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Ask Us

Q—When does the absentee voting period begin for the Nov. 5 constitutional amendments election?

A—The in-person absentee, or "early" voting period as it is now termed by the state, begins Oct. 16 and ends Nov. 1.

In Brief

New charge

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House offered a fresh defense today of Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas, seeking to rebut the allegations of a former female aide that he harassed her with talk of sex and porno movies. Two Senate Democrats talked of postponing Tuesday's scheduled vote on Thomas' confirmation.

Anita Hill, 35, now a law professor at the University of Oklahoma, scheduled a news conference at the university to elaborate on the charges, which gave rise to new questions about Thomas' fitness to serve on the high court.

Local

Band boosters

Snyder Band Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. today at the high school band hall.

4-H Club

Canyon Reef 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Senior Citizen's Center.

Booster club

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. today in the high school student center.

'Tiger Paws'

Snyder Band Boosters are still painting "Tiger Paws" for anyone who wants them. To contact a booster, call 573-5131 or 573-8379.

Library news

Scurry County Library will close Tuesday through Thursday mornings, Oct. 8-10, for book inventory. The library will open to the public at 1 p.m. on those days.

Open House

Snyder Junior High will host open house Wednesday from 4-6 p.m.

During the open house, parents will pick up their child's first six weeks' report card. School officials note that reports cards will not be sent home with students Wednesday.

All parents are encouraged to attend.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 66 degrees; low, 43 degrees; high Sunday, 74 degrees; low, 43 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 44 degrees. No precipitation. Total precipitation for 1991 to date, 20.86 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the lower 50s. South wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, sunny and warmer. High in the upper 80s. South wind 10-20 mph. Almanac: Sunset today, 7:21 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:42 a.m. Of 279 days in 1991, the sun has shone 271 days in Snyder.



FESTIVAL SHOPPING — Cindy Nachlinger and her daughters, Kasey, Karen and Kerry, discuss possible purchases during Saturday's Hermleigh Fall Festival sponsored by Hermleigh United Methodist Church. (SDN Staff Photo)

No word on casualties...

Yugoslav planes rock Zagreb

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP)—Yugoslav warplanes attacked the heart of Croatia's government today, rocketing the headquarters of its president in a bid to bring the secessionist republic to heel.

Croatian Defense Ministry officials said jets of the Serb-dominated military fired two missiles into Zagreb's historic government center.

Witnesses heard the first loud boom at 3:03 p.m., and then saw a column of thick smoke rising from the northern part of this city of 1 million people.

Defense officials said one missile landed in the area of Zagreb's 13th-century cathedral and one landed near the Croatian Parliament building.

Defense officials said the roof of the Presidential Palace was damaged and windows in the nearby Parliament building were broken.

SHS wins district net crown

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

Snyder's doubles teams paced a 15-3 rout of Levelland Saturday as the Tigers clinched their second straight District 2-4A tennis championship.

"I was very proud of all these young athletes," said SHS net coach Jerry Tucker. "They showed great emotional control and sportsmanship."

Tucker was especially proud of the way his girls' squad played Saturday.

"Christina Gonzales and Leslie Sandoval gave a tremendous effort in beating the No. 1 team from Levelland," he said. "Jaycie Wright also won (in singles), playing with a hurt shoulder. She just played through the pain."

Tucker said that it will be important to keep the team on track through its final loop match Saturday against Frenship.

"We must keep our momentum," the coach said. "Frenship continues to improve and we must stay ready."

Sandoval and Gonzales led the girls' doubles surge by blasting Paige Parker and Jenny Moss in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

Robin Cave and Wright posted twin 6-3 set victories in doubles and Wright's 6-4, 6-2 decision over Levelland's Saarmai Greene helped the SHS girls to a 4-2 edge (see TENNIS, page 8)

Two houses on adjacent streets were hit. The archbishop's office said the cathedral was not hit.

Zagreb television said Croatian President Franjo Tudjman was unharmed. Stipe Mesic, the Croat

United Way...

Local youth learn through scouting

Scurry County Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Girl Scout troops are participating agencies of the local United Way.

Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops are affiliated with the Buffalo Trail Council, Inc. which is headquartered in Midland.

Members come from Hermleigh and Ira also. Thirty-five boys and 12 leaders signed up for Cub Scouts during a recent rally. Snyder currently has three packs: 36 (Central, East and Northeast), 177 (Stanfield), and 61 (West and North).

Troop 27, currently the only local Boy Scout group, has 27 members. Leon Earles is the Scoutmaster. An Explorer Scout troop for older boys may be organized in the future.

Cub Scouts are for boys in grades 1-5. In addition to regular meetings, Cub Scouts also take turns helping at the every-other-month blood drive. A Scout-O-Rama is held each spring. This past summer about 40 Cub Scouts attended a day camp at the Hughes Aquatic Base located at Colorado City Lake.

Boy Scouts are for boys from the sixth grade up. They have regular campouts during the school year and in the summer. A goal for next summer is a trip to Philmont, the Boy Scout ranch in New Mexico. Brian Earles, Eagle Scout, worked at Philmont this past summer.

Another long range goal is to attend the 1993 Boy Scout Jamboree. The event is held every four years. Local scouts attended the 1989 Jamboree.

Another popular activity is the Mom and Me camp, held at the Scout Ranch Camp. This year 250 boys and mothers from throughout the Buffalo Trail Council have registered.

In Cub Scouts, packs meet monthly and dens meet weekly. In addition to working on advancements through earning badges, they also plan other activities. The proposed United Way allo-

chairman of the federal presidency, was evacuated from the Presidential Palace during the attack, eyewitnesses said.

Defense officials said they had (see YUGOSLAV, page 8)

County updated on pesticide laws

Scurry County commissioners were updated on pesticide licenses required for county employees during their 10 a.m. meeting today at the county courthouse.

County Agent Mike Morrow told commissioners that non-commercial licenses are required for the application of restricted or state limited pesticides in all areas outside the city limits, as mandated by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The licensing applies to county precinct employees.

In addition, county employees applying any pesticides within the city limits, including unrestricted and state unlimited, will have to receive a different license, said David Kattes, assistant professor of agriculture at Western Texas College. Such licensing is the result of the Structural Pesticide Act, enacted Sept. 1. Employees affected by the legislation include those maintenance personnel at the hospital, parks, coliseum and (see COUNTY, page 8)

SISD students set for TAAS testing

The state-mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test will be administered to Snyder public schools students in grades 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 Tuesday through Thursday.

Snyder High School students will be bused to the county coliseum each morning for testing. Other students will be tested at their individual campuses.

Snyder ISD administrators have stressed the importance of attendance because no make-up sessions are allowed.

Students who are out of school, but who still need to take the exit-level TAAS or TEAMS test in order to receive a high school diploma, will be tested Wednesday and Thursday in the county coliseum. Pre-registration for these tests was required earlier this year. Examinees should arrive at the

coliseum about 8 a.m. Also, they must have their admission letter and a photo identification.

The testing schedule for TAAS will be Tuesday for the writing portion, Wednesday for the reading portion and Thursday for the mathematics portion.

Testing for the TEAMS exit-level test will be Wednesday for the English language arts portion and Thursday for the mathematics portion.

"Snyder ISD students have consistently scored above the state average on state-mandated tests, and the district anticipates that students will perform well again this year," an administrator said.

Test results should be available in November. This will allow teachers the opportunity to work with students throughout the year to correct any problem areas.



LOCAL SCOUTS — Pictured top are Boy Scouts Kevin Waltz and Jay Callaway as they load some gear for a recent camping trip to Ennis Creek. Pictured bottom are Alicia Martin, Loretta Rios, Melissa Alvarado, Margie Borrego, Marisa Huffman and Angie Reynolds of Junior Troop 243 as they fulfill requirements for a Money Sense badge. (SDN Staff Photos)



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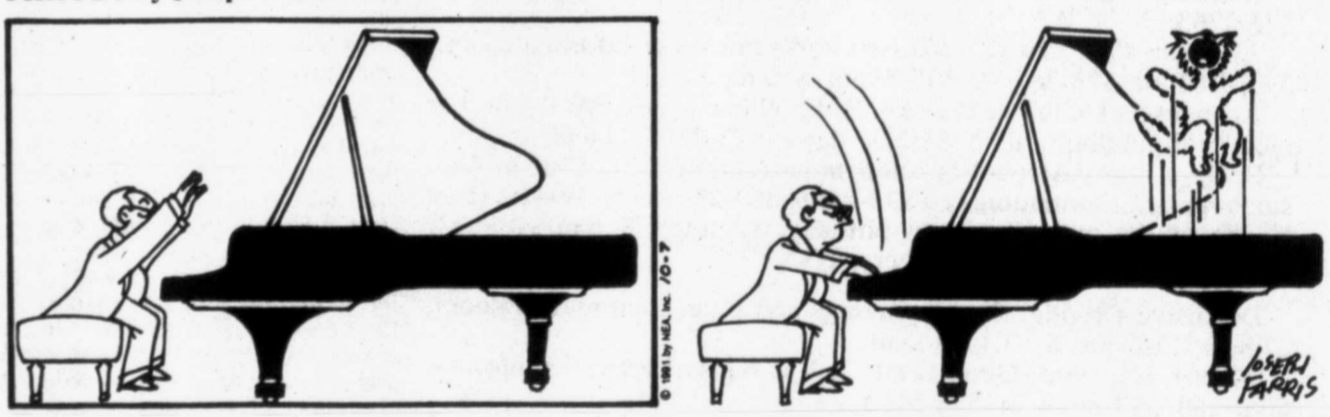
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- 17 Remarkable person (sl.)
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- 20 Feeling prickly
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- 24 — Jima
- 25 Middles
- 29 Sausage
- 33 Norma —
- 34 Stopping roadway
- 36 Western defense org.

- 37 Tennis player — Lendl
- 39 Lively dance
- 41 Place for exercise
- 42 Type of concrete
- 44 Foes
- 46 Wire measure
- 48 Mediterranean
- 49 Pronunciation mark
- 53 How much wood — ...?
- 57 Pour down
- 58 Befuddled
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- 6 Indian of Peru
- 7 Actress — Christine
- 8 He, she or it
- 9 Suspend
- 10 Baseballer — Hersher
- 11 Biblical weed
- 19 Insect egg
- 21 Labor org.
- 23 Resin-producing tree
- 25 Nursery bed
- 26 Projecting part of house
- 27 In good order
- 28 Duck
- 30 Cereal grass
- 31 Eye infection
- 32 Male cats
- 35 Writing tools
- 38 Candidate
- 40 — Islands (in West Indies)
- 43 Nothing
- 45 — Tse-tung
- 47 South American animal
- 49 Animal's stomach
- 50 Apiece
- 51 Ten cents
- 52 Pronto (abbr.)
- 54 Soviet Union (abbr.)
- 55 Wife of Jacob
- 56 Art — (1930s style)
- 59 Farm animal

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Adoption business booms in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of Texas adoption agencies is growing as agencies take advantage of Texas' permissive laws to offer quick, loosely monitored adoptions, a published report said.

In a copyright story, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday that problems cited in the industry include skyrocketing fees charged to adoptive couples and large payments to birth mothers, which have tempted some couples to have children for financial support.

The number of Texas children adopted by out-of-state parents has tripled in the last five years, the newspaper said; in 1989, 28 percent of the 2,196 children placed by Texas agencies went out of state.

Texas has more licensed child-placing agencies than New York and California, and the number of Texas adoption agencies has risen dramatically in recent years. By December 1990, there were 138 private child-placing agencies, up from 107 in 1987 and 86 in 1985.

Additionally, TDHS is a public child-placing agency that handles adoptions of children who have been abused or neglected.

Some 5,060 of the 7,277 adoptions in Texas in 1990 were independent adoptions, many of them children adopted by stepparents or extended family members. Other independent adoptions are arranged between birth parents and adoptive parents who find each other and hire lawyers to make it legal.

The remaining 2,217 adoptions were handled by a variety of licensed agencies across the state, from the Gladney Center in Fort Worth — the country's largest — to proprietary agencies run by ur-

ban lawyers to small mom-and-pop agencies in rural areas.

"Texas is a good place to try to adopt because, unfortunately, there's a high unplanned pregnancy rate and more young women who are pro-life and reluctant to terminate their pregnancy," said Michael McMahon, president of the Gladney Center.

But he noted, "We have 10 legitimate calls from couples wanting to adopt for every child available for adoption."

The scarcity of healthy white infants — the children most frequently sought for adoption — is underscored by national statistics. According to the Washington-based National Committee for Adoption, only 25,000 infants are available annually for adoption and more than 1 million infertile couples wait for babies.

Mary Beth Seader, vice president of the organization, said: "Large numbers of adoptions take place in Texas."

Government reform sought

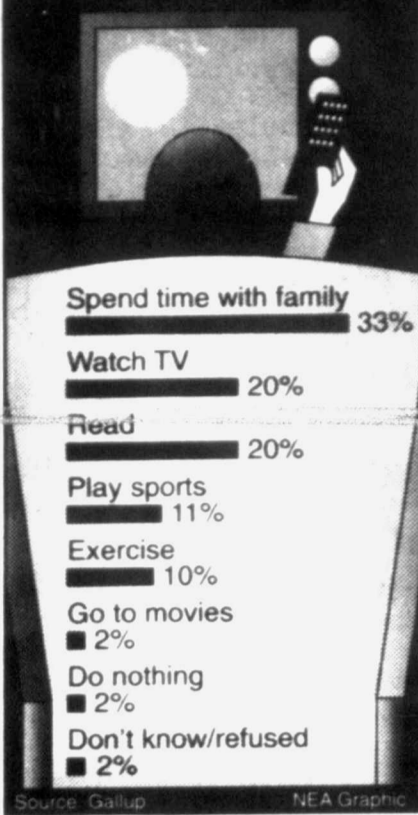
DALLAS (AP) — Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton's weekend trip to Texas was filled with handshakes, meetings and a jab at President Bush's decision to delay \$10 billion in housing aid to Israel.

"I think it's unfortunate he raised the issue the way he did," Clinton said of the aid, which would help support Ethiopian Jews that have recently immigrated to Israel.

"He made it look like he was being asked to write a \$10 billion check for aid," Clinton said. "When in fact, don't forget this president has already declared an emergency in the budget this year for \$13 billion in foreign aid for

Prime pastimes

How Americans say they relax when they're not working.



One-third of those asked said that spending time with their family was their favorite way of relaxing. Watching TV and reading were also cited as key leisure choices.

Disaster relief considered for cotton farmers in Texas

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Congress is trying to get the Bush administration to support a request for more than \$1 billion in disaster relief to cotton farmers whose crops suffered in 1990 or 1991, officials said.

House Appropriations Committee chairman Jamie Whitten, D-Miss., has insisted \$1.75 billion in a supplemental appropriations bill be accepted by the Bush administration on an emergency basis, as was authorized in last year's budget agreement.

However, a letter from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., indicated the administration would provide no more than \$1 billion in aid.

Donald A. Johnson, executive vice president of the Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers Inc., said finding money in the nation's already strained budget will be difficult.

"We think there's a reasonably good chance to get what we would consider to be limited help," Johnson told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "But it's difficult to be very optimistic because of the budget crunch and money problems."

In 1990 and 1991, High Plains producers lost 865,000 acres of cotton, excluding acreage not planted because of dry soils, or yields that were cut because of bad weather and insects.

Failed cotton crops in the West Texas plains, including the Rolling Plains region east of the Caprock, neared 1 million acres.

Growers in the Lubbock territory produced a large overall crop last year and had prospects for an even bigger output this year, but aphids hurt much of the summer's potential and the cold weather ruined September's outlook.

"Many producers have been hurt financially by drought and other adversities over which they've had no control," Johnson said. "It hurts bad to lose a crop these days because the costs of farming are just astronomical."

Several markup sessions for the House supplemental bill have been postponed to permit House

leaders to develop a strategy. Administration officials said the \$1 billion they recommend would come from offsetting savings identified at the close of the 1991 fiscal year Sept. 30.

It's expected that complicated legislative and administrative procedures will come together before the end of the fiscal year.

Data shows some schools punish minorities more

DALLAS (AP) — Federal figures show black and Hispanic students in Dallas suburban school districts are more likely to be paddled than their white counterparts.

In fact, school records indicate a black student is nine times more likely to be paddled than a white student in at least one suburban Dallas district.

The study of 1989-90 school records by The Dallas Morning News not only showed that blacks were more likely to be paddled, but also that black students are far more likely than white students to be suspended.

On the national level, 1988 records from the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education show a black student is almost two times more likely to be paddled than a white student.

Hispanic students, too, are disciplined more frequently than whites. But government statistics show the disparity is still greater for black students.

The Dallas Independent School District breaks from the national

trend, disciplining black and white students almost equally, the newspaper reported.

But outside the city, uneven statistics are beginning to stir intense debate.

As minority populations have grown in suburban schools, these issues have strained relationships between some parents and educators in several Dallas-area districts.

Government agencies have begun investigating allegations of discriminatory discipline in suburban Richardson and Duncanville.

In Plano, a district with a growing minority population, black students were nine times more likely than white students to be paddled in 1989-90.

Larry Guinn, the district's director of special programs and discipline, said Plano is working to reduce its paddlings and suspensions. But he said there's no need to address the disproportionate punishment of minorities.

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Role model told

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Michael Jeter says he drew inspiration for his role in "The Fisher King" from seeing a homeless man on a New York subway trying to make a businessman laugh.

"It was all so utterly charming. I went home, put on some old 'Gypsy' records, and suddenly there was my character," Jeter said in Saturday's The Tennessean.

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