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Ask Us

Q—If fireworks can't be set off in the city limits, why are they being allowed to be sold along 37th Street?

A—The fireworks stand on the north side of 37th Street is actually outside the city limits.

In Brief

Layoffs

FORT WORTH (AP) — Lockheed Fort Worth Co. has told some 350 hourly employees that they will lose their jobs in 60 days, company spokesman Joe Stout said.

Layoffs are part of a scheduled workforce reduction, announced last week, of 4,615 hourly and salaried employees in the plant's 10,000-member operations department. The staggered layoffs are scheduled through November 1994.

Local

Jury call

Those residents who have been called for civil jury are reminded to be at the 132nd District Courtroom at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Genealogy

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 this evening in the county library.

Visitors are welcome.

Library

Ken Spoor, president of the local Toastmasters Club, will be guest speaker at 10 a.m. Wednesday during the county library's summer reading program.

Fire hazard

Scurry County officials are urging that residents use extreme caution while shooting fireworks. Because of dry conditions, fire hazards are high.

SHS reunion

A reunion for SHS class of 1952 and 1953 will be held Friday and Saturday.

All former teachers and friends are invited to attend a reception set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Willow Park Inn.

Rural trash

Two community meetings on rural trash collection will be held this week, each starting at 7 p.m.

The first will be held this evening at Dunn. Thursday's meeting is planned at the Inadale Community Center.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 95 degrees; low, 68 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 76 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 9.41 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 70-75. South wind 5-15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 90s. South wind 10-20 mph and gusty.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:52. Sunrise Wednesday, 6:42. Of 179 days in 1993, the sun has shone 172 days in Snyder.

WTC board mulls $6.7 million budget

The amount of tax dollars received by Western Texas College for 1993-94 will stay the same, but that doesn't mean taxpayers won't be paying more, trustees learned during a budget workshop Monday.

Trustees heard budget reports from key administrators and learned of an increase in the preliminary tax rate during the four-hour meeting.

Two board members also requested information on items not presently included in the 1993-94 proposed budget — a baseball program and a management audit.

Trustees were told that the budget is currently built around an estimated tax rate of 24.997 cents instead of the 24.36 cents originally projected. The difference comes from an update of assessed values by Scurry County Appraisal District. That update indicates that property and mineral values are assessed at $787,560,161 instead of $808,069,756.

Roughly, the college lost about $77 million in taxable values from last year. The final valuations will not be available until late in July.

While administrators point out that the rate will bring in only the same amount of tax dollars as last year — $1,871,380 — it represents a 1.837-cent hike for taxpayers because of the decline in valuations.

The proposed 1993-94 budget includes an increase in state funds of $402,634 due to enrollment growth and an increase in state contributions to employee health insurance programs.

The budget includes no cost-of-living or staff-wide salary increases but does call for $30,000 in merit awards.

New instructors in English, Golf/Landscape Technology and Correctional Officer Training are noted in the budget. Also included are new instructors for a portion of the year for vocational and academic programs at the Colorado City prison and a vocational program at the Price Daniel Unit.

Some of these funds reflect the college's expansion to the new prison unit in Colorado City, which is expected to be completed next spring. Allocated have been three vocational programs and academic classes beginning in the summer of 1994.

No increases in fees or tuition are in the budget, with the exception of the fee for driver's education. Following September's classes, the fee for driver's education will be $300 per student.

This, according to college administrators, will allow the driver's education program to pay for itself. They noted that it is cur-

(see WTC, page 8)

WTC to ok key pact with TDCJ

Western Texas College is in the process of signing a contract which will provide in-service for thousands of Texas Department of Criminal Justice personnel over the next two years.

More importantly to local residents, the contract is expected to pump in excess of $150,000 into the community through motel housing and meals. That, say college officials, doesn't include money spent on gasoline, shopping and recreation.

TDCJ officers are required to undergo training annually. The instruction will be in-service training of 40 hours for correctional officers and 32 hours for non-security personnel.

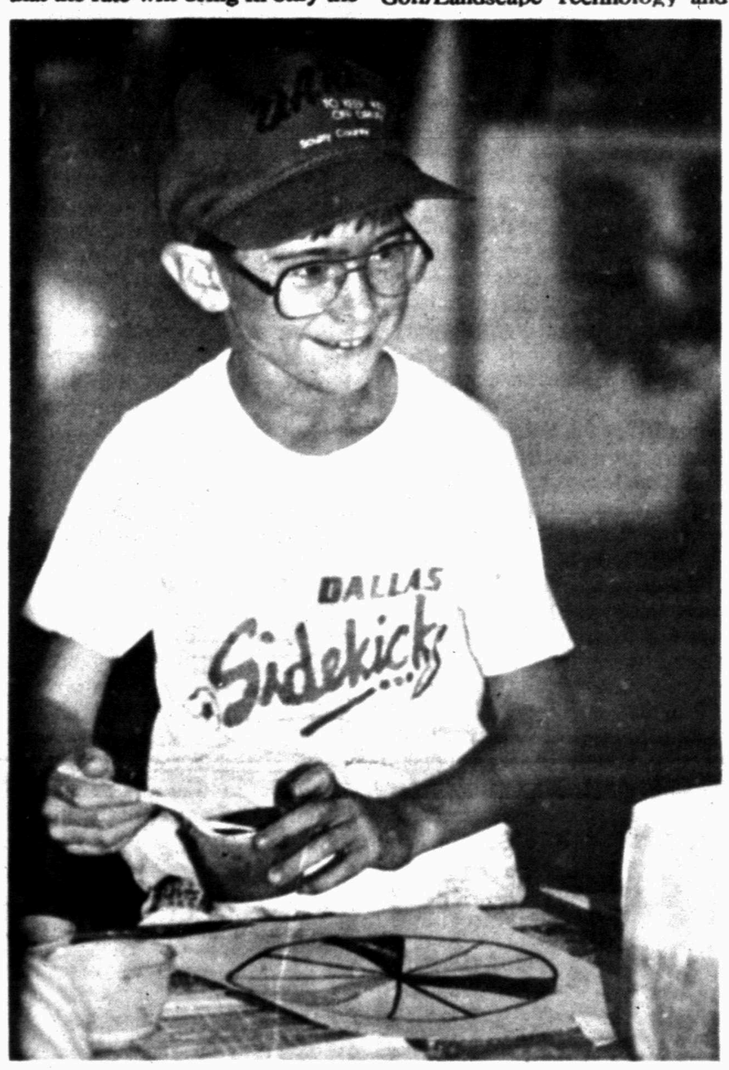
It is projected that Western Texas College will be training 1,432 personnel in 1993-94, and 1,864 in 1994-95.

Western Texas currently provides in-service training for correctional officers employed at the Price Daniel Unit here, the French Robertson Unit in Abilene and the Preston Smith Unit in Lamesa. However, for fiscal year 1993-94, this will be expanded to include the Fort Stockton prison and N-5 unit.

In 1994-95, this will expand to include the Brownfield unit, the Lubbock psychiatric center and the prison unit at Colorado City.

The contract calls for expenses to not exceed $411,000, including tuition, instructors, supplies and equipment, housing, meals and travel.

While college officials describe the contract as basically a break-even situation with TDCJ, Western Texas will also receive $2.40 per contact hour from the state. This would mean approximately $96 for each correctional employee and $76.80 for each non-security employee.



ELEMENTARY ART PROGRAM- Adam Rodgers has fun mixing paint in Mrs. Carol Bullard's childrens art program at WTC. The class began June 21 and ends Thursday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Assistant principal among personnel okayed by trustees

Snyder public schools trustees unanimously approved a reassignment and the hiring of three staff members Monday, including a high school assistant principal.

Trustees approved a recommendation to hire Coahoma ISD administrator Al Phillips for the vacated position of high school assistant principal at a salary of $42,713. He will be on two-year contract.

In other action, the board reassigned West Elementary Librarian Delana Grant to Stanfield, and hired Dixie Smith as librarian to fill the library vacancy at West. Smith has 20 years experience in teaching, although this will be her first year as a librarian. She is currently employed in the Roscoe school system.

Also approved was the hiring of Kim Dierschke to teach early childhood development at Humble Smith School. Ms. Dierschke is a first-year teacher who is receiving her certification through the alternative certification program at Angelo State, where she received her bachelor's degree.

Phillips, 42, began his career in education as a teacher/coach at Morton Junior High School in 1974. He moved to Morton High School in 1976, and to Coahoma High School in 1977. In 1982, he became head of the science department at Coahoma, and was named junior high principal in 1988.

Phillips received his bachelor's and master's degrees from West Texas State University.

He is a member of the Coahoma Lions Club, Coahoma Boys Youth Basketball and is past director of the Big Spring Educators Federal Credit Union.

He and his wife, Debbie, have a son, 12-year-old Justin, and a daughter, 10-year-old Kayla.

Phillips will be replacing Larry Scott, who was recently promoted to Snyder High School principal.

Nervous Iraqi gunners fire at unidentified target today

by The Associated Press

Iraqi anti-aircraft guns were fired today at an unidentified target over Baghdad as the government-controlled media predicted a showdown with the United States after a weekend missile attack on Iraq's intelligence headquarters.

Iraqi Information Ministry officials, reached by telephone from Amman, Jordan, said the anti-aircraft fire was heard throughout the city early this afternoon.

Insisting on anonymity, one of the officials said there were reports "an Iraqi reconnaissance plane or a fighter jet" had been hit by mistake. He said no confirmation of that report was immediately available.

There also was no immediate word on the anti-aircraft fire from U.S. officials in Washington.

The Iraqi officials said they did not know what provoked the gunners to fire. But the incident underscored the tension gripping Baghdad since Sunday's U.S. missile attack that killed eight civilians and brought back the horrors of the Gulf War.

Missiles were fired from U.S. ships in the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf at the Iraqi intelligence center in Baghdad to punish Iraq for allegedly planning to assassinate former President Bush last April in Kuwait.

U.S. analysts say they doubt that Saddam Hussein's ability to carry out terrorism suffered more than a temporary setback.

Iraq has vowed to retaliate, and the United States has warned it will respond in kind if Saddam's military took any such action.

The Iraqi media today kept up Saddam's defiant line and told the Iraqis to prepare for a new, long confrontation.

The Defense Ministry's Qadissiyah newspaper said Iraq ought to strike hard not only against "the United States, but also Israeli, Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti targets all over the world."

Panel considers changes to home, auto insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Insurance delayed action today on a rule that would allow insurers to offer a homeowner's policy that doesn't cover damage to a slab foundation caused by accidental water leakage.

The board deferred the issue to the insurance commissioner because that is the person who a new law says establishes a customer credit that would allow the insurer to sell the homeowner's policy without such coverage. That means action is postponed at least until after Sept. 1, when the new law takes effect, according to board staff.

The board was also scheduled to consider other proposals effecting home and auto insurance consumers in Texas.

Other changes under consideration would:

— Adopt a Spanish language version of the personal auto policy to be provided to consumers whose primary language is Spanish.

— Clarify which types of coverages for contamination losses may be excluded under residential property policies.

— Exclude coverage under homeowners' policies for testing, removal and cleanup of substances or materials containing lead.

— Extend the multi-car discount to vehicles covered by the state-created insurer of last resort.

White House eyes potential replacement for Sessions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is eying potential replacements for William Sessions, the embattled FBI director who has said repeatedly he will not resign unless personally told to do so by President Clinton.

Two White House officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Monday that the candidate search does not necessarily mean a final decision has been made on Sessions' future.

But one official said "it's definitely moving in (the) direction" of having Sessions replaced. The two officials said a decision could come this week.

Sessions has strongly denied allegations made during the final weeks of the Bush administration that he had misused FBI transportation, had received favorable treatment on a home mortgage, and committed other ethical lapses.

The White House says Clinton is waiting for Attorney General Janet Reno's recommendation before making a decision. Sessions met with Reno for the second time last week to discuss his future.

The candidate search is said to be in the earliest stages with no front runners. Among the names that have been mentioned are Louis Freeh, a federal judge in New York and a former FBI agent, and Lee Colwell, a criminal justice professor in Little Rock, Ark.

Sources have said for days that senior Justice Department officials had concluded Sessions should be replaced and were searching for a graceful way to ease him out.

He was appointed to a 10-year term as FBI director in 1987 by President Reagan.

The department has been seeking a way to get Sessions to resign "for the good of the service" and to avoid further controversy over a critical internal report earlier this year that harshly criticized him for ethical lapses, officials have said.

The internal report, which was released in January before Clinton became president, accused Sessions, among other things, of using government planes and cars for personal travel.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Presidents need an oval office to avoid being cornered."

Class reunions can be fun and interesting. The class of 1943, the final class to graduate from Dunn High School, recently had a reunion in Snyder.

Dunn Supt. O.K. Davis was able to attend and bring a lot of interesting memorabilia from 50 years ago. One thing that caught attention was an invoice for eight senior rings.

Total cost for eight class rings was $96.

At class reunions of much less than 50 years, there remains a little bragging, and sometimes much less truth.

We recall a story about three classmates who were trying to outdo one another with their success stories.

The first fellow's last name was Diamond. He explained that his name motivated him to start a jewelry store. "Right from the start it was a winner. There are Diamond Jewelers all over the state."

The second guy's last name was Gold. He said he had a similar idea, opened a shop specializing in gold ornaments. "Now I'm worth millions."

The third classmate's name was Taylor. He said he started a clothing store. Despite long hours and hard work, it failed. He said he prayed so that he could feed his family and prosper. He promised to give the Lord 50 percent of his profits.

Diamond and Gold inquired, "Did it work?"

"Did it work," he said. "You never heard of Lord and Taylor?"

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Minority empowerment debate stirs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has thrown into confusion the standards for applying the Voting Rights Act, the landmark civil rights law blacks credit for major gains in Congress and state legislatures.

In a 5-4 ruling Monday, the high court said a North Carolina redistricting plan "bears an uncomfortable resemblance to political apartheid." The justices ordered a lower court to hear an appeal by white voters who said the state's congressional districts amounted to "racial gerrymandering."

Civil rights groups were quick to criticize the ruling, saying the court appeared intent on weakening the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which was designed to protect minority voters against discrimination and under-represenation.

"The court suggests it is no longer important to be concerned about issues such as minority representation," said Sonia Jarvis, executive director of the National Coalition on Black Voter participation.

"What the court is saying is, 'We just don't care what black voters' preferences are, we are not interested in full participation for African-Americans," said attorney Dayna Cunningham of the NAACP Legal Defense fund.

In the North Carolina case, five white voters challenged the new, worm-shaped 12th District, which stretches 160 miles hugging the thin line of an interstate highway.

The district is so narrow at one point that drivers in northbound lanes are in the 12th District but drivers in the southbound lanes are in another district.

"The North Carolina 12th District is so bizarre it is simply a quantum leap into ugliness," said Bob Hunter, an attorney who specializes in election law with Patton, Boggs & Blow. "Most other minority districts aren't this ugly."

One pending redistricting challenge that could be affected is in Louisiana's new 4th Congressional District, which snakes through 28 parishes and elected a new black congressman in November.

That and the North Carolina seats were among two-dozen "minority-majority" districts created as a result of the congressional reapportionment that followed the 1990 Census. Others cited Monday as potentials for challenges because of the ruling were new districts in Florida, Texas, New York and New Jersey.

"There is no question there is a framework in there for more challenges and you'll see that," said Florida state Rep. Peter Rudy Wallace, who helped draft that state's new map.

Before the Voting Rights Act was passed nearly three decades ago, there were fewer than 300 black elected officials in the United States; there now are nearly 8,000.

"There are many more minorities in positions of power than would be the case without the Voting Rights Act, particularly in Southern states," said Emory University political scientist Merle Black.

The law was strengthened in 1982, with states taking the cue from Justice Department interpretation that "if a minority-majority district could be created, then the state had an obligation to do so," said Black, even if it meant drawing rambling districts.

In many cases, however, the wandering lines are drawn not because they are the only way to create a minority-majority district but because legislators are unwilling to carve up incumbents' districts. In North Carolina, an alternative plan to create two black majority districts was rejected and "these ones were created to protect incumbents," said Hunter.

In 16 states, most of them in the South, the Justice Department must approve redistricting plans. The Bush Justice Department had ordered North Carolina to create two black majority districts, rejecting a state plan that had just one.

Now, with the North Carolina case ordered to trial and additional court challenges likely, the job of representing the government will fall to Clinton's Justice Department — still without a civil rights chief after the withdrawal of his controversial nominee for the job.

Senate to have final say on the Selective Service System

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten college students crammed into a dormitory room, opened their beers, turned on the television and waited tensely to learn whether their lives would be interrupted by military service and, perhaps, death.

That was the scene more than two decades ago in a room at the University of South Carolina, and at countless campuses across the country the day the first draft lottery numbers were drawn.

At the time it was hard to imagine a world without the Selective Service System, and draft registration, and the little cards that young men had to carry at all times to indicate they were available to serve their country.

But the House, in a frenzy of frugality, voted 207-202 Monday to get rid of the Selective Service System for a savings of $20 million. That leaves to the Senate the last word on ending or extending an era.

There's been no draft since 1973, and in 1975 registration requirements ended. But registration was reinstated in 1980 and the system now has computerized data on some 14 million men aged 18 to 25.

The Selective Service System was born in controversy during World War II, traumatized teenage music lovers by drafting Elvis in the 1950s and went on to become the target of anti-war outrage in the 1960s and 1970s.

"Greetings," the dreaded letter would begin, or "Greeting," if an errant computer was on the job. And thus would another young American learn his country wanted his services.

Heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali sought and ultimately won a religious exemption during the Vietnam era, but it took him five years and a Supreme Court ruling to get it. Campuses were ablaze with burning draft cards. Draft offices themselves were torched.

Professors weighed civil disobedience — giving everybody A's so they wouldn't drop out and be drafted. "There were people that did it," said political scientist Nelson Polsby, a Berkeley professor who did not.

Sometimes the system was more selective than other times: Student deferments and doctor's notes ensured that well into the Vietnam War, white middle-class boys had a way out; working class whites and blacks usually did not.

Dan Quayle got a job writing press releases in the Indiana National Guard, far from Vietnam. Al Gore, against the war but worried about his father's Senate career, enlisted and went off to the war. Bill Clinton toyed with ROTC, protested the war, spent two years at Oxford, pondered the morality of the draft, the war and his own actions to avoid both.

Then came the lottery. No more deferments. No place to hide. And no need to hide if you were lucky.

The first numbers were chosen in 1970.

Freezer for cult bodies to be built

DALLAS (AP) — A temporary storage freezer will be constructed by the U.S. Justice Department to hold the bodies of 57 Branch Davidians currently housed in an overcrowded morgue, officials say.

Tarrant County officials last week asked federal authorities to remove the burnt, decomposing bodies, 42 of which have yet to be identified.

Forensics experts feared burying the unidentified corpses would hinder future efforts to identify the cultists who died in the April 19 fire, McLennan County Justice of the Peace David Pareya said Monday.

The county received a letter from U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno offering federal funds for the freezer's construction, Pareya said.

Berry's World

"I can't grant you three wishes, but I'll promise you whatever you want to hear."

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, June 30, 1993

Ventures or endeavors you personally create or direct have very good chances for success in the year ahead. There is a possibility you might become involved in several simultaneously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Persons who are performing work or service for you today must measure up to your standards and requirements, and not to theirs. You're the guy/gal who is paying the bill. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There will be enough for you to do today just taking care of your own affairs without trying to manage things for others. Operate within your limitations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Both you and your mate are apt to have very definite ideas of how you'll want certain things done today. Unfortunately, your concepts might conflict.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This might not be one of your more productive days and it may be even less so if you have to take care of tasks or assignments you think of distasteful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you cater to your impulsive whims today you could be very extravagant and wasteful. Keep in mind that what you think you now need does not have to be instantly gratified.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If anyone is able to perceive the other fellow's point of view it is usually you. Today, however, you might be so focused on your own interest you'll not be cognizant of the requirements of others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Harboring grudges could produce all sorts of avoidable complications today, so turn the other cheek and let bygones be bygones, and begin anew.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you might get involved once again with someone you like but with whom collectively things never work out too well for either of you financially. Be wary.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is a fine line today between being properly assertive or unnecessarily aggressive. It might be hard for you to distinguish where one ends and the other begins.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Persons who are usually helpful to you might not be around when you need them the most today. Rely upon yourself and not upon assistance that may not be forthcoming.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Complications could occur today if you become too involved in a friend's confidential affairs or if he/she begins to probe into yours. Each should keep the other at arm's length.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Guard against inclinations towards being too self-serving today. You might accomplish that what you set out to do, but you could lose an ally you'll be needing a bit down the line.

Cult children's care cost set at $106,604

HOUSTON (AP) — A state agency has spent at least $106,604 caring for the Branch Davidian children who were released during a 51-day siege by federal agents near Waco, officials say.

The biggest expenditure was $70,707 for Child Protective Services staff members for the period starting Feb. 28 through May 31. The figure included $38,275 for Waco caseworkers, who were on call 24 hours a day during the early stages of the siege.

Federal agents raided the Branch Davidian Complex near Waco on Feb. 28. Four agents were killed as were several followers of cult leader David Koresh. The siege ended April 19 when fire swept through the complex, killing Koresh and more than 80 of his followers.

Also included in the figures was $32,432 in salaries and overtime for staff members from other regions who went to Waco to assist in the operation of the office.

Foster care for 21 children also was expensive, accounting for more than $17,000 of the amount spent, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

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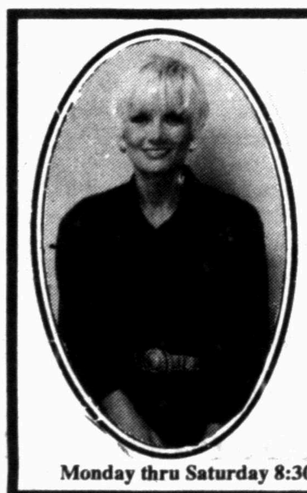

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In Cornelius-Dodson House...

Exposition highlights locals

Festivities for Scurry County's annual Fourth of July celebrations will include a Celebrity Showcase display of Scurry Countians of renown accomplishments.

Special guests will include J. Merrill Kayser, retired educator turned author. He will be autographing copies on his book, *Mule Tales,* on July 3.

Exhibits will feature information about Jerry Worsham, Deanie Francis Mills, Bill Atwood and Charles Anderson, current Scurry County residents, and former redidents Grant Teaff, Powers Boothe, Jane Gilmore Rushing, Brad Maule, Barry Tubb, Linda Miller, Ann Patterson, Kathleen Mott and Dave Appleton.

Also included are the late D.M. Cogdell, C.T. McLaughlin, Edith Whatley McKanna and Harold Maples.

Four door prizes will given. They include a book, *Reflections,* by Charles Anderson; note cards also suitable for framing, by Linda Miller; small piece of handpainted china; by June McGlaun; and a cookbook, *Hall-Waller Treasured Family Cookbook,* by Brenda Lee.

Showcase tickets are $2 each and can be purchased in advance at Eddie Peterson's Pharmacy and at Countryplace as well as from members of the sponsoring organizations.

SHOWCASE EXHIBIT — A Celebrity Showcase to honor some past and present Scurry Countians will be featured from 1 to 4 p.m. July 3-4 in Dermott Schoolhouse on the coliseum grounds. Next door, the Cornelius-Dodson House will display ladies' millinery. Brenda Lee stands beside the exhibit showing several works of artist Linda Miller. (See related story). (SDN Staff Photo)

Burger, salad in one bite wins contest

By The Associated Press

You can have your burger and salad in one bite, with the following recipe for Mini-Salad Burgers. Bite-size burgers are piled high with salad toppings of onions, tomatoes and cucumbers. Perfect for a barbecue! The recipe was the first-place winner in the main dish category in the 1992 Handi-Wrap Recipe Contest.

MINI-SALAD BURGERS

1 tomato, diced
1 cup onion, chopped
1/2 unpared cucumber, sliced paper-thin
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1/4 cup water
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 pounds ground beef
1/2 cup sweet pickle, chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1 medium clove garlic, minced
16 miniature hamburger buns

Combine tomato, onion and cucumber in a small bowl; stir in vinegar, water, sugar, salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate 1 to 2 hours, drain well.

Combine the meat, sweet pickle, salt and pepper; mix lightly and shape into 16 patties. Grill burgers over medium coals, turning once. Mix mayonnaise and garlic in a small bowl; spread bottoms of buns with mixture. Place burgers on buns and top with salad mixture. Makes 8 servings.

Recipe from: 1992 Handi-Wrap Recipe Contest.

Swimming Against the Tide?

Many species of fish regularly face the current and drift downstream tail first. However, no species is known to swim backward at full speed for extended lengths of time.

SHOWER HELD — Shelly Klepper of Colorado City, bride-elect of Scotty Prince of Denver City, was honored with a shower on June 24 in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church. From left, are Joann Prince, mother of the prospective groom; Miss Klepper, honoree; and Christine Klepper of Clyde, grandmother of the honoree. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 6-29-93
♠ Q J 10
♥ 7 5
♦ 10 7 6 5 4
♣ A 4 2

WEST
♠ K 9 6
♥ Q 4 3
♦ A J 9 8
♣ 10 9 3

EAST
♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ 10 9 8 2
♦ 3 2
♣ K 8 7

SOUTH
♠ A 5 2
♥ A K J 6
♦ K Q
♣ Q J 6 5

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

Please duck, but do it smoothly

Oliver Wendell Holmes claimed that many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind. Sometimes, though, a thought in one mind doesn't need to be transplanted; it will be readily apparent to the party of the other part. And if this happens at the bridge table, it is usually detrimental to the party of the original thought — as in this deal. It was declared by one of Australia's best female players, Barbara Travis.

To me, that South hand looks a little thin for a two-no-trump opening. If partner cannot respond to a one-club opening, it is unlikely there will be a good game available.

West didn't want to risk a diamond lead, though here it probably would have defeated the contract. Instead, she selected the club 10. East won with the king and returned a club to dummy's ace.

Declarer could now count seven tricks: one spade, two hearts, one diamond (once the ace had been dislodged) and three clubs. A successful spade finesse would bring the total up to nine, so Travis ran the spade queen.

West decided to duck, but only after a momentary pause. It was all the help Travis needed. She cashed her two club tricks, West discarding a low diamond. The diamond king went to the ace; West returned a diamond. Travis now exited with the ace and another spade. West cashed the diamond jack, but then she had to lead away from the heart queen into South's tenace.

If declarer takes a finesse that he is likely to repeat, it is often a good idea to duck. But you must duck without a flicker.

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Lawyer dates juror

MIAMI (AP) — Roy Black, the lawyer who won the acquittal of William Kennedy Smith on rape charges, is dating one of the jurors in the case.

Black said his relationship with Lea Haller began a year after the 1991 trial when the two "bumped into each other."

Black, 48, and Haller have been an item ever since.

"We certainly had no romantic interest during the trial," he said.

Black knew plenty about the 39-year-old owner of a cosmetics company. Before the trial, she filled out a detailed juror questionnaire.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

Scurry County Genealogy meeting; Scurry County Library; submit queries, 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

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

THURSDAY

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

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Golden Corral; 6:30 p.m.

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 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

Celebrity Showcase, Dermott School and Cornelius-Dodson House on the Scurry County Coliseum grounds; refreshments, tickets $2 each; 1-4 p.m.

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.

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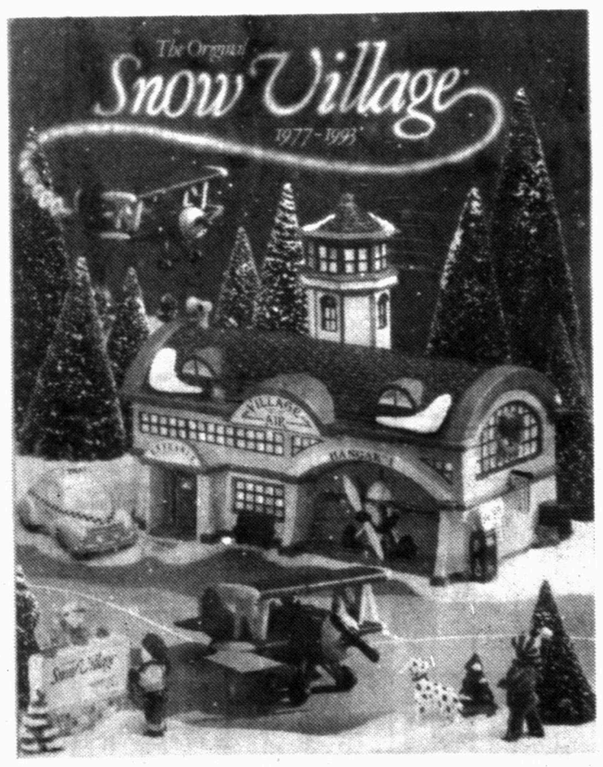

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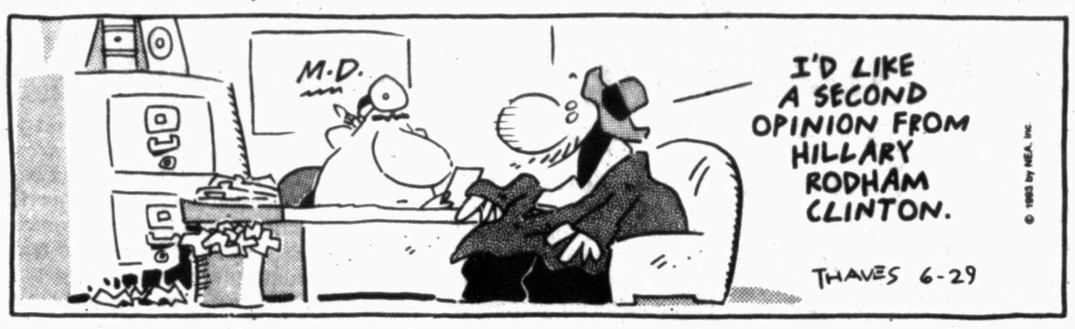

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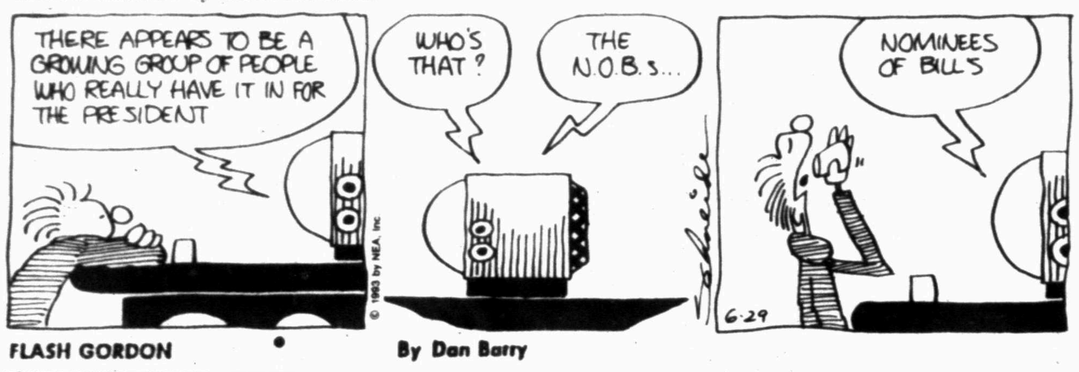

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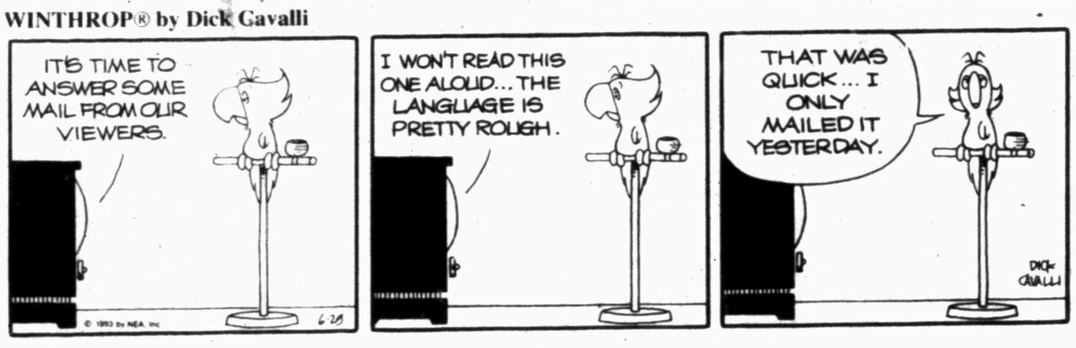

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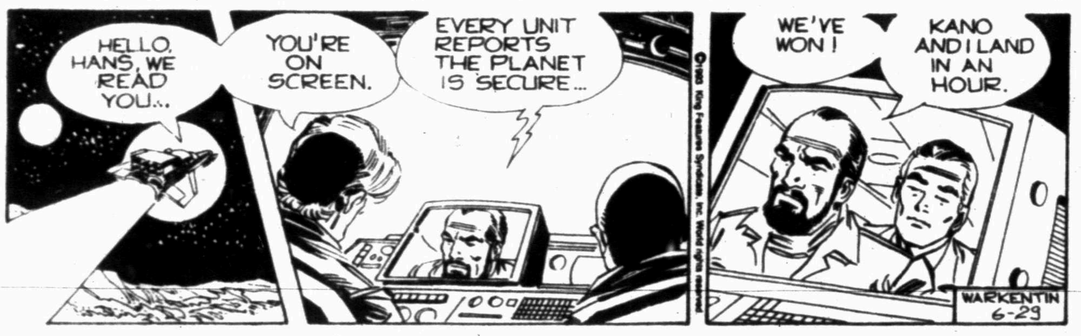

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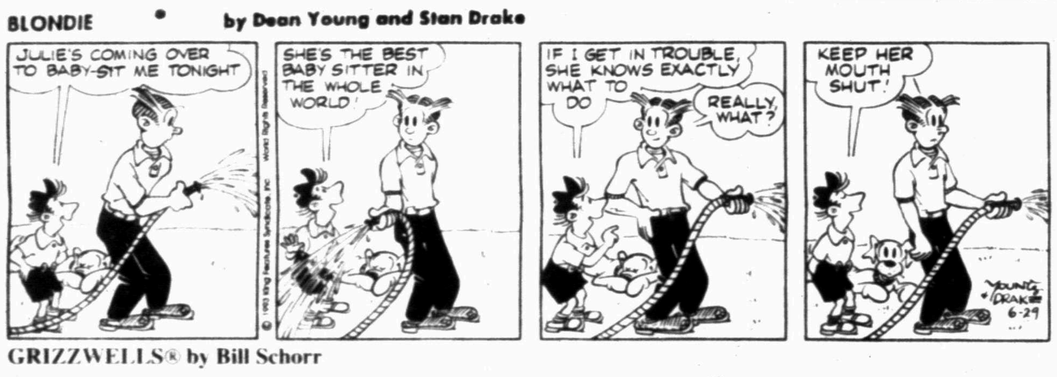

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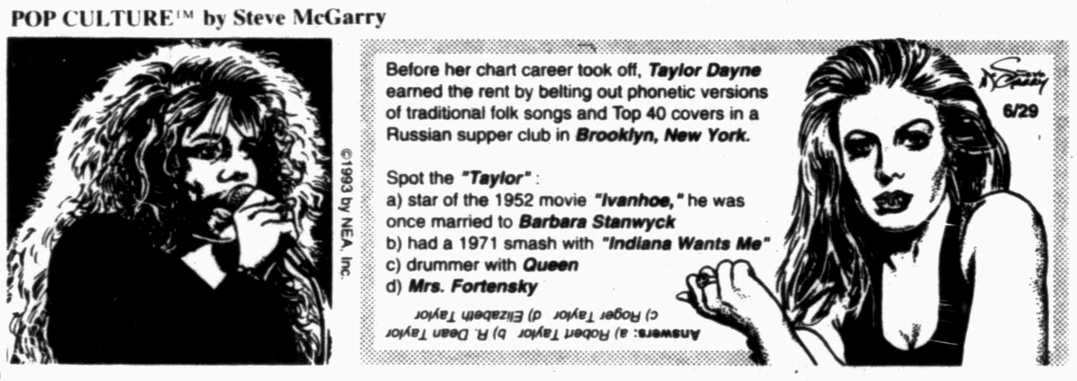

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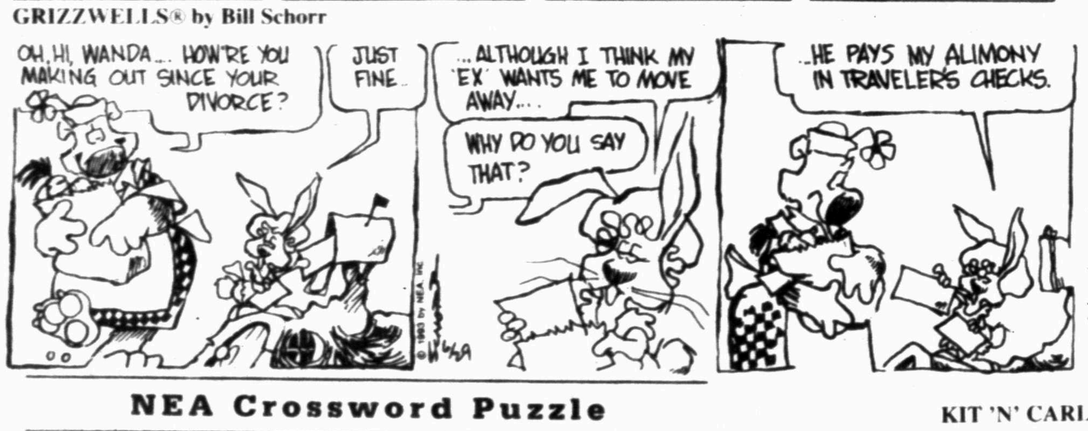

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29 — sense
31 Bean's kin
33 Football org.
34 Actor — Pacino
35 Ventilate
37 Part of circle
39 Symbol for ruthenium
40 Guided
42 Halfway
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48 Beseech
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62 — Island
64 Letters of alphabet
65 Mrs. Nixon
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2 Greek letters
3 Big toe
4 Vast ages
5 Burdened
6 Is (Sp.)
7 Musician's job (sl.)
8 River in Belgium
9 Filet —
10 Native of (suff.)
11 Long slender fish
16 Chief artery
18 Author — Fleming
20 Drink slowly
22 Religious poem
23 Houston player
25 Meadow
27 — Zimbalist
28 Insults
30 That man
32 Exist
36 Chest bone
38 Close groups
41 Drive crazy
43 Actress Sandra —
45 Slip-up
47 One of the Seven Dwarfs
49 En —: fencing call
52 Rowing tools
54 Regretted
55 Demon
56 Ingrid Bergman's daughter
57 Tea
59 Bitter vetch
60 Aug. time
63 Bible div.

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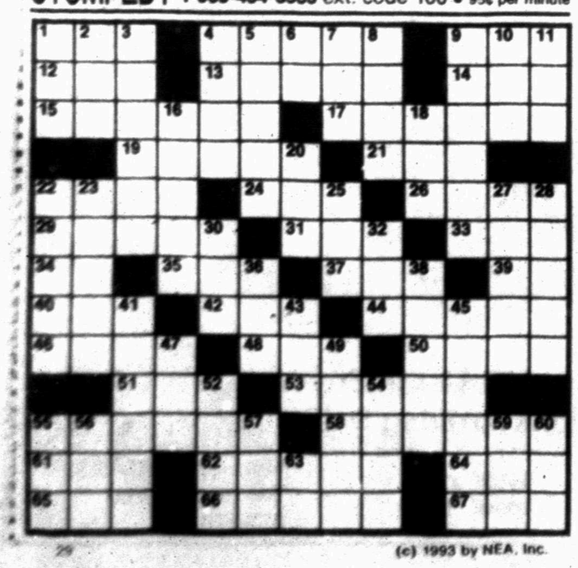

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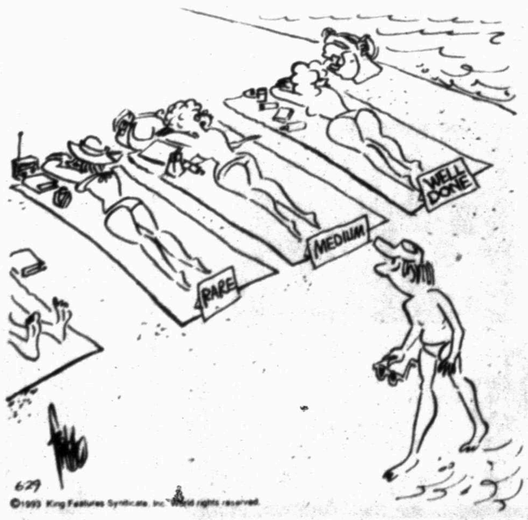

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Girls' softball results

DIVISION II

Purple Pros II 25, Tornadoes 10

Renae Hall had a homer, a double and two singles to lead the Pros to a Division II win over the Tornadoes Thursday.

Starla Davis added a triple and a double, Christina Dunham and Bradi Johnson each tagged three singles, and Emily Fowler, Tara Price, Sabrina Davidson and Pam Brace nailed a hit apieçe.

The Tornadoes were led by Terra Lyons' single and double, and a single each from Jessica Blevins, Donna Nobles, Dana McCright, Melissa Hicks and Amy Deloera.

Terminators 19, Krushers 11

The Terminators rolled to a 14-2 second-inning advantage, then held off the Krushers for the June 21 win.

Cynthia Fennell and Kimberly Key each ripped two hits for the Terminators. Winning pitcher Brittany Drummond, Christina Holder and Amy Brooks each laced a single.

April Digby paced the Krushers' charge with two doubles. Cameron Mackey chipped in a two-sacker, and Tara Beall and Renee Trevino punched a single apiece.

Courtney Rinehart was the losing pitcher.

Terminators 14, Raiders 6

Cynthia Fennell and Amy Arrendale each slapped a triple in support of winning pitcher Brittany Drummond in Thursday's Division II win for the Terminators.

Amy Brooks added two hits, and Kimberly Key, Christina Holder, Jennifer Salmon and Kacie Daves each drilled a single.

The Raiders' top hitters were Whitney Webb, who tripled, and Renee Trevino, Laurie Kerley, Heather Woolsey and Kami Bates, who belted a single apiece.

Brooke Williams accepted the loss.

DIVISION III

Extreme Heat 12, Flash 8

Erica Garvin was the winning pitcher, as the Heat turned a 7-hit attack into a Division III win on June 22.

Kelly Gonzales and Shawn Purcell each hammered twin singles, and Adrienne Bailey, Brandy Gill and Janet Fuentez got a base hit apiece.

The Flash was led by Monie Pena's double, three hits by Mendy Winter, two Katy Walker singles, and a base rap apiece by Michelle Roemisch and Lochie Applin. Katie Potts was the loser.

Jade 13, Stingers 5

The Jade rode a triple each from Monica Harbin and Leslie Garza, a double and single from Jule Vaca, and Edwina Brooks' extra-base hit to an 8-run win on May 27.

Tabitha Dunham singled twice, and winning pitcher Bridget Moore, Haley Ingram and Tina Tavarez each had a hit.

Vanessa Britton smacked a double and a single for the Stingers. Amy Vaughn contributed a two-bagger, Shanna Fisk singled twice, and Brandi Bates and Cordelia Seaton each lashed a hit.

Stephanie Hernandez was the losing pitcher

Wimbledon...

Aggasi, Sampras claim wins

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Tennis fans couldn't have asked for a better quarterfinal matchup: Pete Sampras vs. Andre Agassi — top seed vs. defending champion, big server vs. great returner, straight-laced Californian vs. flashy Las Vegan.

The matchup was determined Monday as all the men's and women's fourth-round matches were completed. The men's quarterfinals will be held Wednesday; the women's were held today.

Agassi, getting sharper with each match, rode his service return to a 7-5, 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (10-8) Centre Court victory over hard-hitting Richard Krajicek — then delighted the fans by bowing, blowing kisses and tossing his shirt into the stands.

Sampras' victory came under much different conditions. He overcame a rowdy crowd on court 14 to beat local favorite Andrew Foster 6-1, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6), and stormed off with a few words for the spectators, setting off a row over exactly what he said.

Six of the top eight men's seeds advanced. The other quarterfinal matchups feature an all-German duel between former champions Boris Becker and Michael Stich, Jim Courier against Todd Martin, and Stefan Edberg against Cedric Pioline.

Today's women's matchups were highlighted by defending champion Steffi Graf against Jennifer Capriati. In the other matches, Martina Navratilova faced Natalia Zvereva, Gabriela Sabatini played Jana Novotna and Helena Sukova was up against Conchita Martinez.

Sampras showed an unusual display of emotion in his match against Foster, a wild-card entry who was the last Briton left in the tournament.

Sampras appeared annoyed by the partisan crowd's soccer-style behavior, including their habit of cheering when he made mistakes. After closing out the match by winning the third-set tiebreaker with a service winner, Sampras slammed the ball high into the crowd, gave a brusque handshake to Foster and mouthed what courtside photographers said was an obscenity to the spectators.

Sampras, grilled by the British press after the match, denied swearing at the fans, recalling his words as such: "Thank you very much and God bless you, hasta la vista, see you later."

He did admit that the crowd got him riled.

"When the crowd is as vocal as they were, it kind of builds up inside of you," Sampras said.

Sampras also had his shoulder to worry about. An inflamed tendon in his right shoulder, which nearly forced him to withdraw before the tournament, acted up again during the warmup.

Trainer Bill Norris came onto the court three times during changeovers in the final set to rub Sampras' shoulder with ointment. Sampras also took an anti-inflammatory pill.

"I'll ice it and take the proper precautions," he said. "I have a day off Tuesday, so I should be in pretty good shape by Wednesday."

Agassi, the eighth seed, came to Wimbledon having played just one match in two months because of an injured wrist. Now that he's progressed to the quarterfinals, he said he is feeling good about his chances of defending his title.

"With my style of game, now my chances increase to win it tremendously, more than other guys, because I feel it starts favoring me again with the bounces," he said. "Let's face it. Pete and Krajiceck and Boris and Edberg, they're used to playing the serve and volleyers all week. They come out and play me and they have to scramble around."

Off-speed pitches keep Rangers on their heels

ARLINGTON (AP) — Chris Haney doesn't throw the classic fastball that is the calling card of strikeout pitchers.

No matter. The free-swinging Texas Rangers flailed away at Haney's assortment of off-speed pitches Monday night, helping Haney to a career-high nine strikeouts in just 5 1-3 innings, leading the Kansas City Royals to a 4-2 victory.

Brian McRae backed Haney and two relievers with a two-run single in the fourth and Kevin McReynolds homered off reliever Jeff Bronkey as Kansas City halted a three-game losing streak.

The victory moved the Royals to within 11/2 games of American League West leader Chicago.

Rangers manager Kevin Kennedy was Montreal's bench coach last year and worked with Haney until he was dealt to the Royals in August.

But even giving his team the lowdown on Haney didn't help Texas.

"Our guys were prepared," Kennedy said. "We just didn't do anything with him. I don't know. Maybe we couldn't see the ball but I know we didn't strike out nine of their guys."

The Rangers struck out 11 times overall and were 2 for 13 with runners in scoring position against three Royals pitchers. They also failed to drive in a runner from third in the first, sixth, eighth and ninth innings.

Kennedy also bemoaned failing in bunt and hit-and-run situations.

"The game turned on the guys standing on third base," Kennedy said. "We had poor execution on five plays tonight. It's been the same all season. We've lost so many games the same way this year."

Texas put its leadoff runners on base in the eighth and ninth innings, but both times were stalled by Kansas City closer Jeff Montgomery, who earned his AL-leading 23rd save.

The Rangers also were fooled early by Haney, who said he didn't have his best fastball, but added that even then it's not very fast.

"My curve and change were effective pitches tonight," he said. "I got some strikeouts when the Rangers swung at some high fastballs."

Haney (4-1) allowed four hits and walked one before departing in the sixth with one out, holding a 3-2 lead with a runner on second.

After reliever Mark Gubicza gave up a single to Juan Gonzalez to put runners on first and third, Gubicza struck out Ivan Rodriguez and retired Jon Shave on a ground ball.

Haney, staked to a 3-0 lead, was in command early, striking out five consecutive Rangers until Julio Franco led off the fourth with his sixth homer of the year.

"I was more under control," Haney said. "You get some confidence when you have nine punchouts."

Baseball glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	47	30	.610	—
Detroit	43	32	.573	3
New York	44	33	.571	3
Baltimore	40	35	.533	6
Boston	37	38	.493	9
Cleveland	34	42	.447	12½
Milwaukee	31	43	.419	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	39	34	.534	—
Kansas City	38	36	.514	1½
California	37	36	.507	2
Seattle	37	39	.487	3½
Texas	33	40	.452	6
Minnesota	31	41	.431	7½
Oakland	29	41	.414	8½

Monday's Games

Cleveland 2, Chicago 0
New York 8, Detroit 2
Toronto 7, Baltimore 2
Boston 4, Milwaukee 3
Seattle 4, Minnesota 1
Kansas City 4, Texas 2
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Chicago (Bolton 0-3) at Cleveland (Clark 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Leiter 6-4) at New York (Kamieniecki 2-1), 7:30 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 10-2) at Baltimore (McDonald 4-6), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Navarro 5-4) at Boston (Sele 1-0), 7:35 p.m.
Seattle (Leary 6-3) at Minnesota (Guardado 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Appier 9-4) at Texas (Pavlik 3-4), 8:35 p.m.
California (Langston 9-2) at Oakland (Darling 1-4), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	51	24	.680	—
St. Louis	44	30	.595	6½
Montreal	39	36	.520	12
Pittsburgh	37	37	.500	13½
Chicago	35	38	.479	15
Florida	34	40	.459	16½
New York	21	52	.288	29

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	51	26	.662	—
Atlanta	42	34	.553	8½
Los Angeles	39	35	.527	10½
Houston	38	35	.521	11
Cincinnati	36	40	.474	14½
San Diego	29	47	.382	21½
Colorado	26	48	.351	23½

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh 9, Montreal 5, 10 innings
St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 1
Chicago 4, San Diego 3, 11 innings
Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 0
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

New York (Tanana 4-7) at Florida (Bowen 4-8), 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Wagner 3-3) at Montreal (Nabholz 3-5), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Drabek 6-7) at Cincinnati (Browning 4-3), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Ruffin 3-3) at Atlanta (Smoltz 6-7), 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Rivera 7-3) at St. Louis (Arocha 6-2), 8:35 p.m.
Chicago (Morgan 4-8) at San Diego (Worrell 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Burkett 11-2) at Los Angeles (Hershiser 6-6), 10:35 p.m.

NBA Draft...

Big men expected to go first

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Every year it's the same story: Big men get chosen first in the NBA draft.

This year, it'll be the same story. The only question is this: Will it be a big man or a giant one?

Barring a trade, the answer will be provided by the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night at The Palace. Their top two choices are believed to be Chris Webber, a 6-foot-9 power forward from Michigan, and Shawn Bradley, a 7-6 center from Brigham Young. A longshot could be Jamal Mashburn, a 6-8 forward from Kentucky.

Since 1966, only five guards have been selected with the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA draft. Magic Johnson was the last, in 1979, when he left Michigan State early.

This year, the draft is top-heavy with size, but some of the best players are guards.

Billy McKinney, the director of player personnel for the Detroit Pistons, has 15 players on his short list. Seven of them are guards.

Picking behind Orlando are the Philadelphia 76ers and the Golden State Warriors. The Sixers have already declared their intention to choose Bradley if he's available. Otherwise they'll choose Webber.

Golden State would love to have Bradley, but they'll probably have to choose between Mashburn and guard Anfernee Hardaway of Memphis State.

After that, a lot of teams will begin looking harder at the guards.

They include Hardaway, Duke's Bobby Hurley, UNLV's J.R. Rider, Seton Hall's Terry Dehere, Tennessee's Allan Houston, Jackson State's Lindsey Hunter and Alabama's James Robinson.

Some of them, like the 6-7 Hardaway, are taller than some of the forwards. But others, like Hurley and Hunter, have to stretch to measure 6-0 and 6-2, respectively.

Size isn't the factor is once was in the NBA. Players like 5-3 Muggsy Bogues have proven that heart and talent sometimes count as much as total inches.

The best-known among the guards, of course, is Hurley. He led Duke to three NCAA Final Four appearances and two national titles.

"He's the best point guard of all the seniors," Washington Bullets' general manager John Nash said.

The Pistons like Hurley, too. They're just not sure he'll still be available when their turn comes at Nos. 10 and 11.

"He surpassed Dennis Rodman in some of the strength and conditioning workouts," McKinney said. "That's quite an accomplishment."

Probably the best guard in the draft is the flamboyant Hardaway, the biggest and flashiest point guard since Magic Johnson.

"He's just a wonderful player," Los Angeles Lakers' general manager Jerry West said. "He's got a great feel for the game, and he's a player who makes other people better. Obviously, he's a great talent."

The teams with the four worst records in the NBA last season — Dallas, Minnesota, Washington and Sacremento — pick fourth through seventh.

After that, it's Milwaukee, Denver, the Pistons twice, Lakers, Los Angeles Clippers, Indiana, Atlanta, New Jersey, Charlotte, Utah, Boston, Charlotte (from San Antonio), Portland, Cleveland, Seattle, Houston, Chicago, Orlando (from New York) and Phoenix.

NBA draft

Recent No. 1 picks

Year	Player (College)	Team
1992	***Shaquille O'Neal*** (LSU)	Orlando
1991	***Larry Johnson*** (UNLV)	Charlotte
1990	***Derrick Coleman*** (Syracuse)	New Jersey
1989	***Pervis Ellison*** (Louisville)	Sacramento
1988	***Danny Manning*** (Kansas)	L.A. Clippers
1987	***David Robinson*** (Navy)	San Antonio
1986	***Brad Daugherty*** (N. Carolina)	Cleveland
1985	***Patrick Ewing*** (Georgetown)	New York
1984	***Hakeem Olajuwon*** (Houston)	Houston
1983	***Ralph Sampson*** (Virginia)	Houston

Source: NBA — NEA Graphic

Record-setting catcher released by White Sox

CLEVELAND (AP) — Carlton Fisk first appeared in a major league game in 1969. Two years later, Chicago White Sox rookie Jason Bere was born.

"In my opinion, along with the rest of the guys, we still think he's a part of the team," Bere said Monday night after the White Sox unceremoniously released Fisk.

The move shocked no one because the 45-year-old catcher had barely been used three months into the season. He appeared in 25 games, hitting .189 with one home run and four RBIs while throwing out just one of 23 runners attempting to steal.

Still, the decision to drop Fisk was not taken lightly by general manager Ron Schueler.

"Obviously it hurts, but with the direction I want to go now with this ballclub, Carlton wasn't a part of it," Schueler said. "I know a bunch of fans out there and some people will be upset with me — but my job here is to win."

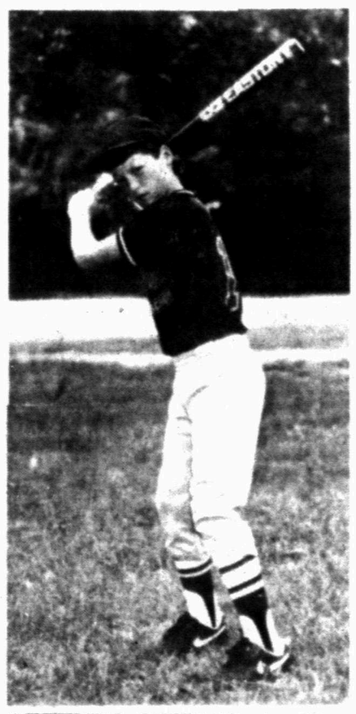
Schueler told Fisk of the move Monday at the team's hotel in Cleveland, where the White Sox opened a three-game series with a 2-0 loss. Fisk had checked out by Monday evening and could not be reached for comment.

"I wouldn't say he was shocked," Schueler said. "It was more disappointment and disbelief."

The milestone that kept Fisk around this long was Bob Boone's record for most games by a catcher. Fisk surpassed that last week, catching his 2,226th game.

"To have this happen ... is beyond words," Fisk said at the time. "But it didn't happen by accident. I worked very hard. It doesn't happen like falling out of a tree, but it takes endurance and perseverance. I've been lucky."

He hit 376 career home runs — a record 351 as a catcher. Including appearances at other positions, he played in 2,499 games, 33rd on the all-time list.



ATTENDS SCHOOL — Clay Berryman of Snyder has completed a one-week course of baseball training at the Mickey Owen Baseball School near Miller, Mo. During his stay at the school, Clay received training in all phases of the game through a combination of instruction, practice and game experience that included 15-20 games. Clay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Berryman of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

UGSA sets closing ceremonies

Snyder United Girls Softball Association will hold closing ceremonies for the 1993 season today at 6:30 p.m. at Dale Cates Softball Complex in Towle Park.

Included in the cermonies will be the naming of all-stars in Divisions I through IV.

Boys Club gym to be open nights

Snyder Boys Club will be open from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through the rest of the summer for boys Little Dribblers basketball players ages 13 and 14.

Kenny Wayne Thompson, Larry Braziel and Israel Hinojos will supervise play at the club.

For more information, contact Thompson at the Boys Club at 573-3344.

Country club sets holiday tourney

Snyder Country Club will host its annual July 4 ABCD Scramble Sunday.

Tee-off is set for 1 p.m. and cost for competing members is $15 each.

For more information, contact club pro Rick Mammolite at 573-7101.

Canseco's elbow to require surgery

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A second medical opinion on the right elbow of Texas Rangers outfielder Jose Canseco has confirmed the diagnosis of the club's medical staff — a complete ligament tear that will require surgery to repair.

Canseco had the elbow examined Monday by Dr. Frank Jobe in Inglewood, Calif., club officials said. The tear is in the ulnar collateral ligament.

Canseco will get a third opinion later this week from Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., officials said.

The Rangers put Canseco on the 15-day disabled list on Friday, retroactive to Thursday, because of back and elbow problems. He is batting .255 with 10 home runs and 46 runs batted in 60 games.

Canseco also had his back examined on Monday, by Dr. Robert Watkins, also in Inglewood.

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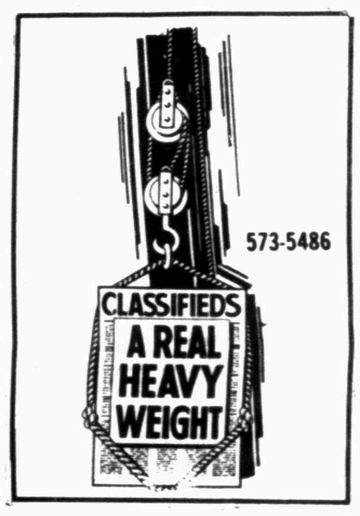

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Woman, four children killed...

Bodies of five found in house

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Half a block from the house where a woman and four children were found slain, an anti-crime yard sign warns: "Beware. You are being watched."

Police found the decomposed bodies Monday morning after breaking into the locked house to check the family's welfare. The stench was overwhelming, but neighbors hadn't reported anything amiss.

Police arrested Roderick L. Smith, the dead woman's husband and stepfather to the children, on five first-degree murder complaints Monday evening, said Sgt. Jessica Cummins.

"He came in and gave himself up; acting real mentally ill, blabbering and acting real mentally off," said Sheriff J.D. Sharp.

Investigators at the scene said the bodies were too badly decomposed to tell the cause of death. They were taken to a medical examiner's office for autopsies.

Police weren't releasing the victims names Monday, but relatives identified them as Jennifer Robin Smith, 31; and her four children from a previous marriage: boys Glen Edward Carter Jr., 9, and Ladarian J. Carter, 7; and girls Shameka Nicole Carter, 10; and Kenesha R. Carter, 6.

Smith, 26, came in Monday morning and deputies took him to the Oklahoma County crisis center, where police later picked him up.

It was Jennifer Smith's mother who alerted police about 9:30 a.m. Monday, saying she hadn't seen the family in several days.

The bodies were in various rooms of the small frame house, Ms. Cummins said. There were no signs of forced entry other than that by the police officers, she said.

"I came out to feed the cats and saw the police cars. I asked what was going on," said next-door-neighbor Darrell Elliott. He said he'd noticed the smell in the morning when he was working in his garage.

He'd also noticed a week earlier that the grass next door was uncut. "I thought maybe they'd moved out at night," said his wife, Fern Elliott.

Yellow police tape surrounded the house Monday afternoon, and uniformed and plain-clothes officers patrolled its perimeter.

A cousin of the woman victim, Orlando Cruse, had to be restrained by police officers when he arrived and learned what had happened. "She's been missing. We couldn't contact her," he told reporters later, his voice breaking.

Despite the advanced state of decomposition, it appeared the bodies had been in the house for only several days, Ms. Cummins said.

"If you haven't been able to smell the smell, it's overwhelming. Just the flies that were located inside the house and the mass number of bodies, the stench was overwhelming," she said.

Jim Young, a neighbor, helped officers break into the house after no one answered.

"One officer came out crying, kind of with tears in his eyes. He was really broken up because of that," Young told reporters. "He called the other officer and they both came out and he was just in tears, really broke up. I guess if you see kids, you know, it would really break your heart."

Neighbors and passersby stood in the shade on the street corner, watching and talking. None claimed to know the family well.

"She was probably in her 30s. Kind of a short woman. We would wave," Elliott said. "I never once spoke with her," Mrs. Elliott added. She thought the family had lived there about a year.

"She wasn't as friendly as he was," Elliott said.

Carla Jackson, a neighbor, described the adult victim as a "sweet" woman who was often lonely for her husband.

"She was always alone with her kids. I never saw her with her husband," Ms. Jackson said.

A kindergarten teacher who knew the family, Antoinette Eddins, said the children were raised very well. But she said the youngest girl told her the stepfather abused her mother.

"She would say, 'My daddy did this to my mommy — my daddy did that to my mommy," Ms. Eddins said. "I would tell her we would pray oo her, and that I hated to see her mother hurt."

She said the mother once wore an eye patch for a month, claiming she'd run into something. She also saw scratches on the mother's neck.

Michelle Tompkins, secretary of the North Highland Neighborhood Association, was in a cluster of neighbors at the scene.

"Five years ago, this was a rowdy neighborhood. But that was five years ago. It has calmed down I'd say 90 percent" since then, Ms. Tompkins said.

She sighed. "Now a lot of people are going to assume it's a rowdy neighborhood again," she said.

Obituaries

Callie Zeck

1901-1993

Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hillside Memorial Gardens for longtime Snyder resident Callie Leora Zeck, 91, who died at 9:25 p.m. Saturday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Officiating will be her grandson, Mark Zeck.

Mrs. Zeck was born on July 5, 1901, in Parkers Landing, Pa. She married Ivan Vance Zeck on Sept. 23, 1923 in Butler, Pa. He died on Dec. 22, 1992.

Mrs. Zeck moved to Snyder with her husband, Ivan V. Zeck, and family in 1949 from Iowa Park. Mr. Zeck was co-founder of an oilfield business that became Y-Z Industries.

Survivors include one son, Ted Zeck of Snyder; two daughters, Sophie Michie of Snyder and Bonnie Hale of Hackett, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Grace Lutheran Church, 5500 College Ave.

Local man charged with sexual assault

A 20-year-old Snyder man is out on $20,000 bond after being arrested on a warrant for sexual assault Monday.

Police placed Jeffery James Morris of 2906½ Ave. V under arrest for sexual assault at 4:29 p.m. Monday. The case will be forwarded to the district attorney's office.

Morris is alleged to have sexually assaulted an 18-year-old woman early Monday morning. The complaint was filed at 9:38 a.m. by the alleged victim.

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PD officers file several reports

Snyder police filed several reports Monday, including ones for theft, trespassing and criminal mischief.

At 2:15 p.m., Ramon Herrera reported that someone had taken the license plate from his pop-up camper. A report for Class B theft was filed.

At 9:46 p.m., officers were informed that three boys were in the Towle Park swimming pool. The youths were transported to the police department and a report for criminal trespass was filed.

At 11:40 p.m., Lisa Guerra reported that someone had broken the windshield out of her friend's vehicle. A report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

Officers also responded to numerous complaints, including six involving the discharging of fireworks.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Jimmy Holloway, 4100 Brick Plant Road; Jack Lewis, 4400 Ave. U.

DISMISSALS: Helen Badger, Tracie Williams and baby.

Census: 40 (Med.-4, Long-Term Care-35, DDU-1).

Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Monday as compared with Friday's prices.

	Mon.	Fri.
Refined Products		
Fuel oil No. 2 NY hbr bg gl fob	.5225	.5203
Gasoline unl prem RVP NY hbr bg gl fob	.6045	.6015
Gasoline unl RVP NY hbr bg gl fob	.5485	.5475
Prices provided by Oil Buyer's Guide.		
X-prices are for RVP grade of gasoline.		
Petroleum - Crude Grades		
Saudi Arabian light $ per bbl fob	14.50	14.65
North Sea Brent $ per bbl fob	17.20	17.25
West Texas Intermed $ per bbl fob	18.90	18.35
Alask No. Slope del. US Gulf Coast	16.65	16.25
Alask No. Slope del. West Coast	15.65	15.59

DNA test clears man of rape-murder charge

JESSUP, Md. (AP) — Kirk Bloodsworth, cleared of murder by a DNA test, celebrated his first taste of freedom in nine years with a hamburger, a sip of champagne and a pizza with "innocent" spelled out in pepperoni.

Bloodsworth, convicted of raping and murdering a 9-year-old girl, was freed from prison Monday after genetic tests of the child's underpants indicated someone else committed the crime. He spent two of his years behind bars on death row.

The 32-year-old Cambridge native returned home Monday night to welcoming banners, signs and balloons. Family and friends threw him a party at a restaurant.

Bloodsworth said he has no immediate plans. "I want to accomplish something. I want it to be good," he said.

Dawn Hamilton was raped, beaten and strangled in 1984. Bloodsworth maintained his innocence through two trials.

Three witnesses had said they saw Bloodsworth with the girl shortly before she disappeared. Bloodsworth insisted he never met the child.

Maryland's Court of Appeals granted Bloodsworth a new trial in 1986 because the prosecution withheld evidence concerning another suspect.

Garza sets productions

POST — The Garza Theatre is postponing its planned production of "The Quilters, originally scheduled for October, until a later date.

Instead, they will offer "Cecil Caldwell's Medicine Show" October 14 and 15, at 7:45 p.m. each night. These performances will be in conjunction with the Founder's Day celebration. Reservations are now being taken at the box office.

The next play production will be "Father of the Bride," by Caroline Francke, based on the novel of the same name by Edward Streeter.

Performances for this classic comedy are scheduled Oct. 22-24, 29-31 and Nov. 5-7, at 7:45 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.

Reservations can be taken at the theatre box office located at 226 E. Main or by calling 1-800-846-3706 or (806) 495-4005.

Ticket prices for both events are $7 for adults and $4 for students under 12. Group rates are available for groups of 12 or more people.

Two from Snyder on honor rolls

BROWNWOOD — Two Snyder students have been named to honor rolls at Howard Payne University.

David W. Trevey, a music education major, has been named to the Honor Roll. In order to qualify, he had to maintain a grade point average between 3.50-3.64.

David A. Cozart has been named to the President's List. He is a practical theology major and had to maintain a GPA of 4.0 to qualify.

FD responds to two fires

Snyder firefighters responded to fires Monday afternoon.

Firemen responded to a fire at a small wooden storage building at Avenue Q and 13th Street at 3:04 p.m.

At 5:25 p.m., firefighters extinguished a grass fire at North Avenue O and Keller.

Firemen said both fires were caused by fireworks.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	627/8	623/8	621/2	-1/4
Albertsons	533/4	527/8	531/2	+7/8
Allidsignal	683/8	677/8	68	—11/8
ALLTEL Cp	527/8	521/2	523/4	+1/8
ALLTEL Cp wi	261/2	261/2	261/2	+1/8
AmStores	451/2	451/4	453/8	+1/8
Amer T&T	63	625/8	627/8	+1/4
Ameritech	801/2	793/4	793/4	-3/4
Amoco	555/8	553/8	551/2	
AndarkPtr	407/8	401/2	403/4	+1/4
Arkla	10	97/8	97/8	
ArmcoInc	71/4	71/8	71/4	+3/8
AtlRichfld	1163/4	1161/8	1163/8	-1/8
BakerHughes	263/8	251/2	255/8	-5/8
BancTexas	2	17/8	17/8	
BellAtl	585/8	577/8	581/8	-5/8
BellSouth	551/2	553/8	553/8	
Beth Steel	187/8	185/8	187/8	+1/4
Borden	191/8	183/4	187/8	-1/4
Caterplr	743/4	741/2	745/8	-5/8
CenSoWst	323/4	321/2	321/2	-1/4
Chevron	875/8	871/4	875/8	+1/4
Chrysler	475/8	47	471/4	+3/8
Coastal	265/8	263/8	263/8	-3/8
CocaCola	431/8	427/8	43	-1/4
ColgatePalm	577/8	575/8	575/8	+3/8
ComlMetl	333/8	331/8	333/8	
CooperIn	503/4	503/8	505/8	-1/4
CyprusMn	237/8	235/8	237/8	
DallSemicn	147/8	141/2	147/8	+1/2
DeltaAirl	473/4	471/2	473/4	
DigitalEq	421/2	413/4	417/8	-7/8
Dillard	371/8	365/8	363/4	-1/4
DowChem	557/8	551/8	551/4	-1/8
DresserInd	233/4	231/2	235/8	-1/4
DuPont	48	471/2	477/8	-3/8
EstKodak	507/8	501/2	501/2	-1/2
EljerInd	65/8	65/8	65/8	
Enserch	171/2	173/8	173/8	-1/8
Exxon	661/8	651/2	651/2	-5/8
FlowerInd	171/4	17	171/4	+3/8
FordMotor	523/8	513/4	521/8	+1/2
GTE Cp	361/2	361/4	363/8	-1/8
GenDynam	883/8	873/4	873/4	-1/2
GenElct	953/4	951/8	955/8	+1/4
GnMill	661/4	651/2	653/4	+3/8
GenMotors	445/8	443/8	445/8	+1/4
GnMotr E	303/8	30	301/4	-3/8
GaPacif	581/2	571/2	575/8	—1
GlobalMar	41/2	43/8	41/2	+1/8
Goodrich	435/8	431/4	431/4	-1/8
Goodyear s	421/8	411/2	413/4	-1/2
GtAtlPac	331/4	323/4	331/4	+1/2
Gulf StaUt	183/8	183/8	183/8	-1/8
Haliburtn	383/4	381/4	381/2	+3/4
Hanson ADS	171/8	17	17	-1/8
HoustInd	437/8	435/8	437/8	+3/8
IBM	501/2	495/8	495/8	-3/4
IntlPaper	637/8	623/8	627/8	—11/8
JohnsnJns	413/8	41	411/4	
K mart	205/8	201/4	201/2	
Kroger	171/2	171/4	173/8	-1/8
Litton	653/8	651/8	651/8	-1/8
vjLoneStar	17/8	17/8	17/8	
Lowes	383/4	377/8	383/4	+3/4
Lubys	201/2	203/8	203/8	-1/4
Maxus	91/8	87/8	91/8	+1/8
MayDS s	383/4	381/4	383/4	+1/4
Medtronic	681/4	671/4	681/4	+3
Mobil	755/8	751/8	751/8	-1/2
Monsanto	591/2	591/8	591/2	+1/8
Motorola s	877/8	871/4	871/4	-7/8
Nationsbk	501/8	491/4	493/8	-5/8
Navistar	21/2	21/4	23/8	
Nynex	891/2	89	893/8	+1/8
OryxEngy	205/8	201/4	201/4	-3/8
PacTelesis	481/2	483/8	481/2	
PanhECp	261/8	241/4	243/8	+1/4
PenneyJC s	461/4	455/8	46	-1/4
Pennzoil	641/4	631/2	635/8	-5/8
PepBoys	223/8	217/8	221/4	+1/4
PhelpDodge	443/8	435/8	443/8	+5/8
PhilipPet	283/4	281/2	281/2	-1/4
PilgrmPrd	81/8	8	81/8	
Polaroid	377/8	373/8	373/8	-3/4
Praxair n	153/8	151/4	153/8	
Primerica s	527/8	517/8	521/8	-1/2
ProctGamble	517/8	511/8	513/8	+1/2
PubS NwMx	131/2	131/4	131/4	-1/8
SFePacCp	173/8	17	173/8	+3/8
SaraLee s	243/4	241/2	243/4	+1/4
SearsRoeb	55	541/2	543/4	-1/4
SherwinW	311/2	31	313/8	-1/8
SmthBch s	321/2	323/8	321/2	
SmthBc eqt s	287/8	285/8	287/8	+1/4
Southern Co	423/4	423/8	423/8	-1/4
SwAirl s	423/4	421/8	423/8	+1/2
SwBell s	383/8	377/8	38	
Sprint	343/8	337/8	343/8	+3/8
SterlingChm	37/8	33/4	33/4	-1/8
SunCo	241/2	243/8	243/8	
TNP Ent	173/4	175/8	175/8	-1/8
Tandy	293/4	291/2	293/4	+3/8
TempInl	445/8	441/2	441/2	-1/4
Tenneco	505/8	503/8	505/8	+1/2
Texaco	641/4	633/4	637/8	-1/2
TexasInd	225/8	225/8	225/8	-1/4
TexasInst	72	711/2	717/8	+1/2
Tex Util	46	455/8	453/4	-1/4
Textron	551/2	551/8	551/8	+1/4
Trinity	493/8	487/8	493/8	+5/8
TritonEngy	333/4	331/4	333/4	+1/8
US West	453/8	45	451/4	+1/8
USX Delhi n	211/2	211/2	211/2	
USX-Marathn	171/8	167/8	171/8	+1/8
USX-USS	397/8	395/8	397/8	
UnCarbde	19	183/4	187/8	-1/8
UnPac	615/8	611/8	611/4	-1/4
UnitedTech	545/8	541/8	541/8	-3/8
Unocal	295/8	291/2	291/2	-1/4
WalMart s	265/8	263/8	261/2	-1/4
WstnGasRs	343/4	345/8	343/4	-1/8
WestghEl	15	143/4	147/8	-1/4
WinnDixie	567/8	563/8	561/2	-5/8
Woolwth	28	273/4	28	+1/8
Xerox Cp	81	805/8	805/8	-1/4
ZenithE	81/2	8	81/8	-3/8

O'Leary's a hit at conference, but Clinton's tax plan is not

WASHINGTON (AP) — They came, they saw, they tried to keep an open mind about the Clinton administration. But for most of the energy industry executives and engineers, it wasn't easy.

"I didn't vote for the guy, but I'm willing to give him a chance," Arthur G. Haan, vice president of strategic affairs at Indianapolis Power & Light Co., said of President Clinton.

Haan was one of 200 participants in a two-day conference on the future of energy. Many seemed preoccupied with the present, especially with Clinton's proposed energy tax.

A lot of the businessmen don't like the administration's proposal to tax virtually all energy sources based on the heat content of the fuels, meaning higher electricity costs for both business and residential customers.

The so-called Btu tax has been approved by the House, but scaled back to a 4.3 cent transportation tax in the Senate. The energy executives prefer the Senate version.

A House-Senate conference committee now must decide what approach to take.

Addressing the skeptical group of businessmen was Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, whose roots in the energy industry made her the hit of the conference's opening day.

Her message, "It's diversity, stupid," was emblazoned across the tops of colored charts. The point: the energy industry must develop all types of fuels and use them more efficiently. The words were a takeoff on the slogan put up on an office wall during Clinton's campaign: "It's the economy, stupid."

Before coming to Washington, O'Leary was president of the natural gas subsidiary of Northern States Power Co. — and on Monday she seemed every bit the utility executive.

During a question-and-answer session, she agreed with one oil company operator that the administration should consider doing more for domestic producers. But she also offered some criticism, suggesting that the executives have become too conservative in the way they manage their businesses.

And she refused to back away from the Btu tax, saying, "I'm not ashamed of it. We shaped it at (the Department of) Energy."

"She wants to work with us," said Jere D. Smith, a spokesman for Phillips Petroleum Co.

Smith's only concern: "I don't know how much influence DOE will have today. There's an environmentalist tilt" elsewhere in the administration.

One engineer at the conference, Ira Bornstein, called himself "a proud Democrat," but said he was angry at Clinton anyway.

For Bornstein, the turnabout came early this year when the new administration decided to "zero out" a nuclear reactor project on which Bornstein worked, called an integral fast reactor.

WTC budget studied

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rently losing money and has no funds for replacement vehicles.

Among the expenses in the budget are two vehicles at $15,000 each. These vehicles will be used for extension centers. Two vehicles currently being used for extension centers will be moved over to the driver's ed program.

Some other key expenses include:

—$24,000 as an annual payment to the Scholarship Fund for the central computer system.

—$11,370 in processing equipment for federal programs in the student financial aid office.

—$27,000 for a tractor and utility truckster for grounds maintenance.

—$12,500 for two walking greens mowers and irrigation control boxes at the golf course.

—$12,000 for a greenhouse at the Price Daniel Unit.

—$5,500 for a tarp and partial payment of a handicapped chair lift for the swimming pool.

—$8,000 for training weapons in the correctional department.

—$6,600 for furniture in the college apartments.

Also, some $80,000 has been set aside in contingency.

The general fund budget for 1993-94 has been calculated at $6,718,406, a little more than $400,000 over last year's budget.

Trustee John Fagin suggested budgeting $20,000 to $30,000 for a management audit to help the college plan more effectively for the future.

"I think it would be immensely valuable to us," said Fagin.

John Gayle, board chairman, asked about funds for the beginning of a baseball program.

"My concern is this is an area of interest that we could provide for the local community, and help offset expenses of the dormitory," Gayle said.

College President Dr. Harry Krenek said it would cost $65,000 to $75,000 "to get ready" to play baseball in the 1994-95 season. Those expenses would begin in February of 1994 with the hiring of a coach and preparation of a practice field.

In response to concerns from Fagin and Gayle, Krenek said he would research the feasibility of a lower-cost management audit, and would work up some new figures from other schools concerning baseball programs.

In addition to Krenek, others addressing the board were Gay Hickman, vice president for business and finance; Bettie McQueen, dean of instruction; Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services; Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education; and Leeon Pettitt, director of the physical plant.

Trustees present were Gayle, Fagin, Dr. Jay Kidd, Carolyn Barbee, Carl Williams and R.C. Patton. Bill Wilson III was absent.

Opera dates announced

ABILENE — The Abilene Opera Association's 1993 production is Donizetti's "The Daughter of the Regiment," which tells the story of a young girl who has been reared by an army regiment in Napoleonic times. Marie is now at the age where she must enter society and has to learn social graces and etiquette in a hurry. It is also the tale of young love frustrated, then victorious.

"The Daughter of the Regiment" stars Kathy McNiel as Marie; J. Prentice Loftin as Tonio; and Paul Piersall as Sulpice.

Performances at the Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress, will be Friday, July 23, 8 p.m.; and Sunday afternoon matinee, July 25, 2 p.m. For ticket information call 691-0348. All seats reserved.

A Sunday buffet at Grace Cultural Center, North First and Cypress, will be available prior to the 2 p.m. performance.

Ford recalls three models

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. is recalling about 101,000 1991 Escorts and Tracers because of a defect that could cause the steering column to lock up.

The automaker said some of the ignition lock assemblies break loose from the steering column when the ignition is turned off and the key removed. That prevents the steering wheel from turning even when the car is restarted.

The recall applies to Escorts and Tracers with manual transmissions.

The automaker said Monday it knows of no accidents related to that defect or another flaw that prompted Ford to recall about 3,900 1993-model Probes.

Ford said struts on the rear hatch on about 100 Probes may be defective and could cause the hatch to drop unexpectedly.

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What to do when M.D.s are stumped

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My sister is extremely debilitated, has poor appetite, memory loss, poor eyesight, severe headaches and a plethora of medical problems. She's been to many doctors without much success. Are there clinics that treat hard-to-cure patients? We're desperate.

DEAR READER: Most teaching hospitals — particularly those affiliated with medical schools — have diagnostic medical clinics, where specialists are adept at identifying unusual medical conditions.

It sounds to me as though this resource would help your sister, whose peculiar medical syndrome has stumped the many doctors she has seen.

Ask your family doctor for a referral.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from extremely dry skin and scalp, mainly on my arms and legs. The scales grow so enormous that I sit in the bathtub and de-scale myself with a knife. This causes severe pain, but I have no choice. No lotions work and I feel like a freak. I need help.

DEAR READER: You may have icthyosis, an inherited condition marked by exceedingly dry skin that peels. Although you should see a dermatologist for advice and treatment, many patients with icthyosis are helped by emollient creams containing petrolatum or mineral oil.

Also, this skin condition is often associated with infection, which must be aggressively treated with antibiotic pills. I might add that your habit "de-scaling" yourself with a knife may add to the risk of infection. Additional therapy, which may be prescribed by the skin specialist, includes etretrinate or isotretinoin pills.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a cure for anxiety? The drug I take for control makes me drowsy. I can't sleep or think clearly. My heart pounds so loudly I can hear it. What can I do for control?

DEAR READER: As I have written before, anxiety is a part of the human condition; we all experience it. Nonetheless, some forms of anxiety are disabling and may even progress into panic attacks.

While I don't endorse the use of anxiety-lowering drugs for mild/moderate anxiety, the short-term use of medicine such as Xanax or Ativan is often helpful, particularly when administered in conjunction with counseling.

The two drugs I mentioned do not cause drowsiness, as do Valium and Librium, the tranquilizers traditionally prescribed for extreme anxiety. Ask your doctor about this.

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

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Business Mirror

By John Cunniff
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — There is an inflation that does not go by that name but which pinches and stresses household budgets in the same way as price increases. It is called taxes.

Taxes — local, state, federal — have inflated nearly 400 percent since 1960 (that's after discounting for the better-known price inflation), jumping from a total of $675 billion in the earlier year to $2.5 trillion.

Averaged out, says economist Stephen Moore, it means government spending per household has risen from $12,790 in 1960 to more than $23,000 today.

Delving into the past and using the same measuring stick — that is, dollars of comparable value — reveals that in 1930 federal, state and local government expenditures amounted to only $99 billion, and in 1900 to only $26 billion.

Those figures are now likely to rise even more, since the Senate and House have passed separate tax increase measures which somehow seem destined to be merged into an agreement that will get President Clinton's signature.

Oddly, while the Senate and House were busy with their business, some of the economic community was worried more about the sort of inflation that is better known, that kind reflected in producer and consumer prices.

Their worries were overdone, because the official rates for the past 12 months through May came in at just 2 percent for the Producer Price Index and 3.2 percent for the Consumer Price Index, both less than anticipated.

To some extent, the explanation for the concern is that financial people are accustomed to measuring price inflation, the great destroyer of economies in the past. Their work is made easier by those measuring sticks.

Since 1920, the Consumer Price Index has grown at a compound annual rate of about 3.1 percent, but it has been subject to great extremes, rising 18.2 percent in 1946, and declining 10.3 percent in 1932.

The worst 10-year period was in the years 1973 through 1982, when the CPI rose 8.7 percent a year for a total of 130 percent. Those were terrible years — nightmare years — for people with savings or living on fixed incomes.

For some members of the taxpaying community, many of whom feel as great a level of financial insecurity as did savers in the 1970s, so is a 400 percent increase in taxes over a 30-year period.

Moore, an authority on government finances, arrived at the 400 percent figure in a paper for the Institute for Policy Innovation, a Dallas-based think tank. He concedes some of the money was used well — but that much was not.

The threat of price inflation is almost always known because it is measured each and every month and eagerly awaited by the media. The measurements, the CPI and PPI among them, are well known to most people.

No such popular, sharply delineated index measures the ascent or descent of taxes. Instead, popular judgments often are made on the basis of political rhetoric, much of it discounted by listeners as polemical.

There are less well-known indexes, such as those showing taxes per person aren't rising much in relation to growing population, but then one wonders what happened to the efficiencies of scale. Shouldn't the rate be falling?

One compiler of price and tax statistics simply combines tax increases and price increases into one measurement. Sindlinger & Co. of Wallingford, Pa., compiles what it calls the Sindlinger Cost of Living Index.

In the week ended June 17, for example, that index was up 9.07 percent from the same week a year earlier, nearly triple the CPI rate. Sindlinger includes local, state and federal taxes, and some insurance costs not in the CPI.

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June 29, 1993

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 5-4 vote, found capital punishment a violation of the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William J. Mayo (1861-1939), surgeon; Frank Loesser (1910-1969), composer; Ruth Warrick (1916-), actress, is 77; Harmon Killebrew (1936-), baseball star, is 57; Elizabeth Dole (1936-), administrator, is 57; Kwame Toure (Stokely Carmichael) (1941-), civil-rights leader, is 52; Gary Busey (1944-), actor, is 49; Pedro Guerrero (1956-), baseball player, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Pete Rose set a major-league baseball record by playing in his 3,309th game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Violence is as American as cherry pie." — Stokely Carmichael

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1878, an observer on Colorado's Pike's Peak observed a storm over South Park, 50 miles away.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between the first quarter (June 26) and full moon (July 3).

TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET

We don't need any goop to treat our gray hair. What we need is some hair so we can go out and buy goop to treat it.

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Speaker system for death chamber wasn't very good

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Texas prison officials early today unveiled a new look in the Texas death chamber, installing a double wall of plastic glass and a speaker system to monitor the final statements of condemned killers.

The speaker system performed poorly, however, distorting the final comments of convicted killer Markham Duff-Smith, who confessed to masterminding two separate plots in the 1970s that took the lives of his mother, sister, brother-in-law and infant nephew.

Texas Department of Corrections spokesman Charles Brown said the plastic, installed behind jail bars that separate the condemned man on the gurney from execution witnesses, was intended as a security measure and was requested by the Walls Unit warden, Jack Pursley.

"The warden had been talking about this for some time," Brown said.

The glass, held in place by a wooden frame, was installed by inmates in the last two weeks. It was the first change in the death chamber since the mid 1980s, when a new gurney was installed, along with jail bars, new lighting and a light blue paint job.

Before installation of the glass, inmates could clearly be heard and could exchange comments with witnesses, either friends and family or reporters allowed to see the execution.

A speaker installed on the back wall of the death chamber was intended to pick up the comments of the inmate but he now is unable to hear any response from the witnesses.

Another speaker on the witness side of the glass was intended to air the comments.

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Simmering House resentment noted over changes in tax bill

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's more sound than substance to the speechmaking that prefaces a day's work in the House, brief talks that are tolerated, not acclaimed.

But there was a scattering of applause the other day when a gadfly Democrat aimed angry words at the Senate for rewriting the tax increases swallowed by the House.

"Members of the House, we are second-class citizens on tax issues," cried Rep. James Traficant of Ohio. "... The truth is when tax bills come back from the other body, we cannot even recognize them."

The Constitution puts the House in charge of originating revenue bills.

"What a laugh," said Traficant, since the Senate preempts them with its own tax measures.

It's an old irritant, and cross-Capitol resentments are old business. The strain is showing as the House and Senate prepare to start bargaining next week on the final tax and spending terms that will add up to the budget.

And Republicans, who held their party line against the budget bills that just made it, are pointing up the friction in a Congress run by Democrats.

Sen. Bob Packwood of Oregon: "If I were House Democrats, I'd be madder than hops about the Btu tax being dropped after I'd been made to walk the plank on something I didn't like anyway."

That was the original Clinton energy tax, scrapped in the Senate in favor of a gasoline tax to get enough votes to get the budget bill through with none to spare.

Now the Democrats have to put together a compromise that will work on both sides of the Capitol. Vice President Al Gore, who broke the tie early Friday, said there will be an extremely narrow margin on the final version, too.

But Democratic leaders said it will pass by early August, before Congress takes its summer vacation.

The institutional strains add to

AP analysis

the political challenge.

For example, while conservative Senate Democrats have declared the Btu tax dead, the top tax man in the House adroitly suggested on national television that President Clinton shouldn't yield easily on the measure he pushed through a reluctant House.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said on NBC Sunday that he's been with Clinton seven or eight times in the past two weeks, "and the president's never suggested to me that the Btu tax is dead."

It is, because it can't pass the Senate. But there is a compromise to be bargained out, and early surrender on the House position would risk the fragile margin there.

Under the quaint etiquette of the rules, neither branch is supposed to talk about the other. Strictly speaking, they don't even have names. In the House, the Senate is supposed to be referred to as "the other body." And vice versa.

The resentments, along with the congressional career traffic, generally run one way: House toward Senate. Thirty-three current senators served first in the House. Nobody now in Congress went in the other direction. There's always been an undertone of House envy at the political celebrity that goes with a Senate seat, not to mention the security of the six-year terms.

In a survey conducted for the joint committee looking at congressional reform, nearly 68 percent of House Democrats said improving relations between the House and Senate should be one of its top priorities. Only about half the Democratic senators felt that way.

Institutional tensions have surfaced on budgets before.

Thirty years ago, there was a stall when the venerable chairman of House and Senate appropriations committees each balked at crossing to the other side of the Capitol to confer on the final terms of spending bills.

A room in the middle was designated as belonging to neither branch, and therefore to both, to settle that stalemate.

There more often have been strains over tax bills, on which the Senate always gets second crack.

It's not quite failsafe, though. After this budget vote, Sen. Bob Dole, the Republican leader, recalled another, in 1985, when Vice President George Bush broke a tie in favor of a bill that included restraints on Social Security increases. The Senate was Republican then, but not for long.

The Democratic House blocked the bill, with White House acquiescence. "And we lost six seats the next year," said Dole.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Ernest Hemingway might not approve

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Mariel Hemingway says she's not sure her grandfather Ernest Hemingway would have approved of her career.

"It's a good thing he's not alive," she said in the July 3 issue of TV Guide. "He hated Hollywood. He felt the movie industry bastardized and misrepresented his work."

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Dear Abby

Roses From Dentist Smell Fishy to Suspicious Readers

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am shocked at your insensitivity to "Roses in Brooklyn," who was upset because his wife's dentist had sent her a dozen roses after numerous visits because she had been such a "great" patient.

How about knocking a couple hundred dollars off the bill instead?

I agree with the husband — the dentist was, indeed, presumptuous — unless, of course, this "extensive work" was not of the dental variety. And shame on his wife for not being more sensitive to her husband's concerns. I wonder how sweet she would have been had her husband received roses from a female professional for being such a great "whatever"?

NOT SO NAIVE,
EAST GREENBUSH, N.Y.

DEAR NOT SO NAIVE: Apparently, you were not alone to question my approval. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: We are appalled at your response to the letter sent in by "Roses in Brooklyn." It is, indeed, presumptuous of the dentist to have sent roses to a married patient for having been such a "great" patient. What would the dentist have sent a male patient for being such a "great" patient — whatever that means?

MINNESOTA READERS

DEAR NOT SO NAIVE AND MINNESOTA READERS: According to my mail, you were in the minority. Let's hear it from Southampton, Pa.:

DEAR ABBY: Shame on that husband who resented his wife's dentist for sending her roses for being such a "great" patient.

The husband was making a mountain out of a molehill. It was definitely a sweet gesture. The dentist was merely expressing his appreciation for bringing him the business. The wife could have selected another dentist. There is no shortage of them.

My mother recently had cataract surgery, and the following day, her doctor sent her a coffee mug filled with fresh flowers. On the cup was printed: "Thank you for being a great patient!"

My mother and I thought it was a very sweet gesture — so did my husband. My mom was so impresssed, she sent him a thank-you note.

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DEAR ABBY: I am married, in my late 30s and the mother of two lively teen-age boys. Everyone thinks my marriage is "ideal"; they have no idea of the turbulence in my marriage or the confusion I feel. Because of my husband's status in this community, there is no one I can confide in. A scandal could be damaging.

I would like to write you a longer letter, not for publication, but I would like to get a personal reply from you. I seem to remember an address appeared in your column some time ago, but I haven't seen it for some time. Please answer soon. I am a longtime reader and never miss your column.

IN TURMOIL IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR TURMOIL: The address to write for a personal response is: Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. Be sure to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your personal reply.

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Groups want limits on contributions

AUSTIN (AP) — A coalition of watchdog and public interest groups has called on statewide judicial candidates to limit campaign contributions and spending.

The groups Monday urged candidates to sign pledges to cap campaign spending at $2 million and acceptance of PAC funds to $50,000. Currently, there are no limitations on raising money or taking PAC funds.

The pledge — patterned after legislation that passed the Texas Senate but failed in the House — would also limit contributions from individuals and law firms; increase disclosure of donors; and limit how much a candidate could loan him or herself for their campaign.

The limits are needed to reduce the influence of special-interest lobbies with business before the state's highest appellate courts, especially the Texas Supreme Court, the coalition said.

The campaign reforms were unveiled at a news conference featuring representatives of the League of Women Voters, Public Citizen, Common Cause Texas, and the Texas Consumer Rights League.

David Bragg, an attorney who leads the Texas Consumer Rights Action League, said the growth of PAC funding in state Supreme Court races has grown more than tenfold in eight years.

In 1984, he said, PACs spent $100,000 in Supreme Court races. In 1992, the total was more than $1.2 million.

"I cannot point to a particular candidate and say, 'That candidate has been bought,'" said Bragg. "I think what we all have seen though is an increased (politicization) of the Supreme Court, taking it further from its role as a judicial branch of government and more into a political type arena."

"If campaign money didn't influence politics and decisions then some of the biggest interest groups in the state are wasting a lot of money," said Tom Smith, executive director of Public Citizen.

Bragg and Smith said an emerging concern is the difficulty in tracking which candidates are getting certain PAC donations, called "soft money." This is when a PAC donates services instead of cash, or spreads a contribution among several candidates in different races, they said.

In the 1991-92 election period, more than $250,000 was spent by PACs to benefit particular candidates, but that money was not reported on the contribution and expenditure reports of the candidates, Bragg said.

"The PACs knew who was getting the money; the candidates knew it was being spent, only you and I were kept in the dark," he said.

Missile attack called only temporary setback for Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Iraqi security compound hit by U.S. missiles was the nerve center of Saddam Hussein's intelligence network, but analysts say they doubt that Saddam's ability to carry out terrorism suffered more than a temporary setback.

The headquarters wing of what the Defense Department calls the Iraqi Intelligence Service was heavily damaged in the nighttime attack by ship-launched Tomahawk cruise missiles. Auxiliary buildings with computer, record-keeping and communications equipment also were damaged, according to Pentagon estimates.

But the walled compound in downtown Baghdad is only one part of a far-flung Iraqi intelligence network that reaches into virtually every town and village in Iraq.

The key to Saddam's ability to use his intelligence system in planning and executing terrorist acts is the knowledge and experience of his intelligence officials, not the readily replaceable buildings and offices in which they work, the analysts said.

"You knock down their buildings, they just rebuild," said David Kay, who headed a United Nations special commission that inspected Iraq's nuclear program after the 1991 Gulf War.

"The strength of any intelligence operation isn't in a building, it's in the people," said Kay, who was shadowed by Iraqi security forces during his seven weeks in Iraq in 1991.

U.S. officials said they launched the attack at 2 a.m. Baghdad time because the fewest number of people would be expected to be working in the compound then.

President Clinton said Monday his national security aides had concluded that the missile attack "did in fact cripple the Iraqi intelligence capacity."

Private analysts said they believed "cripple" was too strong a characterization.

Anthony Cordesman, a leading specialist in Iraqi and Middle Eastern military affairs, said the attack "would not have seriously inhibited" Saddam's ability to use his intelligence services to carry out terrorist acts.

Cordesman said the Iraqi intelligence service targeted by Clinton has regional centers throughout Iraq, has underground facilities in other parts of Baghdad and is not fully dependent on the computer equipment damaged or destroyed in the attack. It is not primarily a military intelligence service, he said.

Cordesman and other analysts said Saddam has roughly a half dozen different intelligence services performing similar — sometimes overlapping and sometimes changing — security and domestic and foreign intelligence functions.

The intelligence service compound that was struck in the U.S. attack is well-known by ordinary Iraqis in Baghdad, Kay said, as the place suspected dissidents or others believed to be disloyal to Saddam are taken for interrogation.

"In the early days of my time there some Iraqis would say to us, 'We wish you had hit this site harder,'" during the Gulf War air campaign — reflecting their loathing of Saddam's smothering system of internal control, Kay said.

The intelligence headquarters compound was struck by missiles during the Gulf War, but Saddam rebuilt it.

Clinton said he targeted the headquarters building because it was responsible for plotting the alleged effort to assassinate President Bush in Kuaat last April. Iraq denies any link to the assassination attempt, which was foiled.

Tom Cruise leaves mark

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Tom Cruise made a good impression — several of them, in fact — as he sank his feet and hands into wet concrete at Mann's Chinese Theater.

Cruise on Monday became the 173rd celebrity to leave his mark outside the theater on Hollywood Boulevard.

Cruise, accompanied by wife, Nicole Kidman, posed for pictures and signed autographs for many in the crowd of hundreds.

Auctioneers liquidate artist's studio, works

WASHINGTON (AP) — An auctioneer started the bidding at $100 and the white plaster model of the famed Iwo Jima Memorial went for that price.

"It's disgraceful," Felix de Weldon said of the bankruptcy auction to liquidate what once was his sculptor's studio. "In any other country someone like me becomes a national treasure. Except in the rich United States, they try to ruin somebody who created many heroic monuments."

Auctioneers on Monday sold de Weldon's dilapidated 19th century brick studio and its contents to pay off creditors after the artist filed bankruptcy. De Weldon had been unable to repay a $1.5 million loan he had taken out for the care of his late wife who had Alzheimer's disease.

De Weldon, whose talents once were sought by generals and presidents and whose works are found worldwide, watched as people in jeans and T-shirts loaded up their cars with bronze busts, plaster figures, clay models, broken or whole, finished or unfinished, famous or obscure.

Three buildings and land went for $30,000, and the various items inside for $25 to $1,000 each. A plaster scale model of the Iwo Jima Memorial, known officially as the Marine Corps War Memorial, went for just $100.

"I'm thrilled to own works by such an esteemed artist," said Barbara Gordon, a Bethesda, Md., antiques dealer who purchased the studio and more than a dozen statues and busts, including the Iwo Jima model. "It's something I love and collect as Americana. This is another chapter in the history of America."

De Weldon was born in Austria and later became a U.S. citizen. He says he is 76, but may be as old as 85, according to various accounts.

He created the Iwo Jima Memorial after seeing a prize-winning photo by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal of U.S. Marines planting the flag atop the Pacific island at the end of one of the bloodiest engagements in World War II.

Fifteen people followed the sweating auctioneer through the series of studios with rotting beams and vines creeping through broken windows. They were in a room dominated by the 12-foot Iwo Jima model, stained with moss, bird droppings and the ignominy of a $100 dollar purchase price.

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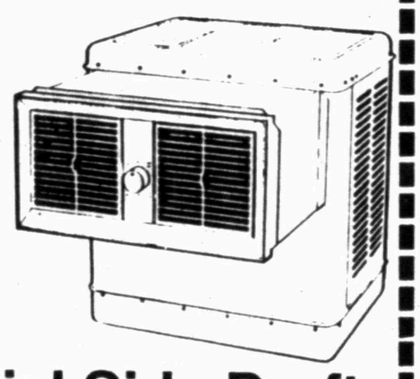

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