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Ask Us

Q—What is the purpose of Daylight Savings Time and how can we go about changing it?

A—Daylight Savings Time began in 1967 under the Uniform Time Act to conserve energy and reduce traffic injuries and fatalities. The act is overseen by the Department of Transportation. States have the authority to exempt themselves from Daylight Savings Time.

Local

Legion

Nominations to fill vacant officer positions for the remainder of the year will be the subject of a 7:30 p.m. meeting today at the American Legion.

Nursing Center

Snyder Nursing Center Family Council will convene at 7 o'clock today at the center for its quarterly meeting.

Families of residents are welcome.

Weather class

A weather information class will be held at 7 this evening at the Central Fire Station.

There is no charge, and the event is open to the public.

Ira ISD

Ira school board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday to adopt a 1992-93 school calander and bids for renovation of a teacherage.

A resignation, request for leave of absence and hiring auxiliary staff and a part-time counselor are also on the agenda.

Appraisal

Scurry County Appraisal District board will hear an audit report from Davis, Kinard & Co., discuss mapping programs and equipment, and approve bills payable and collection reports Tuesday.

The meeting is scheduled at 8 a.m. in the appraisal district office.

Hermleigh

A public meeting concerning the Hermleigh water works will be held this evening at 7 o'clock in the Hermleigh High School auditorium.

Scurry County Judge Bob Doolittle and commissioner Jerry Gannaway will conduct the meeting.

A representative of the Farmers Home Administration will also attend the meeting to answer questions.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 92 degrees; low, 55 degrees; high Sunday, 59 degrees; low, 49 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 52 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 8.26 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Low in the upper 50s. Chance of rain less than 20 percent. Wind southeast 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the lower 80s. Southeast wind 10 to 20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:11 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:16 a.m. Of 103 days in 1992, the sun shone 94 days in Snyder.

Early polls open today

ISD candidate forum tonight

Citizens will be able to hear the views of the eight Snyder public schools trustee candidates at a public forum this evening.

The forum comes on the opening day of the early voting period for Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira ISD, Snyder City Council and Western Texas College board elections.

The elections are all scheduled for May 2.

Tonight's forum, scheduled for 7 o'clock in the junior high auditorium, is being sponsored by the Snyder Classroom Teachers Association. Running for two at-large places on the board are Benjamin Felan, Luann Burleson, Mike Levens, Charles G. Anderson, Tim Coffman, Travis Bunch, Rudy Gutierrez and Richard Chambers.

Early voting began today at the SISD administration building. Voting on May 2 will be at City Hall.

The ballot for Western Texas College board of trustees has Carolyn Barbee and Mike Dennis as candidates for Place 3. W. Jay Kidd and Joe B. Flowers are contending for Place 4. Both are at-large positions.

A public forum for those candidates has been scheduled for 4 p.m. April 28 in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

Early voting is taking place at the WTC administration building. Voting May 2 will be at City Hall, Ira Community Center and Hermleigh School.

Six men are seeking two at-large places on the Hermleigh ISD board of trustees. They are R. Neil Beeks, Ronnie Price, Nelson Edwin Eckert, Allen Kuss and Randy Bates.

Voting, both during the early period and on election day, is at Hermleigh School.

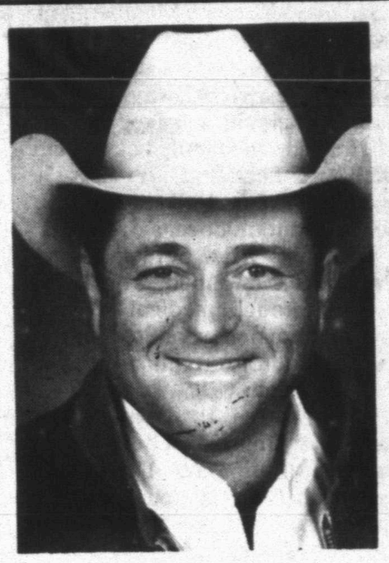
Candidates for Place 1 on the Ira ISD board of trustees are Darryl Calley and Don Davis. Keith Clements is the only candidate for Place 6. Wylie H. Oliver, R. Douglass White and Jeff Brown are running for Place 7.

Early voting is being held in the Ira administration office. Voting on May 2 will be at Ira Community Center.

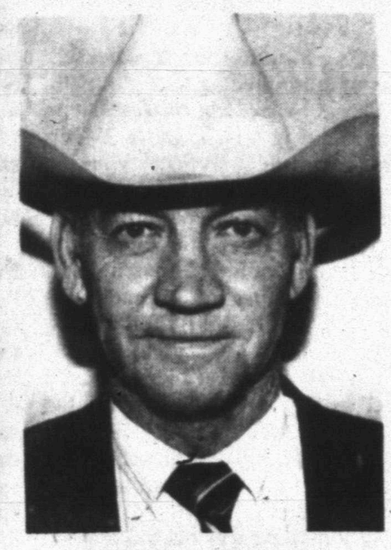
There will be four ballots representing the four Snyder City Council seats up for election. They are, District 1, Vernest Tippens; District 2, Jack Denman; District 3, Mike Post; and District 4, Jack Greene Jr. None of the races are contested.

Voting during the early period and on election day is at City Hall.

The early voting period for all five boards runs weekdays through April 28.



WELDON BECK



RALPH TREVEY

Runoff election slated Tuesday

Polls will be open at two locations Tuesday in the Democratic runoff election for Precinct 1 County Commissioner.

Election polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at precinct boxes 14 (Northeast Community Center) and 15 (north side of Scurry County Coliseum).

Weldon Beck, a 37-year-old rancher, and Ralph Trevey, a 47-year-old cotton farmer, are contesting for the Democratic nomination.

The winner will face Republican Jerry Morgan in the November general election. Morgan, 45, was appointed in August of 1991 to replace retiring commissioner Duaine Davis.

Any registered voter who is a resident of Precinct 1 and who did not vote in the Republican Primary may vote in the runoff. A person voting in the runoff need not have voted in the Democratic Primary.

Forty-eight people cast their ballots during the early voting period, which ended Friday.



EASTER PARTY — Two-year-old Jessica Deleon, daughter of Frances Deleon, shows off an Easter egg she found during the Rainbow School's Easter party held Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira one-act advances to Region II contest

Ira's one act play, "The Foreigner," was one of two Class A plays picked Saturday to advance to regionals.

Eula High School's "April Fish" joined Ira as winning plays at the Area III contest in Eden.

From Ira, Cory Beltz and Ronal White were named to the all-star cast. Misty Mathis and Lee Haddox received honorable mention.

Ira and Eula will advanced to the Region II contest April 25 at McMurry University in Abilene.

Sue Parham, Ira drama director, praised this year's cast, which includes a number of sophomores.

"I am very proud of them. They have worked very hard and it's paying off now," said Parham, who noted Ira is one of only 25 Class A schools left in the state-wide competition.

The judge was also complimentary, calling the characters "funny," and the play "delightful."

For the 1990-1991 school year, Ira advanced to area with "Dark of the Moon." Three years ago, the school's production of "And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson" made it to state.

Other cast members include Amy Oppegard, Vernon Groce, Cole Sterling, Phillip Klucher, Tom Sanchez, and Chris Chance.

Crew members are Lindsey Northcott, Shauna Payne and Kent Smith.

Naming of new WTC coach tops trustee agenda tonight

Renewal of contracts and recommendations for a women's basketball coach are on the agenda for Western Texas College board of trustees tonight.

Consideration of bids for a central computer system and the outside audit are also topics for the 5:45 p.m. meeting.

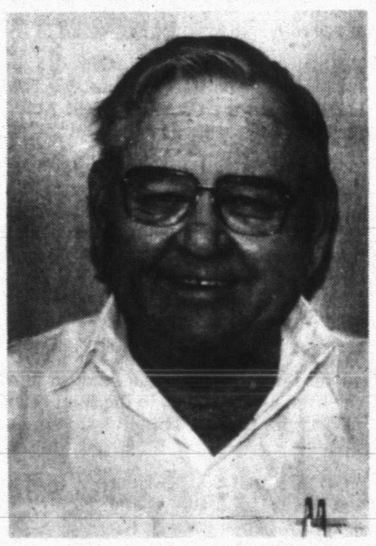
A five-person selection committee interviewed coaching candidates last week and is expected to make a recommendation to the board this evening. The college is seeking to replace Kelly Chadwick, who has announced his retirement at the end of the semester. In a formality, the board will also accept Chadwick's resignation.

In other personnel moves, the board is expected to name an assistant professor of art and to accept the resignation of Bob Scott, special needs coordinator.

Sixty-three professional contracts are also expected to be approved during the meeting.

Trustees will consider bids totalling $193,701 for the purchase of a central computer system, including software and training, plus additional hardware. Some $100,000 has been budgeted for the system. The board will discuss whether to enter into a lease-purchase plan, take the necessary additional funds from contingency or work them into the 1992-93 budget.

Four accounting firms have submitted bids for the annual outside audit. Trustees discussed the bids during their March meeting but tabled the matter at that time.



MAC McCOWN

McCown 2-T2 Lt. Governor

C.A. "Mac" McCown was elected Lt. Governor at the District 2-T2 Lions Club Convention in Littlefield last weekend.

McCown will serve for the 1992-93 year. He will be attending various meetings and working with Lions Clubs throughout the 22-county District 2-T2 area.

The 1992 Chevrolet S-10 pickup raffled off at the convention was won by Marion Durham of Olton.

"Snyder Lions Club would like to thank everyone who helped in raising $14,000 throughout the Lions District 2-T2," said McCown. "With a gift of $10,000 from Lions Club International Foundation, the Lions Great Plains Eye Bank was able to purchase a special microscope."

Midwest district...

Cockerell is named Fireman of the Year

Snyder firefighter Phillip Cockerell was named Fireman of the Year for the Midwest Texas District at its area convention Saturday in Rotan.

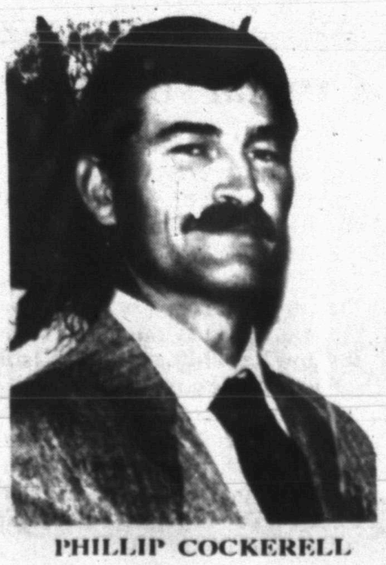
Nominees for the award were from various departments in the district, which is made up of 24 area towns.

Cockerell was nominated for the award by the Snyder Fire Department.

He joined the local department as a volunteer in July of 1989, and currently serves as a captain and president of the volunteer department. He is the manager of the Snyder Lone Star Gas Company office.

Cockerell has also served volunteer fire departments in Haskell, Hamlin and Cisco.

Cockerell's name will be submitted to the state as a nominee for firefighter of the year, which is presented by the Texas State Fireman and Fire Marshal's Association.



PHILLIP COCKERELL

Decision on Walls to be known soon

Walls Industries officials are holding off making a decision about the re-opening of the garment factory here, pending further review of applications.

Their decision is expected to be announced by Wednesday at the latest, Snyder Chamber Manager Ricky Fritz said this morning.

"They are still going over the applications and when they complete that process they will make an announcement concerning the re-opening of the plant," said Fritz, who visited with Walls officials over the telephone. "They expect to make an announcement Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest."

Walls officials told him they were impressed with the quality and quantity of applicants, Fritz said.

More than 250 people showed up at the Walls plant last Thursday to fill out applications and be interviewed. Walls officials had said that the plant's re-opening depended on an available workforce being in the area.

About 60 former Walls employees were among those who applied Thursday.

Before the plant closed last July, it employed about 106 workers with an annual payroll of $1.6 million.

If re-opened, officials have said the plant will start with about 40 to 50 workers and use equipment from its other factories. New equipment would eventually be brought in and more workers added.

County oks purchase of rotary mower

Scurry County commissioners this morning tabled bids for hauling of sealcoating rock, approved the purchase of a mower and accepted a bill for cost over-run on 1991 liability insurance.

Commissioners voted to table bids received for hauling approximately 8,000 tons of sealcoating rock from the Tex-sand Company in Sweetwater to Scurry County.

Bids were received from Grimmett Brothers, at a cost of 15 cents per mile per ton; Sweetwater Ready-Mix Concrete, at 17 cents per mile per ton; and Price Construction Company, which bid $5.08 per ton for under 45 miles and $5.64 per ton for over 45 miles.

The court voted to table the bids for further consideration due to the

(see COUNTY, page 8)

Questions remain about man's death

RODEO, N.M. (AP) — It was early Halloween 1988, and Larry Rivers was driving on a dirt road in the desert when he encountered a man walking.

"What are you doing here?" Rivers asked out the window of his pickup.

"I'm looking for the beast," the man replied.

David Stone, 29, of San Diego was wearing shorts and a T-shirt and carrying a yucca walking stick, Rivers recalls. It was the last time Stone was seen alive.

Six days after the encounter, Stone was declared missing. His skeletal remains were found in the desert near here last Feb. 23 by three men hunting javelinas.

"It was the most bizarre case I ever worked on," former Hidalgo County sheriff's Deputy Bill Cavaliere says. "It was just about the strangest thing that ever happened around here."

When Stone was declared missing, searchers turned out in force. Airplanes, bloodhounds and ground teams scoured the countryside between Rodeo and Road Forks, in New Mexico's Bootheel near the Arizona state line.

Before his disappearance, Stone had been traveling from San Diego to El Paso, Texas, to be best man at the wedding of his best friend, Steve Haskins, son of University of Texas-El Paso basketball coach Don Haskins.

Stone lettered in football at UTEP, where he had been a linebacker.

When Stone didn't show up for the wedding rehearsal, his father, prominent El Paso businessman Harry Stone, contacted every sheriff's office between San Diego and Lordsburg.

None had seen his son, but officers in Hidalgo County had found his car, parked on New Mexico 80 fourteen miles south of Road Forks.

Then-Gov. Garrey Carruthers told state police to keep looking for Stone until his father was satisfied more searching would be fruitless.

Cavaliere trekked throughout the county talking to people who had seen or thought they had seen the missing man.

Stone's car was towed away Nov. 10, the search called off.

On Feb. 23, 1992, the javelina hunting party spotted bones in a granite outcropping about a mile west of the highway between Rodeo and Road Forks.

"I thought it was an animal at first," says Kenneth Mehlberg. "I worked my way down there. The first thing I picked up was a jawbone. I knew right away it was a human skeleton."

The hunters said the back of the skull was shattered.

Sheriff Robert Hall gathered the bones and took dozens of photos.

The state Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque confirmed through medical records that the remains were Stone's but said it couldn't determine cause or time of death.

"All I can say is that he did not sustain any injury just before or at the time of his death. There is no reason to believe there was any trauma," says Dr. Mani Ehteshami.

The skull was in 10 pieces, he says, and there was evidence animals had chewed the bones.

Investigators theorized the back part of the skull was broken by animals.

The investigation is still open, Hall says.

Still missing are Stone's eyeglasses, car keys, driver's license, a gold chain, credit cards and clothing — although remains of his tennis shoes were recovered.

Hall says most Hidalgo County crime involves drug smugglers coming north from Mexico.

"David may have been at the wrong place at the wrong time," Harry Stone says.

He says his son had a good reputation as a stockbroker since going into business in 1982 shortly after graduating from UTEP. But in May 1988 he had moved to California to study writing.

After his disappearance, there was speculation Stone might have joined a New Age commune.

Periodically, search and rescue teams practiced near where he vanished.

"All the time we were out there we knew we were really trying to find out what happened to David Stone," says Hidalgo County search leader Ralph Dawdy.

The original search was one of the strangest in his experience, Dawdy says.

"We never saw where he got his water. We never found tracks near a windmill. We never found discarded food wrappers. We're not used to looking for people who don't want to be found," he says.

The Stones and other investigators pieced together this itinerary: After leaving San Diego on Oct. 29, David Stone checked into a motel in Eloy, Ariz., and slept a few hours, then drove to Tucson. At 10:22 p.m. he got $200 from an automatic teller machine.

At 4:03 a.m. next day he bought gas, presumably drove to Road Forks and turned south on New Mexico 80.

On Nov. 2 state police decided his car was abandoned. They impounded it in Lordsburg.

By then, David Stone was believed to have been wandering the area for four days. People say they saw him walking along the highway and standing and gazing at Granite Peak, a pad in his hand as if sketching or writing.

His father says Stone might have said he was looking for "the beast," because of a belief in New Age principles.

Petition favors Welles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An 80-foot mural of Michael Jackson proposed for the side of the historic El Capitan Theater isn't the thing to encourage restoration of Hollywood Boulevard, some say.

More than 1,000 people have signed a petition supporting a mural of the late Orson Welles, said Robert Nudelman, who helped persuade the Walt Disney Co. to spend $6 million to restore the El Capitan.

He said Welles is a more fitting choice because the 1941 classic "Citizen Kane" was the first film shown at the theater.

The Jackson mural has received approval from several committees but needs City Council approval.

Councilman Michael Woo said Jackson's image peering over the boulevard would lure tourists and money.

"We want to preserve a real pedestrian environment that appeals to the executive carrying the attache case as well as the kid with the boom box," he said. "It's hard for me to imagine a person who represents that popular appeal better than Michael Jackson."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Poem With Tongue in Cheek Leaves Some Mouths Open

DEAR ABBY: I was somewhat shocked when I read the poem in your column about the Japanese, written by George Dawson. Granted, you did say it was "tongue-in-cheek," but I imagine that some Americans will take it seriously, since it appeared in "Dear Abby."

Right now, you can't imagine how difficult it is to be a Japanese-American; we feel the anger of other understandably frustrated Americans, and we are not helped by the careless talk of Japanese politicians, as well as some American journalists who are only too glad to fuel the anti-Japanese sentiment.

Your article did not help matters any; you should have at least stated somewhere that it is wrong to blame the Japanese for everything that goes wrong, but you didn't.

It was most ironic that your article appeared on Feb. 19 — exactly 50 years to the day that President Roosevelt signed the executive order forcing Japanese-Americans to relocate in prison camps throughout the West. Yet neither you, nor most other journalists, mentioned that fact.

Please, Abby, no more articles blaming the Japanese! Not all people know that "tongue-in-cheek" means "irony, insincerity or whimsical exaggeration."

A JAPANESE-AMERICAN IN DENVER

DEAR JAPANESE-AMERICAN: I plead innocent to the charge of "Japanese bashing" — but guilty of using poor judgment to have assumed that all my readers would know what "tongue-in-cheek" meant.

In 1980 I wrote: "To our everlasting shame, approximately 100,000 loyal American citizens were held in concentration camps for the duration of World War II. Their 'crime'? They were of Japanese descent."

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DEAR ABBY: My husband has a business (export-import) that requires constant traveling between the United States and Japan. He has offices in Toyko and San Francisco, and we have homes in both places.

My husband and I thought George Dawson's poem was a wonderful piece of satire, and very timely. We had copies made and sent them to friends in Japan.

In these troubled times, it felt good to laugh again. Thank you, Abby.

ADELLINE G., SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR ADELLINE: Don't thank me. The poem was written by a professor of economics, and I found it on Page One of The New York Times. And to my regret, not everyone thought it was as humorous as you and I.

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DEAR ABBY: Recently my husband and I were invited to our son's house for our grandson's second birthday party. When we got there, my daughter-in-law ordered us to take our shoes off. I was infuriated since I was all dressed up.

Abby, if it hadn't been my grandson's birthday, I would have left. Well, all the guests were sitting in the living room in their stocking feet trying to be good sports and feeling embarrassed.

Her carpet is not new, and it's not white — it's pale pink. If it had been raining or snowing I could have understood, but it was dry outside.

Abby, have you ever been asked to take your shoes off in someone's home? And how would you react?

TRYING TO BE A GOOD MOTHER-IN-LAW

DEAR TRYING: I have never been asked to remove my shoes in someone's home but if I had, I probably would have reacted much the same as you.

It was inconsiderate of your daughter-in-law to have sprung the "shoes off" request without warning. Had you been forewarned, you might have brought your own slippers.

In time, the carpet will show a little soil and wear, and you won't be asked to be so careful.

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

Rains hurt oyster harvesting season

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Torrential rains that soaked Texas last winter have created a disaster for this year's oyster harvest, which ends this month, fishermen and seafood wholesalers say.

"This year is a total loss," said Gary Cunningham, a Port Lavaca seafood wholesaler who estimates the rains cost his business about $600,000 this year.

Freshwater that surged through the Brazos, Colorado and Trinity rivers and flowed into the Gulf of Mexico contaminated many oyster beds and forced state officials to close some areas, including parts of Galveston Bay, by mid-December.

Galveston Bay accounts for more than 80 percent of the state's oyster production.

Persistent rains caused periodic closures throughout the winter and some areas remain closed as the regular season's comes to an end April 30.

Cunningham's and other businesses that depend on oyster fishing expect to suffer losses totaling millions of dollars in what has been called the worst year for oyster closures in nearly a decade.

The season started to go sour starting on Dec. 14, when Galveston Bay was closed to oyster boats. By Christmas, everything along the coast down to Port Mansfield — almost to the Mexican border — was closed.

"The oyster industry was virtually shut down," said Richard Thompson, director of the state Health Department's shellfish sanitation division.

Since then, small areas of Galveston Bay have opened up for one to several days at a time, but rains have forced reclosures.

On Friday, the state Health Department again found high bacteria counts in the middle of the bay and said areas already closed because of contamination will remain closed at least through this Friday.

"It has been a very tough year on the industry," Thompson said. "They've had bad years, but it's been particularly rough this year."

The Galveston Bay harvest peaked at nearly 7 million pounds in 1983 and has been shrinking since. More than 5 million pounds of oyster meat per year were harvested from Texas bays from 1984 through 1986.

The take dropped to 2.9 million pounds in 1987 and to less than 2 million in 1989.

The harvest has hovered around 2 million pounds for the last couple of years, bringing the fishermen $5 million to $6 million a year as compared with $10 million in 1983.

"The weather has caused us some serious setbacks, and the very, very soft economy is not helping us out either," said Don Reynolds, marketing director for Hillman's Shrimp & Oyster Co. near Galveston Bay.

"It's not been a good year," he said.

The contamination not only ruined the oyster season, but left many harvesters without any income this winter.

"You just sit around and hope for the better," said Herbert Jackson, 48, of Kentwood, La., a 30-year oysterman who has worked in Galveston Bay. "If there's no work going on, you just have to try to make ends meet."

Jackson, master of the Capt. Buster, which plies reefs around Dickinson Bayou and San Leon, said the closures this year might have cost him $7,000.

"It's the same with just about everybody that works on an oyster boat," he said. "Some that have their own boats have lost way more than that."

Hal Osburn, fisheries harvest program director at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said if the flood of fresh water doesn't destroy many oysters, there could be a bumper crop next year.

"If the oysters aren't killed by the floods, at least they will be there to spawn this summer to provide future crops," Osburn said. "They're not necessarily wasted if they're not taken."

Federal scientists expected to investigate dolphin deaths

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Scientists are expected to arrive in Galveston this week to investigate an unprecedented number of stranded and dead bottle-nose dolphins, officials said.

Gina Barron, coordinator of the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network, said National Marine Fisheries experts will join the investigation into the dolphin kill.

Nearly 80 Atlantic bottle-nose dolphins have died in Calhoun and Aransas counties' bays since March 1, with 60 found dead in March and 19 already reported this month, she said.

"It's major. Historically, we've never had an event like this since the stranding network was founded in 1980," Ms. Barron said.

The Texas General Land Office and Parks and Wildlife Department also have offered to help investigate the deaths, she said. Volunteers in the two counties also have organized to begin taking tissue samples of the dead animals.

Scientists also are alarmed that the deaths are occurring in bays instead of along the outer edges of barrier islands, Ms. Barron said.

"The majority of the strandings occur on Gulf beaches. Now we're seeing a lot of animals dying in this bay system and we don't know why yet," she said.

"In March of last year, we had only three ... in Calhoun County and one in Aransas County," Ms. Barron said. "In 1990, which was considered a major die-off year, Calhoun had three animals dead and Aransas had only five."

According to the Stranding Network, 121 bottle-nose dolphins were stranded along the Texas coast in all of last year. That's compared with 199 in 1990.

The surge of deaths in the past two months has pushed the volunteer organization beyond its limits, Ms. Barron said.

"Until the last few days, all we've been able to do on most of the animals is document that the animals were there, take the length and sex and leave the animal at the site," she said.

She said there are few clues about what is killing the dolphins, but some experts speculate that numerous deaths indicate a problem with the animals' habitat.

"They're in the bay system and we know that dolphins are high on the food chain," Ms. Barron said. "We've always talked about using dolphins as bio-indicators of the quality of the Gulf. That could also apply to that bay system."

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

April 13, 1992

Today is the 104th day of 1992 and the 25th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first black to win the Oscar for Best Actor, for his role in "Lilies of the Field."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), U.S. president; F.W. Woolworth (1852-1919), merchant; Samuel Beckett (1906-1989), playwright-novelist; Eudora Welty (1909-), short story writer-novelist, is 83; Howard Keel (1917-), actor, is 75; Lanford Wilson (1937-), dramatist, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, 46-year-old Jack Nicklaus shot a 30 on the back nine and a 65 in the final round to become the oldest golfer to win the Masters.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Difference of opinion leads to inquiry, and inquiry to truth." — Thomas Jefferson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1951, at Berkhamsted town and the Chiltern Hills district of England, postmen reported snowflakes to be "as big as saucers" and "5 inches across." The snow lasted 15 minutes.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 10) and full moon (April 17).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

One of the truly delightful sights of an election year summer is that of babies drooling on candidates who loathe children.

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Oil Patch News

Kent County

John L. Cox will drill the No. 5 Bobby Baird in the Michelle Kay field, 20 miles west of Girard. Planned for a depth of 5,900 feet, location is in the W.A. Smith survey.

John L. Cox will drill the No. 5-C Godfrey in the Michelle Kay field, 18 miles west of Girard. Planned for a depth of 5,900 feet, location is in the Sam Owen survey.

Garza County

Rocker A Operating Co. has completed the No. 1 Dorward-Sun in the Dorward field, eight miles southeast of Justiceburg. The well produced 60 barrels of 35.5 gravity oil and 79 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,910-2,184 feet, and location is in Section 138, Block 5, H&GN survey.

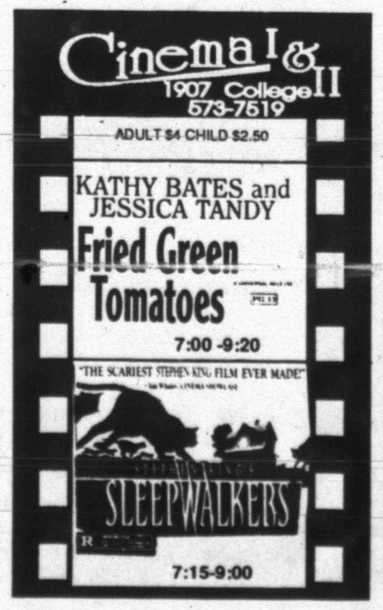
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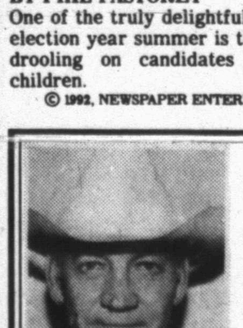
Crucial vote due

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California voters in November could become the first in the nation to elect women to both of their state's U.S. Senate seats.

Both seats are open for the first time in California history because Democrat Alan Cranston is retiring and Republican Pete Wilson left to become governor.

Former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein is the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination for one seat. U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer is fighting for the party's nod for the other seat.





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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Snyder Classroom Teachers Association is sponsoring a Meet Your Candidate Forum (running for Snyder school board); at Snyder Junior High school auditorium; public invited; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. For information call: JoAnn at 573-9839; Dorothy at 573-6712; Anne at 573-8322; or Shirley at 573-8881.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

WGA Ladies Play Day; country club; 10 a.m.

Plainview Extension Homemakers; 2 p.m.

Daughters of the American Revolution; Snyder Country Club; 11:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.

Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.

Amitie Study Club; 7 p.m.

Beta Delta Phi; 7 p.m.

Sport Card Swap Club; Willow Park Inn, for information call 573-1961; 7 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bride; 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.

Canyon Gun Club; 7:30 p.m.

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 573-9924, 573-5867.

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

WEDNESDAY

Scurry County Penwomen; 1:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Honey Do's Extension Homemakers Club; home of Shirley Bullard; call 573-3377 for directions; 9:30 a.m.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room, all members urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; 12 noon.

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

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

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

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

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 8 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

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 Hosital 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-2349, 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

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

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

In 25 years...

California prepares for first execution

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — Barbara Graham wore high heels and scoffed at a guard's advice to take a deep breath. Caryl Whittier Chessman went smiling, gassed 15 seconds before a reprieve was phoned in.

The last person to die in California's gas chamber, police killer Aaron Mitchell, fought to the end, struggling with guards and shouting that he was Jesus.

Twenty-five years later, Robert Alton Harris is scheduled to die April 21 at San Quentin State Penitentiary.

Harris would be the 195th person executed in the green chamber and the first to be put to death in California since the 1976 U.S. Supreme Court ruling allowing states to resume use of the death penalty.

Harris, 39, was convicted of abducting and killing two 16-year-old San Diego boys in 1978 to get their car for a bank robbery that netted $3,000. Police said he taunted one boy, telling him to "quit crying and die like a man."

Harris and his supporters will ask Gov. Pete Wilson for clemency at an hearing on Wednesday, arguing that jurors never heard the extent of abuse Harris suffered as a child.

Like Harris, Mitchell sat on Death Row for years as he appealed his sentence. He received the death penalty for killing Sacramento police officer Arnold Gamble, 42, during a 1963 tavern robbery.

Mitchell, free on bail for robbery at the time, claimed the gun went off accidentally in a struggle with another officer.

Mitchell's last efforts for a reprieve were quashed when then-Gov. Ronald Reagan and his clemency secretary, Edwin Meese III, refused to intervene.

Mitchell, 37, didn't go quietly. The night before his execution in 1967, he tried to commit suicide by slashing his arm with a razor blade. It took four guards to wrestle him into one of two metal chairs in the gas chamber.

"I am Jesus Christ!" Mitchell yelled.

Three months later, a federal judge stayed all executions in California. In 1972, the death penalty was declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court. The high court reversed itself four years later.

Since the gas chamber opened in 1938, 190 men and four women have died inside its metal walls. Graham and Chessman are among the most famous.

Chessman was a kidnapper and sex offender who spent more than 12 years on death row, winning delays on eight execution dates. His ninth reprieve, on May 2, 1960, came 15 seconds after the cyanide pellets were dropped into a bowl of acid to release the gas.

Known as the "red light bandit," Chessman committed 17 crimes during a 20-day spree in Los Angeles in 1948. His 1954 autobiography, "Cell 2455, Death Row," sold a half-million copies, and he was on Time magazine's cover.

Witnesses said he went to his death smiling.

Graham, dubbed by the media "Babs the Party Girl," was executed in 1955 for the murder of an elderly woman. Her two accomplices also were put to death.

Graham's story was depicted in the 1958 movie "I Want to Live," starring Susan Hayward, who won an Academy Award.

According to Corrections Department records, Graham, 32, "was the youngest, most beautiful and most controversial of all the females executed."

"She was a classy gal," San Francisco Examiner reporter Ed Montgomery wrote. "She walked to the gas chamber with high heels on.

Bridge

by Phillip Alder

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SOUTH
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♥ A 7 6 3
♦ K 10
♣ K 10 9 7 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	1 ♠	Dbl.	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

have sufficient points to bid two hearts). South was just worth his jump rebid, and North had an automatic bid of game because of the double fit.

The main danger is that West holds the diamond ace. If so, you must try to keep East off the lead. Therefore, you must duck the first trick, in case East's spade jack is from the jack-10 rather than jack doubleton. Let's suppose West continues with another spade. You win and must lead a *low* heart.

If you cash the ace first, you give West a chance to unblock the king. He knows you haven't got the heart jack, because otherwise you would take the trump finesse.

West is now helpless. If he wins with the heart king, you will score 10 tricks via three hearts, the spade ace, a spade ruff in hand and five clubs. If he plays low, you put up dummy's queen and lead a low heart. When East plays the nine, you duck, allowing West to score his king anyway.

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Keep him at bay

By Phillip Alder

The concept of the danger hand is learned early in one's bridge career. Sometimes the danger hand is the one with sufficient winners to defeat your contract. But more often it is a hand held by an opponent who can make a fatal switch through a weak holding like king doubleton.

There are several ways of keeping the danger hand at bay. Cover the East-West cards in the diagram. Against your four-heart contract, West leads the spade king and East signals with the jack. How do you plan the play?

North's double was negative, promising four hearts (or five if he didn't

Officials: many Mexico AIDS cases may not be reported

DALLAS (AP) — Low numbers of AIDS cases on the Mexican side of the border have health care workers worried that inaccurate statistics are being kept on the deadly virus, a newspaper reports.

Officials said that El Paso, with a population of 516,000, has had 160 AIDS cases documented since 1983. There have been 928 HIV-positive cases during that same time frame, according to the City-County Health District.

In Juarez, across the border, there are only 58 more cases of documented AIDS sufferers, yet the population is double that of El Paso.

Mexico's federal government said that 1,500 people in Juarez have tested positive for HIV since records were established in 1986.

Public health experts said the disparity in the statistics is due to the problem not being fully examined, The Dallas Morning News reported in Sunday editions.

Hidden HIV cases may exist in Juarez because of scarce, anonymous blood-testing sites, said Marco Antonio Castro Reyes, president of an AIDS support group in Juarez.

In Juarez, testing for the human immunodeficiency virus is done at hospitals. Fewer people are then tested because they do not want it known that they are in a high-risk group, Castro said.

"We calculate an undercount of some 600," he said. "The figures we have are not very reliable."

Numbers are even farther apart between San Diego, Calif., and nearby Tijuana, Mexico.

San Diego County, with 2.5 million residents, has 3,187 current AIDS cases. Tijuana, with a population of about 1.5 million, reports only 165 AIDS cases, said Mary McCarthy, a nurse practitioner who works with AIDS and HIV patients in San Diego and Tijuana.

"Finding exact figures and data is very difficult if not impossible," said Ms. McCarthy.

Officials said that not only do the statistics differ greatly, so does the funding for health care. The El Paso City-County Health District has an annual budget of $12 million and 351 employees.

"They say they have a budget of $500,000," said Dr. Laurance Nickey, director of the City-County Health District. "But the director told me that he wishes it was $500,000. He said it's nearer $80,000 ... I almost cried."

New UTA president to raise funds by 2000

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The University of Texas at Arlington's incoming president says he wants to strengthen business ties in Dallas and Tarrant counties and raise $100 million for the school by the year 2000.

Ryan C. Amacher, dean of the College of Commerce and Industry at Clemson University, was selected on Thursday by the UT System Board of Regents to succeed Wendell H. Nedderman.

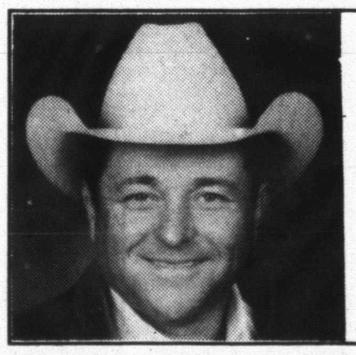
UTA received just $4 million in non-government contributions last year. But Amacher, 46, said he is confident the school can raise the money by strengthening ties with businesses in the Dallas-Fort Worth corridor.

"I'd like to see us in a situation where sometime in a decade ... we would do a five-year campaign that would bring in $100 million," Amacher said. "So you're talking about doing $20 million a year, rather than $4 million. That clearly is an area that needs more resources."

He said corporations should be willing to support both UTA and its direct competition, UT-Dallas, by thinking of it as an investment.

"I can't believe that there isn't any business in the Dallas-Fort Worth area that wouldn't support either institution if they were doing things that those businesses viewed as being positive," he said.

"Believe me, I know we're all concerned in Texas about what's happening to the budget," he said.



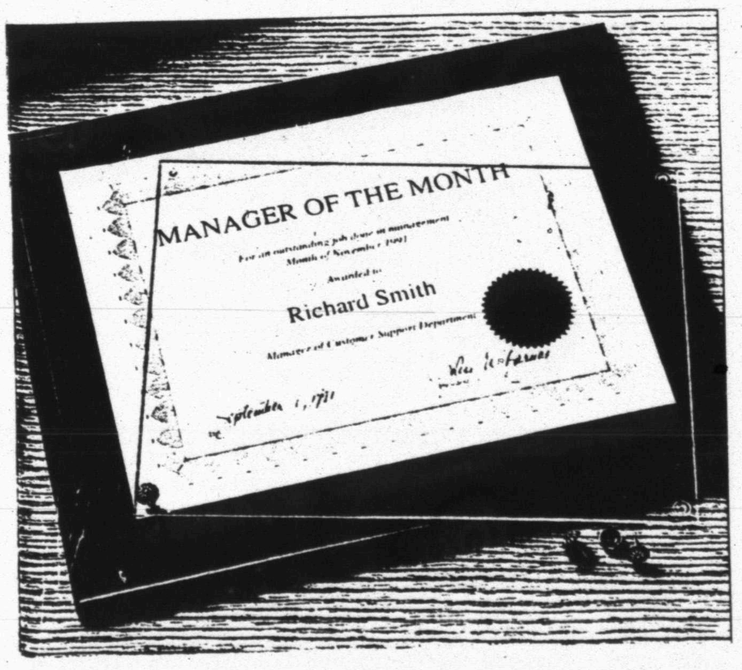
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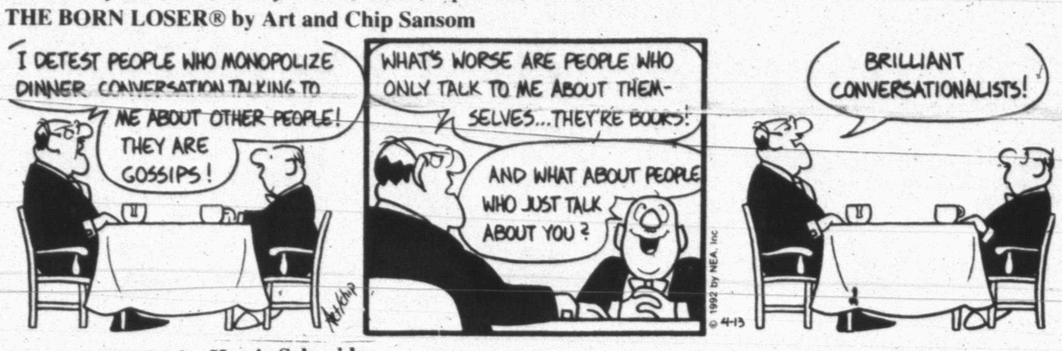
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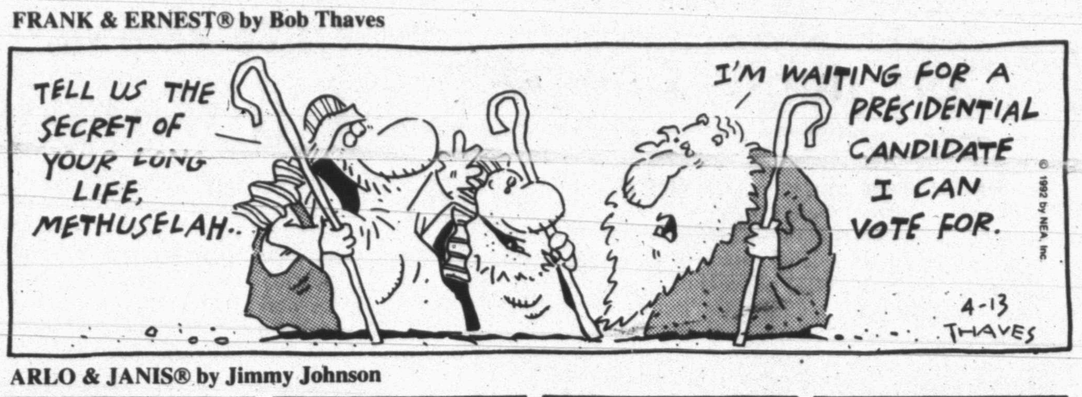
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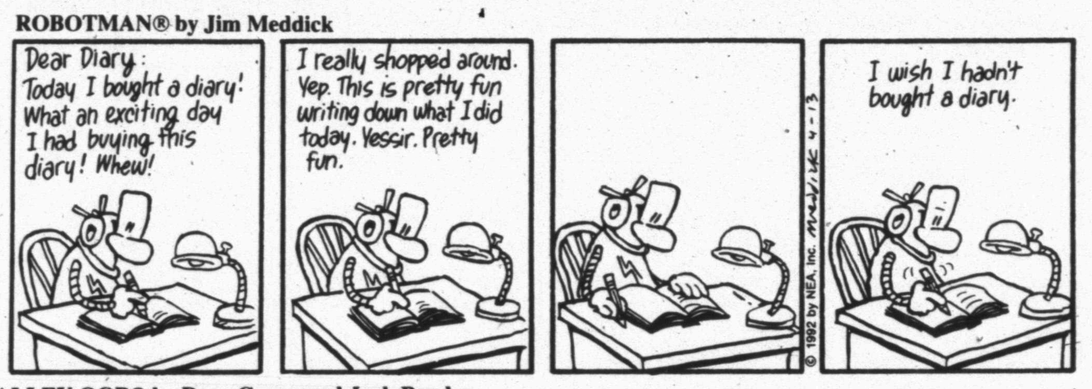
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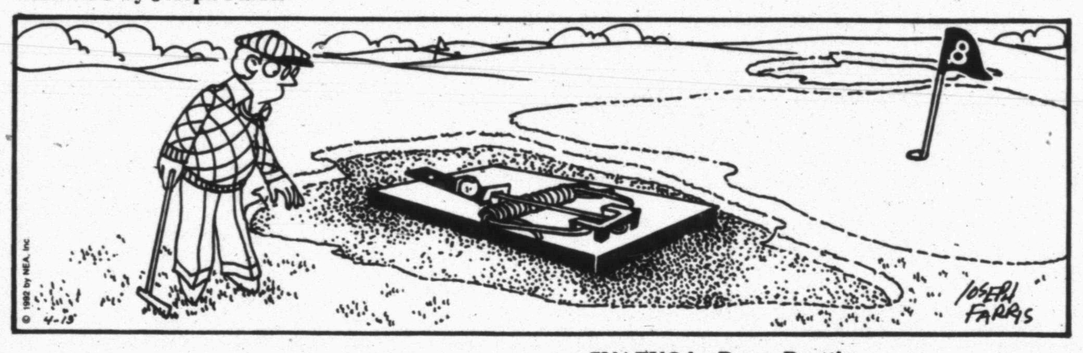
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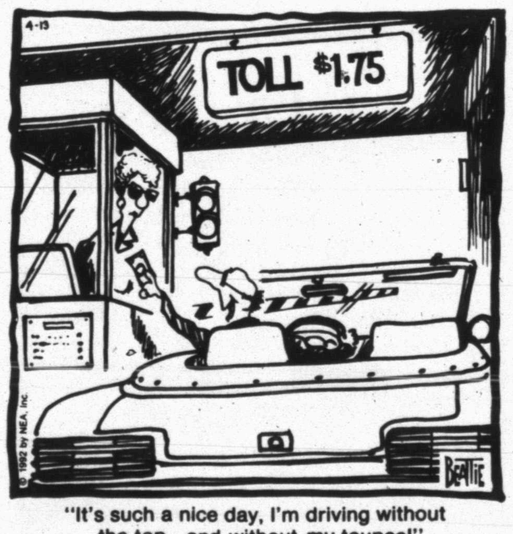
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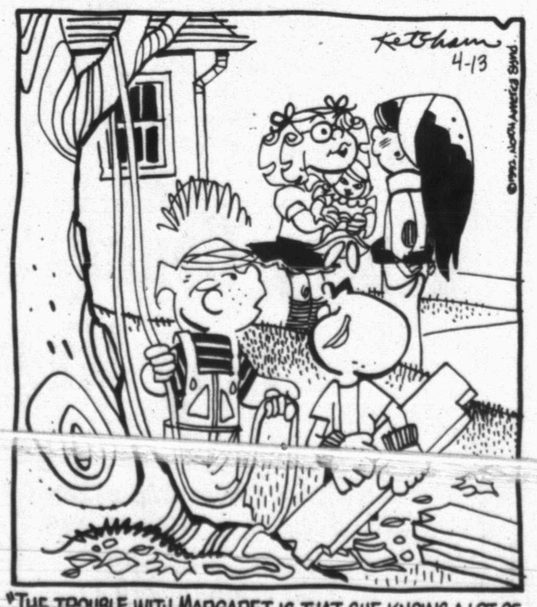


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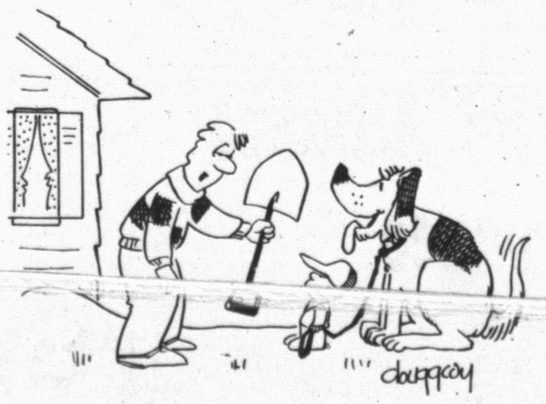


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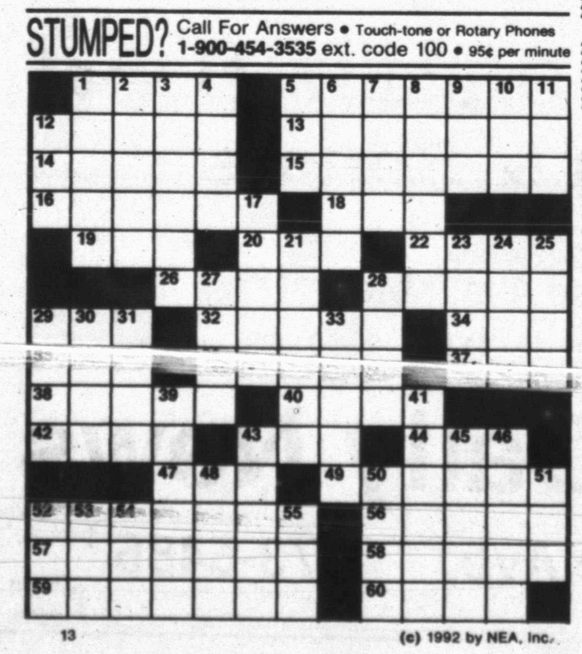
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Snyder girls grab third at Seminole

SEMINOLE — Snyder's girls' track team exploded for 128 points Saturday, including first-place finishes in the high jump, the shot put and the 100 meter dash, to claim third place at the Indian Relays here.

Levelland and Denver City tied for the meet title with 135 points each.

Snyder sophomore Annie Ragland registered a 5-0 leap in the high jump to cop top honors here, while Vicky Green's 37-71/4 toss was best in the shot put and Trina Thompson flashed a 12.36 to win the 100 meters.

In addition, Green earned third-place points for the Lady Tigers with a 94-0 heave in the discus throw.

Shalawn Smith's 1:05.15 was good for second place in the 400 meter run while Trina Thompson was third in the 200 meters with a time of 27.70 and Schanekka Thompson's 16.66 was third in the 100 meter hurdles.

Paige Gayle wound up third in the 100 meters for SHS, posting a 13.51-second time.

Snyder's relay teams also had a good day with the 400 meter foursome of Sonya Pennington, Tiffany Anderson, Paige Gayle and Trina Thompson scooting to a 52.27, second-place finish.

Pennington, Ragland, Gayle and C'Ella Clayton took second in the 800 meters, as well, posting a 1:54.82 clocking, while Clayton, Tonya Warren, Ragland and Smith were runners-up in the mile relay, turning in a time of 4:34.79, 17 seconds off the pace set by Denver City.

The Lady Tigers will be running on their home track Friday and Saturday as they host the District 2-4A meet at Tiger Stadium.

First and second place winners there will advance to the regional meet in San Angelo May 1 and 2.

Indian Relays at Seminole

Team scores: 1. (tie) Levelland 135, Denver City 135; 3. Snyder 128; 4. Seminole 105; 5. (tie) Lamesa 33, Andrews 33; 7. Jal, N.M. 4.

Snyder competitors

High jump: 1. Annie Ragland 5-0; **Shot put:** 1. Vicky Green 33-71/4. **Discus:** 3. Vicky Green 94-0. **400 relay:** Snyder 52.27. **100 hurdles:** 3. Schanekka Thompson 16.66. **100 meters:** Trina Thompson 12.36; 3. Paige Gayle 13.51. **800 meter relay:** 2. Snyder 1:54.82. **400 meters:** 2. Shalawn Smith 1:05.15. **200 meters:** 3. Trina Thompson 27.70. **1600 relay:** 2. Snyder 4:34.79.

SPORTS



ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL — Earning basketball honors at Hermleigh are from left, Michelle Payne and Chris Velasco, All-District, and Jennifer Herl, Amy Anderson and Bill Breitwesier, honorable mention. (SDN Staff Photo)

Shoots final-round 70...

Couples claims Masters title

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Now that Fred Couples has answered skeptics by earning his first Masters title, the question becomes how many more he'll win.

"Fred has a game that could win this tournament as many times as a Nicklaus or a Palmer," said Couples' friend and foe, Raymond Floyd. "He's perfect for this golf course."

Couples, the best player in the world for the past 10 months, earned his first major title Sunday by shooting 2-under-par 70 at Augusta National to beat runnerup Floyd by two strokes.

Admirers of Couples' game, including Floyd, have said he's destined for superstardom. Sunday's victory was a big step in that direction.

"Any player wants to win major tournaments," the 32-year-old Seattle native said. "This puts me in a category where I feel much better about my game."

Playing in the final twosome, Couples took a two-shot lead by sinking a 20-foot birdie putt at No. 9, and he stayed ahead the rest of the way. His shakiest moment came at the par-3 No. 12, where his poor tee shot defied gravity by stopping on a steep embankment.

Raes Creek and a likely double bogey were just a couple of feet away.

"Biggest break of my life," Couples said. "You don't ever get a break like that."

"Most balls that hit there would absolutely come back in the water," Floyd said.

Couples nearly had to put one foot in the creek to hit his next shot. He took an awkward stance, careful not to clear his throat and send the ball tumbling into the water, and chipped to within two feet of the pin.

He made the putt for par.

"I was nervous, because I felt like if I got by that hole, I was going to win," Couples said.

He was right. A player once saddled with a reputation for choking, Couples made three birdies and 10 pars over the final 13 holes.

Urged on by an adoring gallery and constant shouts of "C'mon, Freddie," Couples finished at 275, 13 under par. The 49-year-old Floyd shot 71-277, then became one of those fans urging Couples on.

While Couples may someday approach the accomplishments of Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer, it should be noted that several players in recent years have fallen back to the pack after winning one or two majors. Nick Faldo, Payne Stewart and John Daly — who all finished 13th or worse Sunday — come to mind.

At any rate, Couples has cleared a big hurdle.

"I just feel great about winning this tournament," he said. "This is a big boost to know I went through these greens and putted them very well."

Australian Craig Parry, who finished the rain-delayed third round Sunday morning as the tournament leader at 12 under, three-putted Nos. 3, 4 and 5 in the afternoon and skied to 78-282, seven shots back. Another Aussie challenger, Ian Baker-Finch, also stumbled with his putter and shot 74-281.

Third-place finisher Corey Pavin (67-278) and Steve Pate (67-281) closed with nice rounds but began too far behind. That was also true of Mark Calcavecchia (65-285), whose seven-under 29 on the back nine broke the tournament record.

Jeff Sluman (71-280) and Mark O'Meara (70-280) tied for fourth. Sharing sixth with Pate and Baker-Finch were Nolan Henke (70), Nick Price (73), Greg Norman (68), Ted Schulz (72) and 1987 champion Larry Mize (68).

Defending champion Ian Woosman tied for 19th at 75-283. Couples' victory broke a four-year winning streak by Europeans at Augusta National.

A big first prize — $270,000 — was nothing new for Couples. The green jacket was something he didn't already have.

NMJC rodeo...

Whiteside takes bareback win

HOBBS, N.M. — Western Texas College captured third place at the New Mexico Junior College NIRA Rodeo here over the weekend, but more imprtantly, solidified its second place standing in the Southwest Region.

Tarleton State University, ranked first in the region with 1628.33 points, won top honors here with a team-total 330.

Surprising Howard College collected 215 points for second followed by WTC's 185, Vernon Regional JC with 150, host NMJC with 140 and Odessa College with 135.

Western Texas is currently in second place in the NIRA Southwest, gathering 1328.33 total points. Odessa is in third with 1120, followed closely by Howard's 1085.

The top two teams in the region at the end of the season earn a berth at the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont.

The Westerners were once again led by bareback rider Travis Whiteside. Whiteside carried a third-place 70 into Sunday's finals and added a 72 for a 142 score.

Tarleton's Beau Mayo finished second with 141 points on two rides.

Troy Cattoor of WTC scored a two-head 134, good for fourth place in the event.

Other WTC men placing included Scot Berger and Sid Morris, who took fourth in team roping with a 33.6 clocking on two head, and Justin Peevey, a steer wrestler who wound up in fifth position after a combined 11.8 time.

Eastern New Mexico University roughstock specialist Justin Washburn captured men's all-around honors, earning a berth in the finals in both bareback riding and bull riding.

Lari Dee Guy of Vernon was the women's all-around winner. Guy was a finalist in team roping and breakaway roping.

Howard rolled up 215 points to win the women's competition. Eastern New Mexico, led by Cresta Davis' and Amy Cockrell's first and third places in breakaway roping, were close behind with 200. Tarleton scored 135 for fourth here.

Teams in the NIRA Southwest Region will be in Snyder Thursday through Saturday for the annual WTC Rodeo.

Performances will be held at 8 p.m. nightly at Scurry County Coliseum. The short go, featuring the top 10 finishers in each event, is scheduled for Saturday.

NMJC Rodeo at Hobbs, N.M.

Men

Team scores: Tarleton State University 330; Howard College 215; WTC 185; VRJC 150; NMJC 140; Odessa College 135.

Southwest Region standings: 1. Tarleton 1628.33; 2. WTC 1328.33; 3. Odessa 1120; 4. Howard 1085.

All-Around: Justin Washburn, ENMU.

WTC competitors

Bareback riders: 1. Travis Whiteside 141. 4. Troy Cattoor 134. **Saddle bronc riding:** 5. Troy Cattoor. **Steer wrestling:** 5. Justin Peevey 11.8. **Team roping:** 4. Scot Berger-Sid Morris 33.6.

Women

Team scores: 1. Howard College 215; 2. ENMU 200; 3. Tarleton 130; 4. VRJC 65; 5. Texas Tech 60; 6. Odessa College 5.

Southwest Region standings: 1. ENMU 1035; 2. Tarleton 760; 3. VRJC 692.5; 4. Odessa 655.

All-Around: Lari Dee Guy, VRJC.

Green leads SHS squad to 5th place

BIG SPRING — Snyder junior Jason Green turned in a 15.65 clocking in the 100 meter hurdles to take third place in the event and lead Snyder to a fifth-place overall finish at the ABC Relays at Big Spring Saturday.

San Angelo Lake View won the meet with 164 points. Frenship's 127-point effort was good for second followed by host Big Spring with 124 and Ft. Stockton's 42. Snyder collected 30 points.

Green also notched a fourth-place finish in the high jump with a 6-2 leap. Tiger teammate Ricky Post went over the 6-0 mark for fifth place.

In addition, SHS relay teams took fourth in both the 400 meters and the 1600 meters.

The Tigers will be at home Friday and Saturday as they host the District 2-4A Meet at Tiger Stadium.

ABC Relays at Big Spring

Team scores: 1. San Angelo Lake View 164; 2. Frenship 127; 3. Big Spring 124; 4. Ft. Stockton 42; 5. Snyder 30; 6. Pecos 25; 7. Andrews 6; 8. Monahans 3.

Snyder competitors

High Jump: 4. Jason Green 6-2; 5. Ricky Post 6-0. **100 meter hurdles:** 3. Jason Green 15.65; **400 meter relay:** Snyder 45.70. **1600 meter relay:** 4. 3:40.67.

Bulldogs fall to C-City 11-7

COLORADO CITY — The Ira Bulldogs slipped to 2-3 in their inaugural baseball season with an 11-7 non-district loss to Colorado City's JV Saturday.

Jason Hartley, who fanned five in five innings of work, was the loser for Ira.

"He pitched a great game," said IHS coach Lynn Cauley of Hartley's performance.

"We went over there with just nine players," Cauley continued. "Some were out with ag and the play, so we were a little short-handed."

Chris Haynes was the Bulldogs' leading hitter. The senior shortstop was two-for-two with a pair of doubles.

Mike Hughes added two singles in three at-bats.

Ira will face Coahoma's junior varsity at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Coahoma.

District 3-A play for the 'Dogs begins April 28 at Wilson.

Cy Young, the all-time major league winner with 510 victories, appeared in 906 big league games.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	6	0	1.000	—
New York	5	0	1.000	½
Boston	2	3	.400	3½
Baltimore	2	4	.333	4
Cleveland	2	4	.333	4
Milwaukee	2	4	.333	4
Detroit	0	6	.000	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	6	1	.857	—
Oakland	5	1	.833	½
Chicago	4	2	.667	1½
Minnesota	3	3	.500	2½
Seattle	3	4	.429	3
California	2	4	.333	3½
Kansas City	0	6	.000	5½

Saturday's Games

New York 8, Detroit 1
Boston 7, Cleveland 5, 19 innings
Toronto 7, Baltimore 2
Oakland 7, Chicago 6, 10 innings
Texas 10, Minnesota 8, 10 innings
Seattle 1, Kansas City 0
California 4, Milwaukee 1

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 2, Boston 1, 1st game
Boston 3, Cleveland 0, 2nd game
Toronto 3, Baltimore 1
New York 5, Detroit 1
California 13, Milwaukee 9
Chicago 6, Oakland 4
Seattle 2, Kansas City 1
Texas 4, Minnesota 3

Monday's Games

Baltimore (Milacki 0-1) at Boston (Viola 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Tanana 0-1) at Cleveland (Otto 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
Seattle (Swan 0-1) at Chicago (Hibbard 1-0), 2:35 p.m.
Oakland (Moore 0-0) at Kansas City (Gordon 0-0), 2:35 p.m.
New York (Cadaret 0-0) at Toronto (Stottlemyre 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
California (Abbott 0-1) at Texas (Guzman 1-0), 8:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	4	2	.667	—
Pittsburgh	4	2	.667	—
Chicago	3	3	.500	1
Philadelphia	3	3	.500	1
St. Louis	3	4	.429	1½
New York	2	5	.286	2½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	5	2	.714	—
Atlanta	4	2	.667	½
San Francisco	3	3	.500	1½
Cincinnati	3	4	.429	2
Houston	2	4	.333	2½
Los Angeles	2	4	.333	2½

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 1
Montreal 8, New York 2
Chicago 4, St. Louis 2
Atlanta 6, San Francisco 2
Cincinnati 5, Houston 4
San Diego 5, Los Angeles 4

Monday's Games

St. Louis (Cormier 0-0) at Montreal (Gardner 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Smoltz 1-0) at Cincinnati (Belcher 0-1), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Greene 1-0) at New York (Fernandez 0-1), 7:40 p.m.
Los Angeles (Hershiser 1-0) at Houston (Kile 0-1), 8:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-New York	49	30	.620	—
x-Boston	48	31	.608	1
New Jersey	37	41	.474	11½
Miami	37	42	.468	12
Philadelphia	33	45	.423	15½
Washington	24	55	.304	25
Orlando	20	58	.256	28½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
z-Chicago	64	14	.821	—
x-Cleveland	54	24	.692	10
x-Detroit	47	32	.595	17½
Indiana	38	41	.481	26½
Atlanta	37	41	.474	27
Milwaukee	31	48	.392	33½
Charlotte	30	48	.385	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Utah	51	27	.654	—
x-San Ant.	45	33	.577	6
Houston	41	37	.526	10
Denver	23	55	.295	28
Dallas	20	58	.256	31
Minnesota	14	64	.179	37

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
z-Portland	56	23	.709	—
x-Golden St.	52	26	.667	3½
x-Phoenix	50	29	.633	6
x-Seattle	46	33	.582	10
LA Clippers	44	34	.564	11½
LA Lakers	40	37	.519	15
Sacramento	27	52	.342	29

x-clinched playoff berth.
y-clinched division title.
z-clinched conference title.

Saturday's Games

Utah 93, LA Lakers 90
Miami 105, Orlando 101
Atlanta 118, New Jersey 98
Chicago 108, Indiana 106
Dallas 99, Houston 92
LA Clippers 122, Denver 88
Golden State 134, Phoenix 125
Sacramento 114, Minnesota 94

Sunday's Games

Detroit 72, New York 61
Milwaukee 94, Philadelphia 90
Cleveland 114, Washington 91
Portland 123, San Antonio 97
Boston 128, Charlotte 102
Seattle 126, Minnesota 116

Monday's Games

New Jersey at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Brown, Rangers edge champion Twins, 4-3

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Good pitching, good hitting — Texas manager Bobby Valentine doesn't care. Ask him which is more important for the Rangers this year and Valentine says both.

The powerful and prolific Texas hitters, who scored 49 runs in their first six games, needed help from pitcher Kevin Brown Sunday night to beat the Minnesota Twins 4-3 and give the Rangers their best start ever.

The 1979 Rangers won their first six games before losing. After sweeping Seattle and taking two of three from the Twins, this year's Rangers also are 6-1.

"It's good," Valentine said. "It's better than one and six."

Brown, who shut out Seattle in his only other game this year, ran his streak to 15 innings before running into trouble in the seventh Sunday.

"Brown was tough on us," said Twins manager Tom Kelly. "We had no chance early in the game. He was dominant. Toward the end we started to hit the ball but he was in control of the game."

With the Twins down 3-0, Kirby Puckett led off the seventh with a single and Gene Larkin hit an RBI double. Pedro Munoz drove in the Twins' second run with a groundout and Scott Leius' RBI single tied the game.

But Juan Gonzalez, who is 6-for-13 in the three-game series and 11-for-29 for the season, rescued the Rangers again. Gonzalez, who hit a three-run homer in the first, singled in Dean Palmer for the game-winner to cap an eighth-inning rally.

It was the Rangers' only offense since the first inning, when Twins starter Pat Mahomes was still working out the jitters of his major-league debut. He walked two before Gonzalez homered.

Gonzalez's homer, his second of the season, was the only scoring and one of only two hits against Mahomes in his six innings.

Bob Kipper (0-1) took the loss, pitching three innings and gave up one run on three hits.

Dickie Thon had two of Texas' five hits.

Doran's double leads Cincinnati past Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds had trouble clearing the bases at the Houston Astrodome, so former Astro Bill Doran took care of it.

Doran surprised himself and his former team Sunday, hitting a two-run double to left field during a four-run rally in the fifth inning that sent the Cincinnati Reds over the Astros 5-4.

"It was a freak for me. I usually hit the ball on a line to left, so he wasn't playing me out of position," Doran said after his hit sailed over the head of left fielder Juan Guerrero.

"It was a fastball up in the zone. I don't often hit a ball in the air like that to left," Doran said.

Astros manager Art Howe, who used to play with Doran, was impressed.

"We played Billy pretty shallow. That's about as hard as he can hit it to the opposite field," Howe said. "The majority of the time he'll beat you short to left."

The game would not have been so close if the Reds had gotten a key hit near the end. Cincinnati left the bases loaded in three of the last four innings.

"I don't know what to say. I don't know how many times this year we've left the bases loaded. A team that's had as good of starting pitching as we've had should be over .500," manager Lou Piniella said.

"Our guys just have to relax and pick out a good pitch. We're more than capable. We're getting guys on we're just not getting them in," he said.

Doran said the Reds, who had a 22-9 spring record, were pressing after getting off to a 2-4 start.

"Some of the guys are trying to do a little too much," he said. "And we might be swinging at some pitches we might not normally swing at. But we'll get it turned around."

Doran did his best to turn it around Sunday. He also drew a bases-loaded walk from Rob Murphy in the eighth inning.

Pitcher Tom Browning capped Cincinnati's rally from a 3-0 deficit with a sacrifice fly in the fifth inning.

Browning (2-0) wound up the winner, going 5 2-3 innings.

2-4A baseball

Team	Season		District	
Lamesa	14	4	2	1
Frenship	13	7	2	1
Estacado	6	10	2	1
Snyder	13	7	1	2
Dunbar	3	15	1	2
Levelland	4	15	1	2

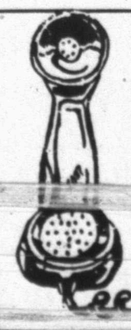
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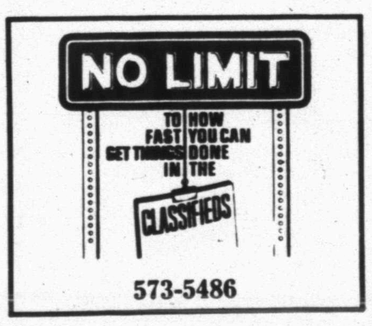
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PLACES FIFTH — Chris Halbert, son of Bill and Janet Halbert of Snyder, finished fifth in the Lubbock Avalanche/Journal Scripps Howard Regional Spelling Bee in Lubbock on April 4. There were 18 participants and the winner was from the Lubbock school district. Chris is a West Elementary sixth grader and a student of Mrs. Cindy Lickey. (SDN Staff Photo)

Workers' fees usage spelled out by law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is moving to enforce a 1988 Supreme Court decision by notifying non-union employees their union fees may not be used for political activities they may not like.

President Bush was expected today to sign an executive order requiring federal contractors to post notices to that effect at job sites.

In a second attack on campaign support that usually goes to Democrats, the Labor Department had a new rule requiring unions to report separately how much they spend for political activities, lobbying and contract negotiations, a White House source said Sunday.

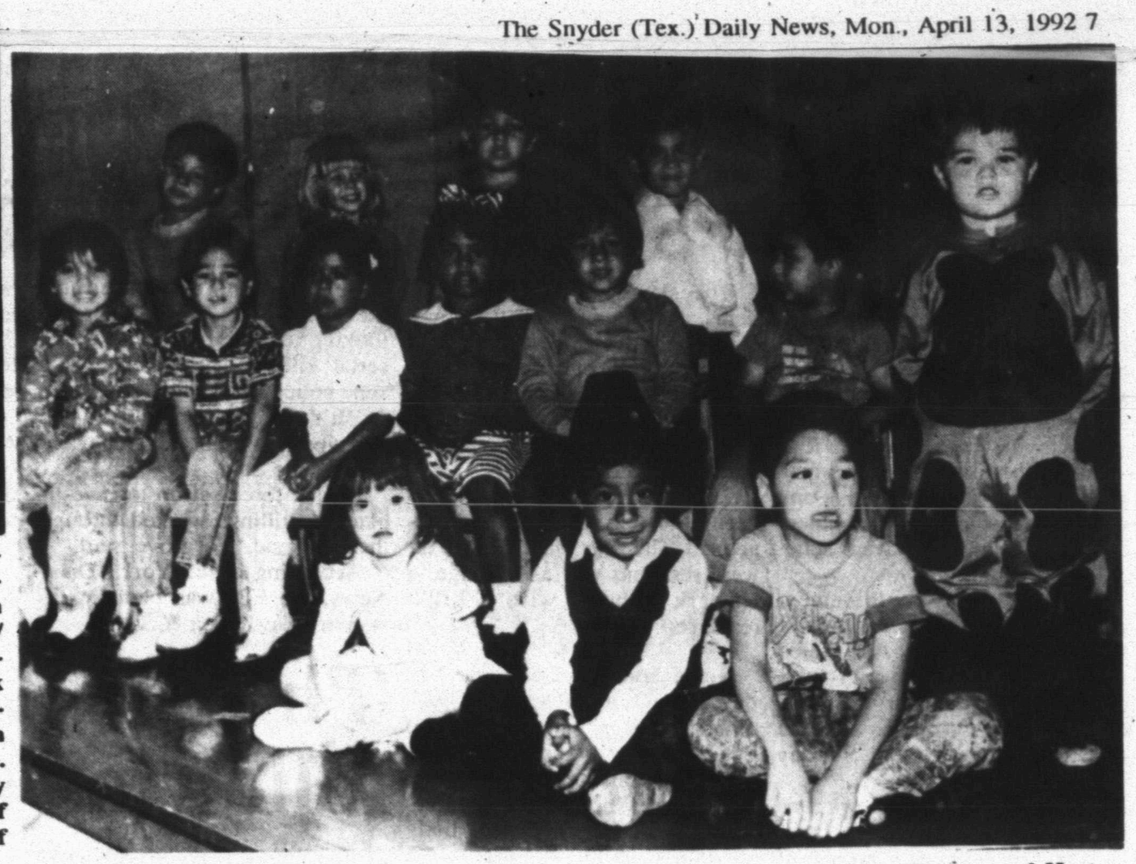
An estimated 3 million employees out of 19 million working under labor contracts are in union or agency shops where they must pay fees to a union even though they remain a non-member.

The amount of such fees was estimated in a published report to be $2.4 billion. The source said that amount "is probably in the ballpark."

The Supreme Court ruled in 1988 that such non-union workers may be required to pay for collective bargaining and representation on labor-management issues, but not for other union activities the worker may oppose.

Although federal law forbids unions from using dues for direct campaign contributions, they can spend the money for support such as telephone banks, newsletters and get-out-the-vote drives.

Under the new policy, non-union members could get refunds of any fees used to finance political activities they oppose. The refunds will not be available to union members, even if they object to the union's political activities, the White House official said.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN ASSEMBLY PROGRAM — "Positive Actions in Springtime," was the title of the program presented by Robin Downing's pre-kindergarten class at Central Elementary. Performers shown in the picture above, from left, are Rebecca Aguirre, Sandra Alfaro, Israel Alvarado, Victoria Mata, Justin Rios, Nikki Timora, Eric Torres, Michelle Williams, Mitchell Williams, Francisco Ornelas, Adrian Gallegos, Jon Anthony Gomez and Hector Esparza. Below are Jerome Delce, Jerrica Gutierrez, Abel Martiniz, Ray Perez Jr., Crystal Ragsdale, Juan Rivera, Brian Rodriguez, Christopher Rodriguez, Crystal Rodriquez, Kirsten Salazar, October Wells, Kayla Guerrero, Chris Thompson, Arthur Alvarado, Marivel Martinez and Mario Molina. (SDN Staff Photo)



Parents protest school's closing

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards should be ousted for proposing — against a panel's recommendation — closure of the Fort Worth State School, angry parents say.

Judy Craig, who has a son at the school, took the microphone during a parents association meeting with mental retardation officials and legislators Sunday. She shouted: "How long are we going to put up with this sort of treatment from Austin? I say impeach her.

"We ought to march on Austin. We ought to march on the Governor's Mansion and take our children with us and say, 'Here, Gov. Richards, you take care of these kids,'" Ms. Craig said.

Richards on March 31 rejected a task force's recommendation to close the Mexia and Travis schools to settle an 18-year-old federal class-action lawsuit over patient care in the state system.

The governor agreed to close Travis State School in Austin, but she replaced Mexia with the 350-patient Fort Worth school, saying Fort Worth could better absorb the economic impact of a closing.

The announcement came after a large march on Austin by Mexia residents and school administrators and patients.

Nancy Ward, president of the Parents Association of the Retarded of Texas whose daughter has been in the Fort Worth school for 16 years, suggested a rally be held on the school grounds April 24.

About 200 parents attended Sunday's meeting. In attendance were several legislators and two high-ranking Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation officials,

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MEMORIAL TREE — A tree was planted recently at the Humble Smith School with the inscription on the marker to read "Tree planted in loving memory of James (Jamie) Coy Farmer. May it grow in this earth as he grew in our hearts." From left, are Billy Haynes, teacher; Barbara Granato, director of special programs; Doyle Wemken, Snyder Nursery; and Juanita Glass, school secretary. He was the son of Mary Farmer who is an aide at the school. (SDN Staff Photo)

Six black women slain in eight months...

Possible serial killer arrested

EAST ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Police investigating the slayings of six young women over the last eight months as possible serial killings have arrested a suspect, authorities said today.

However, spokesman Ray Weiss of the Essex County prosecutor's office refused to give any details. He said an arraignment and news conference were scheduled for later today.

But other law enforcement sources who spoke on condition of anonymity told The Associated Press that the suspect, a 25-year-old male, would be charged in five of the slayings. Sources said the suspect was arrested Sunday afternoon.

The bodies of five of the victims were found in the last week, but it was not immediately known if they were the ones linked to the suspect.

The slayings frightened residents, and Mayor Cardell Cooper and police advised people to avoid walking alone or in dark areas.

"You walk with your eyes behind you," said Paul Griffith, who lives in the area where the bodies were discovered.

The women, ages 16 to 30, had been strangled, stabbed or bludgeoned. The four identified so far were residents of East Orange, a Newark suburb with 73,000 residents.

Three bodies were found Friday, all within 100 yards of each other. The latest victim was found Saturday on a highway embankment, just 30 feet from where one of the three bodies was found.

On Wednesday, another body was found in the basement of a building where the first victim was discovered last August.

Police haven't established that the killings are linked, but are looking into the possibility that a serial killer is responsible, said state police Sgt. Daniel Cosgrove.

"It's always a possibility due to the close proximity in time and place," he said.

A task force set up to investigate the killings worked through the weekend, Cosgrove said.

According to New York's Daily News, the FBI was planning to step in today to help local authorities. The newspaper quoted an unidentified spokesman as saying that the FBI's violent crimes task force was preparing to join the investigation.

The volunteer group Guardian Angels planned to begin patrols in East Orange today. The organization also will offer safety tips and escorts, said national director Lisa Sliwa.

East Orange had nine homicides last year, Police Chief Harry Harman said.

Obituaries

Loyd Brazell

1927-1992

SAN ANTONIO — Memorial services were set for 2 p.m. today at the Haskell Church of Christ and funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Randolph Church of Christ for Loyd L. Brazell, 64, who died Friday. Burial with full military honors will follow in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Brazell was a 1st sergeant in the U.S. Army and was the brother of Lou Kiker of Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Mae Brazell of San Antonio; a daughter, Cynthia G. Stolk of Weatherford; three sons, Loyd L. Brazell Jr. and Timothy Brazell, both of Midland, and Kent L. Brazell of San Antonio; three other sisters, Oma Jean Hollingsworth of Albany, Jo Ann Boyer of Copperas Cove and Betty Jackson of Tyler; five brothers, Benny Brazell of Detroit, Harold Brazell of North Albany, Ind., Virgil Brazell of Anson, Ronald Brazell of Killeen and Jerry Brazell of Temple; and six grandchildren.

Oralia Mesa

1932-1992

SPUR — Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. Mary's Catholic Church for Oralia Rangel Mesa, 59, who died Saturday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. Burial will follow in the Spur Memorial Cemetery.

She was the sister of Ester Lara of Snyder.

Born in Eldorado, Mrs. Mesa married Carlos Mesa on Feb. 2, 1948. She had lived in Dickens County since 1955. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Carlos Mesa Jr. of Spur; seven daughters, Olga Davila of Meadow, Estela Garcia of Haskell and Yida Sproles, Andrea Sides, Martha Mesa, Margarita Mesa and Rosa Mesa, all of Lubbock; four other sisters, Jesusa Adame of Eldorado, Josepha Romo of Paw Paw, Mich., Manuela Espinoza of San Angelo and Olga Perez of Lincoln, Neb.; three brothers, Santos Rangel of Lincoln, Manuel Rangel of Dallas and Isabel Rangel of Rocksprings; her mother, Sara Rangel of Eldorado; and 11 grandchildren.

Deputies open burglary case

Scurry County sheriff's deputies investigated the burglary of a local business and a stolen vehicle over the weekend.

At 10 a.m. Sunday, Bill Kimmel of Midwestern Vaccuum Company reported that the business, located on North Clairemont Road, had been broken into. Twenty-five dollars in cash was reported stolen.

Entry was gained by kicking out a glass door.

Amy Arispe of Colorado City contacted the sheriff's office at 11:22 a.m., reporting that her vehicle had been stolen from the Deep Creek Apartments on 27th Street. The vehicle was later recovered in Mitchell County.

At 1:35 a.m. Sunday, Department of safety troopers arrested a 21-year-old male for driving while intoxicated and a 33-year-old female for public intoxication.

Ira's wool team 2nd at state

Ira's wool judging team finished in second place Saturday during the state contest held at Texas Tech University.

Emily Taylor was named first high individual and Susan Shoults was fourth high individual.

Other team members included Angie Robinson and Jay Nettles.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Sammy Appleton, 3724 Austin.

DISMISSALS: Sammy Appleton, John Joyce.

Census: 39 (Med.-7, Long-Term Care-31, CCU-1).

Clean up campaign continues

Snyder residents joining in "Keep Snyder Beautiful Week" this week need to contact the city utility department to schedule free dump truck pickup.

The cleanup campaign began last weekend and is being sponsored by the city and the chamber of commerce in recognition of "Keep Texas Beautiful Month."

Residents are being asked to pick up trash, mow, remove the weeds and clean their back alleys.

Businesses are also encouraged to participate. The city is being divided into four parts, intersected by Highway 180 and College Avenue. The business which does the best job of cleaning up in its quadrant will be awarded a prize by the chamber.

The city will have dump trucks and drivers available from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. today through Thursday. The service is free.

Items to be picked up must be placed next to the curb, in the alley leaving access for traffic, or in an area that is accessible to the dump truck. Small items must be placed in bags. Tree limbs, lumber and other similar objects must be cut into pieces that can be easily handled by one person.

Citizens will need to call the utility department at 573-4960 to schedule dump truck pickups.

Because the city is anticipating an overflow of calls, residents will be able to schedule times after Thursday, if they wish. They must make arrangements by Thursday, however.

Special arrangements will be needed to pick up large items such as stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, car hoods and pipe. Refrigerators cannot be accepted. To make these arrangements, call Carolyn House at 573-4969.

Cosmorama Club to host guest tea

The Cosmorama Study Club will have a guest tea on Wednesday, April 22 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

In the club's "Celebration of Nature," Zoe Kirkpatrick will present a program on wildflowers at 4:15 p.m.

Hostesses will be Mippy Brownlee, Julie Sentell and Elwanda Nall.

Third victim dies following explosion

HOUSTON (AP) — A 27-year-old woman who suffered severe burns in last week's massive gas explosion near Brenham has died, making her the third victim of that blast, hospital officials say.

Delores Medve, who suffered third-degree burns over 75 percent of her body, died early Sunday at Houston's Hermann Hospital, officials said.

Gloria Diver, 46, Mrs. Medve's mother, died Friday from severe burns she suffered in the blast. Services for Mrs. Diver will be held this afternoon in Brenham.

Mrs. Medve's son, Travis, 3, also was injured, but he is in stable condition at Hermann.

All three were injured when their car was burned and nearly flattened in the explosion last Tuesday in Washington County. Authorities have speculated the vehicle may have ignited the explosion after it drove into a vapor cloud.

Jane Meinen, 31, also was injured in the explosion. She remains in critical but stable condition at Hermann, hospital officials said.

Mrs. Meinen's 5-year-old son, Derrick, was killed instantly when the blast destroyed his family's mobile home. Mrs. Meinen had called 911 shortly before the explosion occurred to complain of a strong gas odor and a loud hissing noise outside her home.

Seventeen others suffered minor injuries in the explosion that ripped through the rural countryside near Brenham, causing at least $6.6 million in damages to property.

State and federal officials are still investigating the cause of the explosion, which occurred near the Seminole Pipeline Co. salt-dome storage facility.

Yeltsin warns parliament and threatens to resign post

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin's Cabinet submitted its resignation today, telling a hostile parliament that abandoning his economic reforms could worsen inflation and block Russia's entry into the world market.

Yeltsin, who is both president and prime minister, asked his ministers to continue working through the end of the parliament session, when he will decide whether to accept their resignations, Deputy Premier Yegor Gaidar said.

The Cabinet had threatened earlier to resign, but went a step further today by actually submitting a letter of resignation.

The ministers were protesting a resolution approved Saturday by the parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies, that called for tax cuts and sharp increases in wages and farm subsidies. The parliament, dominated by former Communists, also wants Yeltsin to give up the post of prime minister, which carries direct responsibility for the economy.

Russians have seen their buying power plunge since Yeltsin ended price controls at the beginning the year, triggering a big jump in the costs of everyday goods. The program is intended to entice farmers and factories to produce more, but Yeltsin says it will take time.

"The inevitable result of carrying out the decision of the congress will be a catastrophic fall in living standards, hunger, social upheaval and chaos," said Gaidar, the architect of Yeltsin's reforms.

"All the sacrifices which the people of Russia have borne with such courage and patience for the past three months will turn out to have been in vain," he said.

The ministers said in a joint statement that parliament's propsal would result in a further tripling or quadrupling of prices and devastate the economy.

Gadhafi to accept resolution from U.N.

But not without some conditions

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — With the deadline for U.N. sanctions approaching, Moammar Gadhafi is indicating he might back down from his refusal to surrender to the West two suspects in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

The Libyan leader is reported to have accepted the United Nations' demand with conditions. Such acceptance would appear to fall far short of what is necessary to avoid the imposition of sanctions on Wednesday.

As the Arab community continued to pursue last-minute efforts to try to forestall the air, arms and diplomatic embargo, Libya announced through its official news agency that it will cut itself off from the world on Tuesday.

The agency, JANA, reported that all international travel and communication links will be severed to mourn 41 Libyans killed in a 1986 U.S. air strike.

Wednesday is the raid's sixth anniversary. Libya apparently chose to observe it a day early to keep the sanctions from overshadowing the gesture.

Gadhafi has always marked the anniversary of the U.S. air raid, which the United States said was in retaliation for the bombing of a Berlin discotheque frequented by U.S. servicemen, but never to the extent of shutting off his country.

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fact that total cost for hauling the rock will be over $40,000.

Commissioners accepted the bid of Snyder Truck and Tractor for a Bush Hog brand 15-foot rotary flex-wing mower to be used in Precinct 4. Total cost of the mower, including trade-in, is $6,885.

The court received only three other bids, all from Key Brothers Implement.

Commissioners voted to pay a bill from Snyder Insurance Agency for cost over-run on 1991 county liability insurance in the amount of $2,731.

County Auditor Eddie McHaney explained that the Trinity Company, former insurance carrier for the county, gave the county an estimated cost for insurance, based on a yearly audit. The cost was adjusted at the end of each year with the county either receiving a refund or having to pay a difference.

Commissioners chose to go through the Texas Association of Counties for liability insurance after Trinity discontinued the county's policy.

Approval of bills and minutes from the April 6 meeting were the only other items on the agenda.

Commissioner C.D. Gray presided over the meeting. Present were Roy Idom, Jerry Morgan and Jerry Gannaway. County Judge Bob Doolittle was absent.

Markets — Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	693/4	685/8	683/4	—11/8
Albtsn	431/8	423/4	427/8	+1/4
AlliedSignal	533/4	53	531/2	-1/4
ALLTEL Cp	381/4	381/8	381/4	-1/4
AmStor s	333/4	331/2	331/2	
Amer T&T	413/4	413/8	4117/2	-3/8
Ameritech	583/4	581/2	585/8	-1/8
Amoco	433/8	431/4	431/4	
AndarkPtr	217/8	213/4	217/8	+1/8
Arkla	81/4	81/8	81/4	
ArmcoInc	55/8	51/2	55/8	
AtlRichfld	1063/8	1051/2	106	
BakerHugh	181/8	173/4	18	+3/8
BancTexas	23/8	21/4	21/4	
BellAtl	413/8	411/8	413/8	+1/8
BellSouth	441/2	441/4	443/8	
Beth Steel	133/4	133/8	131/2	-1/4
Borden	335/8	331/8	335/8	+1/4
Caterpilr	491/4	481/2	491/4	+7/8
Centel	411/2	405/8	411/2	+11/4
CenSoWst s	251/2	251/4	251/4	
Chevron	655/8	651/4	651/2	+1/8
Chrysler	177/8	171/4	177/8	+3/8
Coastal	241/4	237/8	237/8	-1/8
CocaCola	83	823/8	823/4	+3/8
ColgateP s	48	473/4	48	+1/4
ComlMetl	237/8	233/4	233/4	-1/4
CooperIn	561/2	56	561/8	-3/8
CyprusMn	205/8	203/8	205/8	+3/8
DallSemicn	87/8	85/8	83/4	
DeltaAirl	597/8	591/8	591/8	-5/8
DigitalEq	465/8	451/4	457/8	+5/8
Dillard	1263/8	1257/8	126	+1/4
DowChem	601/2	601/8	601/8	-1/4
DresserInd	19	187/8	187/8	
DuPont	475/8	471/4	471/2	+1/8
EstKodak	39	385/8	383/4	
EljerInd	75/8	71/4	73/8	
Enserch	123/4	121/2	125/8	-1/8
Exxon	573/4	573/8	571/2	-1/8
FtCtyBcp	11/4	11/8	11/8	
FlowerInd	161/8	16	161/8	
FordMotor	403/4	397/8	401/2	+1/2
GTE Cp	301/8	293/4	30	+1/4
GnDynam	633/4	633/8	633/8	-1/2
GenElct	763/8	757/8	76	
GnMill	653/4	651/4	653/8	-1/4
GenMotors	391/4	381/2	391/8	+1/2
GenMotrE s	281/2	281/4	283/8	-1/8
GaPacif	653/8	643/8	653/8	+1
GlobMar	11/2	13/8	13/8	-1/8
Goodrich	50	493/4	497/8	-1/4
Goodyear	691/2	677/8	691/2	+7/8
GtAtlPac	331/4	33	331/4	
Gulf StaUt	13	127/8	13	-
Haliburtn	227/8	223/8	227/8	+1/2
Hanson	203/8	201/8	201/8	+1/4
HoustInd	423/4	421/2	425/8	
IBM	863/8	857/8	863/8	+3/8
IntlPaper	703/4	701/4	701/2	-1/8
JohnsJhn	1005/8	991/2	1001/4	-
K mart	503/4	501/4	505/8	+1/4
Kroger	167/8	161/2	161/2	-1/4
vjLTV Cp	3/4	5/8	11-16	
Litton Ind	93	921/2	93	+5/8
vjLoneStar	4	4	4	
Lowes	373/4	373/8	373/4	+1/2
Lubys	163/8	161/8	161/8	-1/4
Maxus	63/4	61/2	65/8	
MayDSt	573/4	57	573/4	+7/8
Medtrn s	733/4	721/2	721/2	—11/8
Mobil	623/4	613/4	625/8	+5/8
Monsan	641/2	641/4	641/4	-1/2
Motorola	741/8	733/4	737/8	-1/4
Nationbk	45	443/4	447/8	-1/8
Navistar	33/8	31/4	31/4	-1/8
Nynex	72	713/4	713/4	+1/4
OryxEngy	201/8	193/4	20	-1/4
PacTelesis	385/8	381/4	383/8	-3/8
PanhECp	131/8	127/8	131/8	+1/4
PenneyJC	651/2	641/2	651/4	+1/2
PepBoys	231/8	221/4	23	+5/8
Phelps Dod	825/8	813/4	817/8	+1/8
PhilipPet	241/8	233/4	237/8	+1/8
PilgrmPrd	53/4	53/4	53/4	-1/8
Polaroid s	251/8	247/8	251/8	-1/8
Primerica	395/8	39	39	+3/8
ProctGamb	100	991/4	997/8	+1/8
PubS NwMx	111/4	111/8	111/4	+1/8
SFePacCp	117/8	113/4	117/8	+1/8
SaraLee	515/8	511/4	515/8	
SearsRoeb	453/8	443/4	451/8	-3/8
SherwinW	29	287/8	287/8	
SmthBchm	761/2	763/8	763/8	+5/8
SmthBch eq n	695/8	691/2	691/2	+1/4
Southern Co	321/4	32	321/8	+1/8
SwstAirl	387/8	381/2	385/8	+1/8
SwstBell	591/4	581/2	591/8	+3/8
Sprint	213/4	211/2	215/8	+1/8
SterlingChm	41/4	41/8	41/8	
SunCo	267/8	265/8	267/8	
TNP Ent	191/2	191/2	191/2	-1/8
Tandy	271/2	271/4	271/4	-3/8
TempleInl	533/8	521/2	521/2	-1/2
Tenneco	367/8	361/2	365/8	+1/8
Texaco	597/8	591/8	591/2	+3/4
TexasInst	321/2	321/4	321/2	+1/4
Tex Util	38	373/4	38	
Textron	341/4	333/4	337/8	-1/8
Tyler	47/8	43/4	47/8	-1/8
USWst	331/2	331/8	331/4	
USXMar n	207/8	205/8	203/4	
USX-USS n	233/8	231/4	231/4	-1/8
UnCarbde	247/8	243/4	247/8	
UnPac s	475/8	473/8	473/8	-1/4
UnitTech	543/8	537/8	541/4	+1/4
Unocal	221/8	213/4	221/8	+1/4
WalMt	531/8	523/4	531/8	+1/4
WestghEl	18	175/8	177/8	
Woolwth	271/2	271/8	271/2	+3/8
Xerox Cp	733/4	721/2	735/8	+13/8
ZenithE	85/8	83/8	83/8	-

Snyder police make 5 weekend arrests

Snyder police made five arrests and responded to various other calls over the weekend.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old man at 10:18 a.m. Saturday in the 2100 block of Avenue K for public intoxication.

Another 19-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication at 12:26 a.m. Sunday in the 1600 block of 27th Street.

At 1:59 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 27-year-old man for driving while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license in the 1800 block of 15th Street. The DWI charge was dropped after the man passed an intoxilyzer test.

Officers arrested a third 19-year-old man at 11:10 p.m. Sunday near the Latin American Center for public intoxication.

And at 1:27 a.m. today, officers arrested a 33-year-old man for public intoxication in the 2800 block of Avenue U.

At 5:10 a.m. today, Margarita Puente reported her 1978 black Chevrolet pickup missing from 2805 College Ave. A report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was filed in the case.

Two teenage girls reported missing by their parents Saturday were later found at a Killeen bus station. At 7:27 a.m., a woman contacted police to say that her 16-year-old daughter had run away. About three hours later, a man also called police in reference to his 14-year-old daughter having run off. He stated he thought his daughter might be in the company of the missing 16-year-old.

The girls were found in a Killeen bus station at 10:50 a.m. and held until their parents arrived.

Police took a report for family violence at 4:12 p.m. Saturday in the 2800 block of Avenue C after a woman called to say her common-law husband was causing problems.

Police also took two reports for theft Sunday. Officers stopped two subjects at 4:21 a.m. in the 2400 block of Sunset and found a large amount of baseball cards. The cards had been taken from Allsup's convenience store. Class B theft and theft of services were filed.

At 11:01 a.m., Adrian Almanza of 500 29th St. reported a red and white Huffy bicycle had been stolen.

In one other report, police worked a hit and run at 10:19 p.m. Saturday at 3308 Ave. A. Involved were a 1983 Mercury driven by Randy Messinger of Haskell and a vehicle which left the scene.

Houston man charged in trooper's shooting

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — A state trooper was in critical condition today after being shot during a traffic stop, and the man accused of wounding him was held in lieu of $1 million bond, authorities said.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Bill Davidson, 43, was in intensive care at Citizens Medical Center in Victoria. He underwent surgery there after he was shot in the neck Saturday, hospital spokesman Steve Toland said.

Ronald Ray Howard, 18, of Houston was arrested on an attempted capital murder charge in connection with the shooting.

He remained in Victoria County Jail this morning under bond set by Justice of the Peace David Vivian. Howard was scheduled to be transferred today to Jackson County, where the shooting took place.

Victoria County Deputy David Guajardo said the $1 million was a usual bond setting for an attempted capital murder charge.

Davidson, assigned to the DPS office in Edna, stopped a truck Saturday night on U.S. Highway 59 because a headlamp was out. He was shot as he approached the driver, DPS spokesman Mike Cox said.

The incident occurred just north of the Victoria County line in Jackson County.

A motorist who drove up on the scene called for help on the fallen trooper's radio. The dispatcher alerted the Victoria Police Department that the vehicle, which had been reported stolen last week, was believed headed into Victoria, officials said.

Officers began a chase at 8:38 p.m.

Cox said the search ended in northeast Victoria when the driver abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot.

Divorce petition filed

LONDON (AP) — Princess Anne, only daughter of Queen Elizabeth II, filed a petition for divorce from Mark Phillips today, Buckingham Palace said.

The couple, who have two children, separated in 1989 after 15 years of marriage.

Petitions were presented to a divorce registry, and a decree is expected to be pronounced shortly, a palace spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Astrograph
By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

April 14, 1992

You could be in for some pleasant surprises in the year ahead, once you begin to realize that an endeavor you're involved in is much bigger than you originally thought.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your attention span might not be up to par today, so be doubly diligent when working on mental tasks. In fact, have someone check what you do just to be on the safe side. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Unnecessary time might be devoted today to endeavors that are insignificant or even obsolete. Don't let the sands of your productiveness be drained for futile purposes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's admirable to speak of family members in glowing terms today. However, try not to attribute to them accomplishments they've never achieved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Before affixing your signature to important documents or agreeing to something that could be binding, be certain you know exactly what you're getting into. Don't wait for time to point out your mistakes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There's a possibility you may be taken in a commercial arrangement today because of a failure to pay attention to details. While you may overlook them, the other guy won't.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't attempt to behave in the way you feel others want you to behave today. Your performance won't be believable, and it could hurt your image rather than enhance it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you are called to task today because of something you neglected to do, don't make excuses. Set a definite date when this will be done, and then do it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Two catty companions might voice unflattering remarks today about an absent friend. Don't participate in the verbal lynching; the victim will later learn you helped hold the noose.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An unfriendly competitor will be waiting for you to do something wrong today where your career is concerned. Don't give this individual a chance to use your own actions against you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might be more interested in what you have to say today rather than listening to the sage advice of a friendly counselor. Later, you might wish you paid more attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not take anything for granted today, especially where business is concerned. You could get a bit cocky and think you have the upper hand when, in fact, you really don't.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone you'll be closely involved with today might have ideas superior to yours. Don't automatically reject them just because you didn't think of them.

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Congress' idea of change: more of same

By Steven Komarow
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's a rumor wafting through Washington that the populace is ready for basic change in the way the nation is governed. But it seems that few people in power actually believe it.

Oh, they believe the voters are in a "throw the rascals out" mood, all right. And they talk about how the nation needs a new direction. Some even support term limits for Congress.

But when it came this week to decisions that actually affect people, the response from Congress and the president was an emphatic more of the same.

In the Senate, Democrats tried to cut back on military spending. They argued that without the Soviet Union, the Pentagon could take a reduction of less than 2 percent from what President Bush proposed. They lost.

Republicans countered with a plan to contain the explosive growth in entitlement programs, including Medicare and veterans' benefits. They lost too.

On the other hand, when the House was presented with a plan to expand benefits for the working elderly, allow them to make more money while still collecting their full Social Security checks, it sailed right through with a wink and a nod from the White House. Never mind that more than $7 billion would be drained from the trust funds and added to the deficit over the next five years.

The bottom line is that in that case there were constituencies — special interest groups — that fight hard and vote. On the other side, the biggest constituency for a smaller federal deficit would be those not old enough to vote, the people who will be stuck with the bills.

Lawmakers "are not held responsible for raising the deficit but they are held responsible for not bringing the bacon home," said James C. Miller III, former budget director for President Reagan.

It isn't that those in government don't hear the voters. Some would argue that they hear them too clearly — through polls and other surveys that relay instant reaction, rather than thoughtful reflection.

"Let's face it, the Congress is afraid of its own constituency," Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., who recently announced he will retire rather than face another six-year term of frustration.

Former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, who recently suspended his presidential campaign, said he believes the situation is changing.

"People are now beginning to figure out this country's in trouble because we have refused to make very hard choices," he said.

Tsongas and Rudman appeared on the CBS program "Face the Nation."

When those who are running for election think about the deficit, they think about 1985. That's when Senate Republicans, who held a majority in that chamber then, pushed through a tough deficit-reduction plan including constraints on Social Security.

Politics, technology — a big mix in 1990s

WASHINGTON (AP) — Politics has come a long way since Harry Truman's whistle-stop tours. In the '90s, campaign promises bounce off orbiting satellites and money fills war chests through fiber optic telephone systems.

"The campaign trail looks very different than it did four cycles ago," acknowledged Christopher Arterton, dean of the independent Graduate School for Political Management, which trains students to run campaigns.

"Today, as soon as they get off the campaign plane they run to a phone, dial in with their laptop computers and share the latest news with their headquarters," he said.

Observers expect the 1992 campaign will be the most technologically sophisticated to date, continuing a trend toward using computers, satellites and telecommunication systems that began in the 1980s.

"The romantic image of Harry Truman riding on the train on a whistle-stop tour, we're never going to do that again. We're going to send the candidates electronically," said Kevin McDermott, treasurer for Democrat Jerry Brown, one of the most visibly high-tech campaigners.

Brown has raised about $2.5 million in small donations from some 40,000 Americans with his 1-800 number and recently held an "electronic town meeting" in which computer enthusiasts could type questions into their personal computers and Brown would type answers in return via a computer communications network.

Democratic front-runner Bill Clinton raised $200,000 from supporters in Arkansas with a single phone call from New Hampshire carried to speakers in 300 locations in his home state connected by telephone conferencing.

Clinton also reached into 25,000 homes with mailed campaign videotapes.

Meanwhile, billionaire Ross Perot has set up an elaborate phone bank with 1,200 extensions to help collect the tens of thousands of signatures he needs to get his independent campaign on the ballots of all 50 states. The system sorts calls by area codes and assigns priorities to those with approaching ballot deadlines.

He's also mentioned using interactive closed circuit television and computer networking as a way to reach voters in the fall.

And nearly all the candidates have prepped their campaign staffs, mingled with voters and tapped fund-raising pockets just by lifting a finger — thanks to satellite uplinks and telephone conferencing.

The advantages?

"It's making traditional campaign tasks cheaper and more efficient," said Charles Black, a senior adviser to President Bush.

TWA cuts fares in response to American's price program

NEW YORK (AP) — Trans World Airlines, one of the nation's weakest carriers, said it would cut many ticket prices an additional 10 to 20 percent in response to a price program announced last week by American Airlines.

TWA didn't say Sunday it was matching the new price structure as had many other carriers, but said its new fares would keep its ticket prices up to 40 percent lower than its competitors on some coast-to-coast flights and for travelers who agree to fly through its St. Louis hub.

TWA planned to advertise the new fares today in newspapers.

TWA's new one-way fare from New York to Los Angeles would be $350, compared with a fare under American's new price program of $460, down from its old price of $752.

TWA currently is trying to fight its way out of bankruptcy court, where it sought protection from creditors early this year amid mounting losses. The impact of the Gulf War and the recession combined to cost the airline industry $6 billion in 1990 and 1991.

Analysts have said American's plan to lower fares as much as 50 percent in some cases could drive carriers like TWA out of business.

But TWA Chairman Carl Icahn told reporters in a telephone conference that the cuts will have a limited impact because TWA already has cut costs and is recovering. He said the airline expects to get into the black in May.

He said the St. Louis-based airline's operating loss during the traditionally slow first quarter will be less than $100 million, down from $160 million during last year's period.

Revenue is up 16 percent over last year's first quarter, he said. TWA declared assets of $2.68 billion and liabilities of $3.47 billion when it sought bankruptcy protection.

"If the reason for doing this fare is to try to get rid of a low-cost competitor, it's not going to work," Icahn said.

Wilbur Ross, a Rothschild Inc. executive who represents bondholders owed money by TWA, said the creditors wouldn't oppose the new fare cuts. He said TWA probably won't immediately be harmed because most of the fares Icahn is cutting are not in highly active TWA markets.

"My own sense of things is that he can probably afford this immediate round of cuts. But I truly wonder if anyone can afford much more," Ross said.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Since last November I've had pain on the left side of my head, temple, ear and cheek. I've seen an ENT specialist who treated a sinus infection, a dentist whose X-rays were negative and a neurologist who has set up a head scan. Meanwhile, a dry cough continues to give me excruciating pain and a constant humming in my ear has developed. What's next?

DEAR READER: From your brief description, I believe you have a persisting sinus infection, which can cause headache, humming in the ears (tinnitus) and a cough (from postnasal drip). Perhaps your antibiotic treatment wasn't long enough. In my experience, sinus infections sometimes require two or three weeks of therapy.

Of course, I could be wrong. You might have an unusual ailment, such as a tumor in your pharynx (behind your nose) or in your sinus. However, your symptoms seem most consistent with sinus infection — or, more precisely, infection in more than one of your sinuses.

Your neurologist took an appropriate next step by ordering a CT scan of your head. This special X-ray test will enable the doctors to "see" the structures within the skull, including the sinuses. Any abnormality, such as infection or tumor, will be readily evident. Follow through with the scan and heed the doctor's advice about further treatment.

To provide further information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 with a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with diabetes and have been having increased pain and numbness in my feet and toes. An electromyography report says my findings are consistent with significant motor-/sensory neuropathy. What does all this mean?

DEAR READER: Nerve malfunction (neuropathy) is a common complication of diabetes, which affects circulation to nerves. When deprived of oxygen and nutrients, nerves stop transmitting impulses efficiently; numbness, tingling and weakness may follow.

Diabetic neuropathy is difficult to treat because the problem is caused by accelerated arteriosclerosis, which compromises blood circulation. The condition may improve as the diabetes is brought under control (when the blood sugar approaches normal).

However, additional therapy is usually necessary. Dilantin (anti-seizure medicine) and amitriptyline (an antidepressant) are sometimes helpful. Aspirin (to retard blood coagulation) often prevents small clots from worsening the symptoms of neuropathy.

I recommend that you meet with your doctor for an in-depth discussion of your problem and the options for treatment. You can certainly be helped but to what degree is unpredictable.

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Teen births decrease in Bexar Co.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Births to teen-age mothers in Bexar County have dipped to a 20-year low, but local health officials aren't sure of the reason for the new figures.

Possible factors include increased abstinence and birth control or more abortions.

For 1991, countywide birth statistics show that 728 babies were born to girls younger than 17 — the lowest actual number since 1983 and at 3.3 percent the lowest percentage of total births since at least 1970.

Officials, while acknowledging that campaigns for safe sex-birth control and abstinence might be influencing some teens, wonder whether more teens are opting for abortions.

They have asked the Texas Department of Health to compile data on abortions conducted in Bexar County.

"Sex education, family planning, more awareness because of AIDS — I don't know what any of those factors are," San Antonio Metropolitan Health District planner Scott Highley said. "And the great unknown is, are more teens getting abortions?

"All we know is births. We don't know pregnancies."

The county also recorded its lowest rate of mothers 17 and under since 1970, with 1,414 births making up 6.4 percent of total births.

Meanwhile, births to girls age 14 and younger increased slightly, although their percentage of total births remained about the same.

In Bexar County last year, 22,049 babies were born, up from 21,830 in 1990. The overall birth rate declined slightly, from 18.5 births per 1,000 population, to 18.2.

Bridge delays caused by foreign steel firm

HOUSTON (AP) — A $91.2 million bridge project linking Baytown to La Porte over the Houston Ship Channel has fallen two years behind schedule because of disputes involving a South African steel contractor.

The Houston Chronicle reported Sunday that construction has been delayed because the contractor, Group Five, used steel that failed to meet state standards to build girders for the two-mile span.

State officials say most of the problems now have been resolved, but construction has become a five-year process. Both ends of the bridge are complete with only the half-mile middle section remaining to be built.

The bridge is considered a critical replacement for the clogged Baytown Tunnel.

"We certainly have been disappointed," Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Bill Neely said. "We just seem to continue to have problems over there."

Records obtained under the Texas Open Records Act show that department inspectors overseeing the project in South Africa became exasperated by several shortcomings in the steel fabrication.

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Texas high school wins scholastic contest

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The J. Frank Dobie High School team from Pasadena, Texas edged out schools from Arizona, Illinois and California to win the National Academic Decathlon.

The nine-member team, all boys, credited Sunday's victory to consistent performance and a year-long focus on the event.

"We gave up dates, movies and free time," said 17-year-old senior Daniel Ramirez. "We gave priority definitely to the decathlon. The decathlon outshadowed everything else."

The Pasadena school's victory gave Texas schools a back-to-back championship because J.J. Pearce of Richardson won last year's competition.

Coming in a close second was Mountain View High School of Mesa, Ariz.

"We are so happy," said Mountain View senior Tyson Rogers, who won a $5,000 scholarship for his performance at the two-day tournament. "We cracked the monopoly at the highest level. That's exciting in itself."

California and Texas high schools shared the top two spots in the first 10 years of the decathlon. Mountain View finished third and fourth the past two years.

Dobie senior Scott Seago said the team met two hours almost every day after school and weekends since August. Ironically, the group's regular class work suffered because of their devotion to the decathlon.

"It's hard to even get school work done," Seago said. "I always got the work done, but I haven't been able to spend as much time on studying as in the past."

Renee Larson of Mountain View High School said she was burned out on studying for awhile.

"My school work has suffered tremendously," Miss Larson said. "I had to give up chorus and a lot of sleep. I'm going to go home and watch TV."

Whitney Young High School from Chicago won third place, while El Camino Real High School of Woodland Hills, Calif., finished fourth.

Showdown brewing in shipping dispute

HOUSTON (AP) — A meeting of the American Bureau of Shipping could be a showdown between chairman Frank Iarossi and critics who blame the Houston-based leader with steering the vessel inspection bureau into choppy waters.

Iarossi, 54, is the former president of Exxon Shipping Co., and was known for his handling of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. He took over as chairman of the American Bureau of Shipping two years ago as president and chairman of the 42-member board.

"This is like a bolt from the blue," Vice President Tom Tucker said. "It's a shock to all of us. ... It's been a very harmonious organization. Problems have been easily settled in the past."

The American Bureau of Shipping, a non-profit bureau based in New York City, inspects oceangoing vessels and sets safety standards for the maritime industry.

The board, mostly comprised of engineers, settles such routine issues as which oil tankers need double hulls or what length of pipe is acceptable in ballast tanks.

On Tuesday in New York, Iarossi will face the 130-year-old bureau's membership in the first mass meeting since the controversy became public.

"I love my job," Iarossi says. "There have been times, over the past three or four months, I've said, 'Is it worth it?' Yes, it is."

Beginning last May, the bureau's chief financial officer Robert Duffy started raising questions about Iarossi's donation of $2,000 of organization money to the Republican Senatorial Inner Circle in August 1990 on behalf of himself and his wife, Millie.

Iarossi said the money allowed him to attend a breakfast with Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and Vice President Dan Quayle, political contacts he thought were important to the bureau. But he since reimbursed the organization.

Duffy, who has since resigned, also questioned why Iarossi hired his wife, a former interior decorator, to redecorate the bureau's facilities and why he hired his daughter at $25 an hour last year to help coordinate a corporate move of 275 employees from Paramus, N.J. to Houston.

Iarossi said his wife saved the group $30,000 in decorating charges and Vincent "Bud" Roth, who heads the Houston office, said Lisa Iarossi was hired at about half the cost of a typical moving consultant.

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Insurance pool spent thousands on expenses

AUSTIN (AP) — The head of the Texas Workers' Compensation Facility has spent nearly $70,000 in expenses over a two-year period as a deficit mounted and worker's compensation rates increased, according to a published report.

Charles MacKay spent $41,168 on private club fees, entertainment and travel in 1990 and $28,311 in 1991, the Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday.

As worker compensation rates rose, some officials began criticizing MacKay's spending.

In December, the Travis County district attorney's office sent security guards to stop the destruction of records at the agency. Officials said the records concerned payments owed to the facility by policyholders, and not profligate spending.

The facility, which used to be called the Texas Workers' Compensation Assigned Risk Pool, is the insurer of last resort for businesses that cannot otherwise buy coverage to pay the claims of workers injured on the job.

An example of MacKay's spending was in June 1990, when MacKay paid $1,302 at Great Hills Country Club so he and his associates could play golf and eat. The figure included $264 for cart rentals and even $12 for a shoeshine. All charges were paid from the funds of the quasi-state agency.

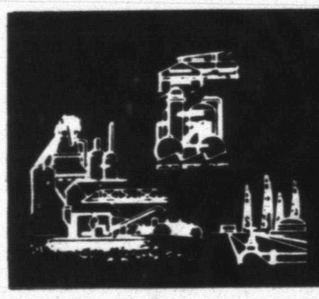
MacKay, 61, has declined to discuss the expenditures. He was put on administrative leave on Dec. 30 and fired March 31.

But MacKay is still being compensated. While on leave, he continued to receive his $90,000-a-year salary. Under his severance package, MacKay will get paid for 10 more months, and the agency will hire a search firm to find him a new job, the newspaper reported.

Last year, MacKay spent $14,896 at clubs, largely for golf. MacKay also filed for $13,415 in travel and restaurant expenses. He even charged the facility mileage for driving from his North Austin office to downtown board meetings: $8.06 for the round trip.

MacKay's expenses were approved by Synott McNeel, senior vice president of Texas General Indemnity Co., a Galveston-based insurer.

"I never saw anything in his expense account of an unusual nature," said McNeel, who still is a member of the governing board, but is no longer chairman.



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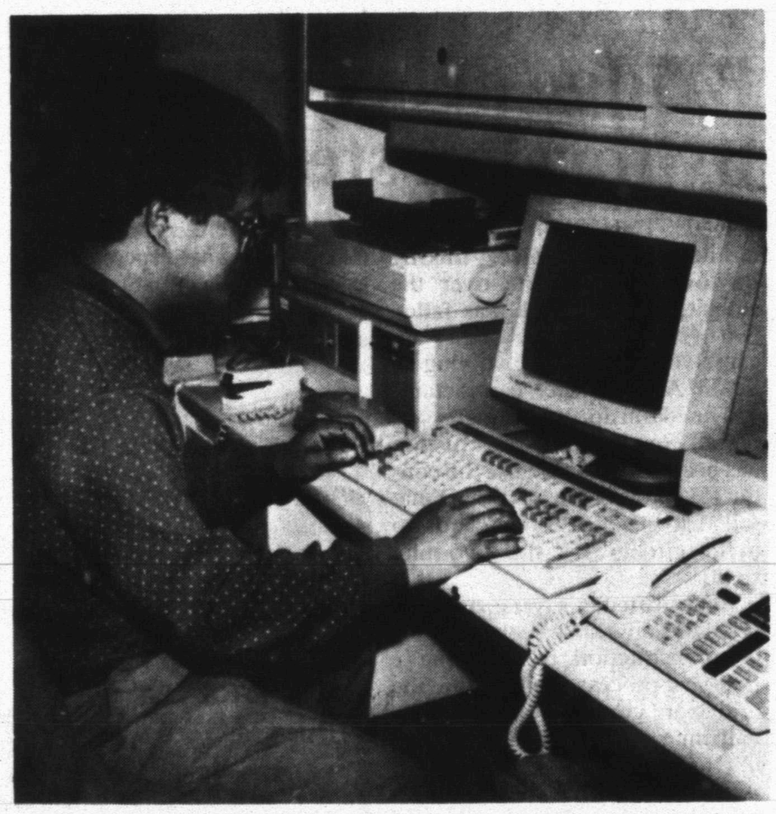
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'Cheers,' 'Simpsons' popular among students

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Who needs Shakespeare when you've got Ted Danson and Bart Simpson?

"Cheers" and "The Simpsons" are the two most frequently watched shows among college students, according to poll results in TV Guide's April 28 issue.

"The Cosby Show" was in third place, followed by "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Saturday Night Live," according to the poll by Roper CollegeTrack.

The poll found that college students watch about 17 hours of television a week, compared with 28 hours for the average adult.

New state law makes it harder to kill bees

AUSTIN (AP) — A new state law that requires anyone who gets paid to kill bees to have a license and liability insurance is going to make it tougher to battle the "killer bees," a retired entomologist says.

The new law requires anyone who gets paid to kill bees to obtain a license and liability insurance or risk a fine of up to $5,000.

The law also prevents police officers, firefighters and nurses from destroying Africanized bees. Such public-sector employees, along with some beekeepers, have been taking state training on how to help contain the insects.

The law will remove a major line of defense against the Africanized bees, according to retired entomologist John Thomas.

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