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MONDAY
Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—What are capital gains taxes?

A—Capital gains taxes are federal taxes on gains made from the sale of personal or investment property. The capital gain subject to tax is basically the difference between what you sell the property for and your original purchase price plus the value of improvements you've made.

Local

Legion

American Legion election of officers will be held 7:30 this evening at the post home.

Class of '82

Snyder High School Class of 1982 will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the TU Electric Reddy Room.

Booster club

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will hold a meeting at 7 o'clock today in the high school student center.

Plans for the annual awards banquet will be discussed.

Band concert

Snyder High School concert band and symphonic band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Worsham Auditorium.

The free concert will include "Shostakovich Festive Overture" and "Robin Hood Prince of Thieves."

Hermleigh

Hermleigh school board will discuss a contract with Tex-Star Wireless Communications, consider purchasing uniforms for cheerleaders and drill team members and canvass election returns Tuesday.

Also on the agenda for the 8 p.m. meeting will be election of officers for the board.

Open house

Open house for students who will be attending Central Elementary next year, and their parents, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Parents and students will have the opportunity to view the campuses, meet the principals and teachers, and to vote on next year's parent council officers.

Ira ISD

Ira school board trustees will elect officers and appoint a budget committee during its 8 p.m. meeting Tuesday.

Also on the agenda is consideration of a district technology plan and a contract for USDA commodities for 1992-93.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 81 degrees; low, 60 degrees; precipitation, .28 of an inch; high Sunday, 79 degrees; low, 64 degrees; precipitation, .34 of an inch; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 9.08 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast—Tonight, fair. Low near 60. South to southwest wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High in the lower 90s. South to southeast wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:28. Sunrise Tuesday, 6:49. Of 131 days in 1992, the sun has shone 112 days in Snyder.

HAVING FUN — Jonathan Wallace gives a grin during Saturday's Cinco de Mayo celebration sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Pictured with the tot are Lisa Alonzo, left, and Rachel Wallace. (SDN Staff Photo)

County eliminates compensation time for coliseum staff

Scurry County commissioners this morning approved elimination of comp time for coliseum employees and voted to advertise for bids to lease land at Cogdell Hospital for oil and gas exploration.

The court voted to pay coliseum maintenance personnel for excessive comp time built up over the past three to four years.

A total of $6,341.40 will be paid to coliseum employees to eliminate some 720 hours of comp time. Approximately 166 hours will be carried over.

According to newly appointed coliseum director-promoter Bernadette Stephens, the comp time needs to be eliminated in order to assist in scheduling of employee time.

"If this excessive time is eliminated, we will have a control on our amount of comp time," said Stephens. "We (the board) have discussed putting a 40-hour limit on the amount of time an employee can build up."

Stephens updated the court on the progress of the coliseum board, stating that the finance committee is in the process of setting rates. The committee is considering commercial, non-commercial, and non-profit rates.

Stephens stated that the class 2A regional basketball tournament has been booked at the coliseum for 1993, with the possibility of other UIL events coming to Snyder in 1994. She added that she will be meeting with David Baugh, high school athletic director, and Milton Ham, Western Texas College athletic director, to establish a contract for use of the coliseum by the two schools.

Vince Brigham of R.E. Glasscock Oil Properties in Midland spoke to commissioners about leasing the 14 acres of minerals owned by the hospital for exploration. Brigham stated that a formal bid proposal would be submitted to court within the next three weeks.

Brigham told the court that there would be no drilling or damage to the hospital land.

County Judge Bob Doolittle stated that Rick Glasscock met with the hospital board on Friday and received no opposition to the

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McCathern 3rd in UIL 4A contest

Snyder High School student Kurtis McCathern took third place in persuasive speaking Saturday at the Class 4A UIL State Meet in Austin.

Other Scurry County students participating in UIL academic events were Snyder's Kevin Gutierrez in editorial writing and Hermleigh's Sheri Sandefur in feature writing and Rebecca Ramey in headline writing. None of the three placed in the top six in their event.

McCathern also competed in Lincoln-Douglas debate but did not place.

Friday, Snyder High School took runner-up in the 4A State One-Act Play Contest with its production of "Romeo and Juliet." Casey Franks and Erin Rambo were named to the 4A All-Star Cast and Sam Grimes received honorable mention. Also, Craig Row received a technical award for lighting.

Board reorganization focus for Western Texas trustees

Reorganization of the board, acceptance of a faculty member's resignation and requests for funds to attend national athletic events are on the agenda for Western Texas College trustees this evening.

The board meets at 5:45 p.m. in the administration building board room.

Recently elected trustees Carolyn Barbee and Jay Kidd will be sworn in, replacing retiring members Howard Sterling and Robert Hargrove. Barbee will represent Place 3 on the board; Kidd will represent Place 4.

Following their installation, the board will elect officers for 1992-93.

Routine business will include the acceptance of a resignation from Jimmie McGee, political science instructor. Approval of the financial report and previous minutes are also on the agenda.

Under new business, the board will consider requests from the rodeo team and golf team for funds to attend the College National Finals Rodeo and the NJCAA National Golf Tournament, respectively.

Among non-action items, the board will give pre-bid consideration for personal computers and printers, and the repair of water pipes in the gym. Trustees will also discuss the purchase of cooling and heating units for the cosmetology building.

Other discussion will include a report on state funding for 1992-93 and a request from Western Geophysical Co. to conduct a vibrosels survey on the WTC campus.

Area top academic students named

Clark, Lindsey take Ira honors

Ira High School has named its honor students for the 1991-92 school year.

Kory Clark, son of Kelton and Lena Clark, is the valedictorian. His grade point average is 96.17.

Salutatorian is Roger Lindsey, son of Jesse and Wanda Lindsey. His GPA is 95.67.

Clark has attended Ira schools for the past 13 years. He participated in basketball for grades 9-12. His sophomore team was district, bi-district and runner-up at area. As a junior, the team was district runner-up and Clark was all-district. He played baseball his senior year.

He has also participated in FFA for four years. Awards include leadership all four years, state champs as a freshman and area runner-up as a junior and senior. He has been active in livestock judging for four years.

As a junior, he was part of an area winning team and placed as 18th high individual his sophomore year. He was eighth at state as a junior.

Clark showed animals in stock shows for four years.

He served as FFA chapter secretary his sophomore year and has been the chapter president the past two years. His junior year, Clark received the Lone Star Farmer Degree.

He was a class officer his sophomore and senior years. He was inducted into the National Honor Society as a junior and senior and received Who's Who recognition both years. He was a member of the KTXS Academic Challenge team.

Clark plans to attend Western Texas College and transfer to Texas Tech University to major in business agriculture.

Lindsey has attended school at

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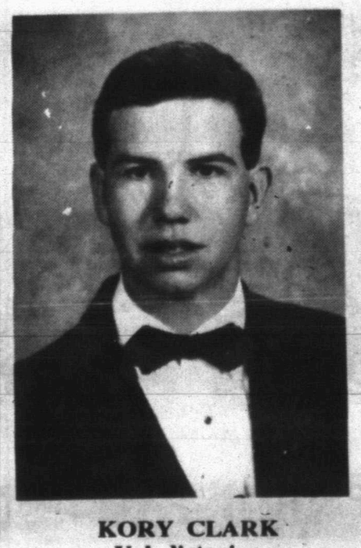
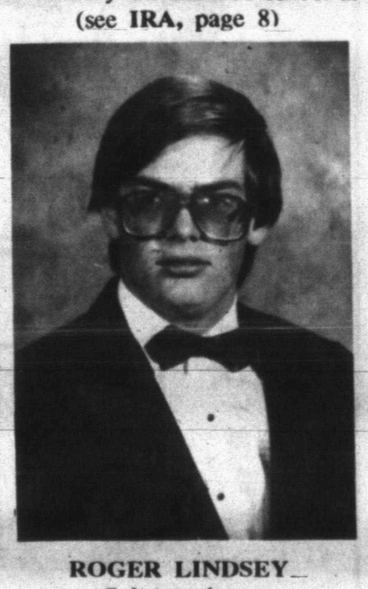


KORY CLARK
Valedictorian



ROGER LINDSEY
Salutatorian

Ramey and Beeks selected top students for Hermleigh

Rebecca Ramey and Alison Beeks were announced as top students at Hermleigh High School for the 1991-92 school year.

Ramey, daughter of Jane Ramey of Hermleigh and Dr. Joe Ramey of Snyder, is the valedictorian. She has a grade point aveage of 96.72.

Beeks, salutatorian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Neil Beeks. Her GPA is 94.02.

Ramey was the secretary of her freshman class. She served as class vice president her sophomore year. She has been an FFA member for four years, serving as secretary her sophomore year, and treasurer and sweetheart this year.

She was nominated for homecoming queen for the past four years. She has also has perfect attendance from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Ramey also served as cheerleader for four years. She played basketball her freshman through junior years. She participated in one-act play and been a member of the all-star cast for the past four years. She was a member of the annual staff as a junior and senior and served as co-editor this year.

Ramey was named class favorite as a freshman, junior and senior. She participated in Western Texas College's Social Science Contest as a junior and senior, received Who's Who recognition all four years and participated in UIL academic contests for four years. She was also an UIL academic regional qualifier as a freshman, junior and senior.

Ramey has been a member of the Beta Club ever since her freshman year, and served as secretary last school year and president this year. She was also the state Beta Club secretary nominee and runner-up as a junior.

She participated in the talent show as a junior. As a sophomore and senior she was a member of the Beta Club Academic Competitions-Quiz Bowl team. She entered math competition as a sophomore and oratory competition as a senior. She was a member of the drill team for four years and was named Miss Hermleigh High School as a senior.

Ramey was the highest national French I student in TI-IN last year. She entered the Upper Colorado SWCD Essay Contest four years, and placed as a junior and senior. She won first place in the MADD Poster Contest as a junior. She participated in the TU Electric Science Symposium as a junior.

She has been on the honor roll for four years.

She has received U.S. Achievement Academy recognition in English for the past four years, in math as a sophomore and junior, and in science her sophomore year.

She was featured in the KTAB Senior Salute this year. She participated in the American Heart Association fundraiser during her freshman and sophomore years. She received the Hardin-Simmons University's Top Five Award as a junior. She has served as a teacher's aide as a senior.

Beeks is vice-president of her senior class. She was a member of FHA as a senior and a FFA member for four years, serving as reporter as a sophomore and creed speaking contestant as a freshman, winning district and third in area. She was involved in public speak-

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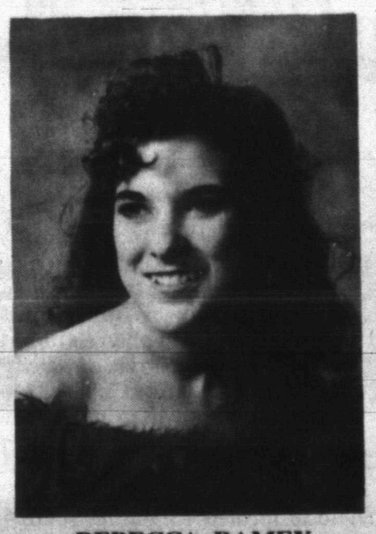

REBECCA RAMEY
Valedictorian

ALISON BEEKS
Salutatorian

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Public hearings set in environmental study of rail project

DALLAS (AP) — Thousands of Texans are expected to testify starting this week at a series of hearings on the proposed $6 billion bullet train to link the state's largest cities.

The Texas High-Speed Rail Authority will conduct 39 public meetings between Wednesday and June 25 in its study of effects on the train's proposed 600-mile route.

"There are a number of areas of concern, and we want anyone who may be affected to have an opportunity to give input," said Lena Guerrero, who heads the state rail authority.

Many farmers and ranchers oppose the project, fearing North America's first 200-mph train would chew up the prairie, divide homesteads and disturb rural life.

A French-American consortium called Texas TGV won a state franchise last May to construct the rail system, which is to be privately financed. The first phase would connect the Dallas area and Houston in a 90-minute trip.

Service would then extend to Austin and San Antonio, completing the so-called Texas Triangle that is home to more than 60 percent of the state's 17.5 million residents.

Permits would be needed from more than 70 government agencies; electrical substations to power the trains would have to be built every 55 miles; and about 14,000 acres of prairie would have to be fenced off in at least 18 counties.

The train's exact alignment has not yet been set, but it is expected to pass through three ecological areas. The areas include 24 counties in which the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has listed 40 animal species as endangered or threatened.

The route also would come within a quarter-mile of at least 60 sites known to contain prehistoric or historic artifacts. High-speed trains would produce noise measuring about 90 decibels — comparable to a jet taking off.

"The citizens of Texas still have George Bush's 'read my lips' speech ringing in their ears and are in no mood for our state government to negotiate socialist passenger train deals," said rancher Wesley Wisenhunt of Bell County.

Texas TGV officials say their environmental study will take residents' concerns into account.

The state has hired Denver-based Woodward-Clyde Consultants to conduct the study, which will take 18 months. The firm has conducted similar work for high-speed rail proposals in California and Spain.

Agriculture, air quality, threatened and endangered species, noise and vibration, socioeconomic and public health are among issues being studied.

The study also will consider alternatives to the currently proposed rail alignments, station sites and operating procedures. The option of building no bullet train also will be considered.

"The (train's) alignment will most likely change from where it is now, so any assumption about where it will end up is purely an assumption at this point," Robert Ryan, the consortium's project director has said.

"We will make every effort to avoid impacts on the communities."

Dear Abby

Taxpayer's Fear of Filing Makes Her Situation Worse

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Please help me. I did a foolish thing, and now I'm afraid I'll lose everything and possibly wind up in jail!

Back in 1980, I was alone and raising my son and a younger brother. I figured out my taxes, and I owed $100. Abby, we didn't have enough money to eat the day before payday, and I wasn't able to come up with $5, let alone $100. I panicked and didn't file at all!

The following year, I was afraid to file because I was afraid their computer would show that I didn't file the year before and I would be in big trouble.

You can probably guess where this is headed — out of fear and stupidity, I have not filed since. I receive letters from the IRS periodically, but I just put them aside, hoping to clear things up "later."

I have dug myself into a very deep hole. Their last letter said I owed the IRS $3,000. I am willing to pay the money, but I can't pay it all at once. I am afraid the IRS will contact my employer and I will lose my job, or even get sent to jail. I need to know what to do.

IN DEEP TROUBLE

DEAR IN DEEP: It is time to take action. "Enrolled (tax) agents" are equipped to handle the most complex tax returns and, should it be necessary, are authorized to represent taxpayers before all administrative levels of the Internal Revenue Service. Many enrolled agents are former employees of the IRS and have undergone extensive training and testing in tax matters. (You may find one by writing to: The National Association of Enrolled Agents, 6000 Executive Blvd., Suite 205, Rockville, Md. 20852. The 24-hour message number is (800) 424-4339.)

According to Joseph T. Davis, executive vice president of the National Association of Enrolled Agents: "It is best to tell the IRS the truth, because they have heard all the stories. Your employer will not be notified, you will not lose your job, and you will not go to jail."

You can expect to be penalized monetarily for your failure to file, but those who come forward voluntarily receive more generous treatment than those whom the IRS "catches." The longer one waits, the stiffer the penalties.

A tax professional can help you explain your problem to the IRS and work out a reasonable payment schedule, so don't put this off. Good luck.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Forgotten Relatives," who wondered why they had not received wedding gifts from this brother-in-law and that sister-in-law, brought back memories.

When I married my beloved husband 20 years ago, his whole family disapproved of me because I was divorced, had a 1-year-old son and was three years older than the groom. My divorce had left me penniless (long story), and I had little more than the clothes on my back.

No one gave me a shower, and our wedding gifts were (1) three sets of bedsheets, and (2) a chip-and-dip bowl.

Yes, it hurt, but on my wedding day, I received the greatest gift in the world — my wonderful husband. I never regretted our meager beginning; it developed character in me.

Now after all these years, his family treats me with love and respect. "Forgotten Relatives" should forget about wedding gifts they never received and be thankful for what she has. Life is too precious to waste energy on greed.

THANKFUL
IN MADERA, CALIF.

DEAR THANKFUL: Your husband also received one of the greatest gifts in the world on his wedding day: a wife with values who appreciates and adores him.

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People are eating them up! For Abby's favorite recipes, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

A showdown...

North Korean nuclear development

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency is visiting North Korea this week to find out if it is indeed close to building an atomic bomb, as CIA Director Robert Gates has claimed.

Hans Blix's trip comes amid surpising signs of cooperation from the long-isolated, rigidly Communist country. But analysts are unsure of what is motivating North Korea's moves and whether its openness can be trusted.

And the visit is colored by the revelations that have emerged in the past year about how badly the West misjudged Iraq's nuclear capability. Iraq showed that even if a nation was open to inspections, it could conceal significant nuclear development, and Iraq was much more accessible than North Korea.

North Korea signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in 1985, but until January refused to authorize the international inspections the pact calls for. Last week, it provided its first extensive information on its nuclear program and admitted to producing plutonium, which it had previously denied.

It also reiterated its contention that its nuclear facilities serve only peaceful purposes.

South Korean officials, at least, remain skeptical.

"We don't think we have satisfactory information yet," said Lee Dong-bok, special assistant to South Korea's prime minister. "We have no assurance there's any change in the nuclear picture."

Blix, who was expected to arrive in North Korea today, is expected to be allowed inside the Yongbyon Special District, the heavily guarded nuclear complex at Yongbyon, 60 miles north of Pyongyang, the capital.

Western intelligence reports claim Yongbyon is the center of efforts to produce weapons-grade plutonium. U.S. officials, Gates chief among them, have said North Korea could begin producing atomic weapons in 1993.

Misdemeanor inmates held despite high court ruling

HOUSTON (AP) — Dozens of Harris County inmates unable to pay fines for misdemeanor crimes have been jailed instead despite a U.S. Supreme Court ruling declaring the practice unconstitutional, a newspaper study reveals.

"It's disgusting," attorney James Oitzinger said of the sentencing practices. Oitzinger represents prisoners in a lawsuit against Harris County over jail conditions.

An investigation of justice of the peace court records by The Houston Post found that many of the judges are imposing jail terms for minor misdemeanor offenses, such as public intoxication, bad checks or minor traffic violations, that carry fines of $500 or less.

The practice, which is putting an additional burden on an already overcrowded jail, was found unconstitutional in a 1971 U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

"The law says people who desire to lay out in jail can," said Justice of the Peace Kenneth Pacetti. "The vast majority say they'd rather serve their sentence."

Like other justices of the peace, Pacetti says he is living up to the Supreme Court's ruling by giving defendants the option of paying fines in installments, doing community service or serving out their time in jail.

They also say it is legal to sentence defendants to jail on the minor charges, all Class C misdemeanors, if a fine isn't paid and the defendant isn't indigent.

"The difference is 'can't pay' versus 'unwilling to pay,'" Justice of the Peace Molly Maness said. "That's where the tough ones come in. If they are indigent, they should be out of jail."

Justice of the Peace David Patronella said "as long as you explore alternative sentencing with (indigent) defendants, then I think there is no problem (with jail)."

But sources involved in the legal process told The Post that indigent defendants are indeed going to jail, and that others do not have their options explained to them properly.

Attorney Gerald Birnberg, co-counsel to Oitzinger in the state prison case, said the practice not only raises questions about the legality of the sentences, but also about the proper use of limited jail space.

Jail crowding has been blamed on Harris County judges who are accused of being too willing to sentence defendants to jail terms. County officials contend the crowding comes from a backlog of state prisoners unable to be transferred out of the county jails because of a federal prison population cap.

Electronic gadgetry entertains, and aids Border Patrol agents

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Border Patrol agents say illegal aliens are having a more difficult time entering the United States thanks to high-tech equipment that helps them see in the dark.

Using everything from electronic sensors planted on foot paths to thermal imaging cameras mounted on helicopters, the agents say they can detect just about any movement across the border.

Agent Don Teeple, who works along the Texas border about 140 miles southwest of San Antonio, is aided by a robotic 25-foot periscope attached to his converted 1986 Chevy Blazer.

The camera on the periscope-video machine records the surveillance. Teeple manipulates the electronic eye with a tiny joystick.

"I can see a mouse at half a mile, a human at four and a vehicle at 12-13 (miles)," Teeple said. "I can see a guy sitting inside a steel box car if he's up against the side."

Aliens also are detected by electronic sensors planted along the riverbank and on backroads and footpaths. They pick up motion, metal, body heat and even human voices.

In Laredo, a low-light camera replaces agents who once spent 12-hour shifts in the underbrush.

In McAllen, a helicopter equipped with a similar night-vision system can sweep the Rio Grande's banks.

Such equipment has made life easier for Dale Squint, a Border Patrol veteran with more than two decades of experience in Laredo.

"Twenty-one years ago, we used to start our shift right out here by raking traps — that is, raking the sand around the railroad tracks where people would likely cross," he said. "Then we'd check it every two or three hours on the 4-to-12 shift for new footprints."

Now a truck sits on a hilltop, watching 100-square miles of brush.

Unlike some night vision equipment that magnifies available light, the Blazer and the Border Patrol helicopters use infrared waves. The thermal imaging camera translates the invisible, heat-measured infrared waves into crisp images.

The equipment was first manufactured by Hawthorne Services of Sierra Vista, Calif. The company received a contract in 1986 to build 15 refitted vehicles for the Border Patrol and the U.S. Army, said Bill Lavoie, who worked on the project.

Lavoie said the first products weren't successful, so he helped start Tucson, Ariz.-based Night Hawk Systems and began to modify the project.

The revived project last year produced its first working models, including the one in Laredo. Only about a half dozen systems like the one in Teeple's truck are now being used.

Lavoie said more surveillance equipment is in the works.

Soil conservation chief: USDA ready to get tough on farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department's top conservationist says farmers have been given fair warning that unless their land is protected from erosion they risk losing their farm subsidies.

William Richards, chief of USDA's Soil Conservation Service, says the agency is ready to get tough with farmers who are not "actively applying" conservation plans to their highly erodible land.

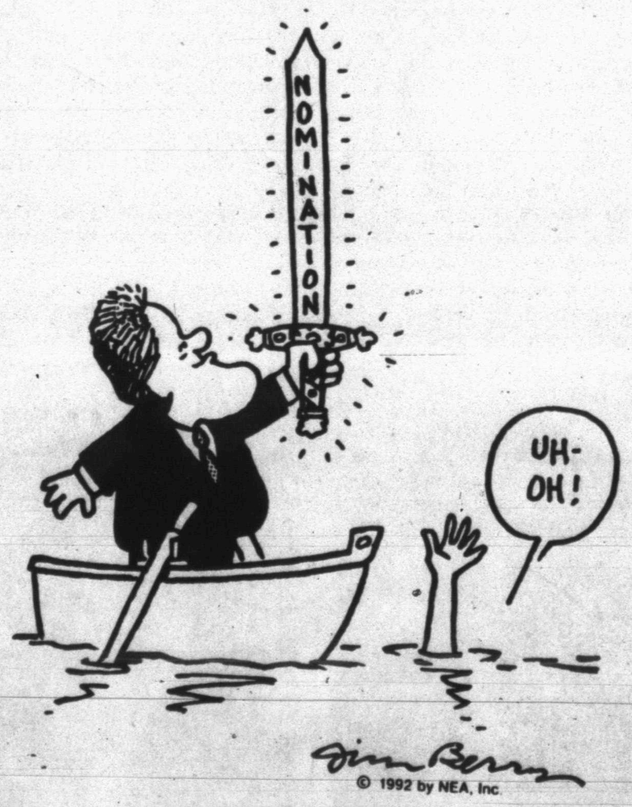
Until this year, the agency has largely been educating farmers about the law and helping them adopt conservation plans. But an environmental research group has complained that the agency looked the other way when it found farmers in violation.

Now, an internal agency document also raises questions about the low number of tracts of land found not to be properly implementing a conservation plan.

A national team of agency officials found that farmers were not actively applying conservation plans on one out of every 6.8 tracts of land, while field employees had reported a noncompliance rate of one out of every 61.7 tracts.

The law requires farmers with highly erodible land to be actively applying a conservation plan to their land according to a schedule approved by the agency.

Berry's World



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THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

May 11, 1992

Today is the 132nd day of 1992 and the 53rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1824, the first Catholic school for American Indians — St. Regis Seminary in Florissant, Mo. — opened.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Irving Berlin (1888-1989), composer; Henry Morgenthau Jr. (1891-1967), U.S. government official-farmer; Margaret Rutherford (1892-1972), comedic character actor; Martha Graham (1894-1991), dancer-teacher-choreographer; Salvador Dali (1904-1989), painter; Mort Sahl (1927-), comedian, is 65; Louis Farrakhan (1933-), religious leader, is 59.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1918, Exterminator, the longest price on the board at 29 to 1, won the Kentucky Derby.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You are unique, and if that is not fulfilled, then something has been lost." — Martha Graham

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1966, the 1.6 inches of snow that fell on Chicago set the record for the city's latest measurable snow.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (May 9) and full moon (May 16).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
Nearly all of us have a very low pain threshold when asked to "give till it hurts."

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Pitts Energy Co. will drill the No. 2 Conrad, a 7,500-foot wildcat located two miles south of Knapp. Drill site is in Section 98, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Midland Oil and Gas Co. has plugged and abandoned the No. 1 Clary, a 4,145-foot wildcat located six miles northwest of Post. Location was in Section 1,402, Block 1, EL&RR survey.

Rocker A Operating Co. will drill the No. 11-B Post-Montgomery in the H&L field, nine miles northeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,550 feet, location is in Section 19, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Kent County

Cholla Petroleum Inc. has completed the No. 1 Kenady in the Wallace Ranch northeast field, five miles southwest of Jayton. The well produced 18 barrels of 34 gravity oil and 36 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,884-854 feet, and location is in the W.P. Wilson survey.

The McBee Co. will drill the No. 1 McArthur, a 7,000-foot wildcat located 10.5 miles southwest of Spur. Drill site is in Section 15, Block B, PSL survey.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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.

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

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

TUESDAY

Women's Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; tee time is 9 a.m.

DAR; Colorado City Museum, hostesses Mrs. Wilson Connell and Mrs C.C. Burt; 11:30 a.m.

Plainview Extension Homemakers; 2 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.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Amitie Study Club; 7 p.m.

Beta Delta Phi; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.

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

WEDNESDAY

Christian Women's Club; Snyder Country Club; reservations for free nursery and $7 luncheon by noon May 12 by calling 573-396 or 573-6503; 12 noon.

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

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

The Noah Project Advisory Committee meeting; in the board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 12 noon.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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.

SAURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

Prosecutor says murder case was 'wrongful conviction'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — An Andrews County District Attorney says a man found guilty of killing a Catholic priest in 1983 was wrongfully convicted and is innocent of the crime.

James Harry Reyos has served more than eight years of a 38-year prison sentence for the murder.

"Despite my 16 years as a prosecutor, I came to the firm conclusion that it was physically impossible for Mr. Reyos to have committed the crime for which he was convicted and for which he has been in the Texas penitentiary for almost eight years," District Attorney Dennis Cadra wrote to Gov. Ann Richards.

Cadra became involved in the case during his stint as an assistant district attorney in Ector County, where Reyos was prosecuted, the Austin American-Statesman reported in its Sunday editions. Cadra handled the appeal for the county.

Last December, upon learning that the transcript was about to be discarded, Cadra decided to review it, hoping to resolve nagging doubts about the case. Cadra has since concluded that Reyos is innocent.

Reyos knew the Rev. Patrick Ryan, a priest at St. Williams Catholic Church in Denver City. Ryan had driven Reyos to New Mexico on Dec. 21, 1981, to pick up Reyos' truck. The truck was being held as collateral on a charge against Reyos of driving with a suspended license.

The two parted in Hobbs, N.M., shortly after noon. That evening, Ryan was tied up and beaten to death in an Odessa motel room.

His nude body was found the next day.

According to testimony from Reyos, he and the priest had engaged in homosexual relations at Ryan's home two days before his death.

Reyos testified that Ryan forced him to have sex with him.

"I personally believed then, and still believe, that the two men had consentual sex, but Mr. Reyos was unable to admit to being a homosexual," Cadra said.

About a year after Ryan's murder, Reyos called 911 in Albuquerque, N.M., and gave a garbled, drunken confession, according to court records.

"He gets drunk, goes to a pay phone, calls 911 and IDs himself as the murderer of Father Patrick Ryan in Odessa, Texas," said John Cliff Jr., Reyos' lawyer.

Reyos immediately recanted his confession. But it was legally admissible, and proved ample evidence for a guilty verdict. The prosecution had no other evidence linking Reyos to the crime, except for his admission that he and Ryan knew each other.

The defense argued that Reyos was in New Mexico at the time of the crime.

Reyos testified that after he and the priest parted in Hobbs, N.M., he bought gas and a gas cap. Receipts of the purchases were submitted as evidence. Reyos testified that he also stopped in Roswell, N.M., where he bought beer and ran into an old friend.

The friend testified that he and Reyos parted at 8 p.m. Later, getting progressively more intoxicated, Reyos says he drove to Tatum, N.M., bought gas, turned around and was headed east to Roswell, where he received a speeding ticket at 12:15 a.m. Mountain time.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 5-11-92
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♥ 2
♦ A K J 5 4 2
♣ A K 10 6

WEST
♠ A 9 2
♥ J 8 7 5
♦ 9 8 7 6
♣ 5 4

EAST
♠ K J 7 6 5
♥ A 6 4
♦ 10 3
♣ 9 8 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 3
♥ K Q 10 9 3
♦ Q
♣ Q J 7 2

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	1 ♠
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

A London businessman, Demetri Marchessini, thinks that natural bidding is a match for any number of conventions. And last January he backed his view with 50,000 pounds of his own money. He picked two "Naturalist" pairs, Gabriel Chagas/Marcelo Branco from Brazil and Andy Robson/Tony Forrester from England, to play a 128-board tournament against top Americans Bob Hamman/Bobby Wolff and Jeff Meckstroth/Eric Rodwell.

The Naturalists were allowed to use only Blackwood and cue-bids, not even Stayman. But the Scientists' winning margin of 70 international matchpoints came mainly from better judgment, not superior methods. Today's hand from the match is a good example.

Cover the East-West cards. Against three no-trump, West leads the spade two. East wins with the king and returns the spade six. Over to you.

At the other table, the Brazilians had bid to five clubs and lost the first three tricks. They hadn't even looked at three no-trump.

The declarer in three no-trump, Wolff, had a guess. If Robson, East, had the A-K of spades, he had to rise with the queen, whereas if East had the K-J of spades, he had to finesse the 10.

Most defenders, when holding the A-K and planning to underlead on the second round in the hope that declarer has this guess to make, false-card by winning the first round with the ace. Deciding Robson would have done this too, Wolff finessed the spade 10. When West won with the ace and returned a spade, declarer had 11 tricks.

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

May 12, 1992

You might become involved in an endeavor in the year ahead with an individual whose talents you truly respect. Gains from this association, both intellectually and materially, are likely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you walk around with a chip on your shoulder today, you won't have any trouble finding a co-worker who's prepared to knock it off. Strive to be amicable, not arrogant. 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.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Steer clear of a clique today whose leader has made you feel uncomfortable in the past. Instead, seek the company of pals who are friendly and supportive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're likely to be more tolerant of outsiders today than you will be of members of your own family. If the world gives you a bad shuffle, don't strike out at loved ones who you know won't strike back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Guard against the inclination today to blame other people for your own mistakes. Angry indictments of the innocent will solve nothing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Carelessness on your part today in filing receipts or keeping proper records could cause you complications down the line. Be orderly and methodical.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't let a hot-headed companion upset you today and goad you into a confrontation. This individual might be looking for a fight, and there's no reason why you should gratify such a whim.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Those you'll be involved with today might not be as industrious as you are. Try not to put yourself in a position where you're governed by their timetables.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) No matter how hard you try today, there may be certain individuals who will be impossible to please. Don't waste your time, and energy trying to do so.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be very careful today you don't conduct yourself in a manner others find unbecoming and abrasive. You could automatically slip into this mode when your patience is tested.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you feel a need to make suggestions to others today, be very careful you don't do so too forcibly. Instead of correcting a situation, it could create an incident.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Steer clear of joint ventures that place a great burden on you either physically or financially today. Each must be prepared to do what is expected of the other.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Self-reliance is a positive quality, provided it is not carried to extremes. If you place too much emphasis on yourself today, you could destroy harmony in an arrangement that requires teamwork.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter M. Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have an ulcer on the side of my leg that doesn't seem to heal, in spite of the fact that a doctor has been treating me for the past eight months. Why?

DEAR READER: Leg ulcers can be difficult to treat, depending on the cause. For example, such ulcers are common in patients with varicose veins, which must be treated before the ulcers will heal. Similarly, diabetic ulcers are resistant to therapy, until the basic disease is brought under control.

The fundamental principles of treating leg ulcers are: Keep the ulcer clean (with warm soap and water), elevate the affected leg, use an elastic support device (such as an Ace bandage to assist circulation), apply a non-stick dressing (such as Telfa) to the ulcer — under the Ace.

If these simple measures don't do the trick, you should check with your doctor to refer you to a surgeon because the leg ulcer may need to be surgically cleaned and you may need other testing, such as studies for circulation.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm developing cramps in the quadriceps, hamstrings and calves when walking. My orthopedist had some vascular tests run that showed a slight blockage in the leg veins. Unfortunately, he hasn't suggested any therapy other than to continue walking.

At 74 years young, I'm not ready to accept this without seeing what I can do to remedy the situation. Do you feel a ski-track exerciser purchase would be wise, or is there any other remedial action you can suggest?

DEAR READER: You are probably experiencing claudication: muscle cramps, during exercise, from poor circulation.

Although, in the legs, this is usually due to arteriosclerosis, you may be able to help yourself by stopping cigarettes (if you smoke) losing weight (if you're overweight) and exercising regularly (even if you do some exercise already). Walking and swimming are especially effective. These techniques will improve circulation and may actually reduce the frequency and severity of your cramps. Therefore, a home-exercise machine is appropriate.

If your condition worsens, you may have to consider surgery (balloon angioplasty, laser therapy or by-pass) to treat the blockage causing your symptoms.

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Maternity leave

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Cartoonist Cathy Guisewite, creator of the "Cathy" comic strip, is taking eight weeks of maternity leave to adopt a child.

Universal Press Syndicate, the strip's Kansas City-based distributor, said Thursday that Guisewite will continue to draw original strips for Sundays.

Relatives of murder victims join forces

AUSTIN (AP) — A new victims' rights group plans to urge elected officials to support a policy for parole system reforms.

The parents of two girls killed in a yogurt shop have joined forces with the sister of an abducted Austin woman to form the Coalition for a Safer Society.

The parents of Jennifer and Sarah Harbison, 17 and 15 respectively, and Lori Bible, sister of Colleen Reed, announced the formation of the group on Saturday at a news conference inside the Capitol.

Frank and Barbara Suraci, the Harbison girls' stepfather and mother, said they will support the new coalition and remain dedicated to keeping their daughters' memories alive.

"We can certainly see there's a need for change," Suraci said.

The bodies of the Harbison girls were found Dec. 7, along with those of Amy Ayers and Eliza Thomas, by firefighters who responded to a fire at a yogurt store.

The girls had been tied together and each shot in the back of the head. Their killer or killers have not been found.

"This is a picture of my sister at my wedding," Ms. Bible said, holding a picture of Ms. Reed. "We don't want these people (criminals) on the street. ... If Kenneth McDuff had served his time, we'd still be seeing her."

McDuff is the former Texas death row inmate being held in Waco for questioning about Ms. Reed's disappearance Dec. 29.

McDuff was convicted of three 1966 murders and sentenced to death. In 1972, his death sentence was commuted to life in prison after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the death penalty unconstitutional.

He was released on parole in 1989.

McDuff has recently been charged with murdering Valencia Kay Joshua, 22, of Fort Worth, whose body was found March 25 in Waco.

Authorities also plan to question him in the disappearances or slayings of several other women in Texas and Missouri.

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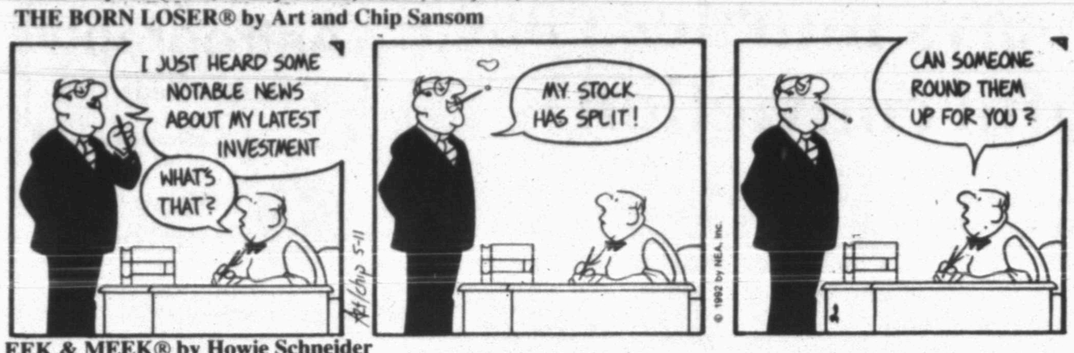

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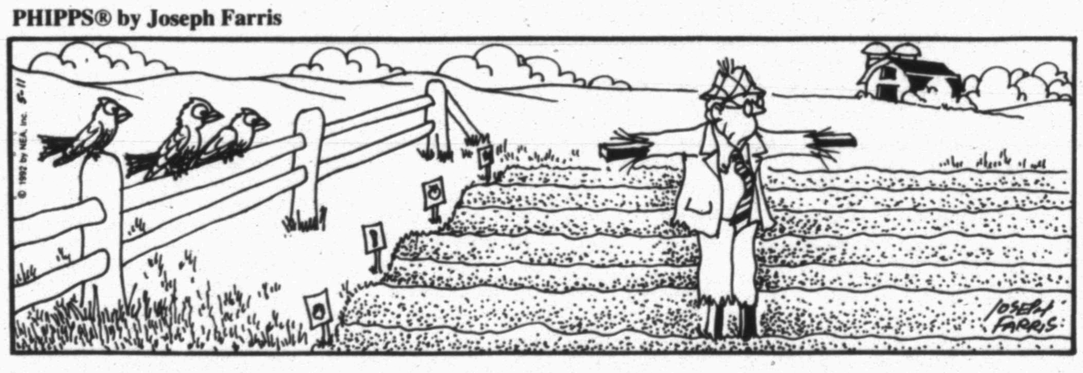

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16 Chicken chow —
17 Brink
18 Subjected to vapors
20 At — — for words
22 Exclude
23 Uncle
24 Ink-writing instrument
27 Sparkle
31 Persuade
32 Secular
33 Chemical suffix
34 Same (comb. form)
35 Superman's love
36 Newspaper edition
37 Most shadowy
39 Tool for drilling
40 Consume food
41 Defense dept.
42 Actor Anthony —
45 Fabric
49 Type of bean
50 — — the Mood for Love
52 Villain in Othello
53 Made of (suff.)
54 Part of glacier
55 Actor Robert De —
56 Mao — tung
57 French stoneware
58 Pleased

DOWN

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2 Plant disease
3 First-rate (2 wds.)
4 Testable
5 Less agile
6 Was indebted to
7 Psychic — Geller
8 Energetic
9 Finnish first name
10 River nymph
11 Totals
19 Bad (pref.)
21 — Miserables
23 Wallach and Whitney
24 Tobacco chew
25 Bear constellation
26 Composer Stravinsky
27 Gallop, e.g.
28 Dash
29 Grafted, in heraldry
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35 Tilting
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38 Actor Murray
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46 Precipitation
47 Type of carpet
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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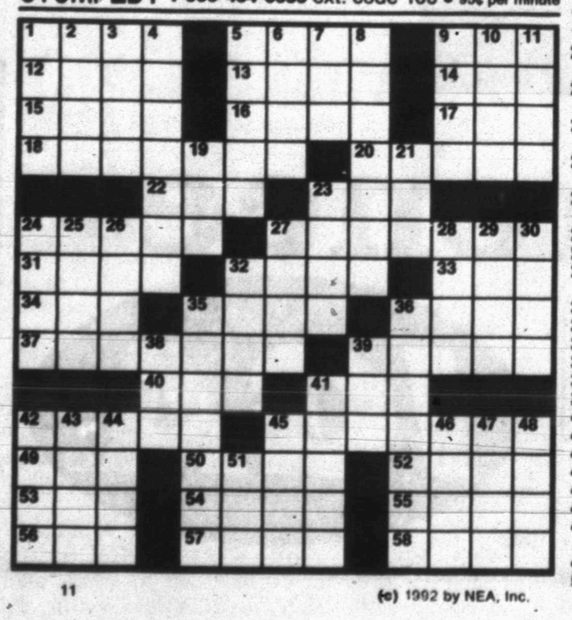

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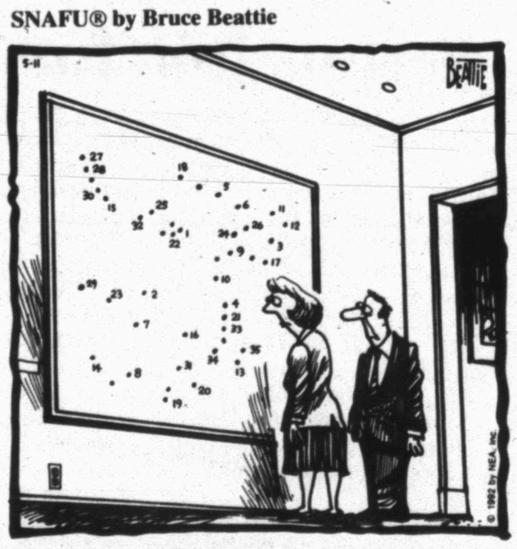

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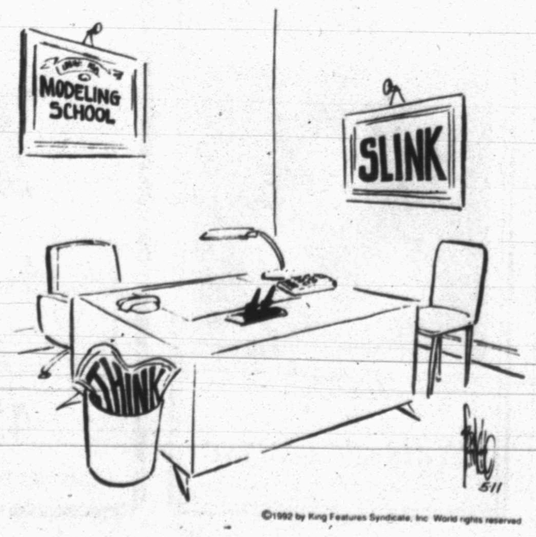

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I THOUGHT HE WAS MAD AT ME, BUT MRS WILSON SAID HE JUST BLEW A GASKET."

Favorites fall in NBA action

Boston, Chicago, Utah all upset in Sunday playoff games

by The Associated Press

Larry Bird was back and Boston lost. Patrick Ewing sat out for 101/2 minutes in the second with foul trouble against Chicago and New York won.

About the only thing that made any sense in the NBA playoffs Sunday was that Ricky Pierce rediscovered his shooting touch and Seattle won.

The Celtics, 13-1 without Bird since he last played on April 3, lost 114-112 to Cleveland in overtime as the three-time MVP scored four points in 17 minutes. Reggie Lewis had 42 points for Boston, but it wasn't enough to overcome Larry Nance's 32 points and Mark Price's 26 points and 12 assists for the Cavaliers, who pulled even at 2-2 in their Eastern Conference semifinal.

Xavier McDaniel scored 24 points, Gerald Wilkins 17 and John Starks 16, overshadowing the scoring efforts of the foul-plagued Ewing as the Knicks outrebounded the Bulls 52-33 in a 93-86 victory that evened their series 2-2.

Pierce, averaging 12 points on 41 percent shooting as the SuperSonics lost the first two games of the series at Utah, scored 31 points on 9-for-17 shooting from the field and 13-for-13 accuracy at the free-throw line, beat the Jazz 104-98 at Seattle.

Chicago plays host to New York and Utah is at Seattle again on Tuesday, while Boston is at Cleveland for Game 5 of that series on Wednesday. Tonight, Portland takes a 2-1 lead into its game at Phoenix.

Michael Jordan had 29 for the Bulls, but only nine in the second half as he missed eight of 11 shots. The Bulls played the fourth quarter without coach Phil Jackson, who was ejected after being called for his second technical foul with 4.4 seconds left in the third period.

Charles Oakley had 12 rebounds, Ewing 11 and Anthony Mason 10 as the Knicks pulled even in the best-of-7 series by winning the physical battle with the Bulls, whose NBA playoff-record road winning streak was stopped at eight.

Sonics 104, Jazz 98

Utah was held scoreless for almost 51/2 minutes in the fourth quarter and committed seven of its 13 turnovers in the final period.

The Sonics trailed most of the way until the fourth quarter, when they held Karl Malone, who had 30 points, to one shot and no points in the final 12 minutes. Seattle held the Jazz to 17 points in the fourth quarter.

Cavaliers 114, Celtics 112

Bird had a chance to tie the score with two seconds left in overtime, but missed a layup.

The Cavs ended Boston's 20-game winning streak at Boston Garden.

Cleveland blew a 13-point third-period lead, then battled back from a five-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

TKD students take state honors

Shelly Englert, Shelly Grinslade and Jared Thornhill grabbed firsts in both free-sparring and forms, representing Snyder's West Texas Tae Kwon Do Academy at the 10th Annual Texas State TKD Championship in Dallas Saturday.

Taking top honors in free sparring for the West Texas students were Chris Post, Brad Jones of Clyde and Colorado City's Micah Brannan.

The Snyder school sent 24 competitors to the meet and came away with 23 medals.

Other locals placing high included Sean Duncan, Jamie Suarez, Arthur Garza, Jason Miller and Stacey Bunch, who each grabbed second in sparring, and Brett Wright, who took runner-up status in both free-sparring and forms.

Third-place medals were earned by David Johnson in both forms and fighting, Brian Beights, Alex Best and Josh Jones of Clyde in free-sparring, and Miller and Nicholas Barboza in forms.

Top qualifiers at the state level will advance to the national championships in Orlando in June.

Hildreths win Swingers event

Larry and Betty Hildreth shot a 37 during Friday Night Swingers golf competition at Snyder Country Club to claim first place in the weekly event.

Bear and Peggy Hardin's 39 left the pair in second, two strokes back, and Dutch and Donna Stehley and Troy and Barbara Greenlee notched 40s to tie for third.

A total of 15 teams entered the competition.

Swingers play is scheduled for Fridays at 5:30 p.m. on the club course. Interested members must register in the pro shop by 4 p.m. the day of the tournament.

Rotary golf tournament slated

The Rotary Exchange Student Program Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at Western Texas College.

The four-person scramble will tee-off at 8 a.m. and the field will be limited to the first 16 teams entering.

Entry fee is $100 per team and registration may be made by calling Eddie Johnson at 573-6967 or Rick Hall at 573-1247.

Kite takes Atlanta Classic win

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Tom Kite won't have to worry about missing the Masters again next year.

He made sure of that on Sunday when he shot a 7-under-par 65 to win the Atlanta Classic, automatically qualifying for next year's get-together at Augusta.

"What a great feeling," Kite said. "This win means so much."

Kite missed the 1992 Masters, ending a string of 17 consecutive appearances in the season's first major championship.

Kite claimed his 16th PGA Tour victory after a slow start when he bogeyed the first two holes and fell five shots behind amateur David Duval, the 20-year-old Georgia Tech junior who started the day with a two-shot lead.

Kite then birdied six holes in a row to take a lead he never relinquished, finishing with a 16-under-par 272 total on the 7,018-yard Atlanta Country Club course and a three-shot victory over Jay Don Blake, who shot 68.

The $180,000 first prize made Kite the first golfer to reach $7 million in career earnings. He now has won $7,104,455, well ahead of runner-up Tom Watson's $5,914,836.

NBA playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT
Saturday, May 2
Conference Semifinals

Cleveland 101, Boston 76

Monday, May 4

Boston 104, Cleveland 98

Tuesday, May 5

New York 94, Chicago 89
Portland 113, Phoenix 111

Wednesday, May 6

Utah 108, Seattle 100

Thursday, May 7

Chicago 86, New York 78
Portland 126, Phoenix 119

Friday, May 8

Boston 110, Cleveland 107
Utah 103, Seattle 97

Saturday, May 9

Chicago 94, New York 86
Phoenix 124, Portland 117, Portland leads series 2-1

Sunday, May 10

Cleveland 114, Boston 112, OT, series tied 2-2
Seattle 104, Utah 98, Utah leads series 2-1
New York 93, Chicago 86, series tied 2-2

Monday, May 11

Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12

New York at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

Boston at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 14

Phoenix at Portland, TBA
Seattle at Utah, TBA
Chicago at New York, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 15

Cleveland at Boston, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 16

Portland at Phoenix, TBA, if necessary
Utah at Seattle, TBA, if necessary

Sunday, May 17

New York at Chicago, TBA, if necessary
Boston at Cleveland, TBA, if necessary

Monday, May 18

Phoenix at Portland, TBA, if necessary
Seattle at Utah, TBA, if necessary

Bagwell's two homers lead Astros past Bucs

PITTSBURGH (AP) — There's something about early-season Sunday road games in Pittsburgh that bring out the best in Jeff Bagwell — and bring out the tape measures.

Bagwell's decisive pinch-hit homer in Houston's 6-4 victory over the Pirates on May 5, 1991, landed four rows back in the upper left-field seats, one of only nine upper-deck shots in Three Rivers Stadium's 22-year history. Bagwell's is believed to be the longest.

The Pirates' pitching staff kept Bagwell out of the upper deck Sunday, but they couldn't keep him in the park. Not in the eighth inning, and certainly not in the 10th.

Bagwell, last year's NL rookie of the year, broke a 2-for-26 slump with a tying pinch homer in the eighth, then boomed a go-ahead drive deep into the lower left-field seats in the 10th as the Astros won 6-4.

Same ballpark. Same early-May Sunday. Same scenario. Some hitter.

"Maybe I should never start him here. I'll just wait and get him in there when we need a homer," Astros manager Art Howe said.

He couldn't have waited much longer. Bagwell's homers ended a nine-game Astros road losing streak that was threatening the club record of 11 straight in August 1967.

This was one time that Howe looked like a genius for benching what might be his best hitter.

"He's had a sore hand, but the two balls he hit today didn't hurt his hand," Howe said. "I almost played him. He's the kind of kid who wants to be in there every day."

Bagwell was in Houston's original starting lineup until Howe changed his mind and started former Pirate Benny Distefano at first. He didn't call on Bagwell until the eighth, after Jeff King's first homer since last June 10 gave Pittsburgh a 4-3 lead.

"I didn't work out, I didn't stretch, I didn't even swing the bat with the weight on it. I just went out and swung," Bagwell said. "I wasn't looking to hit it out. I just got lucky and put the ball in the air."

He put the Astros in the lead in the 10th by hitting his fourth homer of the season, jumping on a 3-0 pitch from Roger Mason (1-3).

"I wasn't out there trying to guide a strike up there," Mason said. "I didn't let up on the pitch. He just crushed it."

Bagwell made for a very bad afternoon for the usually reliable Pittsburgh bullpen. Bagwell's first homer ended a 27-inning scoreless streak by the Pirates' bullpen; the second prevented Pittsburgh from sweeping the three-game series.

Milwaukee batters Guzman in 6-2 win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Even Milwaukee's slump-ridden B.J. Surhoff had Jose Guzman's number.

Surhoff, batting just .135 at game time, drove in three runs and the Brewers ended a seven-game losing streak with a 6-2 victory over the Texas Rangers Sunday.

Surhoff had been in a 1-for-17 slump with runners on base before hitting a two-run single with two outs in the second inning. That hit came during a five-run burst against Guzman (2-3).

"Things didn't go my way much today," Guzman said after allowing 10 hits and six runs, four of them earned, in eight innings. "I got a lot of pitches up and the ball was finding the hole a lot. They just hit it in the right place."

Guzman hadn't given up more than three runs in any of his previous six starts this season.

Chris Bosio (3-2) gave up eight hits in eight innings. He struck out six and walked one. He shut out Texas until an RBI single by Ivan Rodriguez in the seventh inning, and the Rangers added a run in the eighth on Ruben Sierra's grounder.

"He pitched a beautiful ballgame," said Milwaukee manager Phil Garner. "Right from the get-go he was around the strike zone with all his breaking pitches. He's a control pitcher anyway, but that sets up his fastball."

"My big problem prior to today has been consistency," Bosio said. "I've been giving batters too much credit."

A throwing error by shortstop Dickie Thon started Milwaukee's big second inning. A walk, an RBI single by Dante Bichette and a double by Kevin Seitzer made it 2-0 and Surhoff followed with his key single. A double-play grounder by Paul Molitor capped the inning.

Surhoff drove in another run in the fourth with a grounder that scored Bichette, who had doubled.

Bichette, hitless in his previous nine at-bats, went 3 for 4.

Bosio said it was a relief pitching with a big lead.

"After the team put up the five-spot in the second I don't think I threw a breaking ball the next two innings. I just changed the speed of my fastballs," he said.

Bosio has won his last four decisions against the Rangers and has won his last five games at Arlington Stadium.

"He's pitched tough against us," Texas manager Bobby Valentine said. "He's a good pitcher. We had a couple of opportunities, but we didn't cash in."

Texas, which owns a major league-best 13-6 road record, fell 5-10 at Arlington Stadium. Kansas City has the worst home record in the AL at 4-10.

Baseball glance

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	22	11	.667	—
Baltimore	20	11	.645	1
Boston	14	14	.500	5½
New York	15	16	.484	6
Milwaukee	13	16	.448	7
Detroit	13	18	.419	8
Cleveland	12	21	.364	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	20	12	.625	—
Chicago	18	11	.621	½
California	17	14	.548	2½
Texas	18	16	.529	3
Minnesota	15	16	.484	4½
Seattle	12	19	.387	7½
Kansas City	8	22	.267	11

Saturday's Games

Boston 5, Kansas City 0
Oakland 5, New York 3
Baltimore 5, Chicago 2
Minnesota 10, Cleveland 5
Texas 5, Milwaukee 4
California 2, Toronto 1
Detroit 13, Seattle 0

Sunday's Games

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

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Seattle (R.Johnson 3-2) at New York (Perez 2-3), 7:30 p.m.
Oakland (Stewart 2-2) at Toronto (Key 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (Hibbard 4-1) at Milwaukee (Navarro 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Gardiner 2-0) at Minnesota (Tapani 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Scudder 2-3) at Kansas City (Gubicza 2-2), 8:35 p.m.
Baltimore (McDonald 4-0) at Texas (Witt 3-3), 8:35 p.m.
Detroit (Leiter 2-1) at California (Langston 3-1), 10:35 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	21	9	.700	—
New York	19	13	.594	3
St. Louis	17	14	.548	4½
Philadelphia	13	16	.448	7½
Montreal	12	16	.429	8
Chicago	12	18	.400	9

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	17	14	.548	—
San Francisco	16	14	.533	½
San Diego	15	16	.484	2
Atlanta	15	17	.469	2½
Houston	14	17	.452	3
Los Angeles	10	17	.370	5

Saturday's Games

Montreal 9, San Francisco 3
New York 5, Los Angeles 2
Chicago 3, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 3, Houston 0
San Diego 5, Philadelphia 1
St. Louis 12, Atlanta 11

Sunday's Games

San Francisco 8, Montreal 3, 11 innings
Philadelphia 9, San Diego 3
Houston 6, Pittsburgh 4, 10 innings
New York 3, Los Angeles 0
St. Louis 6, Atlanta 5
Cincinnati 6, Chicago 0

Monday's Games

Los Angeles (Martinez 1-1) at Montreal (Hill 3-2), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Burkett 2-1) at Philadelphia (Cox 2-2), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Benes 2-3) at New York (Young 2-1), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago (G.Maddux 4-2) at Houston (Harnisch 2-4), 8:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Avery 1-2) at St. Louis (DeLeon 1-2), 8:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Los Angeles (Gross 0-3) at Montreal (Haney 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Swift 6-0) at Philadelphia (Greene 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Tomlin 4-1) at Atlanta (Glavine 5-1), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Melendez 4-0) at New York (Gooden 2-3), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago (Morgan 2-2) at Houston (Bowen 0-4), 8:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Swindell 3-1) at St. Louis (Osborne 3-1), 8:35 p.m.

WLAF glance

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	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
European						
x-Barcelona	5	3	0	.625	94	101
Frankfurt	2	6	0	.250	117	198
London	1	6	1	.154	117	171
North American East						
x-Orlando	7	1	0	.875	211	93
N.Y.-N.J.	4	4	0	.500	196	167
Montreal	2	6	0	.250	141	188
Ohio	1	7	0	.125	101	182
North American West						
Sacramento	6	2	0	.750	202	124
San Antonio	6	2	0	.750	131	109
Birmingham	5	2	1	.688	141	118

x-clinched division title

Saturday's Games

Sacramento 51, Frankfurt 7
Orlando 9, London 0

Sunday's Games

New York-New Jersey 39, Ohio 33, OT
San Antonio 17, Barcelona 0
Birmingham 23, Montreal 16, OT

Saturday, May 16

Ohio at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Barcelona at New York-New Jersey, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 17

Orlando at Birmingham, 1 p.m.
London at Montreal, 1 p.m.
San Antonio at Frankfurt, 1 p.m.

Transactions

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BASEBALL
American League

CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Placed Lance Parrish, catcher, on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 5. Recalled Jose Gonzalez, outfielder, from Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League.

Youth baseball results

LITTLE LEAGUE

Braves 11, Giants 8

The Braves, led by Dustin Fish with a pair of doubles and a single, scored seven runs in the fifth inning to drop the Giants in Saturday Little League action.

Kyle Beck ripped three singles for the winners and teammates Tim Dominguez, Duane Sutherland and winning pitcher Bandy Rollins each nailed one.

Cory Trujillo led the Giants' attack with a pair of extra-base hits. Losing pitcher Marco Hinojos contributed a double, Matt Rodgers singled twice and Tyler Warren got a hit.

Athletics 11, Rangers 4

A seven-run burst by the Athletics in the third inning of Saturday's contest, proved to be the margin of victory.

Kevin McCasland hammered a double and a single, Chad Carter and Eric Lang laced twin singles and Jarred Rinehart and winning pitcher Jacob Smith each added a hit for the A's.

The Rangers were limited to one hit, a single by Brian Hull.

White Sox 15, Cardinals 12

The White Sox handed the Cardinals their first defeat of the Little League season Saturday behind winning pitcher Josh Ward.

The Sox, 3-3, were led by Sam Bedell's two-bagger and single, a pair of hits by Ward and Michael Childs and a single apiece from John McHaney, Jacob Hodges, Derrick Crayton and Todd Hall.

Cris Hernandez slammed a triple for the Cards. Losing pitcher Trevor Thompson and Gabriel Madrid each smacked a double and a single, and Eric Clifton, Jerek Brown, Brady Cobb and Wesley Wilson came up with a hit apiece.

FARM LEAGUE

Braves 12, Giants 11

The Braves scored six runs in the last of the third inning to claim a come-from-behind Farm League win Saturday.

Jeff Cervantez singled and tripled to lead the 4-2 Braves, James Tatum rapped a double and Heath Poland and Eric Rodriguez punched a single each.

Thomas Rinehart, Chase McJimsey and Joe Dan Davenport each singled for the Giants, who slip to 0-6.

Rangers 15, Athletics 3

The Rangers claimed their first win of the season Saturday behind triples from Corey Knipe and Seth Rosson and doubles by Shane Beauchamp and Nicholas Garcia.

Dee Newberry, David Thames and Braden Doolittle lifted a base hit apiece for the Rangers, now 1-5.

The A's, 3-2-1, managed three hits, singles by Duane Allred, Rocky Gill and Clint Horsley.

White Sox 12, Cardinals 8

The White Sox, led by Billy Ridling's three scores, downed the Cardinals Saturday in Farm League competition.

Chad McMillan, Nat Seib and Brandon Hackfield each scored twice for the White Sox, who moved to 4-2 on the year.

Steven Rivera popped a triple and a double to lead the Cards. Adding a single apiece were Paul Camp, Isaac Spoor, Jeff Fuentez, Thad Baldwin, Jared Lenox, Joe Mac Cheyne, Brent Baker and Dared Rivera.

The Cardinals slip to 2-3-1.

8-9 YEAR-OLD LEAGUE

Yankees 13, Athletics 10

The Yankees, led by Rowdy Cumbie's two singles, scored two runs in their last at-bat to break an 11-all tie, Saturday.

The A's Ryan Gibson slapped a homer and a single, David Digby launched a triple, a double and a single, Matt Blocker doubled twice and singled, and Brandon Casey, Sterling Doty, Fernando Candanoza and Jarred Womack each drilled a two-sacker and a single.

In addition, T.J. Lewis doubled and Lyndell Lee contributed a single for the A's.

White Sox 15, Braves 11

Stephen Ortegon belted a home run, a double and a single, Paddy Vantine hit a triple, a double, and a single and Matthew Grimmett slapped three doubles to lead the White Sox past the Braves Saturday.

Shade Everton managed three hits, one for an extra base, and Shawn Childs, Blake White and James Vaughn each knocked a two-bagger and a single. Also, Britt Sharrock popped three hits and Kyle McClendon and Josh Arnold each got a single.

John Medrano lashed a triple and two singles, Michael Fennell hammered a three-base hit, Craig (no last name listed) nailed three hits, including a double, and Case Hardy and Zack Billingsley were credited with a double and a single apiece.

Chris McLeod, Tommy Hull and Jared Boyd each knocked two singles and Shay Franks, Nathan Hines, Chance James and Cody (no last name listed) got one apiece.

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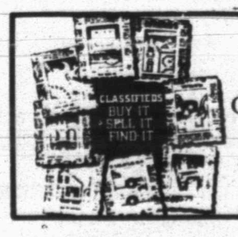

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Emotional battle likely to move from Supreme Court to Congress

By William M. Welch
Associated Press Writer

AP news analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion-rights advocates may be hoping for the worst from the Supreme Court this spring.

Faced with a majority of justices presumed hostile to abortion, advocates are making plans to use an expected ruling to build support for a bill to assure that women retain the right to an abortion the court originally gave them in the 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling.

"There probably are a majority in the House and Senate who will support it," Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., a leading foe of abortion, acknowledged in a recent interview. "But it will not become law."

Given President Bush's opposition and likely veto, he's probably right.

But the struggle could easily become a flashpoint in the November elections. The likely Democratic presidential nominee, Bill Clinton, favors abortion rights.

It already has become an issue in one Senate race.

Republican Richard Williamson, who signed a pledge to oppose abortion, was drafted by Illinois party officials to run for the Senate this fall. He has since changed his mind about the pledge, and conservatives are talking about supporting a third-party alternative.

The Supreme Court, which heard arguments on Pennsylvania's restrictions on abortions late last month, is expected to issue its ruling in early summer.

Rep. Pat Schroeder, an abortion rights supporter, says she expects the court to stop short of explicitly striking down the 1973 ruling. But she — and others — speculate that the court ruling in the Pennsylvania case will expand the ability of states to place restrictions on abortions.

"Everybody is going to understand what they're doing," said the Colorado Democrat.

Schroeder and others believe such a ruling would cause an outpouring of public support for an abortion-rights law from Congress, much as the court's 1989 decision upholding some restrictions in Missouri's landmark Webster decision gave supporters of legal abortion new political strength.

Companion bills are awaiting action in House and Senate committees that would write into law the guaranteed right to abortions that the Roe decision has provided. But supporters aren't ready to move on them yet.

Anti-abortion activists contend the legislation, known as the Freedom of Choice Act, would go even further by precluding such restrictions as requiring notification of the parent of a minor seeking an abortion. And they contend it would permit controversial and medically risky late-term abortions — an assertion some sponsors dispute.

Sponsors say they don't plan to push the bills toward votes until the court has ruled. That way, they hope to capitalize on maximum public interest and perhaps gain a few votes.

Under that timetable, supporters hope to begin committee action in June or July, and bring it to floor votes in the House and the Senate in time to send the measure to Bush by late September or October.

One possible drawback: Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell said in February that he had "serious reservations" about the act.

On The Issues

Rehiring fired air traffic controllers

EDITOR'S NOTE — The Associated Press asks the major presidential candidates their views on a particular issue each weekday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are the views of the major presidential candidates on the question: "Should the federal government rehire the air traffic controllers fired by President Reagan 10 years ago?"

DEMOCRATS

—Jerry Brown: A spokesperson said Brown is against hiring replacement workers when a union goes on strike and opposed the Reagan firings. He thinks the fired air traffic controllers should be compensated and given their jobs back.

—Bill Clinton: A spokesperson said Clinton had not taken a position on the issue.

REPUBLICANS

—George Bush: A spokesperson said Bush had no response to the question. The administration has said it does not plan to re-hire the fired workers.

—Patrick Buchanan: A spokesman said Buchanan had no position on the issue.

Crowd pelts police during disturbance

WASHINGTON (AP) — A crowd of youths smashed windows at a restaurant, set fires in trash cans and pelted police and firefighters with bottles early today in a largely Hispanic section of the nation's capital.

District of Columbia police Lt. Reginald Smith said there was some property damage in Mount Pleasant but no reports of injuries. The neighborhood is just east of the National Zoo.

Police said there had been no arrests.

The disturbance came just a year after violence broke out the Mount Pleasant and Adams Morgan areas. Young people set police cruisers on fire and threw rocks and bottles at police after a black police officer shot a Hispanic man during a May 5, 1991, arrest.

Relations have remained tense between Hispanics and the police, about two-thirds of whom are black.

Today's disturbance began after police arrived to investigate a fight at a pizza restaurant and a stabbing some blocks away, said Police Chief Isaac Fulwood Jr. Investigators don't yet know if the two incidents, which involved about 150 people, were related.

Some people threw rocks and bottles at police and at an ambulance that arrived to treat the stabbing victim. The victim's condition was not immediately known.

About five hours after the disturbances began, police said the area was quiet.

Mount Pleasant is a residential area intermingled with shops and restaurants. In last year's disturbances, 30 businesses were looted, dozens of people were injured and hundreds of arrests made.

Burglaries investigated; police note three arrests

Snyder police began two burglary investigations and made three unrelated arrests over the weekend.

At 10:41 a.m. Saturday, police filed an offense report for burglary after a female reported an undetermined amount of currency was stolen from a vehicle in the 2400 block of 27th Street.

A report for burglary of a building was filed at 9:37 a.m. Sunday in reference to someone breaking into the Girl Scout Hut and taking some household items.

Among the weekend's arrests were one for driving while intoxicated. Officers arrested a 43-year-old man for DWI in the 2500 block of College Avenue at 8:51 p.m. Sunday.

At 9:15 p.m. Sunday, police arrested a 30-year-old woman for public intoxication in the 2500 block of Avenue N.

The third arrest came at 1:42 a.m. today when police arrested a 45-year-old man in the North 100 block of Texas Highway 208 for driving with a suspended license.

At 12:02 p.m. Saturday, police were notified that someone had damaged property at 4502 El Paso with some paint. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

Police also took an offense report for Class B harassment at 4:36 p.m. Sunday after a woman complained that another woman had left harassing messages on her answering machine.

Officers also investigated two traffic accidents Sunday. At 12:28 p.m., police worked a mishap at 37th Street and Avenue V. Involved were a 1982 Harley Davidson driven by Bryan Odell Hibbitt of 2258 Sunset Ave. and a 1989 Pontiac driven by Donna Leeann Zajicek of 3813 Highland Dr.

At 7:13 p.m., police worked a minor accident in the IGA parking lot involving a 1986 Chevrolet driven by Vincente Rodriquez of 3003 Ave. M and a parked, unoccupied 1988 Oldsmobile owned by James Sneed of 3104 Ave. K.

Ear implant recipient dies in one-vehicle rollover

AUSTIN (AP) — The first Texan whose hearing was restored through an innovative artificial ear implant has died in a one-car rollover.

The Travis County medical examiner's office is expected to perform an autopsy on Michael Scott Thilleman's body today.

Thilleman, 35, was pronounced dead at the scene Saturday. The accident occurred on FM 2243, about one mile west of Leander, where he lived.

A Brackenridge Hospital spokesman said passenger Bobby Lee Edwards, 31, was in critical condition Sunday with head and chest injuries. Another passenger, Tom Smoke, 24, was treated and released.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Sonny Perez said Thilleman was driving a 1991 Chevrolet Camaro at high speed when the car missed a curve, rolled over and came to a stop in a field.

Leander is 23 miles north of Austin.

In May 1985, Thilleman suffered massive head injuries in a motorcycle accident and, after awaking from a coma, discovered he had lost his hearing.

He lived in silence until the November 1985 experimental operation. At the time, the artificial Ineraid cochlear implant was a new idea, said Austin ear specialist John Youngblood, who performed the surgery.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Jeremy Davis, 2107 Ave. O; Eddie Weir, 205 N. Ave. W.

DISMISSALS: Sid Miller, Jeniffer Robbins and baby girl; Eddie Weir.

CENSUS: 43; Medical 10; Long-term 33.

Births

John and Sharon Barnes of Midland are the parents of a boy, William John, born at 4:14 a.m. May 6 in Midland Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

He is welcomed home by two brothers, Jacob and Samuel. Grandparents are Bill and Joyce Barnes of Snyder and Morris and Della Mason of Gilmer.

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Second attempt to fix satellite slated

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA ordered two Endeavour astronauts to go back out today to capture a marooned communications satellite that began tumbling when one of them tried to latch on to the craft.

The spacewalk to snare the Intelsat-6 satellite was scheduled to begin late this afternoon. Flight directors agreed to a second rescue attempt after experts worked through the night on a new strategy.

Mission Control messaged details of the plan to Endeavour's astronauts after they were roused at midmorning by the theme song to the film "Rocky."

"Wish the home team would have won, but there's always tomorrow," shuttle commander Daniel Brandenstein said after he guided the ship to an arm's-length rendezvous with the satellite on Sunday.

Spacewalkers Pierre Thuot and Richard Hieb worked about 225 miles above Earth for four hours Sunday.

Despite more than a year's training for the mission, Thuot caused the satellite to wobble when he tried to latch on with a 15-foot capture bar.

"I'm sorry guys. I didn't tap it any harder than I tapped it in that (training) simulator," said Thuot.

Later, he said he might not have touched the slowly turning satellite squarely.

"Wow, we've got to get away from this thing," Brandenstein said when the wobbling, 17-foot cylinder came dangerously close to Endeavour, NASA's brand-new shuttle. "I don't think there's any way we're going to get it."

The shuttle moved more than 20 miles away, and the satellite's jet thrusters were fired to stabilize it.

Corruption foe, Aquino ally said ahead

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Filipinos voted today for a successor to President Corazon Aquino, and early, unofficial returns put her favorite in a tight race with a former judge who roused enthusiasm with an anti-corruption platform.

But only a tiny fraction of the estimated 25 million votes cast in the seven-candidate race had been counted, and official results in the biggest Philippines election were not expected for days.

The outcome will determine the strength of the traditional political machines Mrs. Aquino vowed to destroy in the 1986 "people power revolution" that sent the late President Ferdinand Marcos into exile.

Mrs. Aquino did not run for a second term and supported former Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos.

Unofficial, partial results from Manila, southern Luzon and the central Visayas islands showed Miriam Defensor Santiago — whose attacks on corruption improved her standing in polls — leading with 15,531 votes. Ramos was second with 12,723.

Both need strong showings in the capital to offset anticipated losses in rural areas where House Speaker Ramon Mitra and Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, a close ally of Marcos, have strong political machines.

Cojuangco was third in the early returns with 9,918 votes.

L.A. remains calm following withdrawal of federal troops

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Vendors sold Mother's Day carnations in front of burned buildings as the peace held in riot-ravaged neighborhoods despite the withdrawal of troops.

"It's nice and quiet tonight," Sharyn Michelson, a police spokeswoman, said late Sunday. The departure Saturday of 4,000 Marines and Army troops "hasn't had any impact as far has we can tell."

Gov. Pete Wilson said 10,000 National Guardsmen would remain here indefinitely. The Guard troops have withdrawn from the streets to armories, except during night patrols, said Maj. Pat Antosh, a Guard spokeswoman.

The Police Commission, at the request of Mayor Tom Bradley, was expected to create a panel today to review the Police Department's handling of the riots.

Police were widely accused of intervening too late and doing too little to protect businesses during the April 29-May 1 uprising.

The mayor will give the commission subpoena power if necessary, said Bill Chandler, Bradley's spokesman.

Police Chief Daryl Gates has acknowledged mistakes were made during the riot but said the department performed "beautifully" overall.

The rioting, touched off by the acquittal of four white police officers in the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King, left 53 people dead and nearly 2,400 injured. Hundreds of businesses were looted and burned.

In South Central Los Angeles, vendors sold Mother's Day carnations. In the rose garden at Exposition Park, a riot-stricken area, families in Sunday finery strolled past National Guardsmen.

Kanasaratnam Sivakaran, co-owner of Ahalal Meat Center, said his neighborhood near Koreatown remained tense.

"At night we are scared. We used to stay open until 10. But now we close at 8:30. The problem is the gang guys, they're saying, 'We're not afraid of LAPD.' It's scary," he said.

A hospital deluged with casualties during the riots faces up to $2 million in unpaid medical bills.

At least 150 people were brought by ambulance and car to Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital. Most didn't have insurance, and officials at the 365-bed hospital expect a riot-related loss of up to $2 million this month.

Obituaries

Maria Rodriquez

1902-1992

Services for Maria Louisa Rodriquez, 89, of Snyder are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Officiating will be Joe Coronado. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. Miss Rodriquez died Saturday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was born Aug. 19, 1902 in Floresville, Tex.

Survivors include one brother, G.G. Rodriquez of Snyder; and a nephew, Louis Rodriquez, also of Snyder.

T.B. Scrivner

1905-1992

Funeral services for T.B. Scrivner, a life-time resident of Scurry County, were held at 10 a.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating was Dr. Wylie "Buff" Hearne, pastor of the First United Methodist Church who was assisted by Virgil Streety.

Burial followed in the Dermott Cemetery. Mr. Scrivner, 86, died Saturday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born Oct. 8, 1905, in Scurry County. He married Marie West on April 4, 1927, in Snyder. Mr. Scrivner was a member of the First United Methodist Church and worked for 25 years as a trapper for the State of Texas in Scurry County.

Survivors include his wife, Marie, of the Dermott Community; two sons, Jerry Scrivner of Snyder and Lowell Scrivner of Post; a brother, Cyril Scrivner of California; one half sister, Frankie Gaskill of Arkansas; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

H.A. Johnson

CARTHAGE, Miss. — Services for H.S. "Bull" Johnson, a former Snyder resident, were conducted this morning.

Johnson was retired area superintendent for Sun Pipe Line Co. in Snyder, and he died Friday at his home in Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Johnson lived in Snyder from 1950 to 1970, having served as president of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. He was also active in the United Way and the SHS Band Boosters. He was a Mason and a member of the First Christian Church.

His wife, Leah, was a school nurse in Snyder and preceded him in death in 1969.

Survivors include two daughters, Jayne Palmer of Clinton, Miss., and Judy Buckner of Plano; one brother, Trump Johnson of Carthage; and five grandchildren.

TWU professor shot to death on highway

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas Woman's University instructor was shot to death after his attacker apparently rear-ended his car on a freeway just blocks from his East Dallas home, authorities say.

No arrests had been made by Sunday night in the death of 43-year-old Patrick Fontana, said Detective R.L. Ermatinger. He would not say whether authorities had any suspects in the killing.

Fontana was shot at least seven times after an accident on Interstate 30. He died at the scene, officials said.

Police said the attacker got out of his car after the accident and confronted Fontana, who was still sitting in his vehicle. He shot him repeatedly and drove away, said Detective Scott Hamilton.

"It was one of the most coldblooded things I've ever witnessed," Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Rob Roberts said early Sunday, "A total waste of a human life — just over a stupid fender bender. It was just downright vicious."

Roberts saw the attack when he was driving home from work. He stopped his car and tried to help Fontana.

"It hit me real hard," Roberts said. "I took him out of the car myself."

Police said they have no suspects and don't know what motivated the shooting.

Ira

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Ira for nine years. He has been named to the honor roll the past three years.

He was a member of the wool judging team as a freshman. He has received perfect attendance recognition for the past three years. As a freshman, he was a member of the state winning leadership team.

Lindsey has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years. This year he also participated in UIL mathematics.

He plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University and major in religion.

Hermleigh

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ing as a freshman, when she won district and placed third in area. She was a member of the dairy products judging team as a freshman, also land judging, Star Greenhand.

Beeks participated in livestock judging as a sophomore. Also as a sophomore, she showed the grand champion swine and was named overall showman. She showed the grand champion steer as a sophomore and junior.

She has been a member of Beta Club for the past four years, serving as treasurer her junior year and president this school year.

Beeks took part in the talent show her sophomore and junior years. As a junior, she was a competitor in the Academic English contest. She has been a member of the drill team for the past four years and served as school mascot as a junior and senior. She played basketball three years and earned honorable mention all-district honors as a junior. As a freshman, she participated in track.

Her junior year, she was a member of the one-act play cast, receiving honorable mention all-star cast.

Beeks is a member of the annual staff. She also competed in UIL events for the past four years, prose four years and was district winner and regional qualifier as a sophomore and fourth alternate to regionals as a senior.

Beeks competed in literary criticism as a sophomore, typewriting as a freshman and served as secretary of the freshman and sophomore classes. She was the junior class's banquet chairman. She received best all-around recognition as a senior; earned the Top Hat award as a freshman; and had the highest national average in TI-IN French I as a junior.

Beeks was also named to Who's Who Among American High School Students for the past four years.

She received the English Merit Award as a sophomore and junior; U.S. Achievement Academy recognition for the past four years, including math in the ninth grade and English for grades 9-12. She was named to the honor roll all four years in high school. She took part in the Western Texas College Social Science Contest as a junior and senior.

Beeks also took part in the Upper Colorado SWCD Essay as a senior, winning third place. She is included in this year's KTAB Senior Salutes. She received top five recognition from Hardin Simmons University in the 11th grade and has served as a teacher's aide as a junior and senior.

Church finds baby abandoned on eve of Mother's Day

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A newborn girl is in state custody Monday after being abandoned Mother's Day eve on the doorstep of a semi-rural church.

The infant, still wet from birth fluids, was found with her umbilical cord attached Saturday.

"We think it's sad that someone could care so little about their child," said witness Julia Garcia. "I'm sure (the mother) realized we come every Saturday morning, and left it here because she knew somebody would find it and take care of it."

Policewoman Heidi Hoff said the 6-pound, 3-ounce girl was registered at Santa Rosa Children's Hospital as Melanie. She is listed in stable condition.

The baby had been abandoned about two hours before a congregation member at Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall South found her, Ms. Hoff said.

"Other than being cold from exposure, it seemed to be all right," Ms. Hoff said.

The blanket wrapped around the infant was sent to the Bexar County Medical Examiner office for forensic tests, officials said.

District Judge Tom Rickhoff said Sunday the newborn, who was in custody of Child Protective Services, would be placed with a couple on the waiting list of potential adoptive parents.

"In 10 days I'm going to have a hearing where we will announce that we want the mother (or father) to show up; and if she (or he) doesn't, we will plan on leaving that child with the prospective adoptive parents," he said.

Execution postponed

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge today postponed until September the execution of a Mexican man convicted of killing a Houston police officer in 1982.

Ricardo Aldape Guerra, 30, had been scheduled to receive lethal injection before dawn Tuesday.

But State District Judge Woody Denson agreed with Harris County assistant district attorney Kari Sckerl to put off the execution until Sept. 24. Ms. Sckerl said she needed the time to respond to motions from Guerra's attorneys, who are seeking a new trial.

The Texas Resource Center, a federally funded organization that arranges legal help for death row inmates, insists Guerra is not responsible for killing police officer James Harris and another man July 13, 1982.

Harris, 29, was shot three times in the head after stopping Guerra and another man, Roberto Carrasco Flores, 26, for an apparent traffic violation. Moments after the shooting, Guerra fired into a passing car, killing a man who was driving with his two children, court records show.

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request.

Commissioners voted to advertise for bids to lease the property for an oil and gas lease with bids to be opened Tuesday, May 26 at 11 a.m.

Approval of bills and the minutes from the April 27 meeting were the only other items on the agenda.

Present were Doolittle and commissioners C.D. Gray Jr., Jerry Morgan, Jerry Gannaway and Roy Idom.

2 arrested by DPS, SO

Department of Public Safety troopers and Scurry County sheriff's deputies made two arrests Sunday in unrelated incidents.

At 12 a.m., a 66-year-old man was arrested for driving while intoxicated in the Inadale area by a DPS trooper. An employee of the sheriff's office contacted officers at 11:35 p.m. with a report that the driver was driving south in the north bound lane of Highway 84. The subject was located on the side of the road.

Sheriff's deputies arrested a 43-year-old man at 9:30 p.m. in Hermleigh on charges of public intoxication.

Fire officials investigating suspicious fire

Snyder Fire Department officials are investigating the cause of a blaze which destroyed a unoccupied trailer house Saturday.

The department is trying to identify the owner of the trailer, located at 2406 Ave. D.

Firefighters were called to the scene at approximately 6 p.m. to find the trailer engulfed in flames.

According to Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell, the cause of the fire is still under investigation, but is suspicious due to the fact that there were no utilities to the trailer.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	69	681/2	683/4	-1/4
Albtsn	411/2	41	41	-3/8
AlliedSignal	583/4	581/4	585/8	+1/2
ALLTEL Cp	39	39	39	
AmStor s	32	32	32	-1/8
Amer T&T	435/8	433/8	433/8	-3/8
Ameritech	627/8	623/4	623/4	+1/8
Amoco	483/4	483/8	485/8	+1/4
AndarkPtr	241/2	243/8	241/2	+1/8
Arkla	93/8	91/8	91/4	-1/8
ArmcoInc	53/4	55/8	53/4	
AtlRichfld	1091/8	1077/8	109	+1/2
BakerHugh	221/4	221/8	221/8	-1/8
BancTexas	23/8	21/4	21/4	
BellAtl	435/8	433/8	433/8	-1/8
BellSouth	491/8	487/8	487/8	
Beth Steel	15	147/8	147/8	-1/8
Borden	33	327/8	327/8	
Caterpllr	57	557/8	563/4	+11/4
Centel	42	411/2	415/8	-3/8
CenSoWst s	267/8	265/8	267/8	
Chevron	681/4	68	681/4	+1/8
Chrysler	187/8	185/8	183/4	
Coastal	271/8	267/8	27	-1/8
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CocaCl wi	425/8	423/8	423/8	
ColgateP s	513/8	511/8	513/8	+3/8
CooperIn	481/2	481/4	481/2	-1/8
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DowChem	603/8	60	601/4	+3/8
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Exxon	591/2	59	593/8	+1/2
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FlowerInd	165/8	163/8	163/8	-1/8
FordMotor	45	441/2	445/8	-3/8
GTE Cp	323/4	323/8	325/8	+3/8
GnDynam	665/8	661/8	663/8	+1/4
GenElct	78	775/8	78	+1/2
GnMill	621/4	617/8	62	+1/4
GenMotors	40	395/8	397/8	
GenMotrE s	29	287/8	29	+1/8
GaPacif	653/4	651/2	655/8	-1/8
GlobMar	2	13/4	17/8	
Goodrich	533/8	525/8	531/4	+7/8
Goodyear	731/4	727/8	73	+5/8
GtAtlPac	335/8	331/2	335/8	
Gulf StaUt	143/8	141/8	143/8	+1/4
Haliburtn	277/8	271/2	275/8	-1/8
Hanson	213/4	211/2	215/8	
HoustInd	437/8	431/2	431/2	-1/4
IBM	941/8	933/8	94	+7/8
IntlPaper	723/4	721/4	723/8	+3/8
JohnsJhn	961/4	955/8	96	+5/8
K mart	491/4	49	491/8	-
Kroger	183/8	18	181/4	+1/4
vjLTV Cp	5/8	9-16	5/8	
Litton s	46	453/4	46	-1/2
vjLoneStar	33/4	35/8	35/8	
Lowes	381/4	38	381/8	+1/8
Lubys	16	153/4	157/8	-1/8
Maxus	61/8	6	6	-1/8
MayDSt	555/8	553/8	555/8	+1/8
Medtrn s	731/4	725/8	73	+5/8
Mobil	623/8	621/8	623/8	
Monsan	653/8	651/8	651/8	-5/8
Motorola	821/2	813/4	813/4	-3/8
Nationbk	49	485/8	49	+1/4
Navistar	31/8	3	3	
Nynex	77	761/2	761/2	-1/2
OryxEngy	211/2	211/4	213/8	-1/8
PacTelesis	421/2	421/4	421/2	-1/4
PanhECp	161/4	16	161/8	+1/4
PenneyJC	673/4	673/8	673/8	-1/4
PepBoys	227/8	225/8	225/8	-3/8
Phelps Dod	913/8	91	911/8	+1/2
PhilipPet	25	243/4	247/8	
PilgrmPrd	51/4	51/8	51/4	+1/8
Polaroid s	241/2	241/4	241/2	+1/4
Primerica	397/8	393/4	397/8	-1/8
ProctGamb	1043/4	1041/4	1041/2	
PubS NwMx	127/8	123/4	123/4	
SFePacCp	127/8	121/2	127/8	+1/4
SaraLee	481/8	471/2	477/8	+1/8
SearsRoeb	435/8	431/8	433/8	+3/4
SherwinW	281/2	281/8	283/8	+1/8
SmthBchm	80	795/8	795/8	-1/8
SmthBch eq n	711/2	711/4	713/8	-1/8
Southern Co	331/4	33	331/8	-1/8
SwstAirl	433/8	-43	433/8	-1/8
SwstBell	621/2	62	621/8	-1/8
Sprint	241/2	243/8	241/2	
SterlingChm	41/2	41/4	43/8	+1/4
SunCo	283/4	281/4	281/2	+1/4
TNP Ent	20	197/8	197/8	-1/8
Tandy	285/8	281/4	285/8	+3/8
TempleInl	521/2	521/4	523/8	+3/8
Tenneco	443/8	441/8	443/8	
Texaco	617/8	615/8	617/8	
TexasInd	247/8	245/8	247/8	+3/8
TexasInst	361/2	357/8	361/2	+1/4
Tex Util	383/4	385/8	383/4	
Textron	373/4	373/8	371/2	-1/2
Tyler	51/8	5	5	-1/8
USWst	36	357/8	36	+1/8
USXMar n	227/8	223/4	227/8	
USX-USS n	263/8	261/8	261/8	
UnCarbde	275/8	273/8	273/8	-1/8
UnPac s	543/4	543/8	543/4	+1/8
UnitTech	535/8	531/8	535/8	+3/8
Unocal	261/4	26	261/8	-1/8
WalMart	523/4	521/4	525/8	+5/8
WestghEl	183/8	181/8	181/8	-1/8
Woolwth	295/8	293/8	295/8	+1/4
Xerox Cp	723/4	72	721/8	-1/8
ZenithE	81/8	8	81/8	-

5 found dead

PECOS, Texas (AP) — Five members of a Pecos family were found slain at a home late last night, authorities said today.

The victims were discovered about 11:30 p.m. by Pecos police and emergency medical crews who received a phone call, police Capt. David Montgomery said. He declined to identify who called authorities.

A large-caliber firearm and a knife were recovered at the scene. The victims — three males and two females — ranged in age from approximately 18 months to the mid-50s.

"The preliminary investigation will show a multiple homicide," Montgomery said.

He said police believe the family was killed Sunday afternoon. The police department has called in forensics specialists and Texas Rangers to assist.

Pecos is a town of 12,000 in far west Texas, about 209 miles east of El Paso.

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HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS — Hermleigh has picked high school cheerleaders for the 1992-93 school year. From left are, Brandy Atkinson, sophomore; Lori Anderson, sophomore; Sheri Sandefur, junior; Amy Anderson, senior; and Stephane Gannaway, senior. Class designations listed are for next school year. (SDN Staff Photo)

AT STATE — Hermleigh students Sheri Sandefur, left, and Rebecca Ramey participated in the state UIL contest Friday. Sheri, a sophomore, competed in feature writing. Rebecca, a senior, competed in headline writing. Neither placed in the top six. (SDN Staff Photo)

Foster care suit is filed

AUSTIN (AP) — A state-funded foster care program violates the Texas Constitution by insisting abused children be placed only with Christian couples, according to a lawsuit filed by a former employee.

In the suit filed in Travis County last week, Joel Ambelang claims the Pennsylvania-based Bair Foundation, which has a contract with Texas Department of Human Services, promotes fundamentalist beliefs through its foster parent selection process.

Ambelang, 52, said he was fired as administrator of the foundation's Austin office because he complained to the Texas Human Rights Commission that his religious freedom had been violated. Ambelang, a Lutheran, is seeking unspecified damages.

The suit names the foundation, its president William Bair and vice president Sue Miklos as defendants.

The foundation has not yet answered the suit, and Bair did not respond to a request for an interview by the Austin American-Statesman.

Ambelang's suit claims Bair said all foster children " ... should only be placed with Christian families and that (Ambelang) should be certain that all such families regularly prayed with their foster children."

At one time, the foundation was overseeing the care of 127 children in 59 foster homes and was receiving $700,000 to $800,000 yearly in state funds, Ambelang told the Austin American-Statesman in a story that appeared Monday.

The suit said Ambelang, for fear of losing his job, felt compelled to pray with Bair at meetings.

Jim Palmer won more games, 268, and lost more, 152, than any other pitcher in the history of the Baltimore Orioles.

Pathologist admits unscientific findings

DALLAS (AP) — Lubbock pathologist Ralph Erdmann, under investigation on charges ranging from perjury to the mishandling of corpses, admits he sometimes built his reports around police theories, a newspaper reported.

Erdmann, 65, also said in a recent interview he once threw away a human head after telling police he had shipped it to other authorities, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

The pathologist has been indicted in Hockley County for falsifying an autopsy and is accused of performing "made-to-order" autopsies for police.

"I'm human. You think I'm going to do everything and not make a mistake?" Erdmann told the newspaper. "It was the volume. It was 'Get caught up.' But I don't think I did sloppy work."

In one case, Erdmann conducted an autopsy on a child believed to have been killed as a result of child abuse. He found that the girl's fatal head injury, bruises and sexual abuse occurred an estimated "55 hours, plus or minus 11/2 hours" before she died.

That estimate helped Lubbock County officials secure a murder conviction against a teen-ager who had been baby-sitting the victim. The conviction was reversed on appeal, and the teen pleaded guilty in exchange for an immediate release from prison.

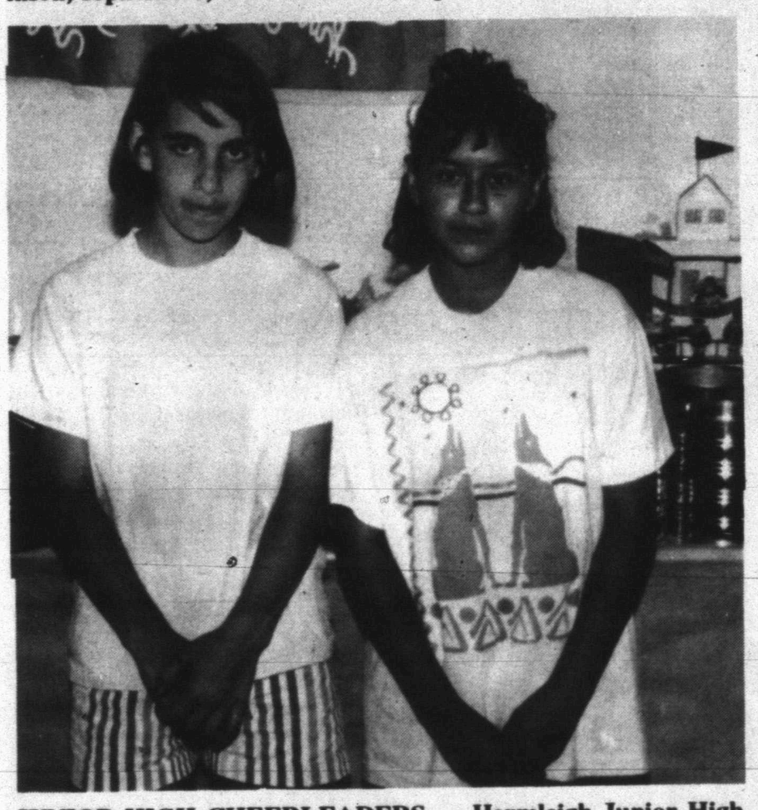
Erdmann now acknowledges his estimate wasn't exactly scientific.

"I could never have come up with that unless I got that information from the sheriff's deputies," he said. "How would I know otherwise?

"I like to work as a team. Working as a team, I can't challenge what (police) say unless it's out of context. I accept what they say unless it's way out of line. I don't think it's bad pathology. This is the way I was trained."

In Erdmann's most notorious case, a 1987 Odessa homicide, police said their case was ruined because the pathologist lost the victim's head.

Erdmann told the newspaper he cut the head from the body and stuck it in a bucket of lime to send to Dallas for forensic reconstruction. Before sending it, he said, he learned that police had identified the victim and the body had been buried, so he threw the head away.



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS — Hermleigh Junior High cheerleaders for 1992-93 include Miranda Terry and Ester Martinez, both seventh graders. Not pictured are Michelle Roemisch, Leisa Gladden and Brandi Bates, all eighth graders. Class designations are for next school year. (SDN Staff Photo)

Clinton gets veep advice

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — As he gets serious about picking a running mate, Bill Clinton says the opening threshold is simple: "Someone capable of being a good president if I should drop dead the day after I get inaugurated."

From there, however, it gets complicated.

As the Arkansas governor and probable Democratic presidential nominee weighs his choice, he faces no shortage of names or advice — not only on who to pick but how and when to do it.

"You really define yourself and your values and your view of the presidency," said John Sasso, a top adviser to 1988 Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis.

Clinton is expected later this week to outline a search process in which he will rely on senior campaign aides and likely tap a prominent Democrat from outside his official campaign hierarchy to oversee the process.

He rarely brings up the subject in large meetings, but Clinton has begun sounding out trusted aides, asking, for example, that they name the senators or governors they view as most qualified to be president. Some polling likely will be done later as the choice is narrowed, the aides say.

For now, Clinton is trying to steer clear of the name game, although when visiting certain states he has talked up the attributes of popular politicians — Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana and Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, for example.

But he has been more and more open in discussing his criteria, including a detailed response to a question over the weekend at a California event.

There, Clinton said he wanted a running mate who "does not agree with me on everything ... but someone who understands what happened in the United States in the 1980s."

Also, "someone who will complement me, someone of knowledge or experience or ability different from mine but who could work well in a team."

As Clinton searches, party strategists, many of whom have a favorite, are sizing up Clinton's strengths and weaknesses and offering their idea of the perfect political match.

Mentioned most is New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, who would bring regional balance to the ticket and shares Clinton's theme of promoting racial unity. But Bradley has repeatedly said he's not interested, and Clinton aides, although they do not rule out feelers, say they take the senator at his word.

Counterfeit bills may signal the return of bad economy

HOUSTON (AP) — An increased incidence of good quality counterfeit money may signal Houston's economy is returning to troubled times, authorities say.

"Quality of the product is no longer a major concern for counterfeiters," Benny Crosby, special agent in charge of the Secret Service's Houston office, told The Houston Post in its Sunday editions. "Quantity and the ease of moving it out into circulation is their biggest priority now."

Affordable, high-tech laser copiers and a surge in unemployment could be encouraging the production of bogus bucks flowing through fast food restaurants, shopping malls and illegal drug transactions, federal agents said.

"As people who are short of cash come across this activity, it appears an attractive, low-risk crime to get into," Crosby said. "The proliferation of quality color copiers makes what used to be an art available to everybody who knows how to push a button."

In 1988, as Houston began a slow climb out of the oil bust of the mid-1980s, Secret Service agents confiscated nearly $17 million in forged U.S. currency.

Three years later when the city seemed on the verge of economic growth, federal lawmen seized only $737,000, statistics from government records show.

Now with the city's unemployment rate slowly climbing and companies announcing layoffs, counterfeiters again appear to be back in business in larger numbers. So far this year, more than $800,000 in forged $50 and $100 bills have been snatched by agents before reaching consumers' pocketbooks.

The masterminds behind a counterfeiting operation try to reduce their risk of exposure by enticing other people to pass the bogus bucks to make it more difficult for agents to track down the source of the forgeries.

Turnover of employees at fast food restaurants and retail outlets make those operations the most popular targets for counterfeiters trying to pass forged money.

"Merchants have gotten wise to how (counterfeiters) operate," Doris Fram, senior property manager at West Oaks Mall, said. "If they get a large bill, they know to write down a driver's license number and check the picture on it against who's handing them the money."

Corpus Christi gets 2nd place

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A King High School's mock trial team has placed second in the nation for the second consecutive year.

The National High School Mock Trial Championships were conducted Friday and Saturday in Madison, Wis. First place went to a school from Miami.

"I think our presentation, especially in the final round, was flawless," said sophomore Michael Jordan. "We didn't get the (first place) award, but the satisfaction is we know we were the best team there."

"That's how it is in the real world, too. You never know what a jury is going to do. They're not always just," said King coach Ruth Tomlin, a former attorney.

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Places in the News

PERU

In a major setback to the fragile democracies of Latin America, Alberto Fujimori, the nation's freely elected president, has ousted the legislature of Peru. With the backing of the military, he has assumed dictatorial powers.

The United States and other countries quickly suspended aid to Peru, a cash-poor Pacific coast nation of more than 20 million people. Fujimori, 53, was elected president of the constitutional republic in 1990.

In swift actions coordinated with Peru's military and intelligence forces, Fujimori recently dissolved the democratically elected Congress and suspended the constitution. Military leaders immediately sent troops and tanks into the streets of the capital, Lima. Those units surrounded newspaper offices and radio and TV stations to enforce national censorship; they arrested some political opposition leaders and journalists.

The nation's courts have been closed by presidential decree.

Fujimori claims the legislature was not moving quickly enough to solve Peru's long-term economic crisis — four out of five people live below the official poverty line.

The president says the state of emergency will enable him to control inflation, stimulate the economy, oppose cocaine trafficking and defeat the 12-year-old "Shining Path" guerrilla insurgency.

It has been reported that — with the closing of Congress and the courts — Fujimori's popularity rating soared to about 80 percent, the highest of his 20-month presidency.

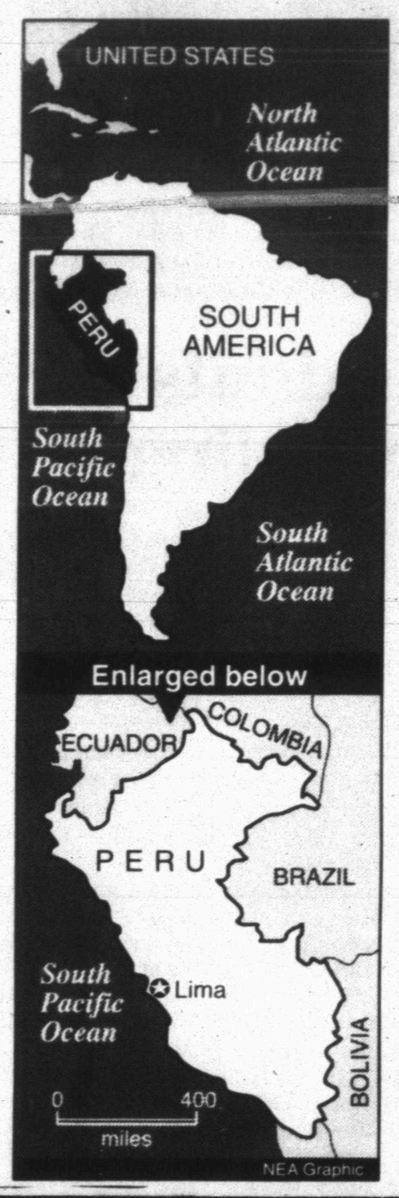
Born in Peru of mixed Japanese descent, Fujimori was an agronomist who campaigned as a reform candidate pledging to improve the economy. His measures had helped to cut inflation, but the economy continued to spiral downward.

Recently, Fujimori's political opponents had begun to question his policies, and the Congress had grown unwilling to give him a totally free hand.

Critics charge that Fujimori's government is rife with corruption and that he initiated the coup to deflect criticism and consolidate his power.

Although the prime minister resigned in protest immediately after the coup, other members of Fujimori's cabinet support the president's actions.

Foreign Minister Augusto Blacker said: "The present government is a civilian one.... There is a reduced group of people making the important decisions and we're not ashamed to say so."



Echols' coaching career spans 3 decades

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Tommy Echols' philosophy is a simple one. People can do more than they think they can — if they can be made to believe it — and self-discipline is the key to success in life.

As the junior high boys' coach he has devoted a big part of his life, 30½ years, to teaching his young charges that an awareness of the world around them is equally important as learning the fundamentals of sports.

"I've always wanted all the boys on my team to feel important," Echols said. "Every team needs spirit. Sports is a variety of exhilarated life situations that happen in a short period of time that can help the boys better handle the things they will encounter in late years."

As a coach he "always liked the sport in season" and encouraged students to participate in as many sports as they could.

Echols is a firm believer that "kids need loving discipline," that is both "fair and equitable" because "no one catches on to unfairness quicker than youngsters."

It's the same philosophy he's taught his own children. Perry Echols, a farmer and rancher, graduated from Tarleton State University in 1986. Van Echols will graduate this month from Angelo State Univeristy with a degree in real estate finance. Rhonda Echols is majoring in biology at Baylor University.

Echols was raised on a stock farm between Ira and Dunn. He graduated from Ira High School and attended Hardin-Simmons University on a football scholarship. There, he was coached by Hall of Famer Sam Baugh, former pro football quarterback and father of Snyder's head coach, David Baugh.

He met his wife, Kay, at HSU and they were married between their sophomore and junior years. They moved to Snyder in 1962 where Echols coached eighth grade sports and taught eighth grade math at Lamar Junior High School.

In the spring of 1963 he entered the service — artillery division — as an Army officer via the ROTC commission he had earned at HSU. He served until 1965, then returned to Snyder to teach freshman football, track and boys' PE until 1973.

That year the freshman class was moved to the high school and Snyder Junior High School was built. From then until now he has coached the seventh and eighth grade boys' sports.

This is his last year to coach, as he plans to retire and devote more time to his other jobs, farming and ranching. He and his family have ranches in Scurry, Borden and Mitchell Counties in Texas and Pontotoc and Johnson Counties in Oklahoma. They have 600 mother cows.

Kay teaches first grade at East Elementary. In 1962, she taught the second grade at Stanfield. She is a former junior high and high school coach who took a girls' volleyball team to a state championship one year.

Echols participated in sports when he was in high school, was valedictorian of his school, and received Who's Who and Dean's List recognition at HSU.

He feels his life can best be summed up by something a former player wrote about him. It goes like this:

"An honor student, football player and Army officer he's been;

I'd say he's a distinguished character among men."

HERE'S HOW — Tommy Echols, Snyder Junior High School boys coach, shows seventh grader Heath Irvine how to set up a basketball shot. Echols will retire at the end of this school year. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bill Cosby to graduates: 'get a job'

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Graduates of Talladega College take with them diplomas and some advice from Bill Cosby: Get a job.

"Tomorrow's Monday and old people expect you to be out there looking for a job and they expect you to come back Monday evening with a job," Cosby said in a commencement address Sunday.

"Old people who've backed you, some of them in their 30s, this is a great day for them," he said. "This is a great day for all the family. Your family has done enough. Get a job."

The school gave Cosby an honorary doctorate Sunday.

"The Cosby Show" recently ended its eight-year run on NBC.

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Phony bolt woes continue three years after discovery

HOUSTON (AP) — Three years after military officials began finding substandard screws and bolts in aircraft and machinery, the inferior fasteners still are in widespread use, a Houston newspaper reported.

The Fastener Quality Act of 1990 has done little to curb the use of faulty bolts and screws, The Houston Post reported in a copyright story Sunday.

"We know that it is widespread, we know it is throughout the military," Rep. James Bilbray, D-Nev., said. "Right now there are airplanes in the military that have defective bolts all over them."

The Post said bad fasteners still are found almost monthly, including bolts in the MX missile system, the most powerful strategic nuclear weapon in the U.S. arsenal.

"I believe it is time for a reality check," Rep. John Dingell, D-Michigan, wrote in an April 29 letter to the National Institute of Standards and Technology

NIST, an arm of the U.S. Commerce Department that's charged with implementing the law, has been studying implementation plans for two years.

Since the fastener act was approved by Congress, the Pentagon has melted down more than 30 million counterfeit bolts. But without full implementation of the act, the legislation has been useless, congressmen said.

Reagan returns to his birthplace

TAMPICO, Ill. (AP) — Ronald Reagan made good on a longstanding promise and returned to his birthplace.

Reagan and his wife, Nancy, attended church Sunday, ate at Dutch's Diner, which was named after him, and checked on the restoration of the apartment where he was born.

Angie VanDyke, 11, said she got to shake hands with the former president.

"I'm never going to wash my hand," she said.

It has been 16 years since Reagan visited Tampico, about 120 miles west of Chicago. Reagan considers nearby Dixon his hometown.

Reagan was born in a second-floor apartment above the First National Bank, which has been turned into a museum honoring him.

Reagan launched an unsuccessful bid for president in 1976 in Tampico. He promised to return when he won the presidency.

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