're all committed to do that."

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

Alpha Study Club year-end luncheon; LaDean Rhodes, Elizabeth McClosky, hostesses.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building on W. 37th; paint day; LaVerne Lee, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's; 10 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; cost $30; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservation necessary; call 573-2850 for more information.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Couple's Summer Sowing Yields Unexpected Harvest

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my early 20s. At the end of last summer, suffering from a broken heart, I took a trip to a beach resort where I met an attractive man and had a one-week fling. I know what I did was wrong.

As I was leaving, "Jordan" asked for my telephone number and promised he'd call me. He never did. Two months later, I discovered I was pregnant. I figured I'd better let Jordan know, so I tracked down his phone number (after some pretty extensive investigation), and called him shortly after Christmas.

I know he answered the phone, because he has a very distinctive voice. He was very rude to me, said I had a wrong number and hung up. I never got a chance to tell him about the baby.

Abby, I'm not looking for any support from this man, because I am financially well-off. I felt it was my moral obligation to inform Jordan that he is going to be a father.

Our baby is due soon. The ultrasound indicates it is most likely a girl. Part of me says, "Keep this little girl all to yourself. Jordan will only deny her anyway." Another part says, "Tell him and let him deal with it." I also worry about what I will tell my daughter when she is old enough to ask who her daddy is. Jordan is not good father material, so I may be doing my daughter a favor if I don't tell him.

Abby, please help. I am very ambivalent.

TO TELL OR NOT TO TELL

DEAR TO TELL OR NOT TO TELL: Jordan has a right to know he is going to be a father. It remains to be seen whether or not he is "good father material." Since you had difficulty informing him by telephone, write him a letter. If he runs true to form, it will be the last communication between the two of you.

Although you may not want to be reminded, you could have avoided this problem had you practiced safe sex in the first place.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a senior in high school and would like to ask a girl to the senior prom. She is a junior, and wouldn't normally be able to go. The problem is, the prom is very expensive and I have no source of income. I have been saving from my small allowance for months, but have only managed to scrape together about $150. Tickets to the dance are $95, and by the time I rent a tux I'll be broke, if not in debt. My parents will not help me out. (Even if they offered, I don't think they could afford it.)

How can I ask her to go with me when I can't afford it? Please don't suggest that we do "free" things over the weekend, because the group of friends we want to go with have already made big plans — expensive plans. If I could somehow tell her that we need to go dutch, that would make things more affordable.

I really don't want to ask her on the stipulation that we are to go as "just friends," because I think of her as more than that. Please help me, Abby. What should I do?

PENNILESS FOR THE PROM

DEAR PENNILESS: It is unfortunate that what was once a carefree rite of passage that almost everyone could enjoy has become such an elaborate ritual that it is now beyond the means of many.

However, since that is the reality of the '90s, talk to the young lady and tell her exactly what you have told me. It's possible that she won't mind going dutch, and might even volunteer.

Readers, if you have found yourself in a similar situation and would like to tell me how you resolved it, I would appreciate your input.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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'Republic' factions gather for meeting

KILGORE (AP) — The 300 or so Republic of Texas members who met at a rally struck a strikingly different pose from the gun-toting separatists who kept law enforcement officers at bay for a week.

There were no weapons in sight Sunday and more people in T-shirts and jeans than camouflage.

In fact, the casually dressed participants representing three factions of the separatist group that believes Texas was illegally annexed by the United States in 1845 were focused on getting their message out.

"We've tried to use this as an opportunity to tell people that's not what the Republic of Texas is about," said Dan Miller, chairman of the Gregg County Constitutional Committee for the Republic of Texas.

"The Republic of Texas is about freedom and the truth."

Most of the grievances voiced Sunday sounded much like the ones heard at any town meeting — frustration with the crime rate and the judicial system, along with high taxes.

"I'm old enough to remember when we could walk down the streets safely at night," Leo Holley said when he took the mike.

Lisa McAlister, who made the 100-mile trip from Paris, said: "I think the people need a voice, and I think you are the voice that we need."

The standoff in the Davis Mountains, which ended peacefully Saturday, was barely mentioned.

Richard McLaren and three others abandoned their "embassy," a trailer in the remote Davis Mountains after signing a cease-fire document. McLaren's wife surrendered earlier in the day.

But two men disappeared hours before the surrender into a heavily wooded canyon wearing green camouflage. Richard Frank Keyes III and Mike Matson were believed to be carrying two rifles and a 9mm pistol.

Both Miller and Archie Lowe, president of a Republic of Texas faction that impeached McLaren, said they were glad it was over. Others said they were worried that the group's image has suffered.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 05-02-97
♠ J 10 6 3
♥ 7 5
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ A J 7

West
♠ 9 4
♥ A Q 9 6
♦ 7 6 4
♣ K 6 5 4

East
♠ K Q 8 7
♥ 10 4
♦ 9 8 5 2
♣ 9 8 2

South
♠ A 5 2
♥ K J 8 3 2
♦ A K
♣ Q 10 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

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

Opening lead: ♣ 4

wrong line of play. Declarer had to lead away from the honors!)

This deal was played last January in the Australian capital of Canberra. East, Phil Fent, didn't return his partner's suit, instead finding an excellent switch to defeat the contract.

South's two-no-trump rebid showed 18-19 points. He added a point for his decent five-card suit.

After winning the first trick in hand with the club queen, South, Australian international Peter Gill, played a spade to dummy's 10 and East's queen.

If East returns a club, declarer makes the contract. He wins in the dummy, crosses to hand with a spade to the ace, cashes the ace-king of diamonds, and leads a club to dummy. He takes the Q-J of diamonds before playing a heart to his jack. West wins with the queen and cashes his last club, but then he has to concede a trick to South's heart king. Declarer's nine tricks are one spade, one heart, four diamonds and three clubs.

However, Fent switched accurately to the heart 10: jack, queen, five. Now West, Andrew Muir, reverted to clubs. The contract could no longer be made, because if South tried the same end-play, he would have five losers: one spade, three hearts and one club.

Let's revise that adage: Always return partner's lead unless you have something better to do.

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Think before obeying

By Phillip Alder

Perhaps you like to follow this adage: "Always return partner's lead." However, in bridge you cannot say "always" or "never" — each deal must be taken on its own merits. (Until a couple of years ago, I thought it was right always to lead up to honors. Then I saw a deal in which that was the

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Negotiating trends have changed since Waco

FORT DAVIS (AP) — A twist in negotiating style may be why the separatists walked away from their standoff, unlike Texas' most infamous law enforcement siege, where more than 80 Branch Davidians died.

"I think it was a matter of a determined patience," said Mike Cox of the Texas Department of Public Safety, which was in charge of the weeklong standoff in this remote part of West Texas.

Four years ago, federal officers stormed David Koresh's compound outside Waco while trying to serve arrest warrants, resulting in a gunbattle that killed four agents and six sect members. A 51-day standoff ended when a fire destroyed the group's home, killing 80 people.

"One major difference between the operations is that the DPS was in charge this time from the get-go," Cox said. "Although we had assistance (here), we were the agency making decisions and calling the shots. In Waco, there was overlapping jurisdictions."

Although the DPS did cut telephone lines and electricity to the Texas separatists, Cox said the DPS tried hard to be flexible with them and self-proclaimed leader Richard McLaren. For example, early in the standoff, negotiators swapped a Republic of Texas follower for two hostages.

That move was contrary to standard law enforcement techniques, but some experts called it shrewd and said it probably helped build trust with McLaren.

Also, family members' pleas were sent to Republic of Texas members holed up in their mountain retreat.

"You take away some of the heavy tension when you can get somebody in the middle with credibility in both camps," said Brian Levin, an associate professor of criminal justice at Richard Stockton College in New Jersey.

"It's important sometimes to stand back. One of the things law enforcement has found is it's not a sign of weakness to use intermediaries. At Waco, the FBI, with exception of the lawyer, didn't take advantage of intermediaries."

The FBI and other law enforcement agencies had only secondary roles in the Republic of Texas standoff.

Telephone messages left Sunday with the FBI's Crisis Management Unit were not returned.

Federal agents took a more hard-line approach with the Branch Davidians. They shut off utilities, stopped deliveries, squelched outside contact and beamed lights and music relentless toward the site.

In 1995, FBI hostage team member Barry Higginbotham said of the Waco incident: "We just felt that if we make them suffer a little more, deny them perhaps a little more food, lights, power, things like that inside, that would cause more pressure on their leaders inside."

Now, after the examinations of Waco, experts say barricaded standoffs with ideologues are likely to stay at a lower intensity for a longer time.

"I think what you're going to see is a much more careful decision on when you go to the hard-line process," said Levin, who is also director of the Center on Hate and Extremism. "As long as you have a group isolated and contained that's the important thing. Not everything has to be solved by the 6 o'clock news."

Last year, the armed siege with the Freeman in Montana — the longest in modern U.S. history — ended peacefully after 81 days.

But during the FBI's August 1992 standoff with Randy Weaver at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, a bureau sniper shot and killed Weaver's wife, Vicki, and wounded Weaver and a friend. The FBI got involved after Weaver's son, Samuel, and a deputy U.S. marshal, William F. Degan, were killed in gunfire Aug. 21 as marshals scouted for a way to arrest the elder Weaver for failing to appear in court on gun-sale charges.

Cox said he believes previous standoffs have taught law enforcement officers a lot, including a better understanding of extremist behavior.

He said the chief negotiator, Texas Ranger Capt. Barry Caver, a shy and quiet Midland resident who has spurned interviews, was convinced that one reason the operation succeeded was Caver's willingness to sign a cease-fire agreement with McLaren.

"He said it was almost as simple as signing his name," Cox said.

Caver, 39, made the tactical decisions during the standoff. Fellow officers are crediting him for the peaceful end to the siege. "When those people came out, even they seemed to be in a good mood," Cox said. "I think it's because we lived up to our motto of 'courtesy, service, protection.'"

Chief negotiator's parents fretted during talks

CUSHING — While the eyes of the nation were on Fort Davis, the hearts of two Cushing residents were with their son at the Republic of Texas standoff.

Barry Caver, the son of Bobby and Janet Caver of Cushing, holds one of only six captain positions in the Texas Rangers. He was chief negotiator throughout the high-profile Republic of Texas siege last week.

Republic of Texas separatists repeatedly called for a statewide referendum on whether Texas should become an independent republic. During the siege, self-styled ambassador Richard McLaren wanted to plead his case before the United Nations.

Republic of Texas separatists had vowed to die rather than surrender, but they laid down their guns Saturday. McLaren and his wife signed a "cease-fire" document with Texas Rangers.

Caver said he saw the document on CNN, and the only three names on it were the names of the McLarens, and the name "Barry Caver."

"It was really something to hear people in New York and all over the nation saying my son's name," he said.

Terence O'Rourke, a Houston lawyer who represented McLaren during the standoff, said Saturday that the cease fire agreement was instrumental in coaxing his client to come out.

O'Rouke was quoted in Sunday's Dallas Morning News Sunday, saying: "Rick McLaren chose not to die because Barry Caver, a Texas Ranger, signed this document."

The stand-off began last Sunday, and according to the Cavers, their son has been in their thoughts and prayers ever since.

"It was really a nerve-wracking week," Ms. Caver said. "As his mother, it was really upsetting not to know where he was and what he was doing. A mother can imagine all sorts of things."

Caver said he was continuously watching the news so he could be up-to-date, and he called his daughter-in-law daily.

Barry and his wife, Tammy, live in Midland with their three children, Tiffany, Chris and Chad.

Caver said his son would call Tammy when he was able, but that wasn't often. When he did call, there was very little he could tell her about the proceedings.

"She would call us at midnight or one in the morning," Caver said. "She knew we wanted to hear whatever he had to say as soon as she heard from him."

The Cavers said that at 4 p.m. Saturday, the long-awaited phone call came.

"Tammy called us and said 'Turn on CNN, it's over, it's over!' " Ms. Caver said. "Naturally I started crying, and then our friends all started calling."

Caver said between the crying and the ringing of the telephone, he couldn't hear what the news announcer was saying.

He said he stayed glued to the TV until about midnight, and now he's anxious to talk to his son.

"He won't leave Fort Davis until Monday," he said. "Reporters have been calling Tammy, and she keeps telling them -- 'Wait 'til he gets home,'" he said.

When the ordeal was finally over, the Cavers told Barry's grandmother what he'd been through.

"She's 84 years old, and she hadn't really been paying attention to the standoff. We hadn't told her anything because we didn't want to upset her," Ms. Caver said. "After we told her, she said she knew there was something going on."

Barry Caver was promoted to the position of captain in November of 1996. He is a 19-year veteran of the Texas Department of Public Safety, and he's spent the last seven years as a Texas Ranger. At 39, Barry is one of the youngest people to have served as a captain for the Rangers.



Texas Senate prepares to move tax plan

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — It's a tale of two tax plans, and there will be a test.

The first plan, already approved by the House, would cut local school property taxes by about $5 billion every two years. It would raise about $4 billion in state taxes to replace most of that money and another $1 billion in additional state funds to cover the rest.

The second plan, the subject of a public hearing in a Senate committee today, would lower local school property taxes by about $2.5 billion every two years. It proposes about $1 billion in new state taxes and additional state funds to cover the cuts.

AP analysis

The Senate plan is expected to clear the committee and the full Senate quickly — unlike the House plan, which took two months in committee and three days in the full House.

Then the real work would begin as the legislative time clock continues to tick. The session ends June 2.

Senate and House leaders would be assigned to a conference committee where differences between the plans would be resolved. Any compromise deal again would have to clear the House and Senate before a final test in August: the voters.

Senate leaders concede the House plan offers bigger cuts. But, they quickly warn, nothing's free.

Both plans would expand the current state business tax to all companies except sole proprietorships. Both would raise "sin" taxes on alcohol and tobacco products, although by different amounts.

The key to a compromise would be the future of business property taxes.

The House wants to tax business property statewide for schools, while Senate leaders want to keep the levy local.

Under the House plan, local business property taxes used for school maintenance and operation would be eliminated. Local districts would continue to tax residential property for so-called M&O purposes, although at lower amounts than under current law.

Local districts also would continue to tax residential and business property for school debt purposes. Both plans would encourage those rates to be lowered by offering more state funds to cover such debt.

Replacing the local business property tax would be a statewide business property tax, set lower than the current average local rate. Money from that tax would be distributed around the state.

Under current law, 91 school districts with an abundance of taxable property are forced to share their income with so-called property poor school districts. House leaders say their plan would do away with that system, called Robin Hood.

Senate leaders object, calling the House proposal the Mother of all Robin Hoods. Instead of taking from 91 school districts and delivering to the poor, the House plan would take from everyone, according to key senators.

The Senate plan would leave residential and business property to local districts to tax for both debt and M&O. It would reduce by 26 the number of schools subject to Robin Hood by changing the definition of property rich school

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Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

Parker and Parsley Development has completed the No. 358 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 25 barrels of oil and 85 barrels of water. Location is in Section 9, Block 29, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley has completed the No. 25-C Mitchell Fee in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 18 barrels of oil and 201 barrels of water. Location is in Section 9, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Parker and Parsley will drill the No. 370-W Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,240 feet, drill site is in Section 10, Block 29, T&P survey.

Ruwco Oil and Gas will drill the No. 1 Diamondback, a 7,500-foot wildcat located one mile east of Loraine. Location is in Section 48, Block 25, T&P survey.

Borden County

Texaco will drill the No. 250-H Jo Mill field unit, 14 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 10,065 feet, location is in Section 12, Block 33, T&P survey.

Texaco will drill the No. 2522-H Jo Mill field unit, 14 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 10,000 feet, drill site is in Section 12, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Texaco will drill the No. 9212-H Jo Mill field unit, 18 miles southwest of Gail. Contracted for 10,043 feet, location is in Section 4, Block 33, T3N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Marathon Oil Co. will drill the No. 1 '26 Heusinger in the Howard-Glasscock field, eight miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 67, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Costilla Energy has plugged and abandoned the No. 2-20A Hamlin in the Talbot field, 12 miles north of Big Spring. Drilled to a depth of 9,200 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Costilla Petroleum has plugged and abandoned the No. 2-35 Fred Ziffle in the Talbot field, 11 miles northeast of Big Spring. Drilled to 9,120 feet, location was in Section 35, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Walter Exploration Inc. has completed the No. 1-D RobTann in the Sprague field, 12 miles southwest of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce 64 barrels of oil and 13 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,576-586 feet, and location is in Section 4, Block X, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 3-A Billie Hanks, a re-entry projected in the Hylton northwest field, six miles south of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,034 feet, location is in Section 28, Block Z, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 30-A Billie Hanks in the Hylton northwest field, six miles south of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,300 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 2, T&P survey.

Pioneer Exploration Co. will drill the No. 30-A Billie Hanks, a 63,000-foot wildcat located six miles south of Nolan. Drill site is in Section 28, Block Z, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Cholla Petroleum Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Beck in the Newman field, three miles southwest of Sylvester. Drilled to 3,850 feet, location was in Section 22, Block 1, HT&B survey.

Cholla will plug and abandon the No. 1 Clearfork in the Newman field, three miles southwest of Sylvester. Drilled to 3,850 feet, location was in Section 25, Block 11, HT&B survey.

Cholla will plug and abandon the No. 1 Ulsted in the Newman field, four miles southwest of Sylvester. Drilled to a depth of 3,798 feet, location was in Block 18, Bastrop CSL survey.

'Breakdown,' 'Austin Powers' push 'Volcano' from top spot

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Breakdown," the tale of a man's desperate search for his mysteriously vanished wife, was the top box office draw over the weekend, breaking the one-week hold of "Volcano."

"Breakdown" had $12.7 million in ticket sales, followed by "Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery," which debuted with $10 million, according to industry estimates released Sunday.

"Volcano" was third with $9.5 million, a 35 percent drop from its opening weekend, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

"Breakdown" stars Kurt Russell as a man trying to find his wife (Kathleen Quinlan), who disappears after accepting a ride from a trucker when the couple's car breaks down.

"Austin Powers" stars "Wayne's World" and "Saturday Night Live" star Mike Meyers as a swinging '60s super-spy transplanted to the 1990s.

The only other major film to debut in the top 10 was "Warriors of Virtue," a martial arts adventure that finished seventh with $3.6 million.

Jim Carrey's "Liar, Liar" remained strong, finishing fourth with $5.8 million. The comedy has $151.5 million in ticket sales in just seven weeks.

"Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion," a comedy that co-stars Oscar-winner Mira Sorvino, was fifth with $5.6 million, followed by "Anaconda" with $5 million.

"The Saint" was eighth with $3.2 million, followed by "Murder at 1600" with $3 million. "Grosse Pointe Blank," a dark comedy about a hitman who returns to his high school reunion, was No. 10 with $2 million.

Several films opened in limited release, including "Commandments," which had $321,600 on 269 screens. Aidan Quinn and Courteney Cox star in the fable about a man who decides to test God by breaking the Ten Commandments.

Final weekend box office figures were to be released today. The top 10 films from Friday through Sunday:

1. "Breakdown," $12.7 million.
2. "Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery," $10 million.
3. "Volcano," $9.5 million.
4. "Liar, Liar," $5.8 million.
5. "Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion," $5.6 million.
6. "Anaconda," $5 million.
7. "Warriors of Virtue," $3.6 million.
8. "The Saint," $3.2 million.
9. "Murder at 1600," $3 million.
10. "Grosse Pointe Blank," $2 million.

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Plans for scenic ranch tear town asunder

WESTLAKE (AP) — Ross Perot Jr.'s ranch near Dallas has rolling pastures, ponds, an old-fashioned house and bison — a picture of peace that's now the center of a vicious development battle.

The mayor who opposed development has been ousted from office. The town just north of Fort Worth is the biggest casualty — on maps, it now looks like a doughnut, with 70 percent of its original land now controlled by others.

"I don't even recognize it," said Steve Thornton, whose father was born in the affluent ranch community in 1917.

Perot, the son of the presidential candidate, wants to build a mall, hundreds of homes, more than 10,000 apartments and perhaps a basketball arena for his Dallas Mavericks on his Circle T Ranch.

Critics want him to build less on the last big tract of raw land in the rapidly suburbanizing area, and for Perot to use his own money for utilities and roads instead of millions of local tax dollars.

The opponents include Scott Bradley, who was mayor until April 29, three days before town elections. He says he was unfairly booted from office in an invalid scheme cooked up by four Perot backers on the board of five aldermen.

"It's only explainable in terms of the Perot ego and need to control things," says Bradley, elected mayor of the 250-person, seven-square-mile suburb in 1994. A court could return him as mayor as early as today.

Perot spokesman Pete Geren, a former congressman, said the mayor's ouster had nothing to do with the ranch.

"You've got four aldermen, I guess, representing the old-timers that hate what Mayor Bradley has done to the town and want him out," Geren said. "I challenge anyone to find a connection between what those aldermen have done and Mr. Perot."

Still, thanks to those aldermen — one of whom, Carroll Huntress, is a tenant on Perot property — Perot should face fewer problems doing what he wants to with his land.

On Friday, the same four aldermen who dismissed Bradley released about 3,000 acres, including the Circle T, from Westlake's control.

The next day, Perot's 2,660 acres were absorbed by Fort Worth, a city that has been friendly to his requests for zoning and tax breaks at his Alliance Airport development west of the Circle T.

Perot bought the ranch — once owned by Dallas oilman Nelson Bunker Hunt — out of bankruptcy court in 1993 for about $20 million. At about the same time, Westlake annexed a neighboring subdivision called Stagecoach Hills and things went downhill from there.

Huntress accused the mayor of illegally sneaking the annexation through to get another anti-development person on the board. Bradley denies the charge.

The subdivision has about 80 residents, enough to gain control of the town's board in at-large elections. Perot's supporters on the board immediately began trying to untangle Stagecoach Hills and the ranch from Westlake, claiming the town is too restrictive and in political chaos.

But over the weekend, as expected, the Perot bloc of aldermen dissolved. One member was defeated in elections, another's term expired.

They were replaced by pro-Bradley forces: salesman Abe Bush Jr. and attorney Charla Bradshaw, whose husband is retired Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw.

"I'm going to try to salvage the town of Westlake somehow — that's our goal," Bush said Sunday. "New map, old map, whatever. I'd rather have the Circle T back and work with Ross Perot Jr. With this new board, we're all committed to do that."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Couple's Summer Sowing Yields Unexpected Harvest

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my early 20s. At the end of last summer, suffering from a broken heart, I took a trip to a beach resort where I met an attractive man and had a one-week fling. I know what I did was wrong.

As I was leaving, "Jordan" asked for my telephone number and promised he'd call me. He never did. Two months later, I discovered I was pregnant. I figured I'd better let Jordan know, so I tracked down his phone number (after some pretty extensive investigation), and called him shortly after Christmas.

I know he answered the phone, because he has a very distinctive voice. He was very rude to me, said I had a wrong number and hung up. I never got a chance to tell him about the baby.

Abby, I'm not looking for any support from this man, because I am financially well-off. I felt it was my moral obligation to inform Jordan that he is going to be a father.

Our baby is due soon. The ultrasound indicates it is most likely a girl. Part of me says, "Keep this little girl all to yourself. Jordan will only deny her anyway." Another part says, "Tell him and let him deal with it." I also worry about what I will tell my daughter when she is old enough to ask who her daddy is. Jordan is not good father material, so I may be doing my daughter a favor if I don't tell him.

Abby, please help. I am very ambivalent.

TO TELL OR NOT TO TELL

DEAR TO TELL OR NOT TO TELL: Jordan has a right to know he is going to be a father. It remains to be seen whether or not he is "good father material." Since you had difficulty informing him by telephone, write him a letter. If he runs true to form, it will be the last communication between the two of you.

Although you may not want to be reminded, you could have avoided this problem had you practiced safe sex in the first place.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a senior in high school and would like to ask a girl to the senior prom. She is a junior, and wouldn't normally be able to go. The problem is, the prom is very expensive and I have no source of income. I have been saving from my small allowance for months, but have only managed to scrape together about $150. Tickets to the dance are $95, and by the time I rent a tux I'll be broke, if not in debt. My parents will not help me out. (Even if they offered, I don't think they could afford it.)

How can I ask her to go with me when I can't afford it? Please don't suggest that we do "free" things over the weekend, because the group of friends we want to go with have already made big plans — expensive plans. If I could somehow tell her that we need to go dutch, that would make things more affordable.

I really don't want to ask her on the stipulation that we are to go as "just friends," because I think of her as more than that. Please help me, Abby. What should I do?

PENNILESS FOR THE PROM

DEAR PENNILESS: It is unfortunate that what was once a carefree rite of passage that almost everyone could enjoy has become such an elaborate ritual that it is now beyond the means of many.

However, since that is the reality of the '90s, talk to the young lady and tell her exactly what you have told me. It's possible that she won't mind going dutch, and might even volunteer.

Readers, if you have found yourself in a similar situation and would like to tell me how you resolved it, I would appreciate your input.

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'Republic' factions gather for meeting

KILGORE (AP) — The 300 or so Republic of Texas members who met at a rally struck a strikingly different pose from the gun-toting separatists who kept law enforcement officers at bay for a week.

There were no weapons in sight Sunday and more people in T-shirts and jeans than camouflage.

In fact, the casually dressed participants representing three factions of the separatist group that believes Texas was illegally annexed by the United States in 1845 were focused on getting their message out.

"We've tried to use this as an opportunity to tell people that's not what the Republic of Texas is about," said Dan Miller, chairman of the Gregg County Constitutional Committee for the Republic of Texas.

"The Republic of Texas is about freedom and the truth."

Most of the grievances voiced Sunday sounded much like the ones heard at any town meeting — frustration with the crime rate and the judicial system, along with high taxes.

"I'm old enough to remember when we could walk down the streets safely at night," Leo Holley said when he took the mike.

Lisa McAlister, who made the 100-mile trip from Paris, said: "I think the people need a voice, and I think you are the voice that we need."

The standoff in the Davis Mountains, which ended peacefully Saturday, was barely mentioned.

Richard McLaren and three others abandoned their "embassy," a trailer in the remote Davis Mountains after signing a cease-fire document. McLaren's wife surrendered earlier in the day.

But two men disappeared hours before the surrender into a heavily wooded canyon wearing green camouflage. Richard Frank Keyes III and Mike Matson were believed to be carrying two rifles and a 9mm pistol.

Both Miller and Archie Lowe, president of a Republic of Texas faction that impeached McLaren, said they were glad it was over. Others said they were worried that the group's image has suffered.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

Alpha Study Club year-end luncheon; LaDean Rhodes, Elizabeth McClosky, hostesses.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building on W. 37th; paint day; LaVerne Lee, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's; 10 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; cost $30; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservation necessary; call 573-2850 for more information.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 05-02-97
♠ J 10 6 3
♥ 7 5
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ A J 7

West
♠ 9 4
♥ A Q 9 6
♦ 7 6 4
♣ K 6 5 4

East
♠ K Q 8 7
♥ 10 4
♦ 9 8 5 2
♣ 9 8 2

South
♠ A 5 2
♥ K J 8 3 2
♦ A K
♣ Q 10 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

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

Opening lead: ♣ 4

Think before obeying

By Phillip Alder

Perhaps you like to follow this adage: "Always return partner's lead." However, in bridge you cannot say "always" or "never" — each deal must be taken on its own merits. (Until a couple of years ago, I thought it was right always to lead up to honors. Then I saw a deal in which that was the wrong line of play. Declarer had to lead away from the honors!)

This deal was played last January in the Australian capital of Canberra. East, Phil Fent, didn't return his partner's suit, instead finding an excellent switch to defeat the contract.

South's two-no-trump rebid showed 18-19 points. He added a point for his decent five-card suit.

After winning the first trick in hand with the club queen, South, Australian international Peter Gill, played a spade to dummy's 10 and East's queen.

If East returns a club, declarer makes the contract. He wins in the dummy, crosses to hand with a spade to the ace, cashes the ace-king of diamonds, and leads a club to dummy. He takes the Q-J of diamonds before playing a heart to his jack. West wins with the queen and cashes his last club, but then he has to concede a trick to South's heart king. Declarer's nine tricks are one spade, one heart, four diamonds and three clubs.

However, Fent switched accurately to the heart 10: jack, queen, five. Now West, Andrew Muir, reverted to clubs. The contract could no longer be made, because if South tried the same end-play, he would have five losers: one spade, three hearts and one club.

Let's revise that adage: Always return partner's lead unless you have something better to do.

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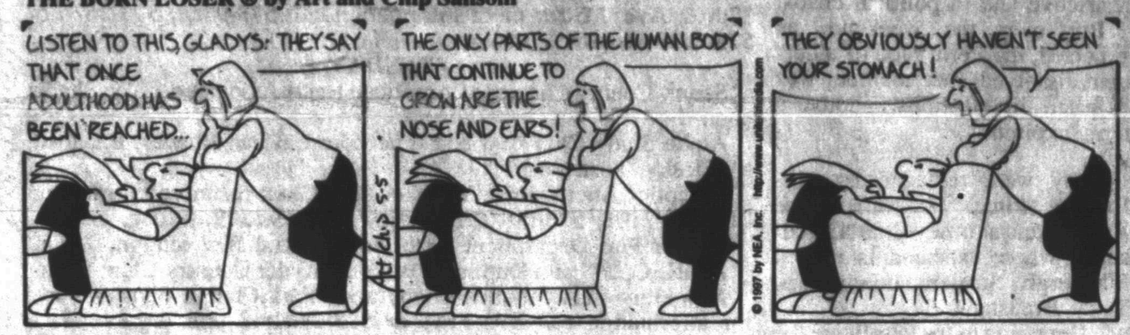
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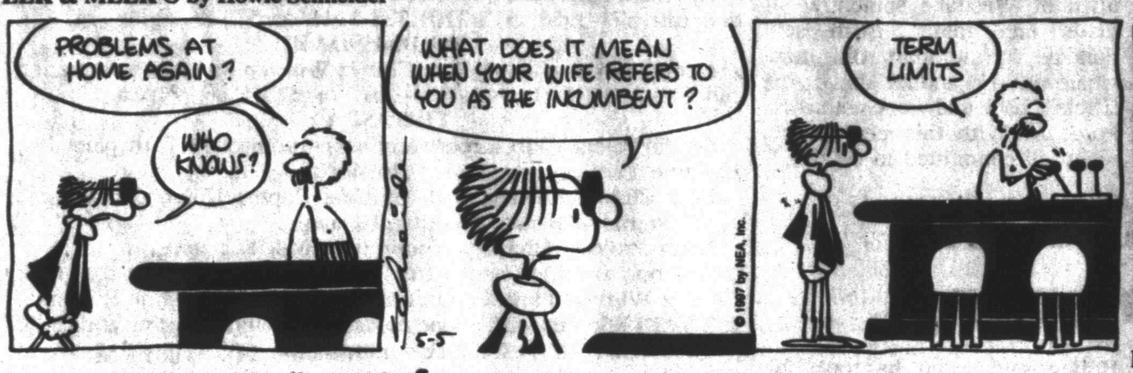
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ACROSS

1 Ram's horn
7 Confine (2 wds.)
13 Make fizzy
14 Author. Jacqueline —
15 Went away
16 Type of fly
17 Happy
19 Dish collection
20 Belonging to the girl
21 Coquettish
23 Long fish
26 Jazz player Kid —
27 W. Coast coll.
29 Coax
30 Actor Gulager
31 Biblical strong man
33 Uses a camera
36 Sixth sense (abbr.)
37 Center of a shield
38 Snake's sound
40 Okla. time
43 Language suffix
44 Unit of light
45 Ice-cream holder
46 Roman 56
48 Belly
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58 Hunting dog

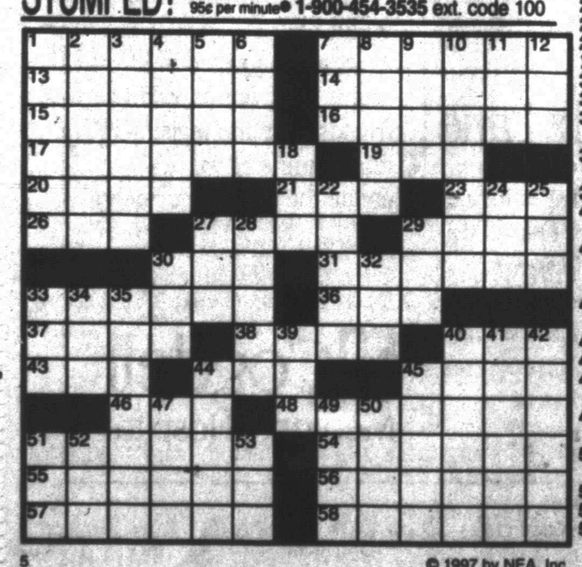
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2 Physician, e.g.
3 Model of the solar system
4 — — a pig
5 Custard apple
6 Advise, old style
7 JFK sight
8 Brazen woman
9 Plaintiff
10 Shreds
11 Those holding office
12 Compass pt.
18 Roman 650
22 Desert spots
24 Type of trip?
25 Bernstein, for short
27 Last mo.
28 Easy (sl.)
29 Ref's kin
30 Bill and —
32 Ninny
33 Take to court
34 Brit. Navy abbr.
35 Four-sided pillar
39 A Gershwin
40 Place into an asylum
41 Sign of an approaching cold
42 — Mercies (movie)
44 Heaps
45 Seaside
47 Presidential power
49 Lingerie items
50 Medicinal amount
51 Health resort
52 Golf standard
53 Compass pt.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

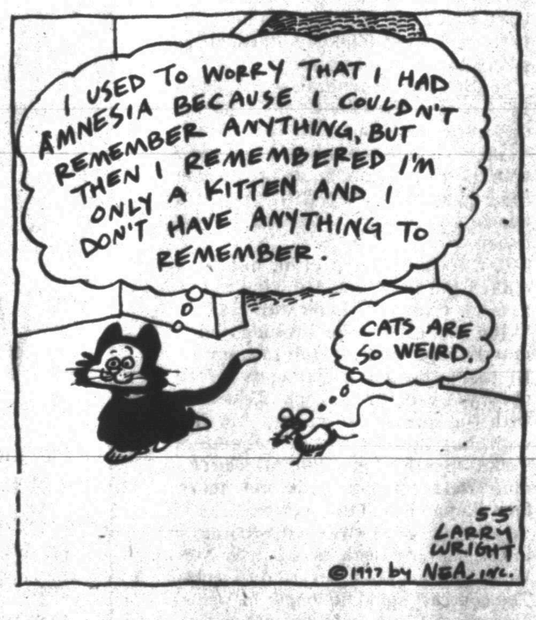
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SPORTS

Four interviews today for WTC women's cage coach

Four applicants — including the varsity girls coach at Snyder High School — were being interviewed today for post of women's basketball coach at Western Texas College.

Milton Ham, athletic director at WTC, said interviews were to begin at 1 p.m. The four interviews were selected from a list of 15 applicants received prior to last Tuesday's deadline.

Those being interviewed today include Rick Archer, first-year coach at Snyder High School. Archer came to Snyder after having served as an assistant at Texas Christian University.

Other candidates include Peggy Fuller, assistant women's coach at Howard College in Big Spring; Valery Jackson, a former WTC player who is head coach at Wilmer-Hutchins High School in Dallas; and Ron Mayberry of San Angelo, former men's coach at South Plains College in Levelland.

Members of the search committee includes Ham; George Cormack, dean of student services; Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction; Gay Hickman, vice president for finance; Lee Burke, chairman of physical education; and Bonnie Fry, WTC booster club member.

Sports Briefs

Blackmar wins playoff

THE WOODLANDS (AP) — Phil Blackmar is aggressive on the golf course, but cautious enough about his career to know his victory in the Houston Open doesn't end a long struggle from oblivion.

"I can't say just because I won a tournament that I'm back and this is going to be a snap," the 39-year-old from Corpus Christi said Sunday after beating Kevin Sutherland on the first playoff hole for his first victory since 1988. "I'm not going to kid myself. I'm not Jack Nicklaus. I am who I am."

He is a survivor who considered quitting the game in 1994 after losing his playing card. He has persevered while trying to find the success that gave him victories in his rookie year of 1985 and again in 1988.

"This is extremely special," he said of Sunday's victory, worth $288,000, his biggest payday ever and ensuring this will be his best year on the tour. "I can't put into words how special it is.

Green wins by two strokes

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The landscape on the LPGA Tour has changed since the last time Tammie Green won a tournament.

Annika Sorenstam has won the last two U.S. Open championships. Karrie Webb had a rookie season unmatched by anyone in golf, becoming the first woman to win $1 million in one year. Kelly Robbins won an LPGA Championship.

If Green didn't already know about some of best women players, all she had to do was back off her 8-foot par putt and look at the electronic leader board just right of the 15th green.

Sorenstam was in the clubhouse with a 6-under-par 66 that put her at 12-under, one stroke behind Green at the Sprint Titleholders Championship. Webb was at 10-under and closing fast, with Robbins right behind.

"I looked at the putt and I knew what I had to do," Green said. "I just kind of stuck to my guns and went through my routine and kept the emotions out of it."

Just like she had done so often in the closing round, Green saved par with a nervy putt, then fought the wind and her emotions on the closing holes to win for the first time in three years.

Green shot a par 72 Sunday for a 14-under 274 and a two-stroke victory over Sorenstam. Robbins eagled the 18th and Webb made birdie there to join Cindy Schreyer at 277. Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez, who won her 48th career victory last week, was at 278 after a 72.

Tuesday Ladies Playday

The Women's Golf Association at Snyder Country Club will hosts its weekly playday Tuesday, starting at 9 a.m. Format will be low net foursome on the back nine. Swingers play is each Friday at 5:30 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	19	8	.704	-
NewYork	16	14	.533	4½
Boston	14	14	.500	5½
Toronto	13	14	.481	6
Detroit	12	17	.414	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	14	14	.500	-
Milwaukee	13	13	.500	-
KansasCity	13	14	.481	½
Minnesota	12	18	.400	3
Chicago	10	18	.357	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	18	12	.600	-
Texas	16	11	.593	½
Anaheim	13	14	.481	3½
Oakland	14	16	.467	4

Saturday's Games

Toronto 6, Minnesota 5
Cleveland 7, Detroit 6
Oakland 4, Baltimore 3
Anaheim 3, Chicago White Sox 2, 1st game
Chicago White Sox 4, Anaheim 2, 2nd game
Kansas City 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
Texas 7, Boston 6
Milwaukee 17, Seattle 4

Sunday's Games

Detroit 2, Cleveland 0
Toronto 1, Minnesota 0
Baltimore 11, Oakland 0
Chicago White Sox 4, Anaheim 2
N.Y. Yankees 13, Kansas City 5
Texas 7, Boston 6
Seattle 9, Milwaukee 0

Monday's Games

Texas (Pavlik 2-2) at Cleveland (Hershiser 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Appier 3-1) at Boston (Hammond 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Oliveras 1-1) at Toronto (Clemens 4-0), 7:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Dickson 4-1) at Baltimore (Kamieniecki 2-0), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (F.Rodriguez 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 1-1), 7:35 p.m.
Oakland (Telgheder 0-1) at Milwaukee (Karl 0-5), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	21	8	.724	-
Florida	16	13	.552	5
Montreal	15	13	.536	5½
NewYork	14	16	.467	7½
Philadelphia	9	19	.321	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	17	13	.567	-
Pittsburgh	15	14	.517	1½
St.Louis	13	16	.448	3½
Cincinnati	9	20	.310	7½
Chicago	7	22	.241	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	20	8	.714	-
SanFrancisco	18	10	.643	2
LosAngeles	16	12	.571	4
SanDiego	11	17	.393	9

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 1
Colorado 7, Philadelphia 3
Cincinnati 3, San Francisco 1
Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 0
Chicago Cubs 2, Los Angeles 1
San Diego 1, Montreal 0
Florida 9, Houston 8, 13 innings

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 3, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 8, N.Y. Mets 2
Colorado 9, Philadelphia 0
Los Angeles 5, Chicago Cubs 2
Montreal 9, San Diego 3
San Francisco 2, Cincinnati 1, 10 innings
Houston 1, Florida 0

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh (Lieber 1-2) at Florida (Helling 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (M.Leiter 3-2) at Houston (Holt 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Neagle 4-0) at St. Louis (Al.Benes 3-2), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Jones 4-2) at Colorado (Ritz 3-3), 9:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Mercker 1-3) at Los Angeles (Nomo 3-2), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Perez 4-1) at San Francisco (Gardner 2-1), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Clark slams 3-run homer...

Rangers rally for 7-6 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Will Clark is one of those players who can beat an opponent with his bat and glove.

Clark hit a three-run homer and made a great stop for the final out Sunday as the Texas Rangers rallied from a five-run deficit for a 7-6 win over the Boston Red Sox.

"Will had a great game and I almost bit my tongue when he made that last stop," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "Will had been upset lately with his production but he came through today."

"I had to battle through a rough day," Clark said. "We needed to find a way to win. And we did it."

A bench player had the winning hit.

Bill Ripken, playing because Benji Gil was injured, singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh inning.

"Our bench has been doing it all year," Ripken said. "It's a point of pride with this team. We're aware of it and we feed on it."

He called his game-winning hit "lady luck."

Boston led 5-0 in the fourth and 6-2 before Texas tied the score on Clark's three-run homer in the fifth and Juan Gonzalez' infield single in the sixth — his first RBI of the season.

"We were down 5-0 and were probably being written off by a lot of people," Ripken said. "But we came back."

In the seventh, Damon Buford doubled off Butch Henry (2-2) and Ripken singled for his fifth RBI in 29 at-bats this season.

Danny Patterson (3-3) pitched two hitless innings with four strikeouts. John Wetteland pitched a one-hit ninth for his seventh save in eighth chances.

With two on and two outs, Reggie Jefferson hit a smash to first. Clark dived to get the grounder, then outraced Jefferson to the bag.

"It was tough to see but I just dove for the ball, got up and then it ws a foot race to the bag," Clark said.

Wetteland called Clark's stop "a tremendous play. It saved the game. This team plays great defense. It's one of the reasons I wanted to come here. The Rangers just find ways to beat teams."

It was a typical adventuresome save for Wetteland, who said "nothing matters but getting that last out and winning the game. Don't lose sight of that."

Boston manager Jimy Williams said his bullpen was worn down in the series by three long games.

"The starters struggled this weekend," Williams said. "The bullpen needed a breather out there. We played some long games here. We need a good start."

Rockets, Seattle start series tonight

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets haven't been a pushover for the Seattle SuperSonics since Charles Barkley showed up.

The Sonics had a 13-game winning streak against Houston — including a 4-0 sweep in last year's playoffs — before Barkley and the Rockets took three of four meetings this season.

But Barkley said past history doesn't matter.

"When I came here they'd beat them 13 times, then we won three of four. But it's all irrelevant at this point. We start over at 0-0," Barkley said. "They're tough. They've had a tough series, and if anybody has the momentum, it's them.

Now the Sonics must prepare for Barkley's talkative playing style in addition to dealing with Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler when their best-of-7 second-round series begins in The Summit tonight.

Heat 91, Magic 83

At Miami, Tim Hardaway hit two baskets in the final 43 seconds as the Heat held off Orlando to win a playoff series for the first time in their nine-year history.

The Magic, who won two straight home games after getting blown out in the first two games at Miami, scored 10 consecutive points midway through the fourth quarter to reduce a 17-point deficit to three. But Miami held on behind Hardaway, who sank an off-balance 20-footer with 43 seconds left and a 3-pointer with 14 seconds remaining.

Despite the clutch baskets, Hardaway had a poor shooting game. He missed 15 of 20 shots from the field and scored only 11 points.

Hawks 84, Pistons 79

At Atlanta, Dikembe Mutombo made two brilliant blocks against Grant Hill in the last two minutes as the Hawks edged the Pistons.

With the score tied at 77, Hill drove the baseline for a dunk, but the shot was deflected away by the 7-foot-2 Mutombo.

After Christian Laettner hit a 17-footer to put the Hawks ahead 79-77 with 1:14 remaining, Hill tried to tie it with a drive to the basket. But Mutombo, the NBA's defensive player of the year, caught Hill from behind and got a hand on the shot.

Steve Smith then made a 3-pointer from deep in the left corner to put Atlanta up by five.

Jazz 93, Lakers 77

At Salt Lake City, Karl Malone had 23 points and 13 rebounds as the Jazz beat the weary Lakers.

Utah had five days rest after sweeping the LA Clippers in the first round, while the Lakers had less than 48 hours to prepare after eliminating Portland on Friday night.

Malone also had two blocked shots and a pair of steals for the Jazz, who outrebounded the Lakers 51-40.

Nick Van Exel scored 23 points for the Lakers, but Shaquille O'Neal was held to a playoff-low 17 points on 6-of-16 shooting. The Lakers shot only 34 percent from the field and made only nine field goals in the second half.

4A baseball playoff pairings

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Brewer 5, Denison 2; Brewer 13, Denison 7.
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El Paso Riverside (bye)
Fort Worth Eastern Hills (bye).
San Angelo Lake View 2, El Paso Burgess 0; EP Burgess 5, Lake View 0; Lake View 11, Burgess 0.
Canyon Randall (bye)
Fort Worth Arlington Heights 12, Graham 0.
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Azle 4, Denton 0.
Granbury (bye)

Area Round

Estacado vs. Andrews.
EP Yaleta vs. Plainview.
Weatherford vs. Saginaw Boswell
Fort Worth Brewer vs. Fort Worth Eastern Hills.
Frenship vs. El Paso Riverside
Lake View vs. Caynon Randall
Arlington Heights vs. Sherman
Azle vs. Granbury.

4A softball

Andrews 5, Graham 2
Weatherford 15, Big Spring 1

Region Championship

Andrews vs. Weatherford, TBA.

WTC cowboys 2nd in Southwest region

STEPHENVILLE — Western Texas College finished the Southwest Region rodeo season with a solid performance.

Western wasn't able to make up any ground in the standings, however, meaning its men's team will finish second overall while its women take third.

In a surprise move, Vernon Junior College slipped past Tarleton State to win the women's championship, 1,825 to 1,810.

WTC's women did their part to make a challenge on second place and an automatic bid to nationals, but it wasn't to happen.

"Our women's team had close to 200-point rodeos the last few weeks, but it wasn't enough. So did Vernon and Tarleton," said Coach Todd Danley.

WTC's women placed second here with 180 points. Vernon won with 240.

WTC's ladies were led by Tona Wright, who's 120 points earned her the all-around title. Wright, from Moriarty, N.M., swept the goat tying event. She won the long-go with a time of 8.3 seconds and the short go in 8.4 to also claim the average.

Teammate Amanda Wallin was third in the long-go (8.9), short-go (9.2) and average.

Wallin finished the season in second in the goat tying, earning a trip to the College National Rodeo Finals in Rapid City, S.D. June 1-8.

WTC's men placed fifth with 145 and won second in the region to book a trip to nationals. As usual, WTC got points in the bareback and saddle bronc. Chad Maynard was second in the long-go of the bareback with a score of 71 and finished second in the average with a combined 140.

Pete Ellis tied with teammate Shane Faulker for the top spot in the saddle bronc long-go. Both had 74s. Ellis was third overall with a 143 on two head while Faulker was second with a 145.

In other results involving WTC students:

—Kyle Bowers took second in the short-go of the bareback with a 71 and was third in the average with a 135.

—Jana McCloy was second in the average of the breakaway roping with a 6.6 on two. Her 3.0 in the long-go was second and her 3.6 in the finals was in a three-way split for first.

—Chad Pelster was second in the short-go of the steer wrestling with a quick 5-second time. His average of 11.6 was fourth.

—Jamie Stewart placed fourth in the long-go, short-go and average in the barrels. Her combined time was 34.56 seconds.

Men's team members qualifying for nationals were Maynard, Ellis, Jeff Decker, Lance Gaillard, Ryan Weaver, Rusty Henard and Tanner Boyd. Kyle Bowers will serve as the alternate.

SHS golf team seek 4A crown

AUSTIN — Snyder High School girls varsity golf team is in Austin today seeking to capture the Class 4A championship being played at Roy Kizer Golf Course.

The Lady Tigers of Coach Matt Glenn were to tee off at 7 a.m. today. The state meet's second 18-hole round will begin at 7 a.m. Tuesday.

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Borneo mother lode exposed as just another mining scam

TORONTO (AP) — The tract of Borneo jungle was touted to eager investors as the biggest gold find of the century. Instead, new evidence has exposed the supposed mother lode as one of the most audacious scams in mining history.

A respected independent consulting firm, hired to resolve a dispute over the value of Bre-X Minerals' Indonesian site, said Sunday its tests showed no evidence of any gold worth mining.

The testing company, Strathcona Mineral Services, said the thousands of supposedly promising crushed rock core samples gathered by Bre-X had been tampered with by the addition of gold from other sources.

"The magnitude of the tampering ... and resulting falsification of assay values at Busang is of a scale and over a period of time and with a precision that, to our knowledge, is without precedent in the history of mining," Strathcona said.

Its report did not indicate who was responsible for the tampering.

Bre-X, a small Calgary exploration company, had been Canada's biggest stock market sensation over the past three years. Reports that it found up to 70 million ounces of gold at its Busang site attracted a horde of investors.

Bre-X hired Strathcona to conduct tests after a prospective partner said its tests indicated the claims of a vast gold deposit were false.

That announcement by New Orleans-based Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold triggered a meltdown of Bre-X stock on the Toronto Stock Exchange. In less than 30 minutes of trading March 27, Bre-X stock plunged by 84 percent, a loss of more than $2 billion.

Strathcona said only trace amounts of gold were found in the crushed rock samples it tested and there were no samples with gold values worth mining. It also said gold in the Bre-X samples came from a source other than the area they allegedly were collected from.

Stuart Averill, a mining consultant hired by the The Globe and Mail, a Toronto-based newspaper, said the gold particles in the Bre-X samples were characteristic of stream-worn and not bedrock gold, the newspaper reported today.

Reaction to the Strathcona report was swift. Freeport-McMoRan and one of Bre-X's Indonesian partners, Nusamba, both announced today they were withdrawing from the Busang project. And the Toronto Stock Exchange halted trading in Bre-X shares until further notice. A similar freeze was being imposed on the Nasdaq and other exchanges.

In Indonesia, Mining Minister Ida Bagus Sudjana said he had not been surprised by Strathcona's findings because Indonesia had its own data about the gold deposits in Busang.

"The government, of course, will take strong measures," Sudjana added, without elaborating.

Bre-X promised an investigation into the scam.

"We share the shock and dismay of our shareholders and others that the gold we thought we had at Busang now appears not to be there," said Bre-X president and chief executive David Walsh.

Since the March 27 stock collapse, Bre-X has become the target of several class-action lawsuits in Canada and the United States. The suits claim Bre-X executives misled shareholders about Busang's potential while selling off some of their own shares at a huge profit.

The Canadian Press reported today that trading records filed with securities regulators show Walsh, his wife Jeannette, a Bre-X director, and company vice chairman John Felderhof made more than $56 million last year from selling shares of Bre-X and its parent company. They sold close to the stocks' peak on the stock market.

Until the Freeport-McMoRan announcement in March, Bre-X had been a stunning success on the markets. Its share price rose from pennies in 1993 to a high of $206 last September.

Doubts began surfacing even before the Freeport-McMoRan announcement, particularly after the death of Bre-X's chief geologist, Michael de Guzman, who plunged from a helicopter over the Borneo jungle March 19.

Bre-X said de Guzman committed suicide because he had just learned he was suffering from a fatal illness. His family and some former colleagues, however, suggest he was murdered in a conspiracy related to the doubts over the Busang site's value.

"The family stands by Michael's findings," said Jojo de Guzman, the geologist's younger brother. "One day he will be vindicated in the same way that we will find out the truth about his death."

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	95¼	93⅝	93¾	—1⅝
ATT Corps	33⅜	33⅜	33½	— ⅛
AirTouch	24⅝	24⅛	24⅝	— ⅛
Albertsons	34	32⅝	33	— ⅛
AlldSignal	74	73⅛	73⅜	— ⅛
Allied	31⅜	31⅜	31⅜	— ⅛
AmerOnline	50¾	47⅝	50⅛	+3
AmStores	46¼	45¾	46	— ⅛
Ameritech	61⅛	60⅝	61⅛	+ ⅛
Amoco	83⅛	82⅛	82⅛	— ⅛
AndrkPtr	59⅛	57⅛	59	+1⅛
Amcolnc	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛	+ ⅛
AtlRichfld	142	139⅛	142	+1⅞
ATMOS Egy	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	— ⅛
Aviall	13⅛	13	13⅛	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	34⅛	34	34⅛	+ ⅛
BellAtl	68⅛	67⅞	67⅞	+ ⅛
BellSouth	45⅝	44⅝	45⅛	+ ⅛
BethSteel	8⅜	8⅜	8⅜	+ ⅛
BritPet	136⅝	136⅛	136⅛	+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe	78⅜	77⅛	78	— ⅛
Caterpillar		93⅛	93⅛	
CenSoWst		20⅛	20⅛	20⅛
Chevron	69⅛	68⅛	68⅜	— ⅛
Chrysler s	30	29⅛	29⅛	+ ⅛
Coastal		48⅛	48	48⅛
CocaCola	64⅜	64	64⅛	+ ⅛
ColgatePalm	109⅛	109	109⅛	— ⅜
ColgatePalm wi	54⅜	54⅛	54⅜	— ⅛
ComclMetals	28⅛	28⅜	28⅛	+ ⅛
Coopcdn	47⅜	46⅝	47⅛	+ ⅛
CyprusAmax		22⅛	21⅞	22
DallSemicn	38⅜	38⅜	38⅛	+ ⅛
DeltaAird	95⅛	94⅛	94⅜	—1⅝
DigitalEq	32⅛	31	32	+1⅛
Dillard		31⅛	30⅛	31⅛
DowChem	86⅛	84⅛	86¼	+1⅛
Dresserind		30	29¾	29⅞
DuPont	108⅜	106⅝	107½	+ ⅛
EastmanChem	52⅜	51⅝	52⅛	+ ⅛
EnKodak	81⅝	80⅝	81⅛	— ⅛
EDS Corp	37	35⅞	36⅜	— ⅛
Enserch	20⅛	19⅝	20⅛	+ ⅛
Entergy	24⅛	23⅝	24⅛	+ ⅛
Exxon s		56⅛	56⅝	56⅝
Flowers s	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	+ ⅛
FordMotor	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛	+ ⅛
GTE Cp	46⅛	45⅞	46⅛	+ ⅛
GenDynam	73⅛	72⅛	72⅝	— ⅛
GenElec	114⅝	113⅜	114½	+1⅜
GenElecwi	57⅛	57	57⅛	+ ⅛
GenMills	62⅝	62⅛	62⅝	+ ⅛
GenMotors	57⅜	56⅝	57⅛	+ ⅛
GaPacif	81	78⅜	81	+3
GlobalMar	19⅛	18⅛	19⅛	+ ⅛
Goodrich	41⅜	41	41⅛	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	53⅜	53⅛	53⅛	+ ⅛
GtAtPac	25⅜	24⅝	25⅛	+ ⅛
Halibutn	70⅛	69	69⅛	— ⅛
Hanson ADS n		25⅛	25	25⅛
HarteHanks	30	29⅛	29⅝	— ⅛
HomeDepot	58	57⅛	57⅝	+ ⅛
HoustonInds	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	+ ⅛
IBM	164⅜	162⅝	164	+1⅜
IntlPaper	45⅛	44⅛	44⅜	+1⅛
Johnsn s	61⅞	61⅛	61⅜	+ ⅛
K mart		13⅜	13⅜	13⅜
Kroger s	27⅞	27⅛	27⅛	— ⅛
Litton	45¼	44⅛	45	+ ⅛
LockhdMart	91⅛	91⅛	91½	— ⅛
Lowes Cos	38⅛	37⅝	38⅛	+ ⅛
Lubys		19⅛	19	19
LucentTech	61⅞	60⅝	61⅝	+1⅜
MayDeptStrs	46⅞	46⅛	46⅜	— ⅛
Medtronic	70⅛	69⅛	69½	—1⅛
Mobil		131⅛	130	130⅛
Monsanto s	44		42⅞	43⅝ +1⅜
MorganJP	103⅛	103⅛	103½	+ ⅛
Motorola	61	60	60⅛	+ ⅛
NCR Corp n	32⅝	32	32⅛	+ ⅛
NationsBk s	62⅜	62	62⅛	— ⅛
Navistar	11⅜	11⅛	11⅜	+ ⅛
NorsmEngy	14⅝	14⅜	14⅜	+ ⅛
Norwest	51⅛	50⅝	51⅛	+ ⅛
Nynex	52	51⅜	51⅝	— ⅛
OryxEngy	20⅛	20	20⅛	+ ⅛
PanEnergy	45⅝	45⅛	45⅜	+ ⅛
Penney JC	49⅛	48⅜	48⅝	— ⅛
Pennzoil	50	49⅝	50	+ ⅛
PepBoys	32⅜	32⅛	32⅜	+ ⅛
PepsiCo	36⅛	35⅛	35⅝	— ⅛
PhelpDodge	76⅛	76	76⅜	— ⅛
PhilipPet	40⅝	40	40⅛	+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd		11⅛	11⅛	11⅛
Polaroid	48⅝	48⅛	48⅜	— ⅛
Praxair	52⅛	51¼	52	+ ⅛
ProctGamble	128⅛	126⅝	127⅛	+ ⅛
PubSNwMx	16⅛	14⅝	16⅛	+ ⅛
RoyalDutch	180	179⅛	180	+ ⅛
SBC Comm		55⅛	55⅛	55⅛
SaraLee	42⅛	42⅛	42⅝	+ ⅛
SearsRoeb	49⅛	48⅜	49⅛	+ ⅛
SherwinW s	31	30⅛	30⅞	+ ⅛
SmthBc ADS	80⅛	80	80⅛	— ⅛
SouthernCo	21	20⅞	21	+ ⅛
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Sprint	44⅜	44⅛	44⅛	— ⅛
SunCo	28⅛	28	28⅛	+ ⅛
TNP Ent	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	— ⅛
Tandy	53	52⅝	52⅝	+ ⅛
Tempfinl	57	56⅝	56⅝	+ ⅛
Tenneco	41⅛	41	41⅛	— ⅛
Texaco	106⅛	105⅞	106⅜	+ ⅛
TexasInds		22⅞	22⅞	22⅞
TexasInst	93⅛	91⅛	93⅜	+2⅛
TexUtil	35⅛	34⅜	34⅝	+ ⅛
Textron		114⅛	113⅞	114
Travelers s	55⅛	54⅝	55⅜	+ ⅛
TrinityInds	27⅛	26⅞	27	+ ⅛
TritonEngy	38⅛	37⅛	37⅜	+ ⅛
US WestCm	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛	— ⅛
USWstMda	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	— ⅛
USX Delhi	13⅜	13⅛	13⅜	+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅛
USX-USS	29⅛	29	29⅛	+ ⅛
UnCarbde	48⅛	48⅛	48⅜	+ ⅛
UnPac s		65⅛	65	65
UnitedTech s	76⅛	76⅛	76⅜	+ ⅛
Unocal	39⅛	38⅝	38⅜	+ ⅛
WalMart		28⅛	28⅛	28⅛
WstnGasRs	16⅛	16	16⅛	+ ⅛
WestghEl		17	16⅞	17
WinnDixie	35⅛	35⅛	35⅝	— ⅛
Woolworth		20⅛	20⅛	20⅛
XeroxCp s	62⅛	61⅞	62⅛	+1⅛
ZenithE	11⅛	11⅛	11⅜	— ⅛

Tax plan

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districts.

House leaders call that an unacceptable, short-term fix.

Meanwhile, Gov. George W. Bush has relegated himself to the sidelines, cheering the effort but endorsing neither plan. Bush started the whole debate more than a year ago and proposed his own plan in January. It was quickly set aside, gathering more dust than support.

In the end, voters will have to decipher how the final product affects their pocketbooks. Both plans have been hailed and denounced for the way they treat business and residential property and for how average Texans fare.

The House plan would subject about 30 additional goods and services to the state sales tax. Many of those, like auto repair services, would take a bigger percentage of middle-class and poorer Texans' income than the percentage taken from wealthier Texans.

The Senate plan eliminates nearly all of the sales tax exemptions proposed by the House. But it treats business and residential property the same, giving preference to neither, while supporters of the House plan say residential homeowners would benefit from their measure.

Let the tests begin.

Juan B. Elizondo Jr. has covered state legislatures in Missouri, Michigan and Texas. He has followed the property tax issue for more than a year.

Fire destroys storage building

A Sunday evening fire destroyed a storage building in the 200 block of 28th Street.

Snyder Fire Department was called to the Craig Randolph home at 9:58 p.m. Sunday to a reported storage building on fire.

The building and its contents were destroyed. The fire is thought to have been caused by embers from a barbecue pit.

The fire department was also called to the David Carroll residence at 304 33rd St. at 5:09 p.m. Sunday in reference to a fire in an oven. The stove suffered moderate damage. There was minor smoke damage to the rest of the house.

Correction...

Lindsey Bunch, an eighth grader at Snyder Junior High, was inadvertently left off the honor roll information provided by the school.

27th anniversary

KENT, Ohio (AP) — Crosby, Stills and Nash marked the 27th anniversary of the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University with a campus performance that included "Ohio," a song that memorialized the deaths.

About 7,000 people sat at the site of the deaths Sunday for the group's first performance at Kent State.

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Happy Sweet Sixteen Calley

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Senator adds controversial park roads bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — As his Senate Appropriations Committee grappled with how to help victims of floods, chairman Ted Stevens saw an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

Alaska's senior senator tacked onto the must-pass emergency bill a pet piece of legislation to make it easier to build roads through federal parks, refuges and wilderness areas.

Environmental activists were outraged, and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is urging a presidential veto if the provision added last week stays in the bill. It goes before the full Senate on Monday.

The measure, also pushed by fellow Republican Sen. Bob Bennett of Utah, would give the government less say in what constitutes a valid right-of-way for roads built under a 130-year-old law.

"Such a requirement could effectively render the federal government powerless to prevent the conversion of foot paths, dog-sled trails, jeep tracks, ice roads and other primitive transportation routes into paved highways," Babbitt complained in a letter to Stevens.

Bennett and Stevens have accused Babbitt of overstepping his authority by putting too many restrictions on such right-of-way claims and usurping the states' authority. They contend state law should determine validity of claims.

Road construction in federally protected parks, refuges and wilderness areas has been a growing worry among conservationists, especially in the West. Nowhere has it been an issue more than in Alaska and Utah, where hundreds of claims are pending for rights-of-way over federally protected land.

The controversy involves a law enacted in 1866, repealed by Congress 110 years later, then resurrected in part during President Reagan's administration as it began aggressively processing thousands of right-of-way claims it considered still valid under the defunct Civil War-era statute.

No one disputes valid claims exist, but the Clinton administration has waged a running battle with some state officials — particularly those of Alaska and Utah — over who should have the final say on their validity.

Babbitt announced a new policy in January that requires states to examine closer whether a right-of-way actually once was a significant corridor, which would make it a valid site for road building.

The measure Stevens inserted into the $5.5 billion emergency relief legislation for victims of floods and other disasters would override Babbitt's new directive and again swing the pendulum to the states.

Stevens defended the measure. In 1976, he argued, Congress "absolutely stated, without any question," that prior claims must be accepted.

"The provision is aimed at preserving historic rights-of-way established at least 20 years ago and creates no new rights-of-way across federal land," insists Stevens.

Many environmentalists see it differently.

"It grants rights-of-way across millions of acres of federal land to virtually any person who asserts a claim," asserted William Watson of the National Parks and Conservation Association, a private watchdog group. "It threatens to carve up our national parks."

Most claims under the 1866 law are in Alaska and Utah, because those states have been the most lenient in considering what constituted a historic pathway. Conservationists say the Stevens legislation may bring old claims boiling to the surface in other states. Rumblings already have been heard in Oklahoma, Nebraska, New Mexico and the Dakotas, said Phil Vorhees of the park association.

Adam Kolton of the Alaska Wilderness League said hundreds of rights-of-way claims are pending in Alaska.

GOP conservatives don't like Lott's deals

WASHINGTON (AP) — More and more these days, conservative Republican activists are comparing Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott to his predecessor, Bob Dole. They hardly mean the comparison as a compliment.

Lott's recent deal making to approve a chemical weapons treaty and to strike a balanced-budget agreement with President Clinton alienated many vocal conservatives, who harbored high hopes when the Mississippi Republican succeeded Dole last year.

In their view, Lott has abandoned both them and his GOP principles in seeking to end legislative deadlock.

The criticism comes at a delicate time for Lott, who is trying to get things done in Congress while preparing for a series of speeches designed to raise his profile as a national GOP leader. The first of these, on taxes, is Monday at the Chicago Economic Club.

"There are many people who are not happy with him right now," said Republican National Committeeman Morton Blackwell of Virginia, an old Lott friend who nonetheless criticized him for backing the Chemical Weapons Convention.

"When it comes down to crunch time, you can't trust him," Michael Farris, a conservative and national home-schooling activist, told the conservative weekly Human Events.

Much of the criticism comes from activists who regularly complained that Dole was too eager to compromise and too shy about pushing GOP social priorities like opposition to abortion and support for school prayer.

So far, the displeasure is limited to a relatively small group of conservative activists, commentators, talk show hosts and a handful of the most conservative Senate Republicans. "There is frustration out there," Arizona GOP Sen. John McCain said in a recent interview, "but I think Senator Lott is still very highly regarded."

Among conservative activists in Iowa, "there is some concern about what is being accomplished in Washington right now," said Keith Fortman, the state's GOP executive director. "But most Main Street Republicans are not sophisticated in the sense of, 'Is Lott doing enough?'"

Still, the criticism underscores the dual challenges the majority leader faces in running the Senate and seeking accomplishments with a Democratic president while at the same time asserting himself as a national Republican leader, perhaps with an eye on seeking the presidency himself.

Even as he plunged into marathon budget talks last week, Lott moved ahead with his plan to step back occasionally from his day-to-day responsibilities to offer his thoughts on broader issues facing his party and the country.

In his speech Monday, he will encourage a polite, internal GOP debate to pick from several proposals to dramatically overhaul the federal tax code. Several people involved in drafting the speech said Lott will suggest the party has become too defined by the specifics of tax relief, such as cutting capital gains taxes.

Habitat for Humanity...

Women-only crews attract volunteers

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — By trade, Bonnie Jolly is a property tax analyst. At heart, she longs to pour concrete, pound nails and hang drywall.

Her dreams came true when she answered a call for volunteers to build a Habitat for Humanity home — with an all-women crew.

Training was included, and the 48-year-old Jolly was soon hammering to her heart's delight. She plans to take her mother to the Mother's Day groundbreaking in Lincoln.

"I had to laugh because last night (at a training session) I was up on a ladder in a dress and heels putting up trim and then I was down on the floor working on the baseboards," Jolly says.

All-women projects, which Habitat for Humanity began in 1990, have proven an increasingly popular way to attract volunteers. While 100 people are needed to build the typical 1,000 square-foot home with three bedrooms and one bath, the "all-women" ads usually recruit far more.

"I was afraid that I wouldn't have enough volunteers," says Sandy Wolfe, the executive coordinator for the Habitat affiliate in Lincoln that is building Nebraska's first house with a female crew. "I got more than 300, and we had to start a second house just so everyone would have a chance to get involved."

Rookies like Jolly say they are attracted to the all-women crews because they want to learn carpentry without the intimidation factor posed by more knowledgeable men.

Veterans say they sign up to pass on their skills, and encourage more women to enter the construction trades.

Cecilia Frederick, a former construction worker, once painted her tools bright pink to foil male co-workers who used to take them to harass her. She appreciates the female camaraderie she's experienced supervising the construction of 30 women-built houses in the St. Paul, Minn., area.

"We'll be up there and all of a sudden, we'll start singing Girl Scout songs and everyone joins in," she says. "There are a lot of nail-polished bricklayers out there."

Alice Wilcox, a 70-year-old retired librarian, says the job doesn't require extraordinary strength. She began helping with Minneapolis-area Habitat houses three years ago and now teaches building basics to others.

"Sometimes it takes a little longer to build a house with all women because you get a lot of volunteers who don't know what they are doing," she says.

Wendy Birdsall hopes to learn those basics by signing up to work on the Lincoln house. The 37-year-old marketing director tried to hang a door at her home but had it fall over on top of her.

"I had to call my dad to come help me. I always have to call my dad," she says. "I wanted to be able to do it on my own."

In 20 years, Habitat for Humanity has built 50,000 houses in 47 countries. Habitat provides the houses, simple but solid, and interest-free mortgages to low-income families.

About half of those who move into Habitat houses are single women with children, Wolfe says. Most female volunteers say they appreciate that but are mostly attracted to the work for the construction training.

Each family selected to own a Habitat house helps build it, contributing about 200 hours in "sweat equity" over three months. Wolfe says the Lincoln house will go to a couple with four children.

'Picard' signs for 9th 'Trek'

NEW YORK (AP) — The captain will be back in uniform and in command for another voyage on the starship Enterprise.

Patrick Stewart is the first member of the "Star Trek" crew to agree to another tour of duty, signing up to play Capt. Jean-Luc Picard again in the ninth movie in the series, said executive producer Rick Berman.

The new "Trek" movie, the third for Stewart-Picard, is being planned for release in November 1998, according to the May 10 issue of TV Guide.

"The story being discussed is a high-concept idea that is very special — and it better be. After 'Star Trek: First Contact,' it's going to be a major job to one-up ourselves," said Berman, referring to last year's hit entry in the series.

Date Book

May 5, 1997

Today is the 125th day of 1997 and the 27th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1862, outnumbered Mexican forces defeated an invading French army.

On this day in 1864, Confederate troops under Robert E. Lee and Union forces under Ulysses S. Grant began the Battle of the Wilderness.

On this day in 1893, stock prices dropped sharply, beginning the second-worst depression in U.S. history.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855), philosopher; Karl Marx (1818-1883), philosopher; Elizabeth "Nellie Bly" Seaman (1867-1922), journalist; James Beard (1903-1985), cookbook author; Alice Faye (1912-), singer-actress, is 85; Tyrone Power (1913-1958), actor; Tammy Wynette (1942-), singer, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1905, Cy Young pitched major-league baseball's first perfect game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Let us worship God again in simplicity, instead of making a fool of him in splendid edifices." — Soren Kierkegaard

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1774, snow blanketed the eastern United States from Virginia to New England.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon.

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.



Home remedies need stringent testing

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I wouldn't miss reading your daily column. For one thing, you provide a sensible bridge between old-fashioned doctors (that I grew up with) and the new breed of physician who seems to be enthralled by high-tech testing and prescription drugs.

For example, many old remedies, such as Palmer's lotion, quinine, mustard plasters and various liniments did do some good and were safe. Now they're off the market. Maybe we need some of these old-time remedies.

DEAR READER: The problem with these remedies is that they were not scientifically shown to be consistently effective. Consequently, they have been replaced by better products. I can understand your frustration at not being able to purchase familiar, over-the-counter compounds, but, I guess, this could be termed medical progress of a sort.

I'm equivocating because, as you probably are aware, there is presently an immense public interest in alternative medicine: herbal remedies, homeopathic compounds and a cornucopia of non-medical strategies. I don't have a problem with this.

But I do demand consistency: Alternative therapies should withstand the same rigorous testing expected of new drugs and treatments. Otherwise, we have no effective way of validating such therapies.

It's been said that alternative healers attract patients because these practitioners spend more time with clients than do traditional, allopathic physicians. This is true. We doctors may be shooting ourselves in the foot when we rely exclusively on modern testing and drugs.

People often just need to talk, to be recognized as individuals. The value of a quiet "hands on" approach cannot be overestimated.

In that sense, I'd like to think that I'm a bridge between generations, and I thank you for your compliment.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Fads II: Herbs and Other Healing Fads." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How old does a person have to be before his body parts become ineligible for donation?

DEAR READER: As a general rule, the older a person is, the less suitable his or her organs are for donation. Thus, donor programs commonly discourage the harvesting of tissue/organs in people older than 65 or 70 years.

The reason for this is obvious: As we age, our organs wear out and function less efficiently. For example, a 70-year-old heart wouldn't be appropriate for transplantation into a 20-year-old patient.

Nonetheless, each case is usually judged on individual merit. A 65-year-old kidney in an otherwise healthy person might be suitable for donation. In addition, the corneas of the elderly could, in many instances, be used in a younger recipient.

To obtain a specific answer to your question, you should contact the pathology department of a teaching hospital in your area, because organ needs and the amount of available tissue vary from community to community.

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U.S. Congress renews troops in Bosnia debate

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Remember Bosnia? It is back in all its complexity and potential for renewed ethnic savagery.

For months, Americans from the highest levels of government to ordinary citizens were grateful for a chance to forget Bosnia. After all, didn't NATO military power and U.S. diplomatic pressure produce the Dayton Accords and promise peace for that sad country?

Once again, Congress is ready to debate the question of whether the United States should have troops stationed in Bosnia, a debate that will focus on the failure to produce the civil society envisioned in Dayton.

Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee, and Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., chairman of the House National Security Committee, are leading a bipartisan coalition that wants to cut off funding for the U.S. presence by Sept. 30, nine months earlier than the deadline set by the Clinton administration.

AP news analysis

There now are 8,500 U.S. troops in Bosnia. The administration has promised they will not remain after July 1998, a commitment that has revived old tensions between the United States and its European allies.

The debate over dates is just the latest example of diplomacy by exit strategy. The names are painfully familiar: Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia. All were dangerous places that required a commitment of U.S. power. But the only way to get agreement to use American military force was to emphasize its limits, to commit to a departure date.

That need drove the earlier debate on Bosnia, and it will dominate the revived exchange.

Advocates of getting U.S. forces out of the former Yugoslav region as soon as possible argue with some justification that little progress has been made toward a peace that has much chance of lasting after NATO pulls out.

"Achieving a sustainable peace in Bosnia is unlikely under any realistic time frame," Spence said. "The U.S. should begin to work immediately toward a policy that permits the orderly withdrawal of U.S. ground forces."

On the other side of the congressional debate are those who want a U.S. commitment to remain in Bosnia as long as it takes to establish a sustainable peace.

"The task we have there is not finished," said Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana, senior Democrat on the House International Relations Committee. "Reconstruction of Bosnia is going to take a long time."

Hamilton argued that a U.S. withdrawal — certain to precipitate the pullout of all other NATO troops — would kill hopes of implementing the civil side of the Dayton agreement, the building of a society that would guarantee the rights of Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

The result would be "a drift toward partition of Bosnia or a possible resumption of war," he said.

Defense Secretary William Cohen tried without success on a recent trip to Europe to sell NATO allies on the idea they should stay in Bosnia after a U.S. pullout.

By the end, he was saying the United States and its allies were in agreement that "we cannot make a permanent commitment to stabilize that region and never leave."

Cohen put the onus on the people of Bosnia to accept a commitment to peace. "You can't impose a peace; that has to lie in the hearts of men and women. We will find out if they are prepared to do that," he said after returning from Europe.

The presence of a NATO force that included 20,000 U.S. troops was a critical factor in assuring that the warring factions in Bosnia — Serbs, Croats and Muslims — would stop fighting and give peace a chance.

Needing to show he had an exit strategy, President Clinton promised that the U.S. troops would remain in Bosnia for only a year, a deadline that envisioned withdrawal right about the time of the 1996 presidential election.

Diplomacy by exit strategy was good domestic politics but not very effective peacemaking.

As the 1996 deadline approached, it was clear a new commitment was necessary and the 8,500 U.S. troops are in Bosnia today as part of a reconstituted NATO peacekeeping force.

What happens if the force withdraws and leave Bosnia to work out its own problems?

Ironically, the military balance might now be in favor of the Muslims, who were seen as the victims when NATO intervened nearly two years ago.

It is possible that a new round of fighting might produce a shift in roles in which the former villains, the Serbs, become the victims.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Donald M. Rothberg has followed the Washington debate over Bosnia since its inception.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Allies who have had little constructive value to offer you might disband in the year ahead. They will be replaced by relationships that give more than they take.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are presently in a good achievement cycle, but you might try to coast instead of persist. If the latter is true, your accomplishments may not be too impressive today. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The ability to cope successfully with disruptive developments today will be governed by your attitude. Do not let despair distort your hopes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Before getting involved with new associates in a joint endeavor today, take care to check that they are everything they represent themselves to be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Weigh and analyze all of your alternatives today before making important career decisions. Unsupported guesses could cause you complications.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) How you respond to others' requests today could have far-reaching effects. Your level of cooperation will establish the model for future treatment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you handle yourself poorly in a social situation today, it could add too much fuel to the gossip fire. Keep your guard up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Use your judgment today to determine the level of effort you will need to complete an important project. Do not work harder than necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Insincere sales efforts could come back and haunt you later, so be sure that you have complete confidence in what you're trying to sell.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) New endeavors that will require your financial backing should be analyzed carefully today. Do not impulsively throw your wallet in the ring.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You may not gain the respect of your peers today if you attempt to screen your motives. Strive to be forthcoming at all times.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Guard against the inclination to see bad situations for what they actually are today. Deal with reality, but you must always be honest with yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Self-discipline will be required today if you desire to live within your means. Determine the parameters of your budget and don't overstep them.

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Citing new law, court dismisses suits filed by many immigrants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Compelled by a new law, a federal appeals court ordered dismissal of a nationwide lawsuit by thousands of illegal immigrants who claimed they were denied a chance for legal status by the government's legal error.

The lawsuit, filed in 1986, challenged the Immigration and Naturalization Service's policy of denying amnesty — the first step toward legal residency — to any illegal immigrant who had left the United States since 1982 without advance INS approval.

Federal courts later struck down the policy, saying amnesty was available to illegal immigrants whose residence in the United States from 1982 on was interrupted only by brief, innocent departures, with or without INS approval.

But after the lawsuit had survived a 1993 Supreme Court ruling and returned to the lower federal courts, Congress put language into last year's immigration bill stripping federal courts of jurisdiction over such cases.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Wednesday that the new law does not violate either the constitutional separation of powers or the rights of the immigrants and requires dismissal of the suit.

"Congress' authority to define federal court jurisdiction is well-recognized," said Judge Mary Schroeder in the 3-0 ruling. She added, "Given Congress' sweeping power over immigration policy, we cannot fault the statute on due process grounds."

Stephen Rosenbaum, a lawyer for the immigrants, said, "Congress was doing the bidding of the INS and reacting to a great anti-immigrant fervor."

He said the INS has indicated it will hear the claims of the handful of illegal immigrants who tried to apply for amnesty but were turned away by INS officials because of the mistaken policy.

But Rosenbaum said the great majority of immigrants affected by the ruling are tens of thousands who were discouraged from seeking amnesty — often by lawyers or social service groups — because of the INS policy.

Business and Industrial News

Hillside Memorial Gardens has been serving Snyder area for many years

Hillside Memorial Gardens, located on the Colorado City Highway, has been serving Snyder and the Scurry County area for many years.

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Lots at Hillside Memorial Gardens are reasonably priced and they offer a Pre-Need Financial Plan of only 20 percent down and small monthly payments without interest or carrying charges. If the only time you have is on the weekends, Greg can be contacted at 573-5864 and will be glad to help you anytime.

Granite and bronze memorials are available at Hillside Monument Works. Greg goes to great lengths to see that the finished product is one that pleases the family members and reflects the individualism of the loved one for whom the monument has been created.

The staff at Hillside realizes that they provide an important service to the community and work hard to maintain the trust and confidence of the people. They will be happy to counsel with anyone at anytime concerning their present or future needs. Give them a call at 573-5251 or and visit with them at Hillside Memorial Gardens and Monument Works on the Colorado City Highway.



THE BEAUTIFUL HILLSIDE MEMORIAL GARDENS — Snyder's perpetual care cemetery, is located on the Colorado City Highway. (SDN Staff Photo)

Favorite small town to debut film

HAILEY, Idaho (AP) — Bruce Willis' latest venture on the big screen will debut in his favorite small town.

"The Fifth Element" will open Friday at the Liberty Theater as a fund-raiser for the Northern Rockies Folk Festival, set for Aug. 7-9.

The science fiction thriller is the fourth film to debut at the Liberty, which Willis and his wife, Demi Moore, refurbished and reopened in 1995. The other movies were "Twelve Monkeys," "Last Man Standing" and Moore's "Striptease."

Willis has a home in Hailey and is the largest commercial real estate developer in the small town, population about 4,000, sitting 100 miles east of Boise.

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Co-defendant may be linked to robbery

DENVER (AP) — Shavings from a drilled-out lock may link Timothy McVeigh's co-defendant to a quarry robbery where the two are accused of stealing the explosives used in the Oklahoma City bombing, an FBI agent testified today.

A cordless drill found in Terry Nichols' home contained brass shavings, FBI agent Thomas Brown testified. Prosecutors have alleged that those shavings matched the damaged padlock from the quarry.

The quarry near Marion, Kan., was robbed Oct. 1, 1994, of detonator cord and boxes of sausage-like high explosives. Prosecutors contend those explosives were used to touch off the fuel oil-and-fertilizer bomb used in the Oklahoma City blast.

Another FBI agent, Mary Jasnowksi, testified that a prepaid phone card in the name of Darryl Bridges was found in Nichols' home. Prosecutors contend the card was used to make dozens of calls in search of bomb components.

Ms. Jasnowski also testified that agents found a registration card for the Starlight Motel in Salina, Kan., and a Michigan license plate bearing the number WX1460. The name on the registration card was not Nichols'.

"I believe it's Terry Havens," Ms. Jasnowski said, noting the card was not entirely legible. Prosecutors allege Nichols used the name Havens as an alias. The card also listed a Michigan license plate with a similar number, WX1640.

The desk clerk at the motel testified last week as part of a series of witnesses on McVeigh and Nichols' alleged search for bomb components.

McVeigh's sister, Jennifer McVeigh, is expected to testify early this week about her brother's political beliefs and his statement to her before the bombing that "something big" was about to happen.

McVeigh, a 29-year-old Gulf War veteran, could face the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, truck bombing that killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

The final two witnesses Friday were survivors of the blast who recalled the deaths of colleagues and seeing open sky through disintegrated office walls. One read the names of seven co-workers who died.

Their stories ended more than two days of often tedious testimony about the explosive qualities of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and McVeigh's alleged search for ingredients prosecutors say he used to build the bomb.

The prosecution has already questioned one of its star witnesses, Lori Fortier, the wife of one of McVeigh's Army buddies. She told jurors last week that six months before the blast McVeigh confided to the couple his plan to bomb a federal building in Oklahoma City to avenge the government's deadly 1993 siege at Waco, Texas.

The Justice Department today confirmed reports that lead prosecutor Joseph Hartzler will leave the team after McVeigh's trial and won't participate in the trial of co-defendant Terry Nichols.

White House says...

Clinton's associates did not know early of Hubble trouble

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House today denied a published report suggesting the Clintons knew that Webster Hubbell was facing possible criminal charges when their associates started lining up work for him.

President and Mrs. Clinton were aware of some allegations against Hubbell, based on news reports in early 1994, but did not know "the full nature and seriousness" of allegations against Hubbell, said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.

Hubbell, a longtime friend, assured them and their aides that it was a minor billing dispute from his old law firm, McCurry said.

"He repeatedly told people he had done nothing wrong," McCurry said. "The Clintons were likely to presume the innocence of someone who had been their friend."

"The full nature and seriousness of allegations against Mr. Hubbell were not known fully to anyone at the White House until he pled guilty," McCurry said. "People were surprised by that and very disappointed by that."

Two of Clinton's closest confidants understood the seriousness of accusations against Hubbell before he resigned as the Justice Department's No. 3 official, The New York Times said today. One warned the Clintons that Hubbell had to go, the newspaper said.

McCurry said "everyone was aware of allegations" against Hubbell "but allegations are not the same thing as knowledge of wrongdoing."

Clinton has dismissed suggestions that his aides and friends helped Hubbell find work to keep him from telling investigators what he knew of the Clintons' personal and financial affairs.

Whitewater prosecutors are investigating whether payments to Hubbell in the months following his resignation as associate attorney general constitute an obstruction of justice.

Rep. Dan Burton, chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, said Sunday that Hubbell may have received more than $1 million dollars, although Burton cited no support for his statement. News reports have estimated the payments to Hubbell at $400,000 to $500,000.

Police, volunteers searching for girl

KILLEEN (AP) — Police fear abduction may be to blame for the disappearance of a 7-year-old girl who was last seen almost a week ago, leaving her elementary school playground with a man.

Police said Monday that there were no new developments in the search for DaNydia Thompson, whom witnesses saw leaving the Marlboro Heights Elementary School playground at about 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Witnesses told police DaNydia was riding piggyback on a man. The two were spotted later less than a half-mile from the school and still on foot.

On Sunday, more than 220 police and volunteers searched on foot, horseback and motorcycles, while DaNydia's mother asked for food and water for searchers, and for prayers.

"If my baby is where she can hear me, I just want to say, 'Mommy loves you, and I just want you to come home,'" Gala Thompson said.

The kidnapping in Killeen, about 60 miles north of Austin, was especially alarming in light of other recent child abductions and homicides in Texas and nationwide.

Peace officers handle numerous complaints

Four people were arrested over the weekend in Scurry County — all but one on outstanding warrants.

Officers were called to the 2800 block of West Highway 180 at 11:24 a.m. Saturday when a person refused to leave a residence when asked. A door was also damaged. No charges were filed, but a 20-year-old male involved in the disturbance was arrested on a city warrant for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officers arrested a 41-year-old male at 2:47 p.m. Saturday on East Highway 180 on warrants from Eldorado for theft by check.

Deputies were called to a residence on FM 1611 at 8:46 a.m. Sunday after a woman called dispatchers to report that her husband was assaulting her. Deputies arrested a 43-year-old male for possession of marijuana, less than one ounce.

At 7 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 22-year-old male in the 1900 block of Coleman Avenue on a Mitchell County warrant for the issuance of a bad check.

An offense report for attempted suicide was submitted at 2:16 p.m. Sunday by deputies in reference to a 39-year-old woman attempting suicide. The person was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where she was treated and released.

In other activity over the weekend, a woman requested to speak to a deputy at 7 p.m. Saturday after having received harassing telephone calls.

Officers were called to the 200 block of 33rd Street at 9:33 p.m. Saturday when it was reported that a subject had been bitten by a dog.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 12:33 a.m. Sunday.

At 4:02 p.m. Sunday, an offense report for threatened suicide was submitted in reference to a 53-year-old male telling officers he felt suicidal.

An officer was requested at 304 N. Ave. U at 4:27 p.m. Sunday in reference to a person damaging a window to a camper shell owned by James Melton. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

Officers were called to the railroad crossing at 19th Street and Avenue I at 5:58 p.m. Sunday in reference to a vehicle striking a railroad sign. An offense report for hit and run was submitted.

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 6:28 p.m.

Officers investigated a report at 10:09 p.m. Sunday of several juveniles throwing water balloons from a vehicle in the area of 4100 Jacksboro.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 10:34 p.m. Sunday from the 800 block of 27th Street.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 1:51 this morning from the 100 block of Browning.

Obituaries

Rosanell Stewart

1936-1997

OKLAHOMA CITY — Snyder native Rosanell Rosson Stewart died in an Oklahoma City hospital Sunday, May 4. She was 60.

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Village Baptist Church. Graveside service is set for 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Moore Cemetery in Arlington, Tex., directed by Vondell Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stewart was born on Aug. 19, 1936, and reared in Scurry County. She married Gene Stewart on June 5, 1955.

Mrs. Stewart was preceded in death by her father, Alfred Rosson in 1961.

Survivors include her husband, Gene Stewart of Oklahoma City; three sons, Kenny Stewart of Mesquite; Steve Stewart of Fort Worth; Todd Stewart of the home; her mother, Maude Rosson Beard of Oklahoma City, formerly of Snyder; two grandsons, Chad and Chase Stewart of Mesquite; and several uncles and cousins of Snyder.

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DISMISSALS: May 2-W.F. West; May 3-Joyce McIntire, Arma Watlington, John Hosey, Caleb Morrison, May 4-Robert Hardy.

CENSUS: 51 (Med., Surg.-13, Long-term Care-34, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Joe Vera and Rebecca Dominguez of Snyder announce the birth of their son at 12:19 p.m. on May 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, six ounces.

Defense takes stand today

ODESSA — The jury in the trial of a Odessa man accused of sexually assaulting a Snyder woman began hearing defense witnesses this morning in the 70th District Court.

James Paul Pace, 30, is accused of the aggravated sexual assault last October in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn Centre in Odessa.

The victim testified Friday afternoon as the prosecution's final witness.

Pace is also accused of severely beating the woman, and of sexual assault of another woman.

What's Up?

Band boosters to meet

Snyder Band Boosters will meet at 6 this evening in the high school band hall. Election of officers will be held.

VFW, auxiliary to meet

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 this evening at the post home.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by the series titled "The Story of the Bible." The third Bible tape, "Respecting the Things of God," will air at 7 this evening. It will be followed by "Lesson 3: The Son."

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School at East Side Church of Christ will be Tuesday from noon until 2:30 p.m. Classes are for 2, 3 and 4-year-olds. For information, call 573-3554, 573-5762 or 573-8684.

Canyon Reef 4-H Club

Canyon Reef 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Western Texas College pool. All 4-H members and their guests are invited.

Parents of 8th grade students

Parents of eighth grade students are invited to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. High school counselors will discuss curriculum, graduation requirements and scheduling procedures. Students are also welcome to attend, and should bring registration materials they received at school.

Parents of seniors

Parents of high school seniors will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the student center to plan graduation activities.

Scurry Lodge 706

Scurry Lodge 706 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. A chili and beans supper will begin at 6:30.

'The Tempest' on stage here

Snyder High School drama department will present its one-act play, "The Tempest" at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Worsham Auditorium. Admission is $2 per person. The play lasts about 45 minutes.

Agricultural valuation

Scurry County Appraisal District will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday to consider the agricultural valuation for 1997.

Rabies vaccination day

Residents can have their dogs and cats vaccinated from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at Towle Park Barn. Cost is $7.50. City tags are free.

Pancake supper planned

Parents of Snyder High School seniors are sponsoring an all-you-can-eat pancake supper from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at McDonald's. All proceeds will go toward the alcohol-free Graduation '97 event. Tickets are $2 and must be purchased in advance from parents or through Caron Perkins by calling 573-5401.

SNS workday Saturday

The Snyder Neighbors Sharing workday, postponed earlier, is set for Saturday.

Area reunions scheduled

Barronview, Busby and Center reunions will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Fisher County Courthouse annex. Refreshments will be served.

Blood pressure clinic

Interim Health Care will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Eckerd Drug.

American Legion

The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. next Monday at the post home.

Ira kindergarten

Ira ISD will have kindergarten registration on Wednesday, May 14, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. for students who will turn age 5 before Sept. 1. They will need their birth certificate, Social Security card and updated immunization record with them.

Men's spiritual retreat

The first annual Snyder Christian Men's Retreat will be held May 16-17 at Willow Park Inn. The theme is "A Call to Holiness." Those attending will be taught the principles of transparency and accountability. For information, contact Donnie Burk at 573-5629.

Dermott school reunion

The Dermott school reunion will be June 7 at the Dermott School on the county coliseum grounds. Notices have been sent to all out of town residents. Schedules and activities will be announced later. For questions or information, call Sonny Greenfield at 573-6866.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-1-8
(five, one, eight)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-26-29-38-41-46
Estimated jackpot: $9 million.
Number matching six of six: 0.
Matching five of six: 101. Prize: $1,866.
Matching four of six: 6,290. Prize: $108.
Matching three of six: 115,661. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $15 million.