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MONDAY

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—When will the 2-4A All-District baseball team be announced?

A—All-district players will be announced after all 2-4A teams finish playing. Currently, district champion Frenship is still in the playoffs and meets Brownwood Saturday at 2 p.m. in Abilene.

Local

Vaccinations

Area citizens can have their dog or cat vaccinated for rabies from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Towle Park Barn.

Veterinarians Dr. Charles Church and Dr. Jerry Early will be assisting with the program, which will also be aided by animal control officer M.L. Chandler, the City of Snyder and local Boy Scouts.

Vaccinations will be $7 each. The city is donating tags free of charge.

Genealogy

The Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library.

The speaker will be Juanita Cochran. White Buffalo Tales will be distributed. Visitors are welcome.

CED 11

County Education District 11 board will meet at 7:30 this evening.

On the agenda are distribution of funds, review of the 1992-93 budget, and delinquent tax collection.

Youth center

Snyder Youth Center will have a meeting Wednesday at Northeast Community Center from 7-9 p.m. to inform the public of new activities for Snyder youth.

Volunteers are needed. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Mike Burns at 573-9509 or Inez Alonzo at 573-3667.

Hermleigh

Hermleigh Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Hermleigh Community Center.

Democrats

Scurry County Democratic Party will meet at 7:30 this evening in Towle Park Barn.

All interested Democrats are invited.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 82 degrees; low, 61 degrees; .05 of an inch precipitation; high Sunday, 87 degrees; low, 60 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 61 degrees; .03 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 6.09 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the lower 60s. Southeast wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High in the mid 80s. Southeast wind 10-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:39. Sunrise Tuesday, 6:42. Of 143 days in 1993, the sun has shone 136 days in Snyder.

'Macbeth' opens for two nights

Snyder High School's drama department production of "Macbeth" opens today for a two-night stand at Worsham Auditorium.

The play won the Class 4A State One-Act Play Contest in Austin earlier this month.

Tickets are $2 each and available at the box office. The shows begin at 8 o'clock, both this evening and Tuesday.

"Macbeth" cast and crew members include Amy Beaver, Steven Bollinger, Sam Cain, Sam Grimes, Joellen King, Sara McDonald, J. Parker, Monica Harbin, Craig Row, Kevin Alejandro and Mark Bullard.

Others are Michael McQuerry, Josh Palmer, Amy Patterson, Valerie Sanchez, Marc Sparlin, John Michel, Jennifer Hancock, Jannica Northerns, Steve Taylor, Katie Thornton and Jason Miller.

At the state contest, Grimes was named Best Actor and King was named Best Actress. In addition, the play's "Ensemble of Witches," Patterson, Beaver and McDonald, were named to the All-Star Cast.

Several other members of the play received all-star and honorable mention recognition at the regional and district levels this year.

"Macbeth is Snyder High School's 12th state-winning play. Director Jerry Worsham has taken his students to Austin for state competition 24 times.

"MACBETH" OPENS TONIGHT — Snyder High School's state-winning one-act play, "Macbeth," will be performed at 8 o'clock tonight and Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. Pictured above are leading characters Joellen King and Sam Grimes, who were named Best Actress and Best Actor at state. (SHS Photo)

Pool use fees to see increase

Scurry County commissioners voted 2-1 today to raise the fee for swimming at Towle Park Pool from $1 to $1.50 for children age 18 and under.

The fee change will go into effect June 1.

According to commissioners, the fee change is necessary because the pool will need extensive repairs in the near future.

Currently, the pool fee is $1 for children under 12, $1.50 for those age 12-17 and $2 for everyone 18 and over.

Scurry County Sheriff Keith Collier voiced strong opposition to the increase. "I think you can price people who need recreation right out of the ballpark," Collier said.

Collier compared the swimming pool to county Little League fields and community centers. He said that if there is going to be a user fee, it should be across the board.

"Why don't we charge people two dollars a head to play dominoes at community centers? If we are going to give older citizens some place for recreation, we should do the same for kids," Collier told commissioners.

"Don't get me wrong. I think we should provide community centers for people without a charge. I'm for that. I just think it's wrong to make this section pay and not every section pay," Collier said.

Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. made the motion for the fee increase and Commissioner Ralph Trevey seconded it. Commissioner Roy Idom voted against the price raise. County Judge Bob Doolittle abstained. Commissioner Jerry Gannaway was not present.

After they had adjourned, County Auditor Eddie McHaney told commissioners that the price change would not help the county substantially. McHaney said he remembered, after commissioners had voted on the increase, that the county has a contract which states that 80 percent of any monies goes to Harrison, after covering labor costs.

Trevey said he was unaware of the contract and Gray said he had

(see POOL FEES, page 8)

Union Supply Co. burns

Snyder man is charged with arson

A 31-year-old Snyder man has been arrested for arson in connection with a fire Sunday which caused an estimated $1 million in damages at Union Supply Co.

Jimmy Vansickle was apprehended about a half-mile from the scene, some 15 minutes after Snyder Fire Department was notified of the blaze. He was charged with arson and is being held in Scurry County Jail on $15,000 bond.

Union Supply Co. is located at U.S. Highway 84 and County Road 1611. Sheriff's Deputy Kerry Fritz said he had responded to the fire report about 1:46 p.m. Sunday to help out with traffic control. Fritz said a Halliburton employee told him that he and another man had seen the fire and attempted to put it out. They were unsuccessful, however, and returned to Halliburton to call the fire department.

The man also told Fritz they had seen a tattooed, shirtless individual running from the scene.

Fritz said that about the same time, some young people pulled up in a car and told him they had seen a shirtless man running along a nearby fence line.

After looking briefly for the suspect, Fritz put out a call to arriving fire volunteers to be on the lookout for a man fitting the discription. Some 30 seconds later, a Snyder EMS unit spotted the individual. Fritz and Police Chief Lannie Lee apprehended the suspect about a half a mile from the fire.

Fritz said the man, Vansickle, was shirtless, tattooed, and smelled strongly of smoke.

Fritz said George Boring, manager of Union Supply Co., estimated the damage to inventory and the building to be a minimum of $1 million.

The double-sided metal building burned almost completely. Fritz said the building was totally engulfed by the time he arrived, which was shortly after the first fire trucks were on the scene.

It appeared that a mop or broom and other small items had been used to help start the fire on the outside of the building, Fritz said.

The case will be forwarded to the district attorney for consideration by a grand jury in June.

Boring said the oil field supply business employs five people. He said the company will begin looking for another building to occupy today and will be receiving inventory from its 15 other stores as soon as possible.

Suburban stolen, stripped during youth group trip

SAN ANTONIO — Two sponsors of a Colonial Hill Baptist Church youth group were victims of a vehicle theft from a mall parking lot Saturday night.

A 1989 Suburban owned by Mike and Kathy Post of Snyder was taken from a downtown mall parking lot near the Alamo about 7 p.m. Saturday. The vehicle, stripped to a hull, was found by San Antonio police about 2 a.m. Sunday.

The Posts were two of 17 adult sponsors of a 58-member youth choir who left Snyder early Saturday. Post, Oryx manager of the Snyder Gas Plant, parked the vehicle about 6:30 p.m.

When Post returned shortly before 7:30 to meet others in the group, the only evidence from the van was broken glass.

Also taken was all personal belongings of the Posts, including a cellular telephone, video camera, 35mm camera and a laptop computer.

The van had new tires plus a stereo and speaker system. The headliner was ripped out, seats were slashed and the only thing left under the hood was the motor as even the radiator was taken.

Mike's wife, Kathy, works as a secretary at Colonial Hill, and for several years the Posts have served as treasurer for the youth choir trip.

Members had raised funds through car washes and other activities. Also taken was a safe that contained the funds, about $4,300.

Rev. Miller Robinson, church pastor, said the church immediately sent replacement funds. "It cost us $4,300, but we were real fortunate. No one was injured."

The Posts rented a vehicle and continued on with the group. Sunday morning the choir performed at the Kirby Ave. Baptist Church in San Antonio where Lynn Pryor, former Colonial Hill staffer, is pastor. The tour this week also includes stops in Houston and Galveston.

The Posts' two sons, Chris and Ricky, were also on the trip but were riding in another vehicle. Mike Post is Snyder mayor pro-tem.

Clinton to press energy tax 'as it is,' White House says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said today President Clinton is going to press his broad-based energy tax in Congress "as it is," despite growing indications that it faces more revisions.

Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N.Y., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, conceded Sunday that changes in the energy tax proposal likely will be made, although some version will survive.

Three Democratic senators from energy states — Bennett Johnston and John Breaux of Louisiana, and David Boren of Oklahoma — all made clear they would not be satisfied unless the energy tax is scaled back, perhaps limited to a higher tax only on gasoline.

President Clinton has proposed a much broader tax that would affect almost every form of energy from oil and natural gas to coal and nuclear. It would be pegged to the heat content of specific fuels, based on the Btu, or British Thermal Unit.

"He is going to press for his plan as it is," White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said today after a Rose Garden ceremony for a small business initiative. She did not rule out a compromise. Clinton, who attended the ceremony, did not answer reporters' questions.

"We want to make sure we've got a broad-based (deficit-reduction) effort here that does include an energy consumption tax, so I don't think the president is willing to give up on that," White House Budget Director Leon Panetta said on NBC's "Today."

Appearing on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," Boren said he's ready to accept some energy tax, but "not this Btu tax that falls on every industry. ... I'll have to vote 'no' because I think it's wrong for the country."

Likewise, Breaux said he planned to propose as a substitute an increase in the tax on gasoline — perhaps by eight cents a gallon — as well as steeper spending cuts this week.

Clinton's energy tax "cannot pass the Senate as it's written now," Breaux said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Yard of Month contest judging begins today

A Snyder Garden Club committee will begin selecting the first Yard of the Month and Business of the Month during a city wide beautification contest today.

The club will be sponsoring the event for the next five months, selecting a different area of the city each month.

The area to be covered this month is bordered on the north by 25th Street and Coliseum Drive, on the west by College Avenue from 25th Street to 37th Street, and on the south along 37th Street from College Avenue past the traffic circle.

The area also includes the Eastridge addition and north and west of the traffic circle.

LaVerne Hood is project chairperson for the month. Also on the committee are Maribeth Vestal, Gussie Gray, Linda Walton and Lanette Patterson.

A different committee will be selected each month to do the judging.

Signs will be placed on the Yard of the Month and Business of the Month after the judging, which is expected to be completed by midweek. Those signs will stay up for most of June, until a new Yard of the Month and Business of the Month are selected from another area.

The Yard of the Month and Business of the Month contests are being held in conjunction with Snyder Beautification Committee's Clean Up Snyder project.

Reading programs begin at Scurry County Library

Scurry County Library begins is summer reading clubs for preschoolers and kindergarten through sixth graders this week.

The reading club for K through sixth graders begins Wednesday at 10 a.m. Ty Brunson, chairman of the Fine Arts Division at Western Texas College, will demonstrate pottery making for the first session.

The reading club will be held each Wednesday through July 14. Other activities include sidewalk art, a treasure hunt, a search for buried dinosaurs, a "stinky shoe" contest, and a watermelon seed spitting contest. Guest speakers will include Sherry Bryant of Ira on poetry, Gladys Oden and Ken Spoor from Tumbleweed Toastmasters.

Children will keep reading logs. After three hours of reading, the child will have his or her name put on the front window and earn a certificate. There are other incentives for reading up to 15 hours.

The Read-To-Me summer program for preschoolers begins Friday, also at 10 a.m. The program will continue each Friday through July 16.

Children will hear stories and play games. They will make scarecrows, dinosaur eggs, sack puppets, finger puppets and enjoy other activities.

Each child will keep logs of time read to him or her by family or friends. Prizes will be given to the children as incentives for reading.

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BEST WISHES EXTENDED — Science instructor Thomas Strayhorn at Snyder High School makes a presentation on behalf of the SHS faculty and students to Gary Patterson and his wife, Dana, at a going away reception held recently in the homemakeing department. Not shown are their two children, Dani, five years old, and Bobbi Dee, 2. Patterson, leaves the post of SHS principal to be superintendent of Valley Mills ISD. (SDN Staff Photo)

Whistle-blowers: NRC failed to adequately probe allegations

HOUSTON (AP) — Whistle-blowers who made some 700 allegations about the South Texas nuclear plant six years ago say a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission investigation wasted a last chance to see the plant built correctly.

Consultant Edna Ottney and the Washington-based Government Accountability Project, which provides legal help to whistle-blowers, presented the allegations to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in late 1987.

They had hoped the agency would conduct a painstaking investigation before the plant received its full-power license.

What transpired, they say, was nothing less than a commission "whitewash," which may have contributed to the many equipment and personnel problems that have emerged at South Texas.

The plant at Bay City has not generated electricity for more than three months as a result of some of these problems. The nuclear commission's executive director earlier this year ordered a rare diagnostic evaluation of the plant.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission did investigate what became known as the GAP allegations, although Ms. Ottney and others who prepared the Government Accountability Project case say the investigation was a mockery and a wasted opportunity.

Jose Calvo, who led the special Nuclear Regulatory Commission team that investigated the GAP allegations, said some of the 71 allegations on which the team followed up "were 100 percent correct at the time they were brought up."

However, he said, they were corrected by the time the team did its investigation.

In March 1988, days before South Texas Unit 1 received its license, the commission team reported that its "review of all the GAP allegations has identified no substantive safety issue that would warrant delay in the NRC's consideration of a full-power license."

Graham Painter, a spokesman for Houston Lighting & Power Co., managing owner of South Texas, said GAP was merely "an anti-nuclear group" that wanted to block licensing.

The 1987 allegations were found to be groundless by both Houston Lighting & Power and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Painter said.

"The NRC issued a report and concluded that the allegations were resolved," he said. "This plant is the most exhaustively examined nuclear plant in the country."

Ms. Ottney was hired by the Government Accountability Project to investigate a rash of worker allegations in early 1987, when the South Texas plant was nearing completion in Matagorda County.

The charges ran from construction flaws and contractor fraud to falsification of documents and intimidation of workers.

"The credibility and the qualifications of the whistle-blowers were the best I had seen anywhere," Ms. Ottney, who had experience at three other nuclear utilities, said recently from her home in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

"Almost everyone had all kinds of documents supporting their allegations. There was not an anti-nuclear bone in their bodies."

Perot seeking changes

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A bipartisan deficit reduction plan needs the support of Americans to become "politically correct," enabling lawmakers to choose it instead of President Clinton's plan, Ross Perot says.

Perot praised Sens. Jack Danforth, R-Mo., and David Boren, D-Okla., on Sunday for the plan they offered late last week. They suggested capping entitlements, axing Clinton's energy tax and making $2 in spending cuts for every $1 in new taxes.

Clinton's plan is roughly balanced between tax increases and spending cuts.

Danforth and Boren "had the same level of courage as those people that fought at the Alamo" in presenting the plan, Perot said. "Believe me, they are no longer members of the inner circle.

"What you and I are going to have to do is really get behind it so it becomes politically correct," he said on the next-to-last stop of a three-day swing through the Midwest.

After Kansas City, Perot addressed an estimated 1,700 people later Sunday in Springfield.

Perot met enthusiastic crowds in Minnesota, Kansas and Missouri, all states where he fared well in the November presidential election. He spoke before an estimated 1,800 people at Kansas City's downtown Midland Theater and was repeatedly interrupted by cheers and applause.

During his 90-minute address, Perot encouraged enrollment in his United We Stand America government reform organization. He also asked his followers to tune in next Sunday for his network television presentation on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

It was NAFTA, which Perot called the "Mexican trade agreement," on which he spent most of his speech, saying it will drive American jobs south of the border.

"Can you and I agree that our No. 1 priority ... is to keep every American at work in a good-paying job?" Perot asked. "We've got to get organized to play in the big leagues on the trade agreement. We cannot lose on that."

Perot said NAFTA, al[illegible] with a proposal to tax company payrolls to finance health care reform, is "a multi-million-dollar effort to ship U.S. jobs south."

"When you owe $4 trillion, you do not want to ship your tax base south," Perot said.

Perot urged the audience to demand a detailed budget plan before agreeing to new taxes, seek congressional term limits and seek a balanced budget amendment.

Accused priest often befriended boys

DALLAS (AP) — Friends of the Rev. Rudolph Kos Jr. say they're shocked at allegations the priest sexually abused boys who attended the church he led in Ennis.

A lawsuit was filed last week accusing him of molesting boys and accusing the Catholic diocese in Dallas of covering it up.

The Dallas Morning News said in a copyright story Sunday that Kos took some of the boys to his mother's farm and that he became the legal guardian of one of the boys he is accused of abusing.

Kos, 48, was removed as pastor of St. John Catholic Church in Ennis last October, and diocese officials said he has been in a New Mexico treatment center since then. Kos has been unavailable for comment.

Peter Kenney, who said he and Kos have been friends since both attended Holy Trinity Seminary in the late 1970s, said he visited Kos last month and sensed that he is "kind of depressed by the whole situation."

Kos' mother, Dolores Hosford, said she learned of the allegations through news reports.

"It's hard for me to see this," she said. "This is not true."

Mrs. Hosford, 68, said Kos often brought boys with him to stay for a few days at her farm outside Magnolia, population 545, a town about 40 miles northwest of Houston in southwest Montgomery County.

The youths seemed "always crazy about him" and sometimes were jealous for his attention, which led her to wonder who has launched the accusations, she said. The lawsuit doesn't give the names of the two plaintiffs.

While working as a nurse at Methodist Medical Center, Kos befriended a young man who later moved into the rectory with him at All Saints Church in Far North Dallas, according to a 1984 Texas Catholic article entitled "Fathers as fathers."

"He replaced my father," the young man told the Dallas diocesan newspaper at the time. "I never really had a father and in a sense, he replaced my mother," who had asked the priest to help raise him.

Kos also had a large following of children when working at St. Luke Catholic Church and school in Irving in the 1980s.

"All the kids would hang on him," said Robb Bernardez, now 18, who was in his early teens at the time. "Every time we'd see Father Kos, we'd go jump on his back."

Bernardez said he also was shocked by the lawsuit, but that it wasn't as much of a surprise to some of his peers, who "said they kind of had some idea" that Kos may be dangerous.

Another 18-year-old, who spoke to The Morning News on condition of anonymity, said he could recall no wrongdoings by Kos, but recalled "my mom never trusted him."

"The parents always felt that he never cared for them very much," the teen said.

The former altar boy said he doesn't want to believe the allegations, "but looking back and putting it all together, it fits."

Kos worked at Dallas' Methodist Medical Center from 1968 to 1977. During his stay, he met a young boy who was seriously ill with bronchitis.

"As the two became friends, Rudy began to spend more and more time with the young boy," the 1984 Texas Catholic article said. The child's mother, "who divorced when her son was quite young, approached Rudy about becoming the boy's legal guardian."

The papers were signed in 1977, but the boy remained with his mother until Kos became ordained, then moved into the rectory.

The youth attended Bishop Lynch High School and worked at a hotel, then eventually moved out on his own.

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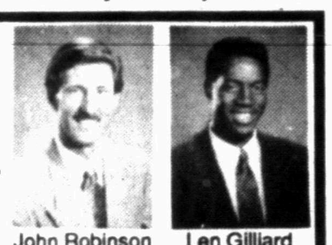

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Benefits of Social Security Can Reach Younger Widows

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter from an attorney in your column on April 1, 1993, regarding common-law marriages and benefits for widows.

The attorney stated that "Social Security provides no benefits to any widows unless they are at least 62 years of age." In fact, Social Security benefits can be paid to widows at age 60. For widows who are disabled, benefits can begin as early as age 50. Currently, over a half-million widows under age 62 collect Social Security benefits each month.

Social Security pays benefits to children of workers who are deceased. We can also pay benefits to a widow at any age if she is caring for a child under 16, or a disabled child.

Your readers can obtain more information by calling Social Security's toll-free number, (800) 772-1213, weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (in any time zone).

LOUIS D. ENOFF,
ACTING COMMISSIONER
OF SOCIAL SECURITY

DEAR MR. ENOFF: I'm sure your letter will be of great interest to those widowed people who qualify. I want to thank you and the others who wrote to correct the error. And now, what I hope will be a final word on the subject:

DEAR ABBY: My telephone this morning has rung off its hook regarding my letter to you about widow's benefits. Widows can seek Social Security benefits at age 60, rather than age 62, as I stated in my letter to you. If the widow is disabled, benefits can start as early as age 50.

"Mea culpa," as you say.

MARJORIE FISHER
CUNNINGHAM, ATTORNEY
AT LAW, TUCSON, ARIZ.

DEAR MARJORIE: No, no, Marjorie. It's WEA culpa. I should have verified the figures before printing your letter.

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DEAR ABBY: In the years that I have read "Dear Abby," I have never seen anything on this subject: parents who do their children's homework.

I work in a public library. Frequently, we get parents who begin with, "My child has a report to do on such-and-such a subject. Do you have any books or tapes on this subject? Can I pick them up?"

What do they think the assignment is made to the child for? How are the children going to become acquainted with how to use a library? How is the child supposed to learn self-reliance?

Or, we get frantic calls like, "I just found out my child is supposed to turn in a paper on such-and-such! Can you *read* it to me over the phone, please?"

Are they kidding? Abby, what is the child going to learn from this? Do they think librarians have nothing else to do except their child's homework?

NORTH TEXAS LIBRARIAN

DEAR LIBRARIAN: Well-meaning parents do their children a serious disservice when they do the children's homework instead of insisting that they do it themselves.

The teacher will not be fooled, and the children will come to believe that mom and dad will always be there to bail them out — a false and dangerous assumption.

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DEAR ABBY: We have a newborn baby, just 2 weeks old. How can I nicely tell relatives and friends at social gatherings that I don't want my baby passed around like the pigskin on "Monday Night Football"?

NEW MOM, WOODBURY, MINN.

DEAR NEW MOM: If you want to tell them "nicely," simply ask them not to pass the baby around. But skip the reference to the pigskin on "Monday Night Football."

* * *

Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

HAT Oil and Gas Inc. has completed the No. 1 My Old Lady in the Tri-Rue field, 2.5 miles southwest of Snyder. The venture was finaled to produce 114 barrels of 38.6 gravity oil and 21 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 812-1 with perforations from 6,872-880 feet. Location is in Section 36, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Mitchell County

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

Kent County

Mobil Producing has completed the No. G-211 Salt Creek unit in the Salt Creek field, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. The well produced 565 barrels of 38.6 gravity oil and 1,007 barrels of water. Gas-oil ratio was 812-2 with perforations from 6,208-286 feet. Location is in Section 12, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Nolan County

O&G Energy Inc. will drill the No. 15-A Group 400 unit in the Group field, seven miles northeast of Blackwell. The wildcat is planned for 5,900 feet, and location is in Section 112, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Petrotex Inc. will plug and abandoned the No. 2 and No. 3 Young Estate in the Kollsman South field, two miles west of Roscoe. Each were drilled to a depth of just over 6,600 feet, and drill sites were in Section 42, Block 23, T&P survey.

Petrotex Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Young Estate in the Kollsman south field, two miles west of Roscoe. Drilled to a depth of 6,800 feet, location was in Section 42, Block 23, T&P survey.

Tucker Drilling Co. has completed the No. 3 B.K. Harris in the Lake Trammel south field, three miles north of Maryneal. The well was finaled to produce 130 barrels of 38 gravity oil and 14 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,287-357 feet, and location is in Section 76, Block X, T&P survey.

Garza County

Primrose Operating Co. will drill the No. 148 M.A. Fuller in the Dorward field, 6.5 miles southeast of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 2,800 feet, location is in Section 109, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Primrose will drill the No. 150 M.A. Fuller in the Dorward field, 6.5 miles southeast of Justiceburg. Also planned for 2,800 feet, drill site is in Section 31, Block 30, T&P survey.

Howard County

Partee Drilling Inc. has completed the No. 1 W.M. Spears in the Coahoma field, two miles northeast of Coahoma. The well produced 46 barrels of 44 gravity oil. Perforations were from 8,809-853 feet, and location is in Section 31, Block 30, T&P survey.

Blair Exploration Inc. has completed the No. 2 Wilkinson in the K-Jack field, eight miles northwest of Big Spring. The venture was finaled to produce 23 barrels of 46 gravity oil. Perforations were from 9,051-054 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 34, T&P survey.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

Genealogy meeting; Scurry County Library; guest speaker will be Juanita Warren Cochran; visitors welcome; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club's Game Day/Luncheon; reservations needed 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427; $6 per person; serving begins at 11:30 a.m., games of choice follow.

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

THURSDAY

Palette Club; airport terminal building on W. 37th St; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., business meeting at 10; bring pictures for exhibit.

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

Stars hike to help preserve woods

CONCORD, Mass. (AP) — Jason Priestley, Sarah Jessica Parker and several other Hollywood stars went for a hike to help preserve the woods around historic Walden Pond.

More than 4,000 people registered for Sunday's second-annual fund-raiser, including the project's founder, musician Don Henley, as well as actors Ed Begley Jr., Mary Stuart Masterson and Kevin Nelln and figure skater Paul Wylie.

The 6.2-mile trek was sponsored by The Walden Woods Project, founded in 1990 to preserve the forest where 19th-century writer and conservationist Henry David Thoreau lived and worked.

In April, the project reached a deal to buy 18.6 acres near Walden Pond, blocking a proposed office park.

But with that purchase and some smaller ones, the project is more than $5 million in debt, organizers said. "The good news is we got it," Henley said. "The bad news is we have to pay for it."

Henley has said he hoped to raise at least $400,000 from Sunday's walk and an earlier benefit concert by James Taylor.

In 1790 Rhode Island became the 13th and final original colony to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

The poetry written by Suleyman the Magnificent, a 16th century ruler of the Ottoman Empire, was transcribed by a court calligrpher and often decorated with gold flecks sprinkled on the wet ink.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 5-24-93
♠ A 10 5
♥ 9 7 4 3 2
♦ A 8 2
♣ A 4

WEST
♠ 8 2
♥ A Q 8
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ Q 10 9 2

EAST
♠ 6
♥ K J 10 5
♦ K 5 3
♣ K J 7 6 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 9 7 4 3
♥ 6
♦ 7 6 4
♣ 8 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Try to be constructive

By Phillip Alder

Criticism is a touchy subject. Former British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan said, "I have never found in a long experience of politics that criticism is ever inhibited by ignorance." Noel Coward supposedly claimed, "I can take any amount of criticism, so long as it is unqualified praise." Yet isn't criticism hardest to accept from one's spouse or bridge partner?

If you must offer criticism, at least be accurate. South got his comeuppance following an ill-advised comment after he went down in today's deal. How would you have planned the play in four spades, West leading the diamond queen?

East and West guessed well not to enter the auction. North could have been making a defensive raise, trying to steal them blind. (If the defenders take their heart ruff, five clubs doubled goes two down: minus 500.)

Declarer won the lead with dummy's diamond ace, drew trumps and conceded one down.

"Why did you raise, partner?" asked South. "I showed you six tricks as we were non-vulnerable, and you had only three more."

"I don't think you should have said that," replied North.

"Why not?"

"Because four spades is laydown. After winning trick one, lead a heart. Suppose they win, cash two diamond tricks and switch to a club. You win in the dummy, ruff a heart, return to dummy twice in spades and ruff two more hearts, being careful to retain a low spade.

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Pollen season packs extra punch; some help available

BOSTON (AP) — 'Tis the season for sneezin' and wheezin'. And from the East Coast to the West, allergy sufferers are reaching for extra hankies and antihistamines this spring.

"This is one of the worst springs I've seen for years," said Dr. Donald Dvorin, who monitors pollen levels for The Asthma Center in Philadelphia.

In the East and Midwest, much of the blame goes to lingering cool weather that caused trees, including big pollen producers such as elms, cottonwoods, maples and oaks, to bloom late. Coinciding with the on-time arrival of grass pollen, it made for a potent one-two punch.

"When everything came out, it came out very rapidly," said Dr. Lawrence Weiner, an allergist in Columbia, S.C. "We've had an abbreviated but worse season. A lot of people who haven't been sick in past years have been sick this year."

Pollen enters the body through the nose or the eyes. In the roughly 20 million Americans who are allergic, it kicks off a reaction that produces a physical irritant called histamine, and that's what makes eyes water and noses run.

Sales of allergy medicines are up, Laurie Meyer, a spokeswomen for the giant Walgreen drugstore chain, said between sniffles. She's a customer as well as an employee.

"Everything bloomed at once and all of a sudden, it was like, 'Wow!'" said Meyer of Libertyville, Ill., who's been battling a runny nose and swollen eyes. "I can barely stand it."

In Albany, N.Y., a record pollen count was taken earlier this month, said Thomas Edwards, head of the allergy division of Albany Medical College.

In California, clogged sinuses and itchy eyes are an unwelcome byproduct of the wet weather that ended a long drought.

"There's now a much healthier growth of pollen-producing plants," said Dr. William E. Berger, an allergist in Mission Viejo, Calif. "We've seen more patients with more significant problems."

Normally, the pollen seasons fit into neat cycles: tree pollen in early spring, grass in late spring to early summer, then the notorious weed pollen in mid-to-late summer. Weed pollen causes more hay fever than anything else.

But making long-range pollen predictions is as tricky as forecasting the weather.

"There is really no good way of predicting pollen yet," said Harriet Burge, an associate professor of environmental microbiology at the Harvard School of Public Health.

The Boston area, for example, had forecasts for a brutal pollen season. But last week's cool, rainy weather dampened pollen readings.

"The people who predict what the pollen is going to be like two months from now are really all wet," said Dr. Paul J. Hannaway, a Salem allergist.

Aside from swallowing pills and spraying nasal passages, allergy sufferers can take steps to avoid pollen. Avoid outdoor exercise when it's sunny or stay in air-conditioned buildings, doctors say.

And pray for rain. Pollen counts are always low when it rains.

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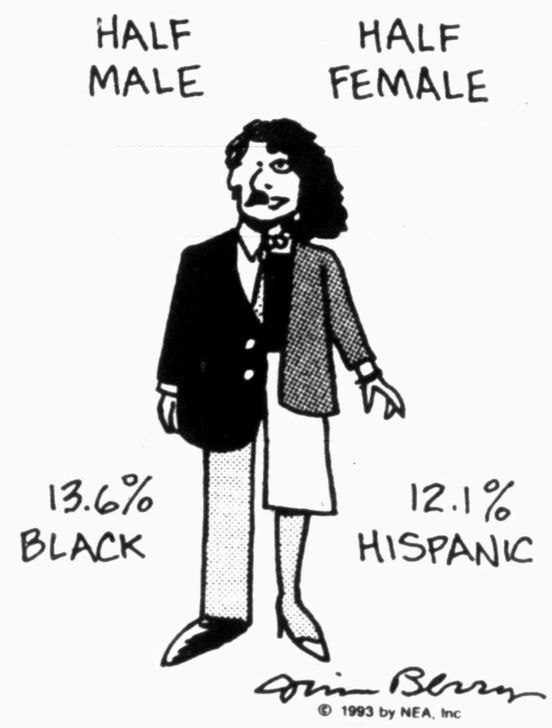

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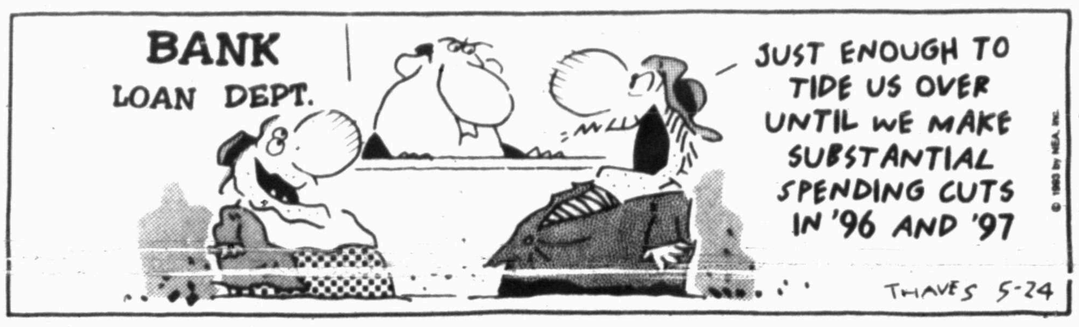

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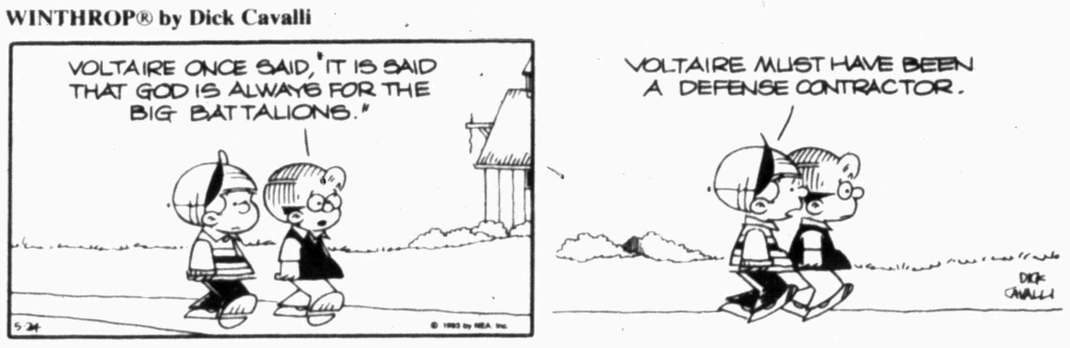

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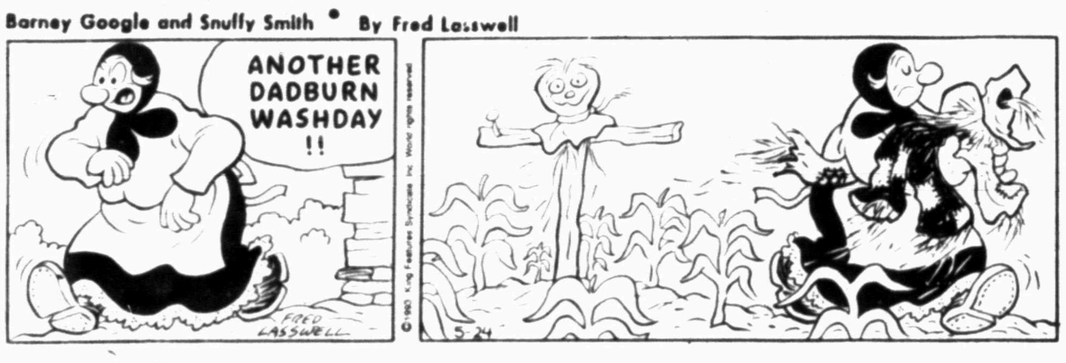

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McGarry 5/24

1. What was the name of the yacht on which ***Le Bon*** almost lost his life when it overturned in 1985?
2. Name the two spin-off bands formed as sidelines by ***Duran Duran*** members.
3. For which ***Bond*** movie did ***Duran Duran*** provide the title track?

Answers: 1) Drum 2) Arcadia and Power Station 3) "A View to a Kill"

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1 Drive forward
6 Give impression
11 Hanging ornament
12 Prohibitions
14 Bible div.
15 Now — — me down to sleep
17 Submerged
18 Bi plus one
20 Strike
23 White House initials
24 Ireland
26 Toward the left
28 College deg.
29 Large amount
31 Aviator Amelia —
33 Neckwear
35 Actor Bruce —
36 Part of Asia
39 Small pet
42 Hypothetical force
43 Pits
45 Actor -- Lugosi
46 — Aviv
48 Staggers
50 — Vegas
51 Direction
53 Soapstone
55 E. of Conn.
56 Looked fixedly
59 Tenser
61 Babylonian hero
62 Fix firmly

DOWN

1 Of medicine
2 Magazine name
3 Greek letter
4 Snakelike fishes
5 South American animal
6 That thing
7 Mother
8 Non-profit TV
9 Noisy
10 There
11 Carries
13 Form of trap-shooting
16 Cry of pain
19 Angry
21 Frog's cousin
22 Was mistaken
25 TV's — Bunker
27 Pulsate
30 Spanish title
32 Perfect person
34 Transaction
36 Ballots
37 Conceive
38 Encounter
40 Looked angrily
41 — Arafat
44 Writing tablet
47 Future attys.' exam
49 Grand —
52 — -la-la
54 Young lion
57 Printer's measure
58 Prosecutor (abbr.)
60 — Deum

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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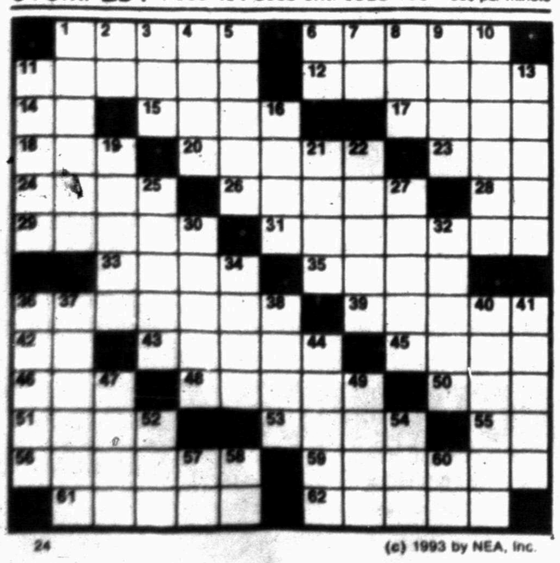

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Knicks manage 98-90 victory over Bulls in Eastern finals

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Knicks' checklist for beating the Chicago Bulls goes something like this:

— Don't let Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen go crazy. Check.

— Stop their reserves. Check.

— Rebound. Check.

— Play tough defense. Check.

New York captured the opener of the Eastern Conference finals 98-90 Sunday, keeping the home-court advantage it protected so doggedly during the regular season.

Jordan scored 27 points and Pippen 24 for the Bulls, but Jordan missed 10 of 13 shots in the second half and 17 of 27 for the game, while Pippen missed 11 of 19. The Knicks' top scorers, John Starks and Patrick Ewing, scored 25 points each to offset Jordan and Pippen.

From the bench, the Knicks got 20 points from three reserves, while the Bulls got eight points from five substitutes.

"Michael and Scottie played well, but not a lot of other players were involved," Knicks coach Pat Riley said.

New York outrebounded the Bulls 48-28, led by Ewing with 17 and Charles Oakley with 14.

"We're the No. 1 rebounding team in the league and I think we did a great job keeping them off the boards," Ewing said. "Being at home was a big factor, too. We worked hard all year to get home-court advantage."

The victory gave New York, 37-4 at home during the regular season, a 26-game winning streak at Madison Square Garden.

"The story of the game is rebounding," Riley said. "We had a sloppy game from a ballhandling standpoint, but our rebounding overcame that."

The Knicks' status as the NBA's best defensive team was tarnished somewhat by high-scoring Indiana and Charlotte in the first two rounds of the playoffs. But they held the Bulls to 90 points on 43 percent shooting. It was the first loss by the two-time defending NBA champions in eight playoff games this season, and snapped Chicago's nine-game winning streak, dating back to last year.

Neither team led by more than six points until the fourth quarter, when [illegible] 3-pointers in the first 41/2 minutes to give the Knicks an 83-73 lead.

"Patrick set up the 3s with pick and rolls," Starks said. "The Bulls did all they could to force me out, but I was able to get the shots off."

NBA playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT
Conference Finals
Sunday, May 23
New York 98, Chicago 90, New York leads series 1-0
Monday, May 24
Seattle at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, May 25
Chicago at New York, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 26
Seattle at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Friday, May 28
Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.

UNDEFEATED — The Bull-ettes stormed to a perfect 13-0 record for the regular-season and tournament championships in Snyder Girls' Little Dribblers basketball competititon. The Bull-ettes are, back row, coach Ricky Daniell and coach Allen Kelley. Front row from left, Kara Gowin, Mandy Hess, Magen Lee, Natalie Hill, Christina Holder, Morgan Kelley, Wendy Loper, Adrienne McJimsey and Leslie Daniell. (Contributed Photo)

Girls' softball results

DIVISION I

Pink Panthers 22, Purple Pros I 21

The Panthers, 3-0, scored 14 fifth-inning runs and the Pros drove in 12 in their last at-bat in Saturday's slugfest.

Leticia Martinez slapped two doubles and teammates Ashley Frederick, April Garcia and Danaica Snyder each laced a single for the winners.

Shelly Fisk homered, tripled and singled to pace the Purple Pros. Hailey Putnam added a round-tripper and a double, Kira Diaz ripped three hits, including a double and a triple, Amber Alexander and Randi Hammond each chipped in two singles, and Kayla Beck got a hit.

DIVISION II

Poison II 11, Terminators 10

A fifth-inning rally by the Terminators fell one run short as the Poison II claimed the victory in Friday Division II action.

Angela Matthews tripled, Amy Ricks doubled, and winning pitcher Kristin Martinez drilled a single for the winners.

The Terminators' hitters included Christi Buchanan, losing pitcher Brittany Drummond and Kimberly Key, each with two singles, and Whitney Owen, Cynthia Fennell, Christina Holder, Jennifer Salmon and Amy Brooks with a base rap apiece.

Raiders 21, Pink Pizzaz 18

Winning pitcher Brooke Williams nailed a double and a single, Laurie Kerley doubled, and Lorraine Southern was good for three hits as the Raiders topped the Pink Pizzaz Friday.

Emilee Blocker, Nicole Meyers and Kami Bates each contributed a single in the winning cause.

Losing pitcher Whitney Webb popped a two-bagger, Cameron Mackey and Nicole Canales each whipped two hits, and Alicia Martin singled.

Illusion 25, Purple Pros II 23

Keila Helms slammed a homer, a triple and a single, winning pitcher Angie Reynolds homered and doubled, Diedra Goebel and Renae Trevino each had two hits, and Tiffany Sutter laced a single to lead the Illusion past the Purple Pros II on Friday.

The Pros racked up 21 hits, including three triples and two singles by losing pitcher Bradi Johnson, Starla Davis' two three-baggers and a double, a triple and a single from Christina Dunham, and three hits, including a pair of doubles, by Emily Fowler.

Also, Renae Hall singled three times, Lisa Hall and Sabrina Dunham each rapped two hits, and Cassie Callaway singled.

Krushers 18, Purple Pros 17

The Krushers made good use of their four hits Saturday, edging the Pros in a Division II matchup.

April Digby doubled and Meagan Lee, Kelly Jasso, and Sheri Phillips each singled for the winners.

Starla Davis had a home run, Bradi Johnson tripled and singled, Renae Hall laced two doubles and a single, and Sabrina Davidson singled and doubled to lead the Pros.

In addition, Lisa Hall and Emily Fowler knocked singles.

DIVISION III

The Stingers moved to 2-0 on the season Saturday, edging the Poison in a Division III clash.

The Stingers were led by Shanna Fisk and Melissa Davis, who each smacked a double and a single. Stephanie Hernandez, Sharon Gulseth, Jodi White and Cordelia Seaton each punched two hits, and Brandi Bates, Vanessa Britton and Jennifer Mireles thumped a single apiece.

The Poison, now 1-2, had six hits, a single each from Bo Jones, Adrian Bailey, Sam Trevino, Christy Whitney, Norma Maldonado and Rita Rodriguez.

Amy Vaughn took the win and Jessica Rocha was saddled with the loss.

Top women's seeds struggle in openers

PARIS (AP) — Steffi Graf and Aranxta Sanchez Vicario, top seeds at the French Open in the absence of Monica Seles, struggled unexpectedly today before winning first-round matches.

Cecilia Dahlman of Sweden, ranked only 105th in the world, displayed a powerful serve and steady nerves in forcing Graf to a tiebreaker in the first set before the two-time champion triumphed 7-6 (7-4), 6-1.

The match took 72 minutes, far longer than Graf usually requires to dispatch foes at this stage of a tournament.

Sanchez Vicario, the 1989 champion and No. 2 seed this year, needed 89 minutes to beat Monique Kiene of the Netherlands 6-3, 7-6 (7-1). The 18-year-old Kiene, ranked only 142nd, led 4-0 and 5-2 in the second set before errors doomed her.

Seles, the champion the past three years, would have been a big favorite again. But she is recuperating after being stabbed by a fan of Graf's on April 30 at Hamburg, Germany.

Graf, clearly downbeat, acknowledged after her match that the stabbing incident had disturbed her and said she was not yet sure how much a title now would mean to her. A championship here would move her ahead of Seles in the rankings, but Graf said being No. 1 no longer was of major interest.

"She played well and I didn't expect it," Graf said of Dahlman. "She played some very good points, took a lot of risks."

Jim Courier, the two-time defending men's champion, had a hitch-free debut, powering past Argentina's Roberto Azar, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 in 2 hours, 13 minutes.

Baseball glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	27	15	.643	—
New York	24	19	.558	3½
Toronto	24	19	.558	3½
Boston	23	20	.535	4½
Milwaukee	18	22	.450	8
Baltimore	17	25	.405	10
Cleveland	17	27	.386	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	24	17	.585	—
California	22	18	.550	1½
Texas	23	19	.548	1½
Kansas City	20	21	.488	4
Seattle	21	23	.477	4½
Oakland	17	23	.425	6½
Minnesota	16	25	.390	8

Saturday's Games
New York 7, Boston 3
Oakland 6, Chicago 4
Texas 4, California 2
Detroit 5, Cleveland 1
Toronto 7, Minnesota 0
Baltimore 5, Milwaukee 4, 14 innings
Kansas City 4, Seattle 1

Sunday's Games
Toronto 2, Minnesota 1
Detroit 4, Cleveland 2
Milwaukee 9, Baltimore 1
Chicago 5, Oakland 4, 10 innings
California 6, Texas 2
Boston 5, New York 2
Seattle 10, Kansas City 7

Monday's Games
Milwaukee (Boddicker 3-2) at Toronto (Stewart 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Boston (Darwin 4-4) at Detroit (Doherty 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Brown 4-2) at Cleveland (Kramer 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Sutcliffe 4-2) at New York (Abbott 3-5), 7:30 p.m.
California (Langston 4-1) at Seattle (Hanson 5-1), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	29	13	.690	—
Montreal	24	19	.558	5½
St. Louis	22	20	.524	7
Chicago	21	20	.512	7½
Pittsburgh	20	21	.488	8½
Florida	19	24	.442	10½
New York	14	27	.341	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	30	15	.667	—
Atlanta	26	19	.578	4
Houston	23	19	.548	5½
Los Angeles	20	22	.476	8½
Cincinnati	20	24	.455	9½
San Diego	19	24	.442	10
Colorado	12	32	.273	17½

Saturday's Games
New York 6, Atlanta 1
Cincinnati 6, San Francisco 2
Montreal 6, Philadelphia 5
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 2
Chicago 2, Florida 1
Los Angeles 4, Colorado 3
San Diego 9, Houston 4

Sunday's Games
Florida 4, Chicago 2
Philadelphia 14, Montreal 7
St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 3, 10 innings
Atlanta 2, New York 1
Los Angeles 4, Colorado 0
Houston 9, San Diego 7
San Francisco 3, Cincinnati 2

Monday's Games
St. Louis (Arocha 3-0) at Montreal (Shaw 0-1), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Tanana 2-2) at Philadelphia (Greene 5-0), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Harris 4-5) at Los Angeles (Ke.Gross 3-3), 10:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

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Tigers win; 'Dogs ousted

District 2-4A's baseball playoff entrants headed in different directions in weekend clashes.

Loop champion Frenship moved to 21-9 and a regional semifinal meeting with Brownwood by beating Big Spring, 15-7, Saturday in Midland, while district runner-up Plainview fell in a best-of-three series to Andrews, losing two games Saturday.

Frenship scored eight runs in the top of the sixth frame to bounce Big Spring, 16-10, from the playoffs at Angel Stadium.

Senior B.J. Krier took the win for the Tigers, scattering eight hits, walking four and fanning four in a complete-game effort.

Frenship will battle Brownwood, which edged Ft. Worth Eastern Hills, 2-1, last Wednesday, at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hunter Field in Abilene.

Andrews was three outs from elimination Saturday after losing the series opener to Plainview, 10-3, then trailing 9-4 in the seventh inning of Game 2.

The Mustangs, District 3 runner-up at 23-8, rallied for six runs and a 10-9 win over the 'Dogs, then notched a 9-4 victory in Game 3 Saturday to advance to the regional semis against Ft. Worth Arlington Heights, 20-10 and the District 8 champ.

Plainview ends its diamond campaign with a 21-8 mark.

Reds dismiss Tony Perez

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds today fired manager Tony Perez, just 44 games into his first season, and named former New York Mets manager Davey Johnson to replace him.

Reds general manager Jim Bowden said at a hastily called news conference this morning that he decided the only way to get the club out of its slow start was to fire Perez, who was hired as manager on Oct. 30.

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Dallas gets fourth selection in lottery

DALLAS (AP) — It's official. The Dallas Mavericks got through the 1992-93 season without a single thing going their way.

After a franchise-worst 11-71 record gave them 11 of 66 pingpong balls and the best shot at the No. 1 draft pick, the Mavericks on Sunday fared poorly as usual: They'll pick fourth on June 30.

"That's the way it goes," said Dallas general manager Norm Sonju. "It's just flat out luck. There's nothing you can do about it."

It was the Mavericks' sixth-straight try at the lottery without drawing a pick higher than No. 4. Last year, as the third-worst team, they picked fourth. As the third-worst team in 1986, they picked seventh. Other times they drew the sixth, eighth and ninth picks.

Sonju was as stunned as the other 10 team representatives when Orlando, with only a 1-in-66 shot at No. 1, drew the prime selection for the second straight year.

He said this year's result might mean the end of selecting draft order with pingpong balls.

"It kind of defeats the purpose of using the draft to build the weaker teams," he said. "There [illegible] discussion among the guys up there that I'm sure they'll do something. I'd be very surprised if there wasn't some groundswell."

But Sonju, who says he isn't crying sour grapes, pointed out he lobbied against the weighted lottery system before the NBA established it in 1985. Back then, Dallas was a playoff team.

"We're not complaining. We play by the rules," Sonju said. "Luckily, it's a deep draft."

New Mavericks coach Quinn Buckner, who watched the proceedings as a commentator on NBC's national telecast, said things could be worse.

"We'll get a player who can impact our future and that's what we were trying to do anyway."

Buckner refused to speculate on whom the Mavericks would like to draft with the No. 4 pick.

"I know what we have in mind initially," Buckner said, "but I still have to talk to the scouting staff."

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LITTLE LEAGUE

Cardinals 4, White Sox 3

Eric Clifton, one of four Cardinals with two hits, smacked a double and a single to lead the Cards to a 1-run win Friday.

Winning pitcher Wesley Wilson, Jerek Brown and Duane Allred each lifted a pair of singles, and Trevor Thompson, Eric Perez and Michael Loper punched a hit apiece.

The Sox hammered out four hits, a single each by Sam Bedell, Josh Ward, Jacob Rodriguez and Martin Villareal.

FARM LEAGUE

Cardinals 14, White Sox 5

The Cardinals took an 8-2 advantage after two innings and cruised to Friday's Farm League win behind a triple and two doubles from Jason Fisk and Michael Diaz' three-sacker and single.

Josh Burney, Jimmy Cockerell, Jordan Northerns and Marcus McClain each added a single for the Cards.

The Sox managed three hits, a triple and a single by Joey Rocha and LaBow Rivers' double.

Giants 15, Athletics 14

Landon Day hammered a grand slam and a triple, accounting for six RBI as the Giants nipped the A's Friday.

Blake Bell rapped three hits, Ryan Braziel had two, and Matt Hammond singled in support of winning pitcher Diego Hernandez.

Losing pitcher Andy Perez blasted a homer, a triple and two singles, Alberto Perez added a single, double and triple, John Ortegon and Michael Fennell each doubled, Lawrence Arrelano and Clay Graves slapped two hits apiece, and Zachary Allred and Stephen Ortegon each singled for the Athletics.

8-9 YEAR-OLD LEAGUE

Giants 9, Yankees 5

The Giants scored six runs in the decisive fourth inning to get past the Yankees Friday.

Justin McBroom tripled and singled, Jason Williams and Brandon Cox each chipped in a double and a single, and Wes Martin, Larry Delapaz, Tyler Pollard, Wes Hardin, Shawn Roemisch and Joshua McGahay lashed a single apiece for the Giants.

The Yankees' 11-hit attack featured a single and a double each by Austin Rinehart and Logan Hill, a two-sacker apiece from Chance Greenwood and Cory Cochran, Shane Kitchens' two hits, and a single each by Tim Huddleston, Cory Lyons and Correl McKinney.

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Capitol Almanac

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposal to prohibit people under 21 years old from working nude or topless in bars has died in the Senate.

Facing a threatened parliamentary maneuver, Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, removed her measure without the Senate even debating it.

"I, for one, and many others think this is an abominable and inappropriate law," Ms. Shapiro said of the current law which allows 17-year-olds to work as dancers in alcoholic establishments.

A separate bill, by Rep. Sue Schechter, D-Houston, which would increase the age of nude or topless dancers to 21, has been bottled up in the Senate State Affairs Committee for weeks.

"I'd like to know why it hasn't been heard in Senate committee," said Ms. Shapiro.

Sen. "Ike" Harris, R-Dallas, chairman of that committee, said the proposed 21-year-old age restriction should be changed to 18 years old, which is what a House-Senate conference committee revising the penal code has agreed to. He also criticized Ms. Schechter's bill, saying it did not apply to nude male dancers.

Supporters of the bill say it applies to both male and female. Ms. Shapiro's proposed amendment referred to "persons younger than 21 years of age."

BULGING BUDGET

A House-Senate conference committee has formally adopted a $70.1 billion two-year state budget that legislative leaders say will not require a tax increase. The spending plan for 1994-95 is 11.8 percent more than the $62.7 billion budget that lawmakers approved for 1992-93.

SODOMY SHOWDOWN

Lawmakers say a stalemate between members of the state House and Senate over making sodomy a crime for all couples has jeopardized a bill that would overhaul punishment for Texas criminals. Tempers flared as members of a House-Senate conference committee accused each other of playing political games with a bill to overhaul the penal code.

PRISON PROPOSAL

A House-Senate conference committee has unanimously approved a bill that would create a new system of state jails to help alleviate the backlog of prisoners currently being held in county lockups. About 20,000 new jail beds would be constructed if voters approve a ballot proposal Nov. 2 calling for $1 billion in new funds for construction.

CHARITY CARE

Tax-exempt hospitals would be required to perform a certain amount of charity work to keep their tax-exempt status, under a bill sent to Gov. Ann Richards. The measure would require non-profit hospitals by 1996 to provide charity care, education or research equal to at least 4 percent of net patient revenue.

PRIVACY

A government-operated utility would be prohibited from disclosing a person's address or telephone number if that person didn't want that information disclosed, under a bill sent to Gov. Ann Richards. The measure responds to people complaining that their privacy gets invaded by people getting personal information about them from government-operated utilities.

AND ...

The Texas Senate sent Gov. Ann Richards a bill that would set up an endowment fund for the arts. The proposal would be funded by three-fourths of a cent of the current state tax on cigarettes.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's in the eyes of the beholder. I sure know what I prefer to see. And it ain't guys," — Sen. Ike Harris, R-Dallas, on whether problems of young female dancers are more prevalent than male dancers.

Police note five arrests

Snyder police made five arrests over the weekend, including three for driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a 29-year old male at 10:22 p.m. Saturday in the 3800 block of Noble for public intoxication.

At 11:46 p.m. Saturday, police arrested a 17-year-old male at Avenue E and 36th Place for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old male along Coliseum Drive at 11:37 a.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and evading arrest.

Police were called to a disturbance in the 2900 block of Avenue J at 8:52 p.m. Sunday where they arrested a 21-year-old male for Class C assault and family violence.

At 12:31 a.m. today, police arrested an 18-year-old male in the intersection of 37th Street and Avenue Q for driving while intoxicated.

At 9:01 p.m. Saturday, Cory Chesser reported that someone had stolen his lawnmower from the 2700 block of Avenue K. A report for Class B theft was filed.

An officer on patrol confronted two juveniles in the courtyard at Stanfield Elementary at 2:19 a.m. Sunday. The officer discovered a broken window and contacted Principal Bob Travis, who made a check of the school. Nothing was immediately reported missing. The juveniles were transported to the police department and later released to their parents.

Ralph Torres contacted police at 11:41 p.m. Saturday in reference to someone breaking out the driver's side window of his 1986 Chrysler. A report for Class C criminal mischief was filed.

At 10:16 p.m. Sunday, Michelle Lumpkins reported the theft of a 20-gauge shotgun from the 100 block of 23rd Street. A report for Class A theft was filed.

Wal-Mart employees reported a shoplifter in custody at 3:14 p.m. Sunday. Officers transported the juvenile to the police department. He was later released to his mother. No charges were filed.

Officers worked a hit-and-run at 9:12 p.m. Saturday in the American Motor Inn parking lot. A parked 1991 Chevrolet owned by Bobbie Singletary of the Field Crest Apartments was struck by a vehicle which left the scene.

Police also responded to a disturbance in the 2000 block of Avenue N at 12:01 p.m. Sunday. A report for family violence was filed.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Edna Jackson, 1000 30th; Sue Tabor, 2801 Ave. V.

DISMISSALS: Etta Chapman, Alejandra Martinez, Becky Williams, Rosa Kennedy, Emily Tucker and baby, Laura Williams.

Census: 49 (Med.-9, Long-Term Care-38, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Sy and Sue Tabor announce the birth of their son born at 6:15 a.m. on May 22 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and 12 ounces.

Senior Center news released

Veterans will be honored in a special program Friday morning in the Senior Citizens Center. The Veterans Memorial Program will begin at 11 a.m. Special music will be provided by the Sunshine Choir.

Senior citizens who have birthdays in May will be honored at a birthday party hosted by McDonald's in the center on Wednesday. The party will begin at 10 a.m. The Kitchen Band will be performing at 10:30 a.m.

The Browning Band will play in the center's dining room at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Benny Benitez and his band will play for country/western dancing starting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Senior citizens who need transportation to the center can make arrangements by calling the office at 573-4035. Information about all senior center activities can be obtained by calling that number.

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Secretary of State defends accepting safe haven plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Warren Christopher today defended the Clinton administration's acceptance of a European-Russian plan to set up safe havens in Bosnia, saying it contained "important steps" toward resolving the conflict.

"That's the policy that at the present time is in the best interests of the United States," Christopher said. "This not the final end of this policy."

Christopher said the plan contained "important steps to be taken" to try to minimize the killing, to increase pressure on the Serbs and to contain the conflict.

But the administration's position has drawn bipartisan fire from lawmakers who call it a sellout to Serbian aggression.

"We are legitimating genocide," Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, D.-N.Y., said Sunday. "The moral basis of the world international order in the aftermath of Bosnia is weakened as it has not been since the 1930s."

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole said the plan "offers little if any hope of ending the war in Bosnia. Moreover, it amounts to writing off Bosnia as a state by ratifying the status quo on the ground."

In a statement from Waterville, Maine, where he was giving a commencement address at Colby College, the Kansas Republican said he was "deeply disappointed" in the plan agreed to by the administration.

Moynihan, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, made his remarks on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The plan, which sets up six safe areas for Muslim civilians to be protected by U.N. troops, was announced Saturday in Washington after a meeting of Secretary of State Warren Christopher and the foreign ministers of Britain, France, Spain and Russia.

Administration officials said the United States was ready to use military force, but not ground troops, to defend the U.N. troops from attack. But the plan fell well short of President Clinton's proposal of earlier this month, rejected by the Europeans, to reverse Serbian advances by lifting the arms embargo on Bosnian Muslims and using air strikes to take out Bosnian Serb military positions.

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	723/8	713/4	717/8	+1/4
Albertsons	593/8	577/8	581/8	-3/8
Alldsignal	667/8	663/8	667/8	+3/4
ALLTEL Cp	511/2	511/4	511/2	-1/8
AmStores	421/2	421/4	421/2	
Amer T&T	60	591/8	60	+7/8
Ameritech	721/8	713/4	72	+1/8
Amoco	565/8	561/4	561/2	+1/8
AndarkPtr	395/8	391/2	391/2	-1/8
Arkla	10	97/8	97/8	-1/8
ArmcoInc	75/8	71/2	75/8	
AtlRichfld	1253/8	125	1251/4	+1/8
BakerHughes	285/8	281/8	285/8	+1/2
BancTexas	21/8	2	2	
BellAtl	533/4	533/8	533/4	+1/2
BellSouth	523/8	513/4	523/8	+3/8
Beth Steel	195/8	191/2	191/2	
Borden	21	205/8	205/8	-1/2
Caterplr	691/2	683/4	691/4	+1/8
CenSoWst	307/8	303/8	307/8	+3/8
Chevron	845/8	841/4	845/8	
Chrysler	423/4	421/4	423/4	
Coastal	273/8	271/8	271/4	-1/8
CocaCola	413/8	407/8	411/8	+1/8
ColgatePalm	593/8	587/8	593/8	
ComMetl	30	295/8	30	-1/8
Cooperln	483/8	477/8	483/8	+1/2
CyprusMn	275/8	271/2	271/2	+1/8
DallSemicn	143/4	141/4	143/4	+1/2
DeltaAirl	613/8	605/8	611/8	+7/8
DigitalEq	461/8	46	461/8	-1/8
Dillard	413/8	403/4	41	+3/4
DowChem	565/8	551/2	561/2	+2
Dresserlnd	223/8	211/2	223/8	+7/8
DuPont	525/8	52	521/2	+5/8
EstKodak	525/8	521/4	521/2	
Eljerlnd	71/4	71/8	71/4	
Enserch	187/8	185/8	187/8	
Exxon	651/8	645/8	651/8	+3/8
Flowerlnd	183/8	181/4	181/4	+1/8
FordMotor	511/8	501/4	51	+5/8
GTE Cp	353/4	351/4	355/8	+1/4
GaDynam	95	941/4	95	+3/4
GenElct	931/8	913/4	927/8	+3/4
GaMill	69	673/4	681/2	-7/8
GenMotors	40	391/2	40	+1/2
GaMotr E	311/4	303/4	311/8	+3/8
GaPacif	641/2	641/8	643/8	+1/4
GlobalMar	43/8	41/4	43/8	
Goodrich	46	455/8	46	+1/2
Goodyear s	391/8	381/2	39	-1/4
GtAtlPac	32	311/2	313/4	-1/4
Gulf StaUt	177/8	173/4	173/4	-1/8
Haliburtn	411/8	405/8	411/8	+3/4
Hanson	185/8	183/8	185/8	+1/4
Houstlnd	441/2	441/4	441/4	
IBM	491/2	481/2	493/8	+1
IntlPaper	655/8	65	651/2	
JohnsnJns s	455/8	443/4	451/4	+1/8
K mart	231/4	227/8	231/8	+1/4
Kroger	177/8	173/4	177/8	-1/8
vjLTV Cp	5-16	9-32	5-16	+1-32
Litton	593/4	591/8	593/4	+3/8
vjLoneStar	17/8	17/8	17/8	
Lowes s	375/8	363/4	375/8	+5/8
Lubys	221/4	217/8	22	-1/2
Maxus	93/8	91/8	91/4	-1/8
MayDSt	757/8	75	755/8	+3/8
Medtronic	703/8	681/2	69	-5/8
Mobil	693/4	691/4	693/8	-1/2
Monsanto	577/8	57	575/8	+3/4
Motorola s	80	773/4	793/4	+17/8
Nationsbk	471/8	463/8	47	+5/8
Navistar	3	27/8	3	+1/8
Nynex	813/8	807/8	811/4	-1/8
OryxEngy	215/8	213/8	215/8	
PacTelesis	461/2	46	463/8	-1/4
PanhECp	22	215/8	213/4	-1/8
PenneyJC s	483/8	48	483/8	+1/2
Pennzoil	643/8	633/4	641/8	+1/4
PepBoys	215/8	211/4	211/2	-1/4
PhelpDodge	453/4	451/4	453/8	
PhilipPet	297/8	295/8	293/4	-1/8
Polaroid	343/4	341/2	345/8	+1/8
Praxair n	153/4	151/4	155/8	
Primerica s	463/8	46	463/8	+1/8
ProctGamble	501/8	495/8	497/8	-3/8
PubS NwMx	123/8	121/4	13/8	
SFePacCp	17	165/8	167/8	+1/8
SaraLee s	27	265/8	265/8	-1/2
SearsRoeb	543/8	535/8	541/4	+7/8
SherwinW	307/8	301/2	307/8	+1/4
SmthBch s	353/4	351/2	353/4	-1/4
SmthBc eqt s	321/8	317/8	321/8	-1/8
Southern Co	393/4	391/2	395/8	+1/8
SwAirl s	407/8	403/8	405/8	+1/4
SwstBell	751/8	743/8	751/8	
SwstBell wi	375/8	373/8	371/2	-1/4
Sprint	317/8	303/4	313/4	+3/4
SterlingChm	37/8	37/8	37/8	
SunCo	25	243/4	247/8	+1/8
TNP Ent	185/8	183/8	185/8	-1/8
Tandy	293/8	29	293/8	+1/2
Templlnl	45	441/2	447/8	+5/8
Tenneco	477/8	471/4	477/8	+13/8
Texaco	64	633/8	637/8	+3/4
Texasinst	651/2	641/4	651/2	+11/4
Tex Util	461/2	46	461/2	+1/2
Textron	493/4	491/2	493/4	+1/8
Trinity	517/8	503/4	515/8	+1
TritonEngy	415/8	401/2	411/4	+1/4
US West	427/8	421/2	423/4	-1/8
USX Delhi s	197/8	193/4	193/4	-1/8
USX-Marathn	183/4	181/2	183/4	+1/8
USX-USS	437/8	431/2	433/4	+1/4
UnCarbde	191/4	183/4	191/4	+3/8
UnPac	631/2	627/8	63	-1/4
UnitTech	533/4	533/8	533/4	+1/8
Unocal	303/4	301/2	303/4	+3/8
WalMart s	28	271/2	277/8	+1/2
WstnGasRs	325/8	32	32	-3/8
WestghEl	153/8	151/8	153/8	+1/4
WhtDixie	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woolwth	295/8	291/4	295/8	+3/8
Xerox Cp	735/8	731/8	731/2	
ZenithE	71/4	67/8	71/4	+1/2

Committee reaches accord

AUSTIN (AP) — With a self-imposed deadline nearing, a House and Senate conference committee on education struck a major agreement in its deliberations on school finance.

"I think it's a major breakthrough," State Rep. Libby Linebarger, D-Manchaca, co-chair of the panel, said Sunday.

"The rest is details. This was a difficult decision that we had to make tonight, and I'm thrilled that we were able to make it," she said.

The committee agreed on options it would give to wealthy school districts to equalize funding with poorer ones.

Under the proposal, a rich district could:

— Merge its tax base with a poorer district.

— Send money to the state to pay for educating other students in poorer districts.

— Contract to educate students in other districts.

— Consolidate voluntarily with one or more other school districts; or

— Move some taxable property to another district's tax rolls.

If those options aren't used, then the state education commissioner would order moving taxable property. If that doesn't reduce property wealth to $280,000 per student, there would be forced consolidation, under the conference committee recommendation.

The agreement tracks much of the provisions in a House adopted education bill.

Pool fees

Continued From Page 1

forgotten about the specifics of it. Gray did say that the contract with Harrison has saved the county money in the long run.

"Before Harrison took over we were losing almost $5,000 on the pool yearly," Gray said.

Gray also said that he talked to Harrison concerning the raise in fees. He said Harrison does not believe raising the price 50 cents will keep regular pool-goers from continuing to use the facility.

Gray and Trevey plan to look into the matter further.

The court tabled whether to allow individuals associated with the airport to pay a deposit and get a key to the lobby for before or after hours use.

The court said it could see pros and cons of furnishing keys and would rather wait for the airport board to make a recommendation and for the public to voice its opinion.

Commissioners asked that anyone wishing to voice an opinion contact them.

The court also approved minutes from the April 17 meeting.

Hughes receives WTSB scholarship

Mike Hughes, a 1993 graduate of Ira High School, has received a $1,000 scholarship from West Texas State Bank.

Obituaries

Raymond Wright

1923-1993

Graveside services are set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery for Raymond Scott Wright, 69, of Snyder who died Saturday at his home.

Born Aug. 19, 1923, in Alvord, Mr. Wright had resided in Snyder since 1952, moving from Wichita Falls. He had worked in the oilfield and as a car salesman.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Wright of Sweetwater; two sons, Ray Wright and Steven Wright, both of Sweetwater; three daughters, Gracie Jones of Odessa, Martha Wright of Snyder and Christy Wright of Sweetwater; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Priscilla Martin

1960-1993

COLORADO CITY — Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church for Priscilla Helm Martin, 33, who died Sunday from injuries sustained in a motorcycle mishap 16 miles northwest of Colorado City.

Mrs. Martin, a former student at Western Texas College, was passenger on a motorcyle operated by Rick Bullard, also of Colorado City.

Bullard is in serious condition at Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. He suffered crushed legs and internal injuries.

Bullard told investigators that a bee had flown into his helmet and he was attempting to get the bee out when he lost control of the bike on a curve and hit a guard rail. Both Bullard and the passenger were wearing helmets.

Mrs. Martin was pronounced dead at the scene by Peace Justice Keith Riddick. The accident occurred about 11:20 a.m. Sunday on FM 1229.

Officiating at the service will be the Rev. Tim Temple of Abilene. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 27, 1960 in Colorado City, Mrs. Martin was a life-long Mitchell County resident. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, and had attended WTC intermittently between 1982 and 1991.

Survivors include a daughter, Georgia Martin of Colorado City; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Helm of Colorado City; two sisters, Jessica Bassham of Colorado City and Cornelia Langridge of Houston; five brothers, Austin Helm of Colorado City, Marshall Helm of Abilene, Daniel Helm of San Angelo; David Helm of Colorado City and Craig Helm of Colorado City.

Ora Bennett

1914-1993

ROBY — Services were set for 2 p.m. today at the Roby Church of Christ for Ora Bennett, 78, who died Saturday in Fisher County Hospital after a long illness. Burial was to follow in the Roby Cemtery.

Mrs. Bennett was the stepmother of Judy Gann of Snyder.

Mrs. Bennett's family, the H.C. Meltons, settled in Roby in 1907. She graduated from Roby High School in 1931 and retired from the ASCS office in Roby.

She was a life-long member of the Roby Church of Christ, treasurer of the Roby Cemetery Association and was active in the Brush and Palette club.

Other survivors include her husband, Hubert Bennett of Roby; three daughters, Carlene Moore of Conroe, Sandra Vlasin of Colorado City and Tommie Kinsey of Onalaska; a son, Don Bolton of Conroe; a step-son, Jimmy Bennett of Los Angeles; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

API SCHOLARSHIP — Snyder High School graduates Sam Grimes, second from left, and Kim Mitchell each received $3,000 scholarships from the Snyder Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute, presented by Ricky Daniell. At right is Julie Sentell, president of the Council for Educational Excellence. (SDN Staff Photo)

Compromise reached in effort to revise the Texas penal code

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of a House-Senate conference committee today agreed on a compromise bill to overhaul punishment for Texas criminals.

The panel broke a deadlock after agreeing to keep homosexual sodomy a crime, as in current law, while rejecting a House-passed bill that would have made heterosexual sodomy a crime as well.

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, who sponsored the criminal code overhaul, said he didn't want to jeopardize passage of the entire plan by continuing to argue over the sodomy provision.

"I hate to have my name on a document that has any provision dealing with hate and discrimination. But I truly believe the House conferees would let this document go down in defeat," Whitmire said.

Tempers had flared during earlier negotiations, as conference committee members accused each other of playing political games with a bill that has involved more than two years of research.

A majority of senators on the committee said a provision outlawing sodomy for same sex couples and a second amendment outlawing the sex act for all couples were irrelevant to the penal code revisions and should be discarded.

But a majority of House members on the committee said their chamber had shown overwhelming approval for the sodomy ban.

"The bill is in serious trouble without that provision," said Rep. Allen Place, D-Gatesville.

The committee, composed of five senators and five House members, had deadlocked Sunday after failing to get three members of each side to concur on a vote that would have stripped the sodomy statutes from the bill.

"It's a heartbreak issue for us," said Rep. Warren Chisum, D-Pampa, who authored the amendment to the bill making sodomy a crime for all couples.

The constitutional challenge of the current sodomy law is being considered by the Texas Supreme Court.

Lawmakers today also agreed on a provision of the penal code bill that would toughen laws for people convicted of crimes motivated by prejudice.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said an amendment that would dole out stiffer punishments for hate crimes was an essential part of the bill. But House members said the provision had kinks that lawmakers have overlooked because they have been swayed by emotional arguments surrounding the issue.

The penal code measure would expand the death penalty to other crimes, toughen sentences for offenses committed against children, and gang violence.

The conference committee adopted amendments that would make murder of a child under age 6, a death penalty crime.

Authorities cracking down on Texas-Mexican 'Mafia'

DALLAS (AP) — A long-running probe of the Texas-Mexican Mafia that culminated in the federal indictments of 24 people proves the prison-formed gang deals in violence and destruction, law officers say.

Federal and local authorities cracked down on the Texas-Mexican Mafia on May 10 with a sweep through San Antonio and South Texas that netted 23 suspected leaders, members or associates. One remains at large.

Federal prosecutors say the Texas-Mexican Mafia is a well-organized group that operates in a shadowy world of drug deals, extortion, strict discipline and cold-blooded executions, the Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

But a defense attorney calls the charges nothing but smoke and mirrors.

The gang — known as Mexikanemi and El Eme, Spanish for the letter M — is described by the FBI as "extremely violent and destructive."

"El Eme is the most dominant of the prison-spawned gangs operating in Texas, and there are still nearly 100 members operating in San Antonio, its headquarters," Jeff Jamar, special agent-in-charge of the FBI's San Antonio office, was quoted as saying in the Morning News.

Significant numbers of the group also are in Corpus Christi, El Paso, Houston, California and the Midwest, Jamar said.

San Antonio police say El Eme nearly monopolized distribution of black tar heroin in the city. The department also blames the gang for at least 73 murders since 1990.

The May 10 roundup culminated a 10-month investigation by the San Antonio Violent Crimes Task Force, made up of the San Antonio police, FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration agents.

Jury clears man in shooting of boy visiting from Japan

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A man who mistook a lost Japanese exchange student for a burglar and shot him dead was acquitted of manslaughter in a case that stoked Japan's image of the United States as a violent nation rife with guns.

A jury deliberated about three hours Sunday before finding Rodney Peairs, 31, acted reasonably in firing his .44-caliber Magnum revolver at 16-year-old Yoshi Hattori. The teen-ager mistakenly went to Peairs' door Oct. 17 while looking for a Halloween party.

Peairs acknowledged firing the gun but said he had no choice because he feared for his family. Under Louisiana's "shoot the burglar" law, a person is allowed to use deadly force to protect himself from an intruder. Hattori had entered the Peairs' carport when he was shot.

Prosecutors argued that Peairs was criminally negligent and could have avoided any danger just by staying inside.

The case caused outrage in Japan, where owning a gun is against the law, with a few limited exceptions. The verdict led the morning news in Tokyo.

"The trial made clear how different Japan's common sense is ... from the United States," correspondent Nobuo Tominaga wrote in the nationally circulated Asahi newspaper.

The student's father, Masaichi Hattori, attended the seven-day trial but missed the verdict's reading when he went out for a walk. Through an interpreter, he called the jury's decision "incredible ... unbelievable."

Defense attorney Lewis Unglesby said jurors apparently accepted the tearful and contrite testimony of Peairs, a soft-spoken minister's son who has worked in the same grocery store since he was in junior high school.

Peairs, who faced up to 40 years in prison if convicted, stood to hear the verdict, his attorney holding him by the arm. Spectators applauded when the decision was announced, but bailiffs quickly quieted them. Peairs bounced into his chair and wiped away tears.

Outside the courtroom, Peairs said he would no longer use guns and, in remarks intended for Hattori's father, said, "I'm very sorry that any of this ever happened."

The events that led to the shooting were hardly disputed during the trial.

Yoshi Hattori and his American host were invited to a party, but got lost. They went to Peairs' door because the address was similar and the house was decorated for Halloween.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) There could be several people behind the scenes today who are operating on your behalf. Even if their efforts aren't visible to you at this time, you'll somehow perceive what is occurring.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are now in a fortunate cycle for deriving benefits through friends. There are indications that your expectations and theirs are in close harmony.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today's conditions are exceptionally encouraging for you both materially and careerwise. Lady Luck will be doing everything she can to improve your lot in life in these venues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your optimistic expectations are equally as pertinent to your success today as your knowledge and know-how. Hold good thoughts, regardless of what develops.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An arrangement you have with someone you're closely associated with could turn out to be extremely lucky for you. This person in on a roll and wants you to share in his or her good fortune.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Partnerships into which you enter at this time have better than usual chances for success. An alliance might be established for one purpose, yet produce benefits in several areas.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A strong philosophical outlook is your key to success today. Treat events as if they are going to work out OK and you won't be disappointed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This is a good day to make a second effort to achieve something. You might have failed the first time, but the results could be remarkably different this time around.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The good attitude you project today will strike a responsive chord in people with whom you'll be involved. This could stimulate them to do things for you they wouldn't consider doing for others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is a profitable market for your wares today. It is important you keep in mind that what you have to offer is valuable.

White House-Congress gap evident

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bill Clinton is finding that the widest chasm a U.S. president encounters often turns out to be the separation between the powers of the executive and legislative branches.

For the first time in 12 years, the man in the White House has a Congress controlled by members of his own party. Yet, on issue after issue, President Clinton is running up against the reality that Democrats don't all think alike.

He's struggling to get his way on the economy, on abortion, on health care, on campaign reform, even on foreign policy.

He's finding that party discipline exists only so long as House and Senate members perceive that their interests are the same as the president's. It's as if Congress' creed was drawn from an old Jim Croce song that went: "If you're going my way, I'll go with you."

For all the talk among Democrats last year about the need to elect Clinton and end "divided government," it remains essentially separated. In fact, the Founding Fathers' decision to write the idea of separate branches into the Constitution has evolved in ways they probably never imagined.

As recently as 30 years ago, Congress was enormously dependent on the executive branch for its information, its inspiration and, perhaps most importantly, its election.

Congress' own bureaucracy was a piddling few green-eyeshade-types, compared to the legions controlled by the White House. If information is power, the president had it all.

Nowadays, Congress has at its disposal its own alphabet soup of agencies — such as the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), General Accounting Office (GAO), Congressional Research Service (CRS) — which produce data to compete with some of the best available anywhere.

Pipeline, storage tanks leaks pose serious problems

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas had 42 liquid pipeline and storage tank spills of at least 10,000 gallons last year, and more than 2.3 million gallons of petroleum products were spilled in the state, a newspaper has reported.

The Houston Post reported Sunday that nationwide, liquid pipelines and petroleum storage tanks leak millions of gallons of petroleum products each year, causing billions of dollars in damage.

The Texas Railroad Commission, which monitors only intrastate pipelines that begin and end within the state, recorded 1.25 million gallons spilled in Texas last year. Oil Spill Intelligence Report, an Arlington, Mass.-based company that collates documents from several federal sources, found another 1.1 million gallons from storage tanks and pipelines that did not show up on the Railroad Commission's list.

Texas' worst spills were in San Patricio County, across the Nueces Bay from Corpus Christi. Pipelines operated by Coastal States Crude Gathering Co. spilled three times between September and December, dumping 561,972 gallons of jet fuel, butane and diesel fuel.

The biggest tragedy last year occurred near Brenham, where an explosion of a salt dome operating as a storage facility for liquid petroleum caused the death of three people.

While garnering less attention, pipelines spill much more nationwide than the other principal bulk petroleum transportation method — tankers and barges, The Post reported after a six-month examination of state, federal and industry records. And storage tanks account for most of the largest spills in U.S. history.

At an annual rate of about 11.3 million gallons, pipelines spill more than an Exxon Valdez — the oil tanker that dumped 10.8 million gallons of crude oil into Alaska's Prince William Sound in 1989 — each year. They spill more than twice the 4.6 million gallons tankers and barges spill annually.

The actual number and size of pipeline spills are likely to be considerably larger than reported, the newspaper reported. That's because pipelines classified as rural gathering lines or operating at or below 20 percent of capacity are unregulated and do not show up on yearly spill totals compiled by the federal Office of Pipeline Safety. Some of the largest spills in the last five years fall into those two categories.

The Environmental Protection Agency regulates above ground storage tanks only in as much as they might cause "catastrophic" leaks.

DATE BOOK

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Today is the 144th day of 1993 and the 66th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge opened, linking Manhattan to Brooklyn, N.Y.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Queen Victoria (1819-1901), monarch; Benjamin N. Cardozo (1870-1938), U.S. jurist-lawyer; Samuel Newhouse (1895-1979), publisher; Lilli Palmer (1914-1986), actress-author; Bob Dylan (1941-), singer-songwriter, is 52; Priscilla Presley (1945-), actress, is 48; Joe Dumars (1963-), basketball player, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1935, Cincinnati defeated Philadelphia, 2-1, in the first night game in major-league baseball history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "How many roads must a man walk down/ Before you call him a man?" — Bob Dylan, from "Blowin' in the Wind."

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1990, a 100-yard-wide tornado in Barton County, Kan., blew 88 cars of a 125-car train off the railroad and stacked them three and four cars high.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL®1990 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 21) and first quarter (May 28).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

We have four aunts and an awnt in our family. The "awnt" is the snooty aunt — she's the one with all the money.

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Bush defends his job as president

CHICAGO (AP) — George Bush, who went from leader of the free world to washing dishes at home in Texas, says he thinks historians will be kinder to his presidency than voters were in 1992.

In a 50-minute speech Sunday to the National Restaurant Association, Bush blamed the media and Congress for his ouster and painted a homey picture of his new life as a private citizen.

He said he was not bitter and would not cast himself in the role of presidential critic or Congress-basher. Then he blamed the media and Congress for his ouster.

"Democrats in Congress wanted our domestic plan to fail," he said. "After the election, (the media) started having seminars on 'were we fair to George Bush?' I don't think they would have held the seminars if they didn't know the answer."

When someone in the audience shouted, "Bush in '96," Bush said, "No, I've run the course in politics."

But he said Americans haven't heard the last word on his presidency.

"It takes years to take the full measure of any presidency, and that's all right with me, because I am very quietly confident that history will be a kinder and gentler judge than the jury of 1992," Bush said.

Bush defended his decisions to send American troops to the Persian Gulf and to pull them out when he did. And he said he was proud of the job his administration did on the environment, education and the fight against drugs.

"I really wanted to clean up the environment and work with Congress. Or was it work with the environment and clean up Congress?" Bush joked, drawing laughter and applause.

Bush said he and wife, Barbara, spend a lot of time in the kitchen of their Houston home with Mrs. Bush cooking, the former president washing dishes, and dog Millie drying them.

Mrs. Bush is writing a book, he said, and he plans to write one as well. They keep close tabs on their children and celebrated the birth of their 13th grandchild on Thursday.

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New rig cuts size of crew

HOUSTON (AP) — The maker of a new semi-automated oil rig engineered in Houston says the equipment is helping point the way to a safer future.

The rig relies on a two-person crew who sit in easy chairs and swing tons of steel pipe into position by manipulating control sticks and buttons on a console.

There are no people on the rig floor beyond the bulletproof glass where an "iron roughneck" robotic system connects the joints of drill pipe with just the right amount of torque, then pulls back as the top drive power system in the rig's mast spins the pipe and resumes drilling.

"This is the way rigs will be in the 21st century," said David Sulkis, Houston operations manager for Dreco Inc.

Hitec-Dreco so far has built one semi-automated rig that recently was installed on an A-S Norske Shell platform for the Draugen field offshore Norway. That contract was in the range of $27 million.

Once the rig begins working in the Draugen field, it will start establishing a maintenance record that should prove its ability to perform, said Vinod Desai, engineering manager for Dreco Inc., the Houston subsidiary of the Canadian firm Dreco Energy Services Ltd. Desai headed the engineering team that developed the rig.

Engineering for the rig was done by Dreco Inc. in Houston, with fabrication at Dreco plants in Canada and Utah. The electronics system was done by Hitec-Dreco A.S., a turnkey drilling facilities contractor, in Norway.

Dreco now is working on another semi-automated rig for Norske Shell, the Norwegian unit of Royal Dutch-Shell, which will be placed in the Troll natural gas field offshore Norway, for a $93 million contract.

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

How to cope with bladder polyp

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a bladder polyp and what can be done to correct it? If I choose not to have surgery, what can it lead to?

DEAR READER: Bladder polyps are non-cancerous growths arising from the lining of the bladder. Although most are benign, they can bleed, sometimes quite profusely. Without a biopsy, polyps may be hard to differentiate from cancer.

Therefore, the prudent approach is to remove them (excisional biopsy). This can be done through the cystoscope, a lighted device that a urologist introduces through the urethra (the tube that drains the bladder). The operation is safe. You should consider it.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Bladder and Urinary Tract Infections." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've suffered for 14 years with cluster headaches. I take two medications, specifically ergotamine inhaler and lithium carbonate capsules that work at times. What causes this condition?

DEAR READER: No one knows the cause of cluster headaches. These can be severe at times and occur in paroxysmal attacks, usually lasting about an hour. The headaches ordinarily involve one side of the face or head.

Because there are associated symptoms (eye swelling, tearing and runny nose), many experts believe that these headaches are due to a circulatory imbalance, as is migraine, leading to marked dilation of certain arteries.

Therefore, drugs (such as ergotamine) that prevent dilation are often used with great success. In addition, oxygen and cortisone may reduce the frequency and severity of cluster headaches. In my view, patients with this condition should be under the care of neurologists.

You mention that you have also been prescribed lithium, which is used to treat manic-depression (bipolar mood disorder), a psychiatric affliction marked by extreme mood swings. This condition is probably unrelated to your cluster headaches. Remember, however, to have periodic blood tests to monitor your lithium level because high levels can be toxic (kidney damage, weakness and many neurological symptoms).

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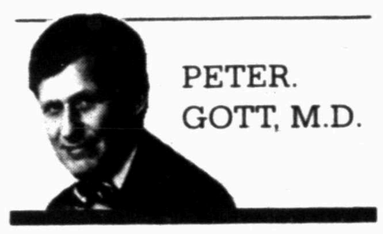

PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Authorities target fraudulent health insurance pools in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — About a year after switching from insurance giant Aetna to a tiny health insurance pool, officials at the Oil Heat Institutes of Oregon and Washington became suspicious.

Claims were being paid more and more slowly by the pool, called Labor Management Services Inc. The trade association's lawyer, Allan Munro, wanted to know why.

Munro called the Washington state insurance commissioner, and their concerns ultimately led to a federal indictment against Labor Management Service's three top executives.

The three are being tried in federal court in Seattle for allegedly bilking thousands of clients out of about $8 million between March 1988 and October 1989. They are charged with conspiracy, mail fraud, wire fraud, interstate monetary transactions to further a fraud and money laundering.

All have denied the charges.

Labor Management Services ran what the industry calls a multiple employer welfare arrangement, or MEWA.

Federal and state regulators are cracking down on unscrupulous MEWAs that have stuck small business employees with tens of millions of dollars in unpaid medical bills.

Many small companies, which cannot afford large health insurance plans, rely on MEWAs for their employees' health coverage. For years, some insurance pools escaped state regulation, claiming exemption under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

But at least 14 states now have laws or regulations to help bring MEWAs under their control. Meanwhile, the U.S. Labor Department has prosecuted the operators of at least 18 MEWAs in the last three years for fraud.

"We continue to investigate the rascally things," said Gus Schick, assistant inspector general at the Labor Department's Office of Labor Racketeering. "They haven't gone away."

The General Accounting Office, the investigatory arm of Congress, reported last year that under-funded MEWAs stuck 398,000 participants and their beneficiaries with more than $123 million in unpaid claims between January 1988 and June 1991.

Observers say the problems with fraud were isolated and have been declining with increased enforcement.

"What we're talking about is a few bad apples," said Chester Merritt, a spokesman for the American Society of Association Executives, which recently completed a survey on MEWAs offered by trade associations.

As federal regulators clamped down on fraudulent MEWAs, officers of legitimate MEWAs banded together to make certain the bad deeds of some didn't lead to a ban of all such pools.

"Most, or certainly a large number of associations with names that everyone will recognize have been sponsoring health plans for their members for 30 or 40 years" without problems, said Ted Scallet, executive director of the Coalition of Association Employee Benefit Plans, which represents 19 self-insured MEWAs.

MEWAs pool the funds of several small business as a way to pay for benefits or to buy group insurance at a rate cheaper than a single small business could purchase. Some companies contract with entrepreneurs offering health benefits at reduced rates to groups of employers.

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Quotas guarantee $10 million in sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Georgia farmer and businessman who teamed up six years ago now control the largest share of the government's peanut quotas, guaranteeing them more than $10 million in gross annual income at current support prices, documents show.

Neon Earl Bass, 46, of Leslie, Ga., and John Varner of Atlanta owned or rented 30.1 million pounds — almost 1 percent of the entire national peanut quota in 1992, according to internal Department of Agriculture records obtained by The Associated Press.

Their hold was almost four times as much as the nation's second largest quota holder, Hamill McNair of Mitchell County, Ga., who controls 7.8 million pounds, the documents showed.

"It took a good bit of years to get there, six or seven years to do that," Bass said in a telephone interview. "But we weren't just buying land for the quota, we were buying it to get irrigated land."

Quotas give the holder the exclusive right to grow peanuts for the domestic market and sell them at government guaranteed prices that are more than twice the world market price. The quotas were assigned to farms decades ago and are transferred when the land is sold.

The peanut program has come under fire in Congress in recent years because of the increasing concentration of the quotas in the hands of a few farmers.

The General Accounting Office, the investigatory arm of Congress, earlier this year found nearly 20 percent of the quotas are held by just 409 producers, and over half are in the hands of 2,334 farmers.

The large quota holders are concentrated in three states. The list of 2,334 farmers includes 1,006 who control 831 million pounds of quota in Georgia; 353 who control 280 million pounds in Alabama; and 302 who control 260 million pounds in Texas.

"It's a remarkable concentration of benefits in the hands of a very few people," said Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas, a persistent critic of the peanut program. "There's only a small portion of farmers who are capable by land condition to grow the crop, and then that small sample is further concentrated by the government giving so few the privilege to sell."

Supporters, however, say producers like Varner-Bass are an aberration. They contend the program provides economic stability to thousands of small farmers while providing American consumers with a safe, reliable supply of high-quality peanuts.

"In any program, you can't worry about the 1 percent at the top end or the 1 percent at the bottom end," said Mitch Head, a spokesman for the Peanut Advisory Board.

The records obtained by the AP show that 25 producers control more than 3 million pounds of quota each, enough to guarantee them more than $1 million in gross income each year, at the current support price of $675 per ton.

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Terry Anderson honored by Iona College on Sunday

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (AP) — Terry Anderson was honored by Iona College on Sunday in recognition of the inspirational example he set after his release from captivity in the Middle East.

The former chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was presented with an honorary doctor of humane letters at the school's 49th commencement.

Anderson provided "a profound message of grace and healing that can help transform our nation and our world," said college spokesman Joseph Cullen.

Anderson was kidnapped by Islamic fundamentalists in Beirut, Lebanon, on March 16, 1985, and released on Dec. 4, 1991.

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