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Ask Us

Q—When do classes begin next year for Western Texas College and Snyder Public Schools?

A—Classes begin Aug. 26 at Western Texas College. A 1992-93 school calendar for Snyder ISD is expected to be adopted Thursday evening.

In Brief

Affirm terms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today rejected the appeals of two Texas death row inmates, one who killed a Carrollton convenience store shopper and the other convicted of murdering a Fort Worth-to-Amarillo hitchhiker.

The justices, without comment, let stand rulings that Andre Lewis and Benjamin Boyle received fair trials and proper sentences.

Lewis was convicted in 1987 for killing Matt McKay of Oklahoma City, who arrived at a store in the Dallas suburb of Carrollton just as Lewis was robbing it. Prosecutors said Lewis told McKay to lie on the floor and then shot him when McKay did not respond.

The slaying was captured on the store's security camera and drew national attention because of the graphic videotape and because authorities originally arrested the wrong man.

South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Black leader Nelson Mandela was quoted today as saying the African National Congress will resume its armed struggle if white voters reject political reforms.

Local

Genealogy

A genealogy seminar conducted by Ron Bremer is scheduled at 7 this evening in the Snyder National Bank community room.

There is no charge. Visitors are welcome.

Parents

Parents of Snyder High School seniors are encouraged to attend a meeting at 7 this evening in the school student center.

Senior activities will be planned.

Committees

Members of the White Buffalo Days committee and Scurry County Fair will meet at 7 this evening in the chamber of commerce board room.

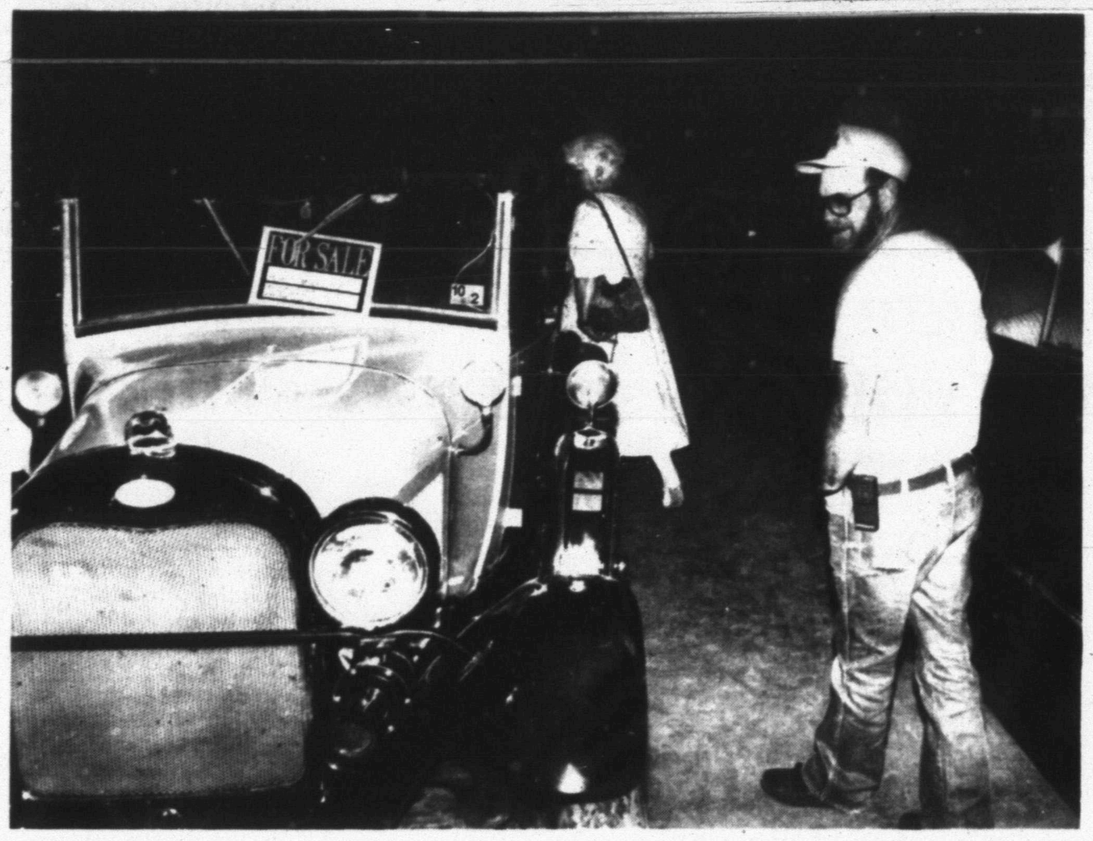
The groups will consider combining the two events for 1992.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 79 degrees; low, 42 degrees; high Sunday, 80 degrees; low, 45 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 46 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 6.44 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy and much colder. Low near 30. North wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 50s. Northeast wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:48 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 6:59 a.m. Of 68 days in 1992, the sun has shone 60 days in Snyder.



CAR SHOW — Bob and Mae Cole look at cars displayed in the swap meet and car show held this past weekend at Scurry County Coliseum. Eighty-three vehicles were displayed in Saturday's car show, sponsored by Snyder Wheels Car Club. (SDN Staff Photo)

Vote Tuesday

Polls open at 7

Tomorrow's primary elections are billed as Super Tuesday, but the campaigns have generated only minimum interest among county voters.

The low number of locally contested races appears to be the major reason for a low early voting rate of 6.5 percent.

Voting booths will open at 7 a.m. Tuesday in both the Democratic and Republican primaries.

Key statewide races include those for President and Texas Railroad Commissioner. Drawing the most interest locally are the three contested Democratic races — for sheriff, Precinct 1 commissioner and constable.

All those voting in the Republican Primary are to cast their ballots at City Hall. Those voting in the Democratic Primary are to cast their ballots at the appropriate voting precinct.

Democratic voting precincts are: 5, Fluvanna Community Center; 6, Union Community Center; 7, National Guard Armory; 8, Snyder ISD Administration Building; 9, Ira Community Center; 10, Towle Park Barn; 11, Dunn Community Center; 12, the south side of Scurry County Coliseum; 13, Hermleigh Community Center; 14, Northeast Community Center; and 15, the north side of Scurry County Coliseum.

Polls will close at 7 p.m.

There are 8,522 registered voters in the county. Only 556 cast ballots during the early voting period, which ended Friday.

Locally, retired Treasury Department agent John Leftwich is challenging Keith Collier in the race for county sheriff. Collier is seeking his eighth term.

There is no Republican candidate.

Tommy Marricle, Weldon Beck, Frank Garcia and Ralph W. Trevey are running on the Democratic ticket for Precinct 1 County Commissioner. The Democratic nominee will run against Republican Jerry Morgan in the November general election. Morgan was appointed to the post last August,

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RV space proposal prompts opposition

A proposal to create parking spaces for recreational vehicles in Towle Park met opposition in Scurry County Commissioner's Court this morning.

"I am not against R.V. hookups in Snyder, I just feel there may be a better location," said Sonja Hanks, who lives near the park.

Tourism and retirement committee members Jerry Baird and Gay Hickman presented plans to the court to convert land east of prairie dog town into six overnight R.V. parking spaces.

Baird stated that the area would require some dirt work, seal coating and striping. He proposed putting in a security light, which will be provided by TU Electric; a donation box, for donations from campers to defray costs of electricity; and signs directing campers to sights of interest around the city.

Hanks cited environmental hazards such as pollution from gas engines and the possibility of campers dumping waste in the area. She also questioned whether there was currently a curfew in Towle Park.

Hanks stated that she has lived in Snyder all her life and realizes the need to boost the economy, but feels the people of Snyder need to be informed.

Commissioners tabled the matter for further discussion at next week's meeting.

Bob Stanfield, who recently retired from the county airport, spoke to commissioners concerning his retirement pay.

Stanfield retired from the air-

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Harkin drops out...

Candidates make final push as Super Tuesday looms near

BY TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

Paul Tsongas and Bill Clinton fanned out across Florida today in last-minute appeals for Super Tuesday support, each hoping to capitalize on the departure of Tom Harkin from the Democratic presidential field.

President Bush shrugged off questions about the staying power of his GOP rival, Patrick Buchanan, calling attention to what he called a "fantastic" weekend victory in South Carolina and predicting he'd have another good day on Tuesday.

Harkin, an Iowa senator who portrayed himself as the heir apparent to Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal social policy, pulled out of the race in the face of a string of poor showings and a $300,000 debt. "My advisers told me not to peak too soon. I guess I took their advice too seriously," he said in prepared remarks.

Harkin, who criticized his Democratic rivals sharply during the race, said in leaving he would do whatever he could to assist any of them to victory over President Bush this fall.

He became the third Democrat to drop out, following Virginia Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, who quit before any votes were cast, and Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, whose poor showings compelled him to leave the race last week.

That leaves Clinton, the Arkansas governor; Tsongas, a former Massachusetts senator, and former California Gov. Jerry Brown as the Democrats heading into Super Tuesday.

Brown won a strong victory in Nevada's Democratic caucuses Sunday night.

Democrats compete in 11 states

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Resolution, coaching positions focus of college board meeting

A notice from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and an executive session to consider coaching positions are among the agenda items for Western Texas College's trustees this evening.

Trustees will meet at 5:45 p.m. in the administration building.

A resolution from the higher education board urges colleges and universities to recognize that they may face "the most serious crisis in higher education budgeting in the past 30 years" and asks them to consider contingency plans to prepare for cuts as high as 10 percent from current levels of funding.

Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, said that a 10 percent cut would amount to about $200,000 at Western Texas College.

The resolution asks that colleges prepare contingency plans for no growth and institutional entrenchment, including restrictions on enrollments, a freeze in hiring, closures of programs and departments, reductions in salaries and cuts in staff and faculty.

In a related although coincidental recommendation, a former WTC trustee has urged that the board consider again discontinuing basketball and golf programs at the college. He cites approximately $120,000 in annual losses through the programs. In response, the board will go into executive session tonight to consider coaching contracts.

The board has been asked to consider discontinuing the sports for several years, including in 1990 and 1991.

During regular business, the board will consider bids for the college's annual outside audit and for the purchase of a tilting braising pan for the senior center. The only other items of business are the financial report and past minutes.

Following business, the board will review dates and other information related to the May 2 trustee election, hear a report concerning the appointment of a board member to the scholarship foundation and view faculty salary information from a statewide study.

The board is also expected to recognize Assistant Professor Jim Judah and the WTC meats judging team which won national honors at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.



LEGION CONVENTION — Members of the American Legion 17th District show poppy displays at Saturday's convention held at Snyder's Post 181. Pictured left to right are Jean McCormack, president of Post 181; Cleta Wampler, sergeant at arms for District 17; Marion Odell, Department of Texas vice president; Patsy Woodard, Fourth Divison president; and 17th District President Billie Pearce. The poppy is the official flower of the American Legion. (SDN Staff Photo)

Israel's Begin dies

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Menachem Begin, the fiery former prime minister who was wanted as a terrorist during Israel's fight for independence but years later won a Nobel prize for making peace with Egypt, died today. He was 78.

A giant in the Jewish nation's history, the emotional Polish Jew brought his country its only peace treaty with an Arab country.

Yet he also kept up the attack on Arab enemies, ordering the bombing of Iraq's nuclear reactor in 1981 and sending the army into Lebanon the following year to drive out the PLO.

In 1983, six years after leading the right-wing Likud bloc to power and a year after his wife's death, Begin resigned. He never explained his reasons to the public, and went into virtual seclusion.

An old friend, however, said today that Begin told him he resigned because he couldn't face the anti-war protesters who held up placards outside his home tallying Israel's daily losses in Lebanon.

"He said he couldn't stand the pace of losses in Lebanon, that it weighed on him very heavily," Yaakov Meridor told army radio.

Begin died of heart failure at 3:30 a.m. at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital. He had suffered a heart attack on Tuesday, was placed on a respirator and then given a pacemaker.

For making peace with Egypt, Begin shared the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize with that nation's former President Anwar Sadat, who was assassinated three years later by Islamic radicals.

"His great contribution would be that it took a Menachem Begin to bring the Arabs to the peace table," said Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean and founder of the The Simon Wiesenthal Center and a long-time associate of Begin.

"Anwar Sadat started it all, but only Begin had the power in Israel to make peace. That was probably his greatest single achievement," he said.

In making peace, Begin sacrificed the Sinai Desert, the largest territory seized in the 1967 Mideast War. But he kept a tenacious hold on other captured territories, annexing Syria's Golan Heights and populating the West Bank with Jewish settlers.

An ardent Zionist whose parents were killed by the Nazis, Begin had led the radical Irgun Zvai Leumi militia in Israel's independence war.

It was blamed for the 1946 bombing of Jerusalem's King David Hotel and the slaughter of more than 250 Arabs.

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ROTARY AWARD — Y-Z Industries President Paul Zeck, right, was presented with the WHOO (We Honor Our Own) award last week during the regular meeting of Snyder's Rotary Club. Also pictured are Jerry Vestal and club president Steve Smith. (SDN Staff Photo)

Study shows Texas spends millions on death row cases

DALLAS (AP) — It's cheaper in Texas to imprison death row inmates for life rather than to execute them, according to a newspaper report.

A study published by The Dallas Morning News on Sunday found that trials and appeals for the average condemned inmate take 71/2 years and cost $2.3 million.

To keep that inmate locked up in a single cell at the highest security level for 40 years costs about $750,000, the report said.

With 351 condemned men and four women, Texas leads the nation in both death row population and the number of executions — 46 since 1977, which includes five in 1991 and four already this year.

Robert Excell White's case represents the death penalty system at its most costly and inefficient. White has been convicted twice for a crime committed almost 18 years ago, but his case was extended again in 1988 when he won a new trial because statements he unknowingly made to a psychiatrist were used against him.

It will take the combined efforts of county, state and federal governments, plus about $4 million in taxpayer dollars, to execute White, the newspaper reported.

"There's some things that a modern American city and state have got to have," said Dallas lawyer Vincent Perini, chairman of the Texas Bar Association's committee on representation for death row inmates. "You have to have police and fire and public safety protection. You have to have a criminal justice system. You do not have to have a death penalty."

Although life without parole might save millions of dollars, it would create a nightmare in the prison system, said House Corrections Committee chairman Allen Hightower, D-Huntsville.

"From a correctional practice standpoint, if someone needs to go to prison for life, I'm for gassing them," Hightower said.

"The end result is that with no chance or hope of getting out no matter how you behave ... there's no reason not to stab a guard and no reason not to kill or rape another inmate."

Hightower said he favors limiting appeals.

"Will we ever convict a person in this state that's not guilty? Sure. We've done it before, and we'll do it again," he said. "But our criminal justice system is the fairest system in the world."

Assistant Attorney General Bob Walt, one of six state lawyers who work to see that the death penalty is carried out, said the problem is the delay tactics defense attorneys use on appeal.

But even with the expense, the death penalty is worth the effort, Walt said.

"We have no shortage of violent characters in this state," he said. "The death penalty is something Texans want. They think the death penalty is an appropriate punishment."

Senate race winding down, but still looking like a feud

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — The bitter battle for the Rio Grande Valley's state Senate seat is almost over.

But it's ending the way it began, with the political mud flying.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, this weekend fired a shot against his opponent's intentions to file suit against two local hospitals. Proof, Lucio said, that challenger Juan Hinojosa's Senate bid represents a conflict of interests.

"How can he expect to represent the people that he's suing?" Lucio asked.

Hinojosa, an attorney and former state representative, considers such accusations to be just another example of "lawyer bashing," which he said has characterized Lucio's entire campaign.

"Eddie Lucio does not want to deal with the issues, just tort reform and bashing lawyers," Hinojosa said. "The main reason for that is that he doesn't have a record to speak of."

And so began another round in a bitter war of words between the two candidates, who during the District 27 race have reviled one another almost as a matter of course.

"He's deceiving the public and distorting the facts and he's running a campaign based on lies," said Hinojosa.

"My campaign has been based on fact and we've been able to articulate that to the people," countered Lucio. "His campaigning has been based on misleading misinformation and downright deceiving the public."

The public, at least campaign contributors, is divided along well- defined lines in the primary race. Business interests are supporting Lucio, attorneys are boosting Hinojosa.

The differences in their support base have been a basis for the antagonism between Lucio and Hinojosa, and have also provided plenty of ammunition.

Negative television commercials have been a staple of the race. The two have duked it out in more than 20 debates and forums. The media have afforded them yet another battleground.

Lucio paints Hinojosa as another trial lawyer who wants to get elected. Hinojosa claims Lucio is a sell out to big business, portraying him as a politician with a "For Sale" sign around his neck.

"He cannot prove anything he's been saying other than he's just saying. it," Lucio said. "I can."

Hinojosa, meanwhile, falls back on his record as a Legislator during the '80s to counter Lucio's allegations.

High court justices: time may be right for public scrutiny

HOUSTON (AP) — A state commission has received hundreds of complaints of misconduct against Texas judges in a one-year period, but less than 8 percent resulted in state action, a newspaper has reported.

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct received 633 misconduct complaints against judges for the year ending Aug. 31, 1991, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

That translates into one complaint for every 5.5 judges in the state, a 29 percent increase over the preceding 12-month period. But only 47 complaints resulted in state action last year, and only 11 ended in public pronouncements.

"By the next session of the Legislature, our court needs to make recommendations for changes," Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips said. "It is very important that we have a judiciary that has the full confidence of the people."

Of the 11 judges who resigned last year, two had been indicted for crimes the commission will not disclose; three were charged with discrimination or showing favoritism; two had drug or alcohol problems; one made contact with someone involved or interested in a case before the court; one lacked the education to do the job; another had money troubles; and the 11th just plain failed to act.

When they are young, box turtles — which often live 50 to 70 years — normally add one growth ring a year on each plate that makes up their shell. They stop adding rings when they are 9 to 12 years old.

Reagans celebrate 40th anniversary

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows.

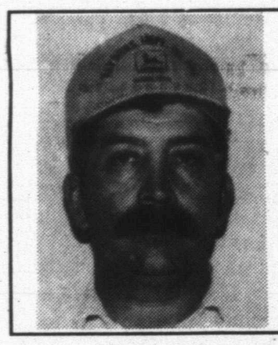
"From the start, our marriage was like an adolescent's dream of what a marriage should be. And for 40 years it has gotten more so with each passing day," Reagan, 81, said in a statement before Sunday's ceremony.

Mrs. Reagan, 70, recalled how she met the future president on a blind date while they were actors for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

"I'm a very lucky woman," she said.

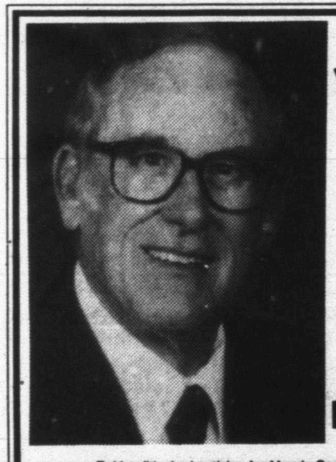
The Reagans marked their March 4 anniversary on Wednesday by dining with friends. Children and grandchildren attended Sunday's ceremony, which was held at an undisclosed location.

On Jan. 28, 1982, the Attorney General assigned concurrent jurisdiction for the enforcement of the Controlled Substances Act to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration.



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DHC Inc. will drill the No. 6 Thomas in the Tri-Rue field, three miles north of Ira. Planned for a depth of 7,000 feet, location is in Section 151, Block 97, H&TC survey.

HAT Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 1-C R. J. Rosson in the Diamond M field, six miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,000 feet, location is in Section 174, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

GLG Energy will drill the No. 301 Borden unit in the Rio field, 11.5 miles northwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,700 feet, drill site is in Section 40, Block 32, H&OB survey.

GLG Energy will drill the No. 205 Borden unit in the same field, 11.5 miles northwest of Gail. Also contracted for 7,700 feet, drill site is in Section 39, Block 32, H&OB survey.

Borden County

Amoco Production Co. will drill the No. 4-A T.J. Good in the Jo-Mill field, 11 miles southwest of Gail. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 7,100 feet, and drill site is in Section 37, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Cholla Petroleum will drill the No. 1-E Arco Hill in the Newman field, eight miles south of Roby. Planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, drill site is in Section 145, Block 1, H&GN survey.

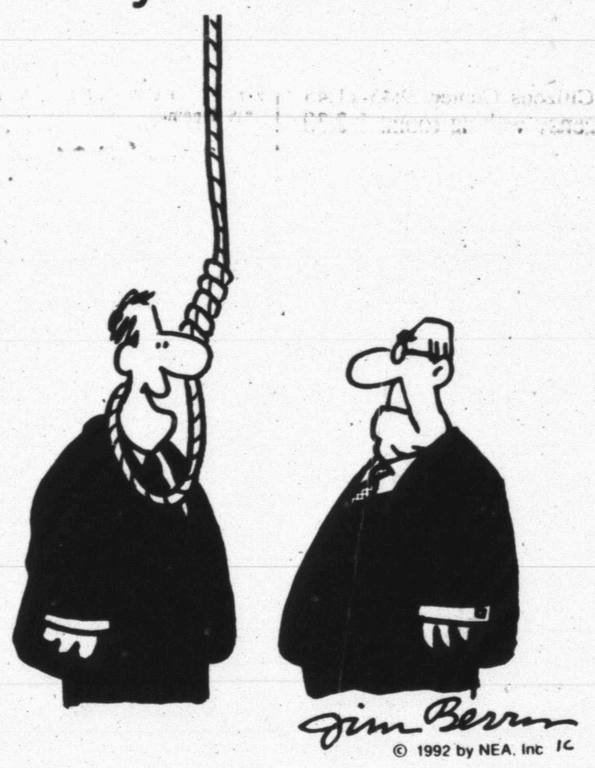
Garza County

Maynard Oil Co. will drill the No. 9-C Slaughter in the Teas field, 10 miles south of Post. Planned depth is 8,400 feet, and drill site is in Section 33, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Texon Oil Co. has completed the No. 1 Bridge in the Huntley east field, five miles northwest of Post. The well produced 25 barrels of 30.3 grvity oil and 99 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 600-1 with perforations from 3,242-382 feet. Location is in Section 1,206, H&OB survey.

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

March 10, 1992

Considerable emphasis might be placed on your partnerships in the year ahead. Those you make for non-commercial purposes could produce some remarkable benefits.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're likely to be in an expansive mood today, and this is well and good, provided you don't make impulsive promises to others that you won't be able to keep. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try not to exaggerate the good deed you do for another today. This individual already feels a sense of obligation but could become resentful — if you magnify your gesture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In order to keep your budget on track today, self-discipline will be required. Don't let extravagant whims convince you this isn't necessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If your priorities are not in order today, there's a chance you'll waste a lot of time and effort on matters that have no real significance. Be methodical.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't take anything for granted today, especially verbal guarantees. If there is some special type of protection you feel you require, get it in writing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The need for instant gratification could contribute to your financial undoing today. If you can't pay cash for what you want, it's best to wait until you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Occasionally, we are able to bluff our way through sticky situations with a little bravado. But today, if you say you're holding aces, they'd better be in your hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be positive regarding the outcome of events today, but also be realistic. If you aren't, you could be just another wishful thinker instead of a bona fide optimist.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't look for rewards you aren't entitled to in a joint endeavor today. If there is anything to be shared, it should be shared equally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone you place considerable confidence in but who has let you down previously might do so again today. It's time you opened your eyes to who this individual really is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually, you're realistic and pragmatic, but today you might see things as you would like them to be instead of how they actually are. Get back in character.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your luck has its limitations today, so be careful as to how far you push it, especially in matters that pertain to your financial well-being.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Patchwork Squares Extension Homemakers; 2 p.m.

Genealogy seminar by Ron Bremer; meeting room of Snyder National Bank; no fee charged, visitors welcome; SCGS sponsored; 7-9 p.m.

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 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.

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

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Plainview Extension Homemakers; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Amitie Study Club; 7 p.m.

Beta Delta Phi; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 3201 Ave. U; 7:30 p.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.

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.

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

WEDNESDAY

Christian Women's Club Luncheon; Snyder Country Club; lunch-$7, tea or coffee only-$1; reservations by noon Tuesday by calling 53-7125 or 573-3996; lunch and program from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Altrurian Daughters luncheon; MAWC; 11:15 a.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; call 573-4357 for directions; 9:30 a.m.

Snyder Palette Club; W. 37th St.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Noah Project regular meeting; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 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.

Scurry County Sheriffs Posse; Posse Clubhouse; 7:30 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 Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

Long-term survival uncertain for Texas' short-line railroads

HOUSTON (AP) — Big railroad companies have made room for short-line carriers by disposing of thousands of miles of unprofitable track. But their chance for survival is uncertain because of a limited clientele, heavy debt and dilapidated tracks.

In the past few years, the small railroad companies rushed to fill the gap left in many rural areas by the exit of the larger interstate carriers, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

These short lines range from mom-and-pop operations to huge chains such as San Antonio's RailTex, which owns 17 short lines across the country. The short lines can make money where larger carriers can't, thanks to their far lower costs.

Bruce Flohr, president of RailTex and a former administrator for the Federal Railroad Administration, said his employees earn $10 to $11 an hour, compared with $24 an hour on union lines.

Short lines also don't have to adhere to the traditional work rules required on other lines and they can cater their services to customers' needs since they operate in limited geographical areas.

To date, short lines have had a good track record. RailTex, for example, saw annual revenues jump nearly 29 percent to $27.6 million in 1991.

But the industry's long-term problems could prove difficult.

The tracks being sold by major railroads are their worst lines, frequently in need of much repair. Maintenance is expensive, replacing rail ties alone can cost a short line more than $10,000 per mile.

But many short lines start with little capital and heavy debt. Unable to front huge amounts of cash for track repair, many short lines postpone maintenance, figuring future revenues will generate cash to pay for track upkeep.

The condition of the track in large part determines the speed trains can travel. Many short lines insist they don't need to travel the 40 mph or 45 mph typical of major carriers. They say 20 mph, or even 10 mph, is adequate.

But the potential problem worries some local government leaders trying to retain some semblance of rail service. They fear that over the next several years, many short lines will be unable to meet their track repair costs and go out of business.

Dependence on a small number of customers is another problem for these carriers. Diversification can be nearly impossible in many agricultural or economically depressed rural areas.

The most common reason short lines fail, Flohr said, is because inexperienced owners pay too much for the lines and then can't handle the debt.

Food for thought

The average dinner costs at the most expensive restaurants in 18 major markets, 1991.



Market	Cost
New York	$67.21
Washington, D.C.	$50.23
Los Angeles/So. Cal.	$50.13
Philadelphia	$48.29
San Francisco	$48.08
Chicago	$44.97
Boston	$43.62
Miami/So. Fla.	$42.43
Hawaii	$40.48
Baltimore	$38.31
Dallas/Ft. Worth	$38.04
Atlanta	$37.44
Orlando/Central Fla.	$35.78
New Orleans	$35.14
Seattle/Pacific NW	$33.95
St. Louis	$33.23
Houston/Galveston	$32.35
Kansas City	$25.23

Source: ZAGAT NEA Graphic

The average cost for one meal at one of the 20 most expensive restaurants in New York City is about $70. In Kansas City, however, a comparable meal would cost about $25.

The French are the world's heaviest drinkers, South Koreans consume more spirits per capita than does any other nationality and Germans are the biggest beer drinkers, says National Geographic.

Bridge

by Phillip Alder

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♦ A 7
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♥ 10 5 4
♦ Q 10 3
♣ A J 3

EAST
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♥ K 9 8
♦ J 8 5 4 2
♣ 5

SOUTH
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♥ A 7 3
♦ K 9 6
♣ K Q 10 9

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
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2 ♦	Pass	2 NT	All pass

*15-17 points

Opening lead: ♠ 4

you lead the spade four: queen, ace, five. East returns the spade three: nine, 10, two. You now lead the spade six: heart two, spade jack, spade king. South leads the club king, which you duck, followed by the club queen. You win with the ace while partner discards a discouraging diamond two. What should you do now?

So far you know that declarer started with the spade king, diamond king and K-Q of clubs: 11 points. He must have four or five more. If he has the heart king and diamond jack, the defenders have six tricks: three spades, one heart and two clubs. But if he has the heart ace without the diamond jack, things are trickier. You must not cash your spade winner; otherwise declarer will discard one of his blocking clubs. You must try to dislodge the diamond ace from the dummy before the club eight is cashable. The only winning defense, despite partner's signal, is to switch to a diamond.

Declarer wins in hand and plays a club to your jack. You lead a second diamond to dummy's bare ace. Now comes the heart queen, but partner completes a good defense by playing low. Declarer is left with only seven tricks: one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs.

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Don't play in blinders

By Phillip Alder

A young Dutch pair, Berry Westra and Enri Leufkens, have done very well in European tournaments. Westra has supplied a Bols Bridge Tip that we would all do well to remember: Don't stop thinking when partner signals. Work out the hands and base your defense on that analysis *in conjunction with partner's signal* (my emphasis).

Cover the East and South hands in the diagram. Against three no-trump,

AP Tax Tips

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's a new program of government aid to help families with low and moderate incomes pay for college educations.

The plan allows qualifying families to avoid tax on Series EE U.S. Savings Bonds that are redeemed to pay college and vocational school tuition and fees. Interest on such bonds is excluded from income subject to tax.

The rules are fairly simple:

— The full tax break is available only to single people whose adjusted gross income (AGI) is below $41,950, and to couples filing jointly with AGI less than $62,900. Note: These AGI figures must include the interest on Series EE bonds that you redeemed for education expenses in 1991.

The benefit declines as income rises above those levels. It is eliminated for single people whose AGI is $56,950 or more, and for couples above $92,900.

— The exclusion may be claimed only for interest on bonds that were bought after 1989. The owner must have been 24 or older when the bonds were purchased. The bonds must have been registered solely in the name of the taxpayer and spouse, if any — NOT in the name of the child or jointly between parent and child.

— The bonds may be used to pay education expenses of taxpayers as well as dependents.

If you qualify for bonds redeemed in 1991, calculate the exclusion on Form 8815. Form 8818 is an optional document that allows you to keep track of your bond purchases and redemptions; keep this form for your records.

Brandy, which takes its name from the Dutch "brandewijn" and the German "Branntwein," or burned wine, is 40 percent alcohol and may have been the first distilled spirit, according to National Geographic.

War reaches dusty, provincial town

AGDAM, Azerbaijan (AP) — A roar shook the flimsy walls of a small restaurant on the road to this once-quiet mountain town as six T-72 tanks headed to battle in Nagorno-Karabakh. Nobody in town seemed to know who was inside the tanks, not even the local military commander.

A few minutes later, three young men careened up to the restaurant in an old armored personnel carrier they had commandeered. One pulled out a wad of rubles, dashed inside and emerged with a bottle of strong Azerbaijani brandy.

For four years, Azerbaijani and Armenian partisans have waged war in Nagorno-Karabakh, which begins three miles down the road. Now, the war's chaos, carnage and grief have reached this provincial city of 40,000 people.

Agdam has become the launching ground for Azerbaijani attacks against Armenian positions in Nagorno-Karabakh, a 1,600-square-mile, mainly Armenian enclave that lies completely inside Azerbaijan.

The road past the restaurant leads to the front, through wooded hills that both sides covet.

Azerbaijanis, who are mostly Muslims, have declared renewed resolve in their fight against the largely Christian Armenians for control of Nagorno-Karabakh.

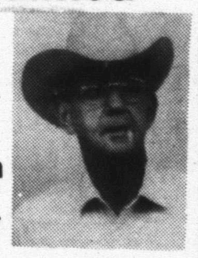
In Agdam at least, the war effort seems disjointed. Tanks and armored personnel carriers race past on unexplained missions.

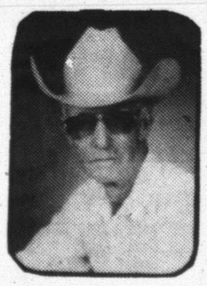
From the front, trucks, cars, and ambulances speed toward the field hospital, bringing out the wounded.

The drivers clear the road by shooting in the air.

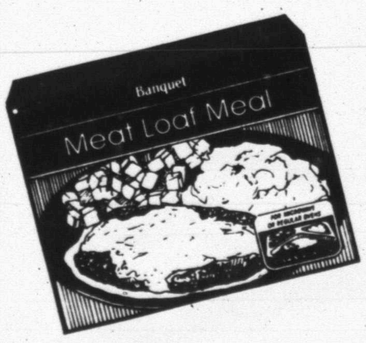
Downtown, the buzzing of helicopters, the roar of armored personnel carriers and the wails of women drown out the call to prayer at the Agdam mosque.

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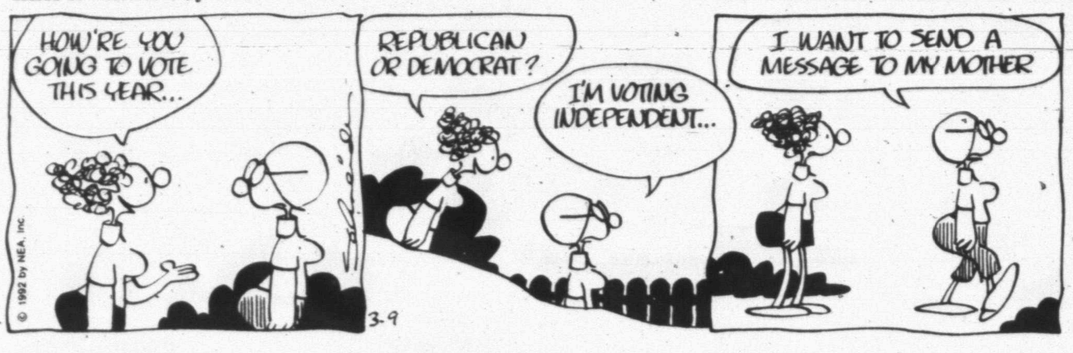
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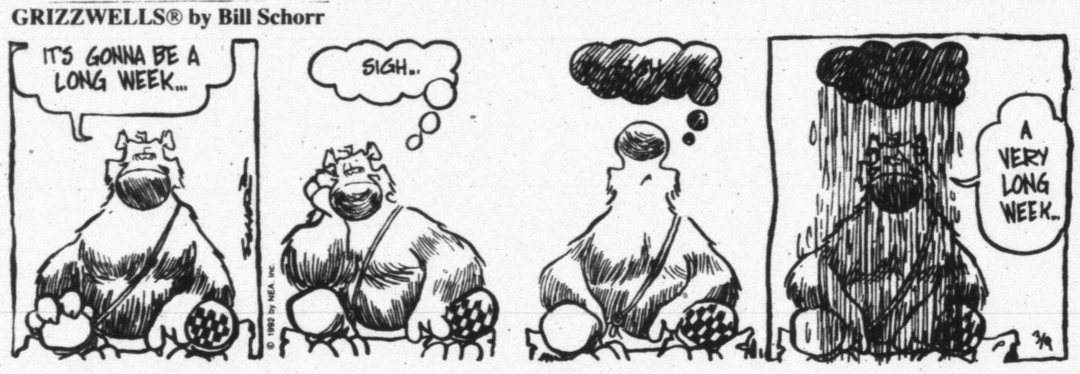
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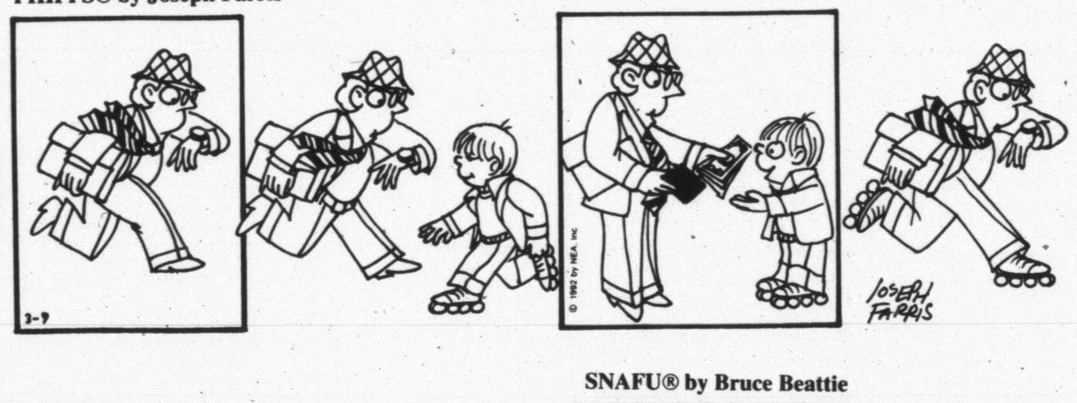
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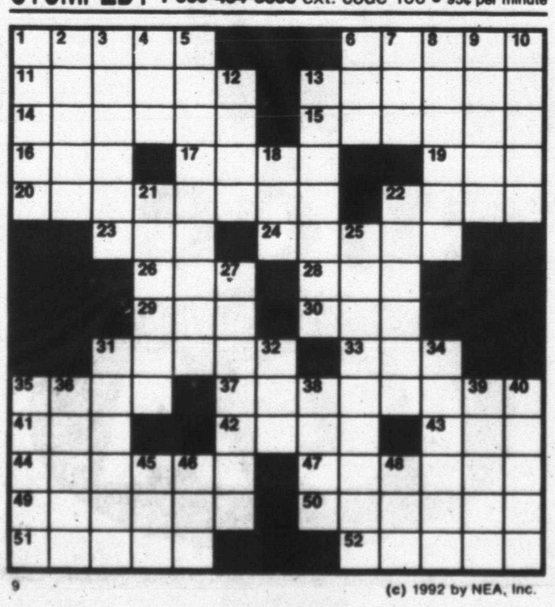
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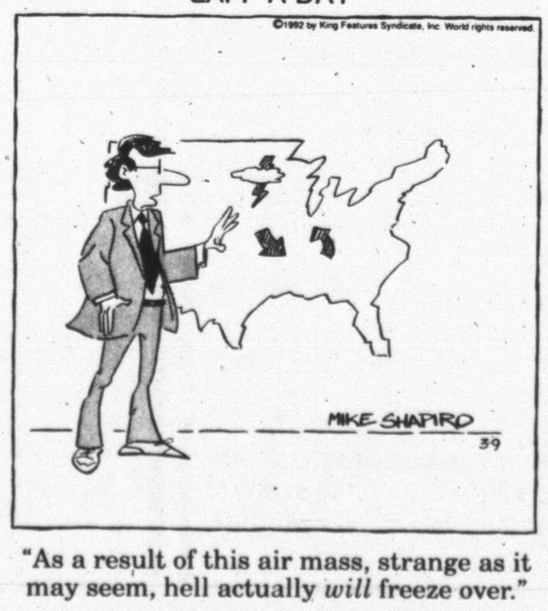


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Lady Tigers finish 4th in SHS tourney

Snyder's Lady Tigers fired a team-total 382 for fourth place in the Snyder Invitational girls' golf tournament Saturday at Snyder Country Club.

"We played pretty well," said SHS golf coach Matt Glenn. "There's always room for improvement, of course.

"We were real strong on the front nine," Glenn continued. "It got a little windy on the back nine and we slipped a little bit.

"Overall, I'm real proud of their effort."

Andrews, the only 4A team in attendance to beat the Lady Tigers, captured top honors with its 18-hole 345.

Amarillo High came in second two strokes back followed by Abilene Cooper at 360.

Amarillo High's Shannon Mourer took medalist honors with her 79 tally. Andrews' Lisa McQuatters posted a round of 79 to tie teammate Sherry Hester for third.

Freshman Brooke Lowrance fired an 84 to lead the SHS charge, followed by a 93 from Amy Steakley; Kelli Lockhart's 99; a 106 from Tiffany Greene and Kelly Lacik's 117.

Snyder's B team was led by Melanie Thompson's 108 and a 128 by Ample Hseih.

The Snyder Invitational was the final scheduled tournament for the Lady Tigers before District 2-4A competition begins at Frenship March 27.

Snyder Invitational
Girls' golf
Snyder Country Club

Team totals: Andrews 345; Amarillo 347; Abilene Cooper 360; Snyder 382; San Angelo Central 396; Abilene High 412; Lamesa 428; Tascosa 482; Abilene Cooper B 450; Big Spring 475; Palo Duro 538.

Medalist: Shannon Mourer, Amarillo, 79. McQuatters, Andrews, 82; Hester, Andrews, 82.

Snyder A scores: Brooke Lowrance 84; Amy Steakley 93; Kelli Lockhart 99; Tiffany Greene 106; Kelly Lacik 117.

Snyder B scores: Melanie Thompson 108; Ample Hseih 128.

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SET TO DELIVER — Snyder senior pitcher Daniel Espinosa checks the runner at first before throwing home in the Tigers' 8-7 win over Hobbs, N.M. in the first game of a Saturday double-header. The Tigers captured the nightcap, 13-3, to move to 4-1 on the season. (SDN Staff Photo)

Non-district baseball...

Tigers take two from Hobbs

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers took a dramatic come-from-behind 8-7 victory over Hobbs, N.M. in the first game of the Saturday doubleheader, then completed the sweep over the Eagles with a 13-3 pounding, called on the 10-run rule in the fifth, in the nightcap.

"It was a real good effort by our guys," said Snyder coach Albert Lewis. "We made five errors that cost us four runs in the first game, but Daniel (winning pitcher Espinosa) settled down and threw strikes and we got our bats going."

Hobbs, until Saturday undefeated in six games, got off to a strong start in Game One, taking a 7-0 lead into the fifth inning when the Tigers got their wake-up call.

Wacey Parks walked to start the SHS half of the inning followed by singles from Michael Fields and Raymond House, and Brian Crawford's RBI rap that scored Parks.

Jason Rios ripped a single that drove in Fields and House, followed by a walk to Brad Hart and a Bobby Clinkinbeard base hit that plated Crawford and Rios.

Rios came in on a Parks single that left the tally at 7-6 heading into the sixth frame.

Snyder was still a run down in the last of the seventh when Clinkinbeard slammed a sacrifice fly to the fence in centerfield to send Jason McAden, courtesy running for Hart, home to knot the score at 7-all.

Mark King scored the winning run. After getting on with a single, King dashed home from first on a Chad Martin double to complete the comeback.

Espinosa went the distance, striking out six, walking four and giving up only three hits.

Hobbs' Blake Taylor took the loss, going five innings, allowing only two walks and seven hits.

The second game of Saturday's twin bill was all Snyder.

The Tigers moved to 4-1 on the campaign behind a 13-hit barrage that featured two hits, including a double, and three RBI by Rios and three hits and a pair of runs driven in by Martin.

Fields was the winner in Game Two, lasting 3 1/3 innings and giving up four hits and three walks while fanning two.

Reliever House tossed the last 1 2/3, allowing just one hit and one walk.

The Tigers will host Big Spring Tuesday at 7 p.m. followed by an appearace at the Big Spring Tournament Thursday through Saturday.

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Espinosa and Hart; Taylor, Martinez and Straner. WP: Espinosa (1-0). LP: Martinez. 2B: Hobbs — Davis; Snyder — Martin.

Game Two					
Hobbs	010	20x	x—	3	5	4
Snyder	235	21x	x—	13	13	0

Ortiz and Hargrove; Fields, House and Clinkinbeard. WP: Fields (1-0). LP: Ortiz. 2B: Hobbs — Davis; Snyder — Rios, Martin. Records: Snyder 4-1; Hobbs 5-2-1.

8th girls nab second place at SJHS meet

Snyder's eighth grade girls captured second place Friday in the annual Snyder Junior High Track Meet at Tiger Stadium.

Kelly Clay paced the Lady Tigers to their 117 1/2 point finish by taking first in the long jump, with a 15-1/4 leap, the triple jump, going 30-10 1/2, and the 100 meter dash, registering a 13.73 clocking.

In other results at the Friday gathering, Snyder's eighth grade boys came in third with 71 points; the SJHS seventh grade girls' team wound up in fourth position with 88 1/2 points; and the seventh grade boys' squad gathered 83 points for third place.

The Snyder eighth grade boys were led by Chris Denson, who notched a first-place 132-7 in the discus, and Robby Huestis, who came in second in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:27.99.

Matthew Fambro's 19.59 showing in the 110 meter hurdles was good enough for first place among seventh grade boys. Snyder teammate Alfonzo DeLao took second in the 1600 meters with a 5:42.34, then came in third with a 2:28.63 time in the 800 meter run.

Keri Kemp led the Snyder seventh grade girls with second-place finishes in both the hurdle events.

Eighth grade girls

Team totals: Andrews 210; Snyder 117 1/2; Lamesa 83; Big Spring 46; San Angelo Lincoln 44; Sweetwater 41 1/2.

Snyder competitors — High jump: 2. Miller, 4-8; Long jump: 1. K. Clay, 15-1/4; 4. V. Clay 14-6 1/2. **Triple jump:** 1. K. Clay, 30-10 1/2; 2. Brooks, 30-1 1/4; 5. V. Clay, 28-6 1/2. **Discus:** 3. J. White, 77-3. **400 meter relay:** 4. V. Clay, Brooks, Cozart, K. Clay, 58.89. **800 meters:** 2. S. Gulseth, 2:40.46. **100 meters:** 1. K. Clay 13.73; 4. K. Griswold 14.68. **800 relay:** 4. J. Miller, K. Griswold, L. Thamez, J. Gordon, 2:04.36. **400 meters:** 1. Gordon, 66.86; 2. Gulseth, 67.16. **200 meters:** 5. Griswold, 30.68. **1600 relay:** 3. Gordon, Robertson, Gulseth, K. Clay, 4:50.91.

Eighth grade boys

Team totals: Andrews 171 1/2; Sweetwater 112; Snyder 71; Lamesa 47 1/2; Big Spring 43; San Angelo Lincoln 20.

Snyder competitors — High jump: 2. Patterson (no distance listed) **Discus:** 1. Denson, 132-7 **400 meter relay:** 1. Leyva, McDorman, Caswell, Hill, 48.34. **800 meters:** 1. Terrazas 2:16.50; 3. Ruiz 2:17.77; 6. Huestis 2:27.23. **110 hurdles:** 6. Lewis 19.00. **100 meters:** 6. Hill 12.59. **400 meters:** 5. Terrazas 59.03. **300 hurdles:** 5. Hobbs, 47.76. **1600 relay:** 4. McDorman, Hobbs, Ruiz, Hill, 4:05.36. **1600 meters:** 2. Huestis, 5:27.99; 5. Terrazas, 5:34.89.

Seventh grade girls

Team totals: Big Spring 184; Andrews 109 1/2; Lamesa 103; Snyder 88 1/2; San Angelo Lincoln 43; Sweetwater 25.

Snyder competitors — High jump: 5. Wells, 4-4). **Long jump:** 2. Reed 14-6. **Triple jump:** Reed 25-4 1/2. **400 meter relay:** 4. Wemken, Dillaha, Leatherwood, Reed, 56.57. **100 hurdles:** 2. Kemp 19.32. **100 meters:** 1. Reed 13.12. **800 relay:** 4. Wells, Garza, Cortez, Kemp, 2:06.19. **400 meters:** 6. Marricle 73.25. **300 hurdles:** 2. Kemp 57.26; 4. Garza 58.83; 5. Wells 59.39. **200 meters:** 1. Dillaha, 29.14. **1600 relay:** 4. Marricle, Wemken, Reed, Dillaha, (no time listed). **1600 meters:** 3. Rodriguez, 6:38.72.

Seventh grade boys

Team totals: Andrews 134; Big Spring 87; Snyder 83; Lamesa 73; Sweetwater 64; San Angelo Lincoln 35.

Snyder competitors — High jump: 5. Fambro 4-10. **Discus:** 4. Davis, 97-1. **Triple jump:** 5. Canas, 29-11; 6. Johnson 29-7. **Shot put:** 4. Davis 32-10. **400 meter relay:** 1. Snyder 49.50. **800 meters:** 3. DeLao 2:28.62; 6. Tovar 2:29.82. **110 hurdles:** 1. Fambro 19.59; 4. Sanders 20.02. **100 meters:** 4. Rivers 12.95. **400 meters:** 6. Johnson 60.65. **300 hurdles:** 5. Sanders 49.81. **1600 relay:** 4. Snyder 4:16.14. **1600 meters:** 2. DeLao 5:42.34; 3. Tovar 5:44.40; 4. Ramirez 5:48.41.

At Sweetwater...

SHS doubles teams dominate

SWEETWATER — Snyder captured first place in both boys' and girls' doubles in the weekend Sweetwater Tennis Tournament.

Tiger netters accumulated 87 points and finished second to the host Mustangs, who had gathered 89.

Abilene Cooper also scored 87 points but Snyder claimed the tie-breaker, winning 45 sets in the tournament, to just 40 for CHS.

Snyder tennis coach Jerry Tucker was impressed by the parity of the tourney field.

"Entering the fourth round," he reported, "Four teams had a chance at any of the three trophies. And one team had to settle for fourth place.

"The competition was very close and it provided the fans there with some excellent tennis."

Marcus Best and Kevin McMillan earned first-place honors in boys' doubles, hammering out a 7-6, 1-6, 6-4 decision in Saturday's final over Sweetwater's Boyd-Hughey team.

Trailing 1-4 in the third, the SHS duo won five straight games for the title.

"They won over a very good Sweetwater team," said Snyder coach Jerry Tucker. "They could have given up when they were down 1-4, but they kept their emotional control, gained the momentum and played smart, percentage tennis the last five games."

On the girls' side, Snyder's Robin Cave and Christina Gonzales drilled San Angelo Lake View's top girls' pair, Garcia and Trejo, 6-4, 6-0, for the tourney championship.

"This was their first doubles tournament win," Tucker said of Cave and Gonzales. "They played real well.

"I'm proud for them and excited about their aggressive play."

Other Snyder results included Sam Cain and Michael Hess grabbing third in boys' doubles with 6-4, 6-2 victory over Abilene High standouts Blake and Ortega, after falling to Boyd and Hughey in the semifinals.

Also, Jason Warren took fifth and Rene Aguirre came in 13th in boys' singles; Hope Papay and Jaycie Wright captured eighth in girls' doubles and Kelly Farmer and Amy Herrera wound up ninth and 11th, respectively, in girls' singles.

"Lance Drake (Sweetwater coach) put together a fine tournament," Tucker concluded.

Snyder's tennis squad will host its annual tournament Friday and Saturday.

Sweetwater Tennis Tournament

Team totals: Sweetwater 89; Snyder 87; Abilene Cooper 87; Lake View 83; Abilene High 58; Lamesa 55; Colorado City 20; Roby 18.

Snyder competitors

Boys' doubles: 1. Best-McMillan def. Grubbs-Kilgore, San Angelo Lake View, 6-2, 6-0; def. Bingham-Roberson, Cooper, 6-1, 6-1; def. Ortega-Blake, 6-1, 6-0; def. Boyd-hughey, Sweetwater, 7-6, 1-6, 6-4. 3. Cain-Hess def. Dalzell-Parks, 6-4, 6-2; def. Proctor-Preistner, Abilene Cooper, 7-5, 7-5; lost to Boyd-Hughey, Sweetwater, no score listed; def. Ortega-Blake, Abilene, 6-4, 6-2.

Boys' singles: 5. Warren def. Howard, Sweetwater, 6-2, 6-4; lost to Trumble, Abilene Cooper, 6-0, 6-1; def. Wilhelm, San Angelo Lake View, 6-2, 6-1; def. Parkhill, Cooper, 6-2, 6-0. 13. Aguirre lost to Davis, Lamesa, no score listed; lost to Smith, Lake View, 2-6, 7-5, 6-0; def. Edwards, Colorado City, 6-2, 6-0; def. Estrada, Lamesa, 6-2, 6-3.

Girls' doubles: 1. Cave-Gonzales def. Bates-Southard, Sweetwater, 6-1, 6-0; def. Hall-Foreman, Cooper, 6-0, 6-0; def. Bates-Ramos, Sweetwater, 6-2, 6-2; def. Garcia-Trejo, Lake View, 6-4, 6-0. 8. Papay-Wright def. Tessen-Gomez, Abilene, 6-2, 6-4; def. Harris-Silva, Colorado City, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0; def. Walker-Johnston, Sweetwater, no score listed; lost to Cooper No. 3, 6-1, 6-4.

Girls' singles: 9. Farmer lost to Hilliard, Sweetwater, 6-2, 7-5; lost to Carillo, Lake View, 6-2, 6-0; lost to Vogler, Lamesa, 6-2, 6-1; lost to Smith, Cooper, 6-0, 6-1. 11. Herrera lost to Carillo, Lake View, 6-0 6-0; def. Weems, Roby, 6-0, 6-1; lost to Wilkerson, Sweetwater, 6-3, 6-3; def. Hilliard, Sweetwater, default.

Ragland claims 1st at Mustang Relays

ANDREWS — Snyder sophomore Annie Ragland captured first place in the high jump and senior Joellen King placed in five events to lead the Lady Tigers to a fifth place finish at the Mustang Relays Saturday.

Frenship gathered 176 points for first place in the meet followed by Levelland's 100, 96 from host Andrews, and Carlsbad, N.M with 91.

"We scored more points, (than at last week's season-opening meet at Frenship) and we placed more kids in the field events," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett. "We placed in all the running events except the 2-mile.

"The main thing is that everybody's improving, and that's what we're looking for."

Ragland won the high jump for the second straight week, matching her personal best 5-2, established at last week's ABC Relays at FHS.

King set a personal standard in the triple jump, with a fifth-place 31 41/2, and in the 100 meter hurdles, with a time of 18.80.

The SHS senior also captured fourth in the long jump with a 14 9 1/4 leap; and fourth in the high jump, posting a 4-10 effort.

King was also on the fifth-place mile relay squad that included Rachel Kasparek, Tonya Warren and Shalawn Smith. The quartet ran the mile in 4:54.58.

Trina Thompson earned first-place points for Snyder with her personal-best 12.35 in the 100 meters and Schanekka Thompson set a personal mark with a fourth-place 16.74 in the 100 meter hurdles.

In addition, Schanekka turned in a 54.53 clocking in the 300 meter hurdles for fifth.

Additionally, Paige Gayle added a fifth for SHS with her personal-best 13.27 in the 100 meters; the 800 meter relay team of Sonya Pennington, C'Ella Clayton, Gayle and Trina Thompson took second with a time of 1:58.30; Pennington, Thompson, Gayle and Tiffany Anderson grabbed third in the 400 meter relay with a 54.05 time; and Tonya Warren finished with a 71.99 fifth place in the 400 meters.

Taking sixth places for SHS were Shalawn Smith, who registered a 29.2 in the 200 meters, and Minerva Gonzales, who placed with a 6:39.92 in the mile run.

The Lady Tigers will host Saturday's Canyon Reef Relays at Tiger Stadium.

Mustang Relays
at Andrews

Team totals: 1. Frenship 176; 2. Levelland 100; 3. Andrews 96; 4. Carlsbad, N.M. 91; 5. Snyder 75; 6. Lubbock High 27; 7. Pecos 20.

Snyder competitors

Triple jump: 5. Joellen King, 31 4 1/2; **Long jump:** 4. Joellen King, 14 91/4; **High jump:** 1. Annie Ragland, 5-2; 4. Joellen King, 4-10; **Shot put:** 5. Vicky Green, 33-8; **100 meters:** 1. Trina Thompson, 12.35; 5. Paige Gayle, 13.27. **400 meters:** 5. Tonya Warren, 71.99; **400 relay:** 3. Sonya Pennington, Tiffany Anderson, Paige Gayle, Trina Thompson, 54.05; **100 hurdles:** 4. Schanekka Thompson, 16.74; 6. Joellen King, 18.80; **800 meter relay:** 2. Sonya Pennington, C'Ella Clayton, Paige Gayle, Trina Thompson, 1:58.30; **400 meters:** 5. Tonya Warren, 71.99; **300 hurdles:** 5. Schanekka Thompson, 54.53; **200 meters:** 6. Shalawn Smith, 29.20; **1600 meters:** 6. Minerva Gonzales, 6:39.92; **1600 meter relay:** 5. Joellen King, Rachel Kasparek, Tonya Warren, Shalawn Smith, 4:54.58.

Snyder slides to 12th in Andrews golf event

ANDREWS — Snyder coach Bob O'day was less than thrilled with his team's 12th-place finish at the weekend's Andrews Golf Classic.

"We didn't manage the golf course very well," he said. "We didn't play smart, as far as the wind was concerned. And we threw too many shots away chipping and putting.

"Our short game was not good, at all."

The Tigers wound up with a 332-351--683 in the tournament. Andrews' A team carded a 297-325--622 for first place, followed by the AHS B team at 308-325--633.

"The scores were pretty high because of the wind," O'Day continued. "We had wind blowing 30 miles an hour with gusts up to 45."

Monahans golfer Jason Gardano won the medalist race at Andrews with a 72-78--150. Coming in second was Marcus Mainord of Andrews B. Mainord shot a 150 on rounds of 73 and 77 and lost to Gardano on the first playoff hole.

Third place went to Andrews A standout Chad Campbell. Campbell led the individual chase after 18 holes with a 69. His Saturday score ballooned to 82 in the wind, however, for a 151 total.

Junior Chad Jacobi posted Snyder's top score, a 76-81--157. Senior Curry Koening followed with his 84-84--168. Other team scores included junior Cody Wunderlich's 85-93--178; a 90-90--180 from senior Roe Patterson; and sophomore Jeff Armstrong's 88-95--183.

"I wasn't happy with our scores, at all," O'Day reported. "The wind was bad, granted. But we need to shoot better than in the 90's, I don't care if there's a hurricane blowing."

The Tigers will continue to gear up for District 2-4A competition with an appearance at the San Angelo Classic Thursday and Friday. The tournament will be played at San Angelo Country Club and at Bentwood Country Club.

District action begins March 27 with a trip to Frenship.

Andrews Golf Classic
Boys' golf
Andrews Country Club

Team totals: Andrews A 297-325--622; Andrews B 308-325--633; Big Spring 313-326--639; Midland Lee 312-329--641; Monahans 311-335--646; Seminole 319-329--648; Pampa 322-332--654; Midland 320-338--658; Sweetwater 325-338--664; Lamesa 329-336--665; Hereford 326-346--672; Snyder 332-351--683; Odessa Permian B 333-352--685; McCamey 348-349--697; El Paso Eastwood 366-353--719; Brownfield 355-368--723; Pt. Stockton 354-380--734; Odessa 369-382--751; Pecos 378-373--751; El Paso Bel Air 379-374--753; Frenship 364-397--761; Dumas 411-390--801.

Medalists: (won on first playoff hole) Jason Gardano, Monahans, 72-78--150; Marcus Mainord Andrews B, 73-77--150; Chad Campbell, Andrews A, 69-82--151; Derrick Pursley, Andrews A, 72-79--151.

Snyder scores: Chad Jacobi 76-81--157; Curry Koening 84-84--168; Cody Wunderlich 85-93--178; Roe Patterson 90-90--180; Jeff Armstrong 88-95--183.

Region V tourney

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Sunday, March 8
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Regional Championship
Monday, March 9
South Plains vs. Midland-McLennan winner at 8:30 p.m.
Texas-New Mexico Championship
Tuesday, March 10
Region V champion vs. Region XIV champion at 8 p.m.

Boys claim 5th at AHS

ANDREWS — Snyder trackster Eddie Martinez placed in three events to lead the SHS boys to a sixth-place finish in the Mustang Relays here Saturday.

District 2-4A members Levelland and Lamesa copped the top spots at the gathering. Levelland pulled down 116 1/2 points followed by Lamesa's 104 1/2.

Sweetwater finished third with 94, host Andrews' 93 was good for fourth and Pecos wound up fifth with 66 points.

Martinez took second place with his 20 81/2 leap in the long jump to trail just Lamesa's Kelly, who posted a 20 91/4 effort.

The SHS standout was also the runner-up in the 200 meter dash, registering a 22.72 clocking, less than a half-second off the winners' pace.

In addition, Martinez claimed third in the 400 meters with a 54.60 time. Randall Lepard of Sweetwater won the event, speeding to a 51.56 finish.

The Tigers will enjoy the home track advantage Saturday when they host the Canyon Reef Relays at Tiger Stadium.

Field events and running event preliminaries begin at 9 a.m.

Finals start at 1:30 p.m. with the 400 meter relay.

Over a dozen area boys' and girls' teams will be at the meet.

Mustang Relays
at Andrews

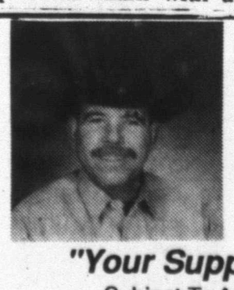
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Snyder competitors

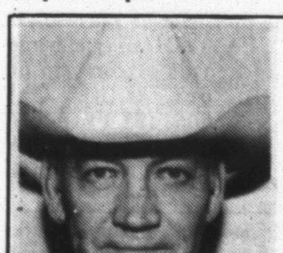
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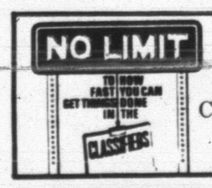
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Uncle Sam has been tracking weather 97 years and never has a winter been so warm as this December, January and February, the National Climatic Data Center says.

In many parts of Georgia, daffodils and Bradford pears are blooming "two to three weeks ahead of schedule," said Randy Drinkard of the Fulton County Extension Service in Atlanta.

"The winter's been very kind to us," said William M. Denihan, who's in charge of Cleveland's fleet of 85 snowplows.

Theodore MacLeod, director of public works in Manchester, N.H., says the city has saved $165,000 on snow and ice control compared with last year.

But Michael Dimenna, owner of Schumann Hardware in East Baltimore, Md., says the mild winter has been bad business for him: He sold fewer shovels than in the previous 20 years.

"I'm running a special on shovels, and on salt, too!" Dimenna said.

Oregon's nursery business is coming to life a month early with fruit and shade trees already being shipped across the country, said Bob Obermire of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

"Just about everything we grow here is on the move," he said.

Phillip Parker, executive director of the Home Builders of Dayton and the Miami Valley, said Ohio's warmer weather has "helped us get an early start on production this year. We've had such a mild winter that our building permits are up dramatically."

A beneficiary of South Dakota's warm winter has been the program that helps low-income people pay their heating bills. Last winter, more than 20,000 households in South Dakota received such aid; this winter there were 1,300 fewer applications, said program director Abbie Rathbun.

Perhaps not so delighted are Pittsburgh's youngsters, who'll put in two extra days of school this year. The two "snow day" closings planned into the school schedule weren't needed, said Janet Lochner of the board of education staff.

Also concerned is Skip Rutherford of the Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Co., which serves 11 states from Texas to Minnesota.

"The winter months are usually very strong revenue-producing months for natural gas companies," he said. "When you have the warmest winter on record, it will have an effect. As to how much, we simply don't know yet."

Forest Ranger John Holstine of Logan, W.Va., says more than 27 forest fires were reported in the state last week.

"The nice weather and the fact that we're currently 4 inches low on rainfall for this time of the year may be the contributing factors," he said.

Lack of snow could mean problems this summer for New York City, which depends on upstate reservoirs fed by snowmelt for its water.

And the warmer weather may mean farmers will have more bugs to deal with.

Preliminary figures for the 48 contiguous states showed the average winter temperature at 36.87 degrees Fahrenheit, said meteorologist Richard Heim of the Climatic Center in Asheville, N.C. That topped the previous record holder, 1953-54, when the nation averaged 36. At third was the winter of 1933-34 at 35.97.

It's not a sign of global warming — just the usual cycle of nature, said Steve Nogueira, National Weather Service meteorologist in Concord, N.H.

Marriage proposal not for skater

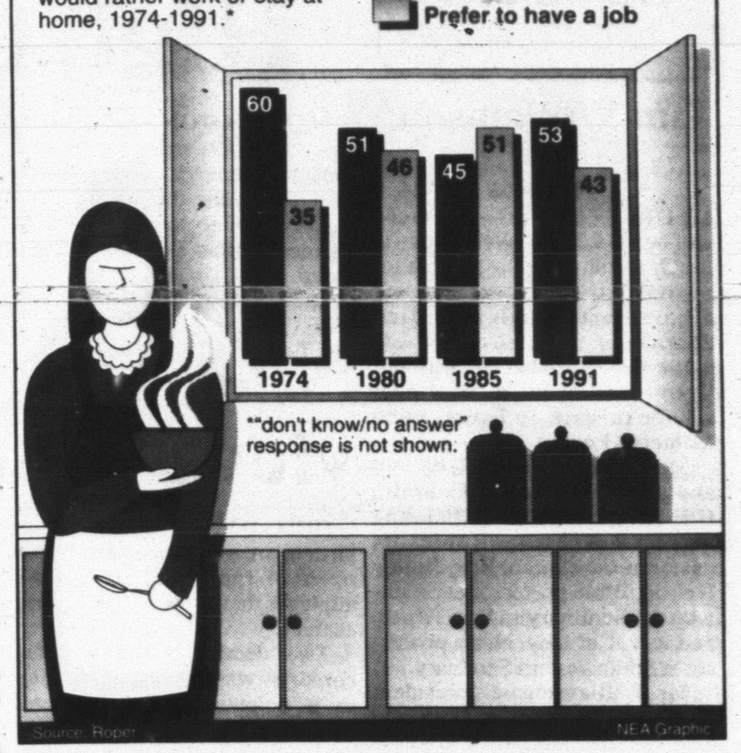
FREMONT, Calif. (AP) — Olympic figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi was presented with a key to the city and a marriage proposal when she returned to her hometown for the first time since winning a gold medal in Albertville, France.

Yamaguchi didn't appear interested in the marriage proposal offered by a man who has among the hundreds who greeted her at the airport.

The 20-year-old said she was a little overwhelmed by all the attention.

"I was thinking, gosh, I felt so much more comfortable on skates," she said.

Looking homeward



Back in 1974, about one-third of American women surveyed said they would prefer to have a job rather than stay at home. However, since 1980, over 40 percent of women have said they would prefer to work outside the home.

To identify check bouncers...

House vote forthcoming

WASHINGTON (AP) — Can members of Congress who make nearly $130,000 a year get fingered for writing rubber checks at the House Bank and win re-election?

Absolutely. If they play it right.

This week the House is expected to vote to identify at least 19 current members, and perhaps many more, in its now-infamous check kiting scandal. More than two-thirds of the 435 current members are potential casualties — and maybe a couple of senators too.

There can be little doubt that the naughty 19, and other most-flagrant fliers, are chopped liver. For some, a Nobel Prize couldn't save their careers.

But campaign experts, both Democatic and Republican, say it would be wrong to assume there's a "silver bullet" at hand for every challenger next November, especially in the most common cases where there were only a handful of bad checks.

"If an incumbent has a solid record of achievement, if his integrity is unquestioned, the chances are that check bouncing per se will be a less salient factor in voters' decision making," said Alan Secrest, a pollster who works for many Democratic House candidates.

"On the other hand, if he is perceived as out of touch, having 'gone Washington,' ... it will be more difficult to slip the punch," he said.

"I doubt someone's going to throw a good congressman out because he bounced a check or two," agrees Ed DeBolt, a Republican political consultant. Unless, he says, the check writing becomes seen as part of an overall pattern of "Washington cronyism."

That broad scenario suggests that the best defensive strategy is a good offense — admit fault right up front, as many already have done, complete with a full explanation.

"Go ahead and release this information on your own terms," said Howard Schloss, former spokesman at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. "Don't let the ethics committee or your opponent do your explaining for you" because if you do "it looks like a coverup or that you're afraid to confront the issue with the voters."

Some lawmakers have admitted wrongdoing even though, because the bank's bookkeeping was so sloppy, they didn't know they did anything wrong until the current scandal. In addition, some have paid made-up "fees" to the bank that are equivalent to what less privileged citizens would be charged for overdrafts at their bank or savings institution.

"That's smart, absolutely," said DeBolt. Not only is it contrite, but "it reminds the voter that this was not a serious infraction." Along with the fees, members need to make clear that all the checks were covered, and that the taxpayers suffered no loss.

"What won't work is to pretend you didn't do anything wrong," he said. "You can't stonewall. You have to admit what you did and ... it won't happen again."

Search of North Korean ship would be 'piracy,' Iranian newspaper says

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — An Iranian newspaper today said any U.S. interception of a North Korean freighter, reportedly laden with Scud missiles for Iran or Syria, would be "piracy."

Several newspapers quoted by the official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Cyprus, denounced what they called bullying tactics by the United States.

However, neither the newspapers nor the state-run radio and television denied that the ship, the Dae Hung Ho, could be carrying Scud-C missiles, which have a range of about 360 miles.

The Bush administration, stressing that no decisions have been made about whether to intercept the ship, has expressed deep concern about the possible missile shipment and its potential destabilizing effect on the Middle East.

Western intelligence officials have said the ship is headed for the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas, but the shipment's ultimate destination is believed to be Syria, an ally of Iran.

Israeli officials have expressed grave concern at the prospect that Syria, the most steadfast enemy of the Jewish state, could be getting the missiles.

The Tehran Times, which usually reflects the thinking of President Hashemi Rafsanjani, said the ship broke no law by steaming toward Iran.

"In the opinion of most political observers, the legal advisers at the U.S. State Department are quite aware that what the United States is planning to do is an outright act of international piracy," the newspaper wrote.

State-run Tehran radio said it was illogical for the United States to be sensitive about the purchase of long-range missiles by Syria while giving military aid to Israel.

"The world of blasphemy acts in a singularly hostile manner toward the world of Islam," it said. "Muslims have no alternative to unity in order to safeguard their existence."

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Obituaries

Tim Williamson

1942-1992

FORT WORTH — Services will be held 3 p.m. Wednesday at the University Baptist Church for Snyder native Tim Williamson, 49, of Fort Worth who died Thursday in the crash of a private plane in Colorado. Dr. Randall Everett will officiate. Interment will be private, in Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Officiating will be Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of the church, Rev. Jimmy Nelson, Bible professor at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, and Rev. Cal Guy, also a professor at Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. Williamson was president of Trinity Management Corp. and a partner in Emergency Medical Consultants of Fort Worth. He was a member of University Baptist Church and the Petroleum Club.

He was pilot of the plane that carried five other business associates enroute to a ski trip to Aspen. The passengers also died in the crash occurring 15 miles west of Glenwood Springs, Colo., during stormy weather.

Born on April 24, 1942, in Snyder, he married Lynette Guy on Dec. 31, 1972. Mr. Williamson was a 1960 graduate of Snyder High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1965 with a degree in business and accounting. He also attended Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

He was preceded in death by his father, E.H. (Ab) Williamson, on June 19, 1974.

Survivors include his wife of the home; his mother, Mrs. E.H. Williamson of Snyder; two sisters, Mrs. David (Sherry) Thompson and Mrs. Jerry (Barbara) Owen, both of Snyder; one niece, Haylee Owen; and three nephews, Trent Owen, Trevor and Tate Thompson, all of Snyder.

Memorials may be made to the University Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Habitat for Humanities, or the World Hunger Fund of the Southern Baptist Missions.

Alta Bates

1912-1992

WHITE DEER — Funeral services are set for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the White Deer First Baptist Church for Alta Ruth Bates, 79, who died Sunday in Canyon. Graveside services, under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Dobbs Valley Cemetery in Palo Pinto County.

Mrs. Bates was the mother of Suzane Burgess of Snyder.

Born in Brazos, Tex., Mrs. Bates moved to White Deer from Sunray in 1949. She was a rural mail carrier.

She married Harvey Bates on Jan. 14, 1931, in Milsap. He died in 1985. She was a member of the White Deer First Baptist Church and had served as a church hostess.

Survivors include another daughter, Jane Mitchusson of Amarillo; one sister, Hazel Magers of Mineral Wells; two brothers, Red Gilbert of Mineral Wells and Bill Jones of Fort Worth; and three granddaughters.

Memorials may be made to the American Parkinson's Association or the First Baptist Church of White Deer.

Actress invests

LOS ANGELES, Calif., (AP) — Teen-ager Jenny Lewis, who plays Katie Monahan on television's "Brooklyn Bridge," says she has been investing in real estate since she was 5.

"Most of my friends can't believe I actually own the house I live in," said the 16-year-old actress, who has played opposite such stars as Lucille Ball, Ed Asner and Carroll O'Connor.

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Delaware killer...

High court sets aside death penalty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today set aside a convicted Delaware killer's death sentence, ruling that the sentencing jury wrongly took into account his membership in a racist prison group.

The court, by an 8-1 vote, said such consideration violated killer David Dawson's constitutional right to associate with whom he pleased.

Dawson's membership in the white supremacist group, Aryan Brotherhood, was not relevant to his crime and "is constitutionally protected," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court. Dawson's victim was white.

Dawson's belonging to the group also should not have been used by prosecutors to offset mitigating evidence Dawson offered, Rehnquist added.

"The Aryan Brotherhood evidence presented in this case cannot be viewed as relevant 'bad' character evidence in its own right," the chief justice said.

Justice Clarence Thomas, the court's lone black justice, dissented.

"Denying that Dawson's gang membership told the jury anything about his activities, tendencies and traits — his 'character' — ignores reality," Thomas wrote.

The court sent Dawson's case back to the Delaware Supreme Court, which Rehnquist said is free to rule that the wrongful admission of the Aryan Brotherhood evidence in the sentencing trial amounted to "harmless error."

Dawson was convicted of murdering Madeline Kisner on Dec. 1, 1986, the same day he and three others escaped from a state prison near Smyrna, Del.

At his sentencing trial, Dawson's prosecutors were allowed to tell jurors about his Aryan Brotherhood membership for its consideration in choosing life or death as the suitable punishment.

When Dawson's case was argued before the high court last November, Rehnquist appeared to be among the least sympathetic justices to the arguments raised in behalf of the death row inmate.

NASA engineers work on 3 views of supersonic flight

HOUSTON (AP) — NASA engineers are working to develop a series of supersonic commercial airplanes that could fly by the next century.

Two decades after the Concorde jet was developed, hurdles to a potential U.S. supersonic commercial transport remain the same: cost and noise.

The most daunting hurdle to a new generation of commercial aircraft that can travel faster than the speed of sound is the environment. Tightened rules on airplane noise already have affected some subsonic airplane routes, and could doom any supersonic aircraft because of the sonic "booms" produced as the airplanes break the sound barrier over populated areas.

There also are major concerns about ozone depletion. Exhaust from subsonic jets already is blamed for contributing nitrogen oxide into the atmosphere. Although reactions between the gas and the Earth's protective ozone layer aren't well understood, scientists believe that the emissions could further nibble at the ozone layer.

In addition, even if engineers can design a supersonic aircraft that meets environmental standards, it's possible the airline industry's cost of developing the plane could prevent one from taking off in popularity.

Although the French and British government spent billions on developing the Concorde, its detractors note its fares still are far higher than the average subsonic trip. Sixteen years after its maiden commercial voyage, a round-trip fare on the Concorde between London and New York still costs thousands of dollars because of its limited 110-passenger seating capacity.

"It's a pretty expensive proposition," Robert T. Jones, a retired NASA engineer, told The Houston Post in today's editions. "You sort of bet the company on it."

Despite the potential pitfalls in designing a supersonic transport, engineers are confident that the tangible concerns can be overcome.

One of NASA's projects, the proposed National Aerospace Plane, would be a possible successor to the space shuttle, a one- or two-passenger aircraft that could shoot directly from a runway into orbit.

The successor to subsonic jets that cross oceans is likely to be another project: the High-Speed Commercial Transport, a plane that could carry as many as 300 passengers per flight by 2010. It could cut nearly in half the 71/2-hour trip from Dallas-Fort Worth to London, said Lou Williams, director of NASA's aerodynamics program.

But its relatively modest development goals mean that it won't soar into orbit, and it won't be quiet enough to fly supersonic across the United States.

"Right now, we don't plan on pursuing it to unlimited supersonic capability over land," Williams said.

The third potential supersonic craft, the oblique wing transport, is the only one that could fly today — except that its unusual bat-like shape, 500-foot wingspan and tilted flight angle make it hard to accept.

"The real problem with this plane is the acceptance of such a radical shape and idea," said Tom Gregory, an engineer at NASA's Ames-Dryden Research Center.

Lubbock voters expected to back Bush

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The folks in George Bush's barometer city are restless about the economy, but they are likely Tuesday to support the man who put this windswept cotton capital on the political map.

Few people are happy with the economy, "but folks in Lubbock aren't as swayed by the negative hype," said Mike Edwards, general manager of Pollard Ford car dealership. "We look at the total picture and look to the past.

"He could have been elected pope after the Gulf War, and I think pretty much people will stay with him."

This plains city in Bush's adopted home state has a population of 189,000 and more than 150 churches, many of them large and conservative. Residents of Lubbock County gave the 1988 GOP presidential ticket 69 percent of the vote.

When President Bush assured reporters questioning the direction of his administration in a March 1989 news conference that the folks in Lubbock were behind him, it was a safe bet they were.

But his support has dropped off a bit. Unemployment is at 6.8 percent, and after a tough cotton crop, which is the staple of the area economy, some are ready to send Bush a message.

"I think most of the people in this agriculture area feel that Bush has lost touch with the economy," said Tony Mann, manager of Lubbock Stockyards.

"I think that he doesn't need to talk about free trade as much as fair trade. Pat Buchanan is right, we need someone to stand up for America."

Mann, who has 14 years in the livestock business said he voted for Bush in 1988, but will likely vote for GOP challenger Buchanan Tuesday because "he is pro business."

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port in February, but did not receive a retirement payment for the month of February due to paperwork not being completed according to guidelines of the county retirement plan.

"I notified everyone of my retirement well in advance, and was not aware of any papers that needed to be filled out," said Stanfield. "I feel the county should pay the month of retirement that I lost."

Commissioner C.D. Gray stated that he had checked with the Texas County and District Retirement System, and was notified that paperwork must be received 30 days in advance of retirement. Because Mr. Stanfield's papers were not received until the end of January, retirement payments were scheduled to begin in March.

Gray pointed out that TCDRS was made aware of the situation, and would pro-rate February's payment over the life term of the retirement.

County Judge Bob Doolittle stated that it seems too late to appeal this case, but that county policy should be written to insure that those retiring are aware of the requirements.

Sheriff Keith Collier updated the court on personnel changes at the sheriff's office, stating that his staff is down to a minimum.

Deputies Joe Cheyne and Kerry Fritz will both receive promotions due to the recent death of Chief Deputy Andy Anderson. Cheyne will be made chief of the computer office, while Fritz will serve as chief of criminal investigation.

Collier stated that he will try to run the office without adding personnel for a few months to see if it will work out. He added that he is currently working with fewer employees than he had when he took office.

Approval of minutes of the March 6 meeting was the only other item on the agenda.

Doolittle presided. Present were commissioners Gray, Roy Idom, Jerry Morgan and Jerry Gannaway.

Polls open 7 a.m.

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and is unopposed in the Republican Primary.

Campaigning on the Democratic ticket for constable are former county judge Bobby Goodwin and self-employed welder Jimmy Wilson. Area farmer and rancher Scott Crenwelge is unopposed on the Republican ticket.

Those are the only contested races Tuesday; however, some others will find opposition in the general election.

Incumbent District Judge Gene L. Dulaney, a Republican, and Democratic candidate Marvin Sentell, a local attorney, are unopposed in the primaries and will face-off in the general election. Incumbent Democratic Precinct 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. will oppose Republican Eddie Don Floyd in November. And Rona Sikes, Democratic incumbent county tax assessor, will be challenged by Republican Modean Riley Konvicka.

Running uncontested Tuesday and during the general election will be Democratic incumbents Ernie B. Armstrong, for district attorney, and Lealand W. (Pete) Greene, for county attorney.

Other races of interest in the Democratic Primary include that of U.S. President, in which Tod Howard Hawks, Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr, George W. Benns, Edmund G. Brown Jr., Bill Clinton, Charles Woods, Paul E. Tsongas, Rufus Higginbotham, Tom Harkin and J. Louis McAlpine are on the ballot. Lena Guerrero and David Young are running for railroad commissioner.

Among those unopposed in the Democratic Primary are Charles W. Stenholm for U.S. Representative, District 17; David Counts for State Representative, District 70; and Steven A. Carriker for State Senator, District 30.

Stenholm will face Jeannie Sadowski in the November general election and Carriker will be challenged by Tom Haywood.

Running for President in the Republican Primary are George Bush, Tennie Rogers, David Duke, George A. Zimmermann and Patrick J. Buchanan.

The Republican ballot also features an amendment to the state constitution which would limit terms of most state elected officials.

Demos

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and Republicans in eight on Tuesday. In all, 783 Democratic delegates and 421 Republican delegates are up for grabs.

On Saturday, Clinton dominated the Democratic field in South Carolina with 63 percent of the vote.

Clinton also won in Wyoming on Saturday and placed a strong second to Tsongas in Arizona. Clinton picked up more delegates in Arizona than Tsongas despite the second-place showing.

Bush, meanwhile, scored a 67 percent victory in South Carolina, extending his string of shutouts but still encountering the roughly one-third protest vote he has seen in each primary this season.

GOP challenger Patrick Buchanan trailed in South Carolina with 26 percent and former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke was a distant third with 7 percent.

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	755/8	751/4	753/8	-1/8
Albtsn	427/8	423/4	427/8	-1/4
AlliedSignal	491/8	487/8	49	
ALLTEL Cp	361/2	353/4	361/2	+1
AmStor s	351/8	341/4	341/2	-3/4
Amer T&T	381/8	371/2	381/8	+3/8
Ameritech	601/8	593/8	601/8	+7/8
Amoco	441/4	433/4	441/8	+1/4
AndarkPtr	20	195/8	193/4	+1/4
Arkla	97/8	93/4	97/8	+1/4
ArmcoInc	6	6	6	
AtlRichfld	1021/8	101 1/4	1011/4	—11/4
BakerHugh	191/4	191/8	191/4	
BancTexas	21/8	17/8	17/8	-3/8
BellAtl	441/8	421/8	423/8	+1/8
BellSouth	451/2	451/8	453/8	+1/4
Beth Steel	143/4	141/2	141/2	-1/8
Borden	321/8	32	321/8	
Caterpllr	491/4	487/8	487/8	-5/8
Centel	425/8	423/8	421/2	
CenSoWst s	253/4	251/2	255/8	
Chevron	62	611/2	617/8	+1/4
Chrysler	161/4	161/8	161/4	+1/8
Coastal	227/8	223/4	223/4	
CocaCola	793/8	78	791/4	+3/4
ColgateP s	461/2	461/8	461/4	-1/2
ComlMetl	23	223/4	23	+1/4
CooperIn	571/8	567/8	567/8	
CyprusMn	22	217/8	217/8	-1/8
DallSemicn	87/8	83/4	87/8	+1/8
DeltaAirl	691/4	685/8	683/4	-1/2
DigitalEq	587/8	583/8	581/2	+1/4
Dillard	1257/8	124	1243/8	—13/4
DowChem	563/8	561/8	561/8	-3/8
DresserInd	205/8	203/8	203/8	-1/8
DuPont	443/8	433/4	433/4	-1/4
EstKodak	431/2	431/8	431/8	-1/4
EljerInd	10	93/4	97/8	
Enserch	121/4	117/8	121/4	+3/8
Exxon	555/8	551/8	551/4	-3/8
FtCtyBcp	2	17/8	2	+1/8
FlowerInd	153/4	155/8	153/4	+1/4
FordMotor	361/8	353/4	361/8	+1/4
GTE Cp	301/2	301/8	303/8	+1/4
GnDynam	601/2	60	601/2	+3/8
GenElct	775/8	771/8	771/8	-3/8
GnMill	663/8	653/4	663/8	+1/4
GenMotors	373/8	363/4	371/8	+1/4
GenMotrE s	301/4	291/2	297/8	-1/8
GaPacif	651/2	643/4	651/4	+1/2
GlobMar	17/8	13/4	17/8	
Goodrich	49	475/8	475/8	-1/4
Goodyear	615/8	601/2	611/2	+13/8
GtAtlPac	311/2	311/4	311/4	
Gulf StaUt	113/4	115/8	115/8	-1/8
Haliburtn	275/8	271/8	271/4	-1/2
Hanson	191/4	191/8	191/4	+1/8
HoustInd	41	407/8	41	
IBM	863/4	851/8	851/4	—11/8
IntlPaper	741/2	74	74	-1/8
JohnsJhn	971/2	963/8	973/8	+1
K mart	491/2	491/4	491/2	-1/2
Kroger	171/4	17	171/8	+1/8
vjLTV Cp	13-16	3/4	13-16	+1-16
Litton Ind	951/4	95	95	
Lowes	391/2	39	391/8	-5/8
Lubys	161/8	16	161/8	+1/8
Maxus	75/8	71/2	71/2	-1/8
MayDSt	591/4	583/4	591/4	+7/8
Medtrn s	785/8	78	78	-3/8
Mobil	593/4	593/8	591/2	
Monsan	671/2	671/8	673/8	-1/4
Motorola	753/8	743/4	743/4	-1/2
Nationbk	451/4	445/8	45	+3/8
Navistar	37/8	33/4	33/4	
Nynex	721/4	72	72	
OryxEngy	205/8	201/2	205/8	
PacTelesis	391/2	391/4	391/2	+1/8
PanhECp	145/8	143/8	143/8	-1/4
PenneyJC	617/8	613/4	613/4	
PepBoys	205/8	203/8	201/2	-1/8
Phelps Dod	805/8	795/8	795/8	-7/8
PhilipPet	23	223/4	223/4	+1/8
PilgrmPrd	63/8	63/8	63/8	-1/8
Polaroid s	29	285/8	287/8	-1/8
Primerica	40	395/8	397/8	-3/8
ProctGamb	99	985/8	983/4	-3/8
PubS NwMx	113/8	111/4	113/8	+1/8
SFePacCp	115/8	111/2	115/8	
SaraLee	513/8	503/4	51	-1/4
SearsRoeb	457/8	455/8	453/4	-1/8
Shrwin s	281/4	28	28	-1/4
SmthBchm	77	763/4	77	+1/2
SmthBch eq n	705/8	703/8	705/8	+1/4
Southern Co	311/4	301/2	311/4	+3/4
SwstAirl	383/8	381/4	381/4	
SwstBell	587/8	581/8	585/8	+1/2
Sprint	221/8	217/8	22	+1/8
SterlingChm	47/8	47/8	47/8	-1/8
SunCo	28	271/2	273/4	-1/8
TNP Ent	197/8	193/4	193/4	
Tandy	303/8	301/8	301/8	
TemplInl	531/8	53	53	+1/8
Tenneco	391/8	387/8	387/8	-1/4
Texaco	571/4	57	57	
TexasInst	343/8	34	34	-1/2
Tex Util	373/4	371/2	375/8	-3/8
Textron	371/4	367/8	371/8	+3/8
Tyler	41/4	41/8	41/4	
USWst	337/8	335/8	337/8	+1/8
USXMar n	221/2	22 25-512	221/2	-1/8
USX-USS n	275/8	271/2	271/2	
UnCarbde	243/4	241/2	241/2	-1/8
UnPac s	463/4	461/2	463/4	+1/4
UnitTech	511/8	507/8	51	-1/8
Unocal	221/2	213/8	211/2	-1/8
WalMt	531/8	525/8	527/8	
WestghEl	193/4	191/2	193/4	-1/8
Woolwth	283/4	281/2	281/2	-1/4
Xerox Cp	763/4	761/8	765/8	+1/4
ZenithE	93/8	91/4	93/8	

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Karen Terry, HCR67 Box 71; S.W. Suther, 3204 Hill; Katy Newton, 3733 Rose Circle.

DISMISSALS: Crystal Garcia, Rebecca Miller, Ramond Allen, R.V. Williamson, Saluda Arnett, Dionicia Delos Reyes, Twilla Durrett.

Census: 39 (Med.-6, Long-Term Care-28, OB-2, Nursery-3).

According to Michelangelo, "Genius is eternal patience."

Births

Billy and Katy Newton of Snyder announce the birth of their 6-pound, 15-ounce baby girl born born at 8:11 a.m. on March 6 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Fire department answers two calls

Snyder Fire Department extinguished a fire at 3414 College Avenue about 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Grass and trash were the only items burned.

At 9:15 p.m. Sunday, the fire department responded to a possible kitchen fire at Snyder Nursing Center on the Big Spring Highway. According to a fire department official, an alarm at the center was triggered by an unknown subject.

Five arrested on PI charges

Snyder police made five arrests on drinking-related charges and took a report of a burglary Sunday.

Officers made three arrests for public intoxication at the Latin American Center in the early morning hours. Arrested were a 35-year-old male at 12:05 a.m., a 31-year-old male at 12:28 a.m. and a 19-year-old male at 12:59 a.m.

At 1:29 a.m., officers arrested a 17-year-old male for public intoxication in the 800 block of 28th Street.

Also arrested for public intoxication was a 21-year-old male in the 1900 block of Avenue I at 10:08 p.m.

At 8:42 p.m., James Holbert of 2097 Ave. I contacted police in reference to someone entering his residence and stealing various household items. A report for burglary of a residence has been filed in the case.

Jack Willis of 2200 Ave. Z informed police at 1:29 p.m. that someone had broken the windows out of his 1956 pickup. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

At 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Christine Dominguez of 1308 19th St. informed police that her son had been bitten by a dog. Officers filed a report and the dog was taken to West Texas Animal Clinic by its owner.

Officers also worked two minor automobile accidents Saturday.

At 1:28 p.m., officers investigated a hit and run in the 4500 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1986 Ford van driven by Gustavo Castillon of 1901 Ave. O and an unknown vehicle which left the scene.

At 5:29 p.m., officers worked an accident at the Eastridge Apartments. Involved were a 1986 Plymouth driven by Danny Crowder of 4102 Ave. R and a 1986 Plymouth driven by Dawn Flippo of 4100 Brick Plant Road.

Police also filed a terroristic threats report at 2:16 p.m. after a man came to the department to report having trouble with an unknown subject.

Dear Abby

Gifts to Daughter-In-Law Remain Hers After Divorce

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: You said, "Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient." I disagree.

Eighteen years ago, our oldest son married a girl we liked very much — and I still do. I'll call her Sue. Six years ago, I gave Sue an 18-karat wristwatch. It was appraised at $3,000. The following Christmas, I bought a fine antique necklace at an auction. It came from the estate of one of our finest families. I gave it to Sue for her 40th birthday.

Two weeks later, my son informed me that he and Sue were getting a divorce, and that he had already moved out! This came as a blow, as I had no idea they had a troubled marriage. Abby, Sue must have known when I gave her that necklace that she was getting a divorce — yet she accepted the necklace and said nothing.

The divorce was "messy." I defended Sue and incurred the wrath of our son. I tried in the ensuing years to visit her (an hour's drive), but she found excuses and continued to avoid me. I should mention that Sue and our son had children — my only grandchildren — whom I adore, and we all get together at family affairs and are most cordial. However, I have never seen Sue wear the watch or necklace I gave her.

A few months ago, I asked Sue to please return the watch and necklace because I wanted them to remain in the family as heirlooms. She flatly refused. I know that I would have returned them had I been in her circumstances. Please tell me, was I wrong to ask Sue to return those items? And was she right to refuse?

NO NAME, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME: I think you were wrong to have asked Sue to return the gifts you had given her. Whether she chose to return them or keep them was entirely her prerogative. She had no obligation to do so.

* * *

DEAR ABIGAIL VAN BUREN: Please give me your advice;

My job is gone, my shoes are worn, I live on beans and rice.

The government won't help me; my state is going broke;

My boy has been arrested (they caught him sniffing coke).

My wife has up and left me; my son resides in jail;

The bank in which I own some stock will be the next to fail.

My pants are getting shabby, and bagging at the knees;

I can't afford a bar of soap to wash my BVDs.

My daughter says she's pregnant, but doesn't know the guy;

My cotton's full of weevils, and my cow is going dry.

My hens have all stopped laying — I can't afford their mash —

My checks are quickly bouncing, and the stores insist on cash.

I've lost my only savings, on horses at the track;

The Klan is out to get me, because my friends are black.

I asked the priest to help me, while making my confession;

He blamed it on the Protestants for causing this recession.

And so I turn to you, my friend, before I go to ruin;

My only source of good advice is Abigail Van Buren!

GEORGE DAWSON

DEAR GEORGE:

Please do not appeal to me
To heal our sick economy.
It's plain to see we've lost our pants;
Now give the other guys a chance.

* * *

What teen-agers need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with their peers and parents is now in Abby's updated, expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Homeless like new coat-sleeping bag

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — College students asked homeless people what they would want in a coat. The result: Shelter-Pak, a coat that converts to a sleeping bag at night and folds into a carryall when it's warm outside.

The Shelter-Pak, designed as a class project at Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, is worn by 80 or so homeless people in the city. An additional 200 coats are being sewn this year.

With its minimalist silhouette and monk's hood, it resembles Japanese avant-garde design or a prizefighter's robe.

"It's fashionable. College kids like them, they want to know where they can get them," said Brother Bill McDonald, who runs a shelter.

All the coats are given away, and distribution is handled by McDonald, who is careful about who receives one.

"There's so many guys who would take the coat and sell it for drug money," he said.

The garment was developed two years ago by students at Textile, who split into groups, or mock companies, each semester and develop a product for people with special needs.

Other products have included loose clothing for burn victims, stuffed caterpillars to help children with cerebral palsy develop their sense of touch, and dresses for battered women who had to leave home in a hurry.

The coat design was market-driven: Students asked the homeless for advice. Make it warm, they said. Water repellent. Roomy. In dull, inconspicuous colors.

And we need big pockets, they said. No buttons, buckles or zippers, "so they weren't locked in, so in case of attack they could get up and run," said Matt Mehrman, an assistant professor of textiles now in charge of the coat project.

The result is a full-length reversible garment of rip-resistant nylon on one side, heavy wool on the other. The coat ties shut, and sleeves are extra long, either folded back or extended to cover hands while sleeping. Two patch pockets on the wool side extend from waist to ankle.

Along the hem is a 2-foot-deep pocket. The coat can be folded into this pocket, creating a carryall with a shoulder strap. When it is unfolded as a sleeping bag, "you slide your feet into the pocket," McDonald said.

"The nice thing about them is that besides keeping them warm, when you put them on, you can get into any number of public facilities because it covers a multitude of bad clothing," McDonald said.

Nate Odom, a formerly homeless man at Brother Bill's shelter, said an acquaintance on the street wears a Shelter-Pak and loves it.

"It's convenient. When it's cold, it's like walking with a blanket around you," he said.

Students, faculty members, volunteer groups and vocational high schools are making the coats from donated material. Even samplemakers at the fashionable clothing manufacturer Jones of New York made some, Mehrman said.

There are no plans to market the coats or the pattern.

Instead, Mehrman hopes to refine the patterns and instructions so they can be shipped to anyone who asks.

State's diversity presents challenge along with prize

HIALEAH, Fla. (AP) — Florida, now topping the Super Tuesday menu for Democrats, offers a spicy stew of diverse voting groups for presidential candidates hoping to prove they have the ingredients for national appeal.

"It's like the song 'New York, New York,' " Democratic Sen. Bob Graham likes to say. "If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere."

In other words, the former governor explains, you can't win Florida by appealing to any one group. Or two or three.

A sampling from last week's campaign:

— Bill Clinton put on a white yarmulke and talked about Israel to an audience in Delray Beach, and the next morning walked through Miami's Liberty City, a black neighborhood known for racial violence, as 20-year-old black men yelled for him to do something about jobs.

— A few miles west, Hialeah Mayor Julio Martinez spoke in Spanish and English to welcome President Bush Wednesday night to "the most Republican city in America."

— Just to the east, Jerry Brown was greeted Friday night by people dancing in the street and chanting in Creole when he visited Little Haiti with Jesse Jackson.

— Seventy miles north, Paul Tsongas visited Palm Beach, isle of the rich and famous, then was cheered in Fort Lauderdale by fellow Greek-Americans at a Greek Orthodox Church.

Of the 11 states holding primaries and caucuses Tuesday, Florida offers 148 delegates, second only to Texas, and it gives Tsongas, a former Massachusetts senator, a state where he has a realistic chance of trying to prevent a Southern sweep by the Arkansas governor.

Bush, who enjoyed his largest 1988 general election margin in Florida, is considered a lock to scoop up the 97 Republican delegates in the winner-take-all primary.

Democrats win delegates proportionally in the 19 congressional districts.

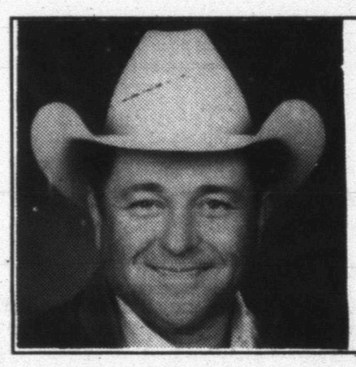
Trying to categorize or predict Florida is risky business, say state politicians.

More than 12 percent of the population is Hispanic. But unlike Texas, California or New York, the vast majority of the Hispanic vote is predominantly anti-communist Cuban and goes Republican.

The black population is smaller than other Southern states — about 13 percent — and is scattered.

Florida is less industrial than the rest of the South, and many of its jobs tend to be low-paying service, tourism and agriculture jobs, said University of Florida researcher David Denslow. Enclaves of multimillionaires in places such as Palm Beach, Boca Raton and other areas skew the state's median income.

It is probably the most transitory of states, researchers say. The population jumped by nearly a third in the 1980s, but hundreds of thousands of people moved out at the same time.



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On The Issues

China's trading status

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

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are the views of the major presidential candidates on the question: "Should the government impose new conditions on the renewal of China's most-favored-nation trading status?"

DEMOCRATS

—Jerry Brown: "Yes. Trade with China should be linked to their human rights record."

—Bill Clinton: "Yes. I do not believe we should extend most-favored-nation status to China unless they make significant progress in human rights, arms proliferation and fair trade."

—Tom Harkin: "As president, I would deny most-favored-nation trading status to China as long as the current wave of political repression continues there. ... The inhumane working conditions and lack of freedom make the lives of the Chinese people miserable, and they make Chinese products less expensive and difficult to compete against, which is why we are now running a $12 billion per year trade deficit with China."

—Paul Tsongas: "Yes. MFN shouldn't be granted without significant human rights, improvements and economic reforms."

REPUBLICANS

—George Bush: Last Monday, President Bush vetoed a bill that would have required China to make "substantial progress" in human rights, trade and weapons proliferation before most-favored-nation trade status could be renewed in June. He said that attaching conditions to the trade status would result in "weakened ties to the West and further repression."

—Patrick Buchanan: "China's most-favored-nation trading status should not be renewed."

—David Duke: "Yes. They need to end slave labor and stop dumping Chinese goods on our market."

Sheriff questions teenagers paid $300 for campaign work

WINNIE, Texas (AP) — As a civics project, seniors at a Southeast Texas high school got involved in the political process last week by handing out literature for a candidate for Chambers County sheriff, and the incumbent is upset.

Sheriff C.E. "Chuck" Morris says the 41 students at East Chambers High School should have been in school instead of "out running the roads" Friday for his opponent, constable John Wesley King.

King gave the students a $300 donation to be used for a year-end, alcohol-free party.

The students were dismissed from class at 9 a.m. Friday to distribute literature for King's campaign, principal Mickey Riggs said. Their absence was excused.

Morris said his office received several complaints from county residents.

"Students should be in school learning," Morris said. "But here they are tearing up and down the road, at their parents' expense, doing political work."

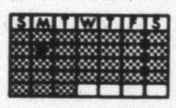
Students who distributed the campaign literature were volunteers and had their parents' permission to participate in the civics lesson.

Morris, in office 12 years, said he didn't take up the offer because he wasn't sure whether it was legal, and he didn't believe it was ethical.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

March 9, 1992

Today is the 69th day of 1992 and the 79th day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1864, Ulysses S. Grant was appointed commander of the Union Army during the Civil War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Samuel Barber (1910-1981), composer; Mickey Spillane (1918-), writer, is 74; Yuri Gagarin (1934-1968), cosmonaut; Mickey Gilley (1936-), country music singer, is 56; Raul Julia (1940-), actor, is 52; Bobby Fischer (1943-), chess player, is 49; Benito Santiago (1965-), baseball player, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon won a 12-round decision over Greg Page to claim the WBC heavyweight title vacated by Larry Holmes.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am passionate — I want to do things BIG. I'm sick of things that are small and understated and repressed." — Raul Julia

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1956, with a measured snow depth of 367 inches (seven inches more than 30 feet!), Paradise Ranger Station, Wash., set the state's snow depth record.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 4) and first quarter (March 11).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

Our congressman says his door on Capitol Hill is always open. That's so he can sneak out faster when work is looming.

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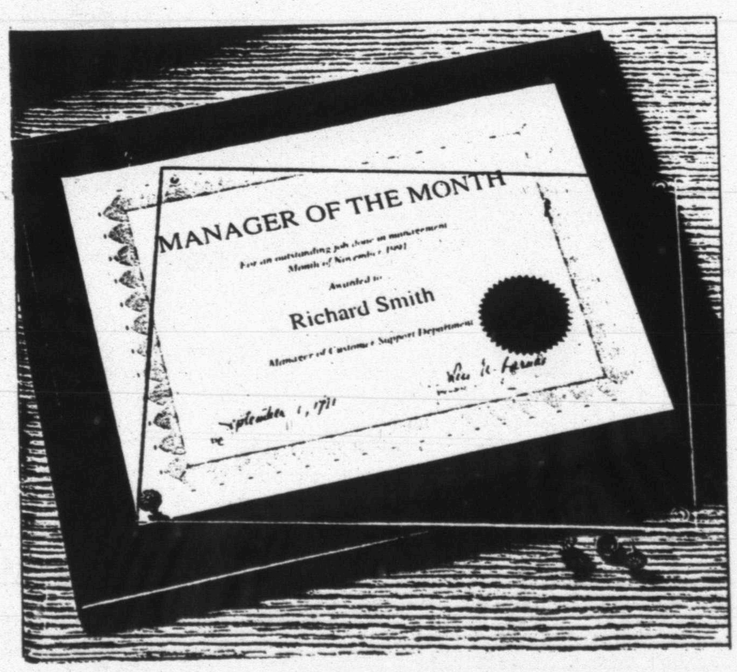
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Baytown is split among congressional districts

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) — Congressman Jack Fields has represented Baytown since his district was created. But on Tuesday, residents of this ship channel community of 63,800 will choose three congressional representatives — and Fields is not among them.

"I'm not very happy. I really enjoyed representing Baytown," said Fields, a Republican. "But I think Baytown is one of the best examples in the state of the gerrymandering that's taken place in this redistricting."

Now instead of voting for a District 8 representative to the U.S. House, Baytown residents, depending on where they live, will cast ballots in District 9, District 25 or the newly created District 29.

"The people in Baytown are confused about who their congressman will be," said Fields, who has operated offices in Houston and Baytown for years.

The recent congressional redistricting has divided numerous Texas cities, previously represented by a single congressman, among which are Arlington, Denton, Irving, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Pasadena, San Angelo and Waxahachie.

"It happened in a number of places all over the state," said Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for the Texas Republican Party. "The Democrats butchered Texas in order to protect their own Democratic incumbents."

But Democrats argue that the changes were made to protect minority voting strength and fulfill U.S. Justice Department orders.

In Baytown, a city that grew up as a Humble Oil town that merged with two adjoining towns, voters could easily elect three Democrats where there was once a single Republican.

Rep. Jack Brooks, a Democrat from Beaumont, who has represented District 9 for years, is unopposed in his re-election bid for a district that now includes nearly half of Baytown.

Rep. Mike Andrews, a Democrat from Houston, who has represented District 25 since 1983, is running against Mary Robb Whipple in the primary, while Republicans Esther Lee Yao and Dolly Madison McKenna are running in the GOP primary for the seat. District 25 now snakes through Baytown from the south, between District 9 on the east and District 29 on the west and curves back to the north.

District 29, created specifically to yield a Hispanic representative, has attracted seven candidates — five of them are Democrats. Freddy Rios and Clark Kent Ervin are in the Republican Primary, while the Democratic ticket features Andrew C. Burks Jr., Gene Green, Albert Luna III, Ben T. Reyes and Sylvia Garcia. That district stretches up through the west side of Houston, more than 35 miles away, and beyond.

"Obviously, their representation will get three times better than it's been," Ed Martin, spokesman for the Texas Democratic Party, said of Baytown residents.

"What happened with Baytown happened because of a combination of the Voting Rights Act and geography," Martin said. "It's not unusual in these kinds of cases that you see districts divided. They say the (Houston-area) maps look like spaghetti."

The 1990 Census showed Texas needed three more congressional districts: one for blacks in Dallas County, one for Hispanics in Harris County and one for Hispanics in the Rio Grande Valley.

"The main concern is to maximize the minority district and adhere to the Voting Rights Act," said Bill Dalrymple, committee clerk for the Texas House Redistricting Committee.

But because minorities may not be living in a concentrated area, developing a district that would virtually ensure a minority is elected leads to some odd-shaped zones.

"In an effort to draw a district with a higher minority population, you draw into other areas," Martin said. "I think it's unfortunate when cities get split between districts, but there are arguments that the citizens get better representation."

Dalrymple, who worked with colleagues in the Texas Senate staff to develop the congressional districts, admits the districts often don't break out into neat packages.

"District 29 should favor the Hispanic candidates and it does," he said. "It looks terrible. It looks horrible! It's an election official's nightmare down there! But it was done to maximize representation for the Hispanic voters for that area."

Jim Manley, a Democratic precinct judge in Baytown, said reactions in the longtime Texas refinery town are mixed to the new jurisdictions.

"Baytown has been represented by one congressman and the city has thought of itself as being represented by one congress person. That person had a longtime staff person who was a Baytown resident," Manley said.

"Fields, himself, has been often present in the district. And even people who would not agree with Congressman Fields on some political issues or who might not have voted for him, gave him high marks for the responsiveness of his office."

Now, Manley said, some Baytown residents "fear that they might be a partial part of what to them is a new congress person and there is the understandable fear that a person who already has an established constituency might not be at all inclined to listen to more."

John Schachter, press secretary for Andrews, said the District 25 candidate is willing to change his habits to include Baytown.

"The geographical change of the district is not that great," Schachter said. "We currently have an office in Pasadena and in Houston. After the election, we will reassess how we can best serve the people of the new 25th District."

Brooks already has represented a sliver of the Baytown area.

But the Republicans are not so convinced. A lawsuit challenging the new district lines is pending.

"We win more than half, or half of the vote in most major areas," Ms. Hughes said. "The way the Democrats have drawn the districts, we will have eight of 30 (congressional) districts, when we get half of the vote in the state.... That was done deliberately by the Democrats to disenfranchise the voters."

Fields said his own new district has eliminated most black voters in Waller, Brazos and Montgomery counties, besides many of his Harris County constituents to allow Democrats to take advantage of minorities, whom they perceive to be traditionally Democratic voters.

And what is he telling longtime constituents?

"I'm telling them that I think the State Legislature put partisanship above state interests and were extremely self-serving," Fields said.

"They run District 13 right up and rip up Pasadena and they do it while undermining the Voting Rights Act — there's not even a 'greater cause' to do it," Martin said.

But for Baytown, Manley thinks the working-class citizens will come to accept the new configuration.

"I think this has a lot of possibilities for Baytown," Manley said. "There's the chance to have different interests represented: Andrews has always had space and economic development on his agenda; Brooks has experience in representing refinery towns. Baytown can be in a better position than it is now."

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Would you discuss Dupytren's contracture in your column? I'm a 72-year-old piano player with limited use of my left hand.

DEAR READER: Dupytren's contracture, a shortening of the tendons in the palm of the hand, causes permanent flexion of one or more fingers. To be precise, it's not the tendon that contracts but the sheath that covers it. As the tendon covering progressively shortens, the tendon itself flexes the finger, which — over time — may become immobilized. The condition ordinarily affects the third, fourth or fifth fingers of either hand; the thumbs and index fingers are usually spared. The cause is unknown.

Many people with this affliction self-treat by manually stretching and extending the affected finger several times a day. This technique postpones the inevitable: full contraction of a useless finger, not a bit in keeping with rousing piano playing.

Definitive treatment is surgical release of the shrunken tendon sheath. This is bread-and-butter surgery for most orthopedic specialists, and the operation has an extremely high rate of permanent success. For unknown reasons, Dupytren's contracture appears with more frequency in people who drink alcohol excessively.

My advice is to try the stretching exercise I mentioned. If this is painful or if the finger is too flexed to enable you to play an octave on the piano, see an orthopedic surgeon for correction.

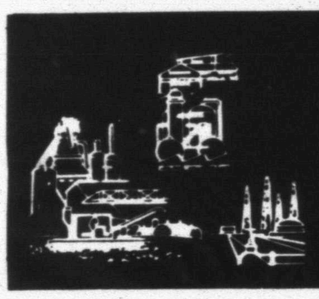
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DEAR DR. GOTT: Could tooth extraction with complications be responsible for the facial pain I've had for the past four years? A CT, bone scan and MRI were negative except for a hot spot noted in the area of the extraction. To date I've been treated for every type of headache, had biofeedback, physical therapy and as of this date still suffer from pain 24 hours every day.

DEAR READER: Dental extractions can trigger neuralgia, a poorly understood nerve pain in the face. The reasons for this are unknown and, fortunately, it is a rare occurrence. Sometimes, injections of cortisone and Novocaine into the nerve may give relief from the chronic, lightning-sharp pains of neuralgia but more often than not, the condition is exceedingly difficult to treat.

In most teaching hospitals, specialists have instituted pain clinics for patients with problems such as yours. Ask your doctor to refer you to such a clinic.

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Actress working on fund-raising campaign

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) — Shari Belafonte, the daughter of singer Harry Belafonte, is working on a "We Are the Children" fund-raising campaign that parallels the "We Are the World" album her father helped make.

The project, to raise research dollars for children's cancer and pediatric AIDS, will have a different twist: The performers must be second-generation celebrities.

Ms. Belafonte is executive producer, and Natalie Cole, the pop group Wilson Phillips and Bonnie Raitt are among those invited to participate, said Barbara Donahue, who volunteered her Greenwich production company for the project.

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