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FIBER OPTIC CABLE — Employees of C&B Associates out of Mineral Wells bore under the street along College Avenue to install a fiber optic cable for AT&T. The workers from left are Jon Wells, Adolfo Aguayo and Billy Ford. (SDN Staff Photo)

It's sack lunches for Price Daniel inmates

Entire prison system locked down

From staff and wire reports

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Some 122,000 Texas prison inmates are confined to their cells today in a rare overall lockdown as corrections officials try to rid the nation's second-largest prison system of contraband.

The fatal stabbing of an inmate Thursday at the Coffield Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice near Palestine in East Texas capped a series of high-profile incidents where prisoners had weapons or other illegal items. Attacks on corrections officers also are on the rise.

"When word came of the Coffield homicide, the decision was made to lock down the entire system," agency spokesman Larry Todd said.

The mandate from Executive Director Wayne Scott covers 86 Texas prisons, including the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder.

Assistant Warden Vernon Pittman said this morning that the local unit received the lock down orders shortly before 1 p.m. Thursday.

"All inmate movement ceased at that time, said Pittman. "The doors were locked in the housing unit and the lockdown process started."

Pittman said there is little, if any movement of inmates during a lockdown, except to the showers.

"The staff prepares all the meals that the inmates eat in their cells, and the staff mans the laundry facilities, as well," said Pittman.

The assistant warden said he expects the lockdown to last past a two-week time period.

"We're looking for dangerous contraband, as well as nuisance contraband," said Pittman.

Earlier this week, death row inmate Ponchai Wilkerson, in the seconds before he was executed, spit out a handcuff key while strapped to the death chamber gurney at the Huntsville Unit.

Wilkerson and another condemned inmate, both armed with makeshift weapons, held a guard hostage last month for 13 hours before surrendering at the Terrell Unit near Livingston.

In December, a corrections officer was stabbed to death at Beeville's McConnell Unit.

The state jail division, which includes 26 jails and substance abuse units, will undergo shakedowns but will not be locked down. That division has about 28,000 inmates and the normal visit routine was not being suspended, spokesman Glen Castlebury said.

The most recent systemwide lockdown occurred in December 1998 after a hostage incident at an Abilene prison and an attempted escape by seven death row inmates from the Ellis Unit northeast of Huntsville. One inmate fled the unit but drowned in a nearby creek. The six others, including Wilkerson, surrendered after guards began shooting at them.

"I think it's a combination of a number of things: spring cleaning, location of some contraband, the handcuff key ... the Coffield murder," Todd said.

"We had been planning to have a partial lockdown but the director decided to make it statewide because we continue to find contraband, some of it serious enough to make a weapon," he said.

All cells, cellblocks, recreation yards, work areas both inside and outside prisons will be searched, officials said.

At the Coffield Unit Thursday morning, Roland Rios, 41, was stabbed to death with a homemade steel weapon as a guard escorted him to a shower in handcuffs, authorities said.

The slaying appears gang-related.

According to a prison system report, inmate Antonio Lara left his cell, attacked Rios, then returned to his cell and tried to flush his weapon down a toilet. Lara, 26, was taken into custody and the weapon was retrieved.

Rios had been imprisoned since 1995. He was convicted in Nueces County of aggravated robbery and injury to a child and sentenced to 10 years.

Lara arrived in prison in 1997. He is serving 15 years for attempted murder, robbery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in Webb County.

Tim Dacus seeks second term as Hermleigh school trustee

Tim Dacus has filed for his second full term on the Hermleigh school board.

Dacus is employed by Sun Pipe Line.

Two others have filed for Hermleigh trustee positions on the May 6 ballot.

Alan Culp and Vance Reynolds have filed for their first full terms on the board.

One spot on the Ira school board has yet to draw a candidate.

No one has filed for Place 5 on the Ira board, which is currently held by Dirk Dunn.

Gilbert Sanchez and Dennis D. Taylor have both filed for the Place 4 post on the Ira school board. Bo Robinson currently holds the position, but has not filed for another term.

In other filings, Richard Chambers has filed for his third term as a Place 3 trustee on the Snyder ISD school board and Mike Levens has filed for his second term in Place 2.

In filings for the May 6 City Council election, Vernest Tippens has filed for her seventh term for District 1 while James Jenkins has filed for his first full term on the council in District 3.

David Harrell has filed for the District 2 spot, held by Jerry Webb who has announced he will not be running again.

I.E. Martin has filed for another term in District 4. He has drawn an opponent as Jason Scott Spradlin has also filed for the position.

On the Western Texas College board, three people are seeking the Place 6 post currently held by R.C. Patton, who announced he will not seek another term.

John Zalman III, Scott Richburg and James Hanks have all filed for the spot.

Eddie Peterson and Lee Presswood both filed for their second terms on the college board. Presswood holds Place 5 and Peterson holds Place 7.

The filing period ends Wednesday.

U.S. moves to improve relationship with Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the movement toward democratic reform in Iran "plainly gathering steam," the Clinton administration today lifted a ban on U.S. imports of Iranian luxury goods and pledged to try to settle outstanding legal claims between the two countries.

The moves, announced by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, are designed to encourage further moderation in Iran and to show its citizens that "the United States bears them no ill will."

In Tehran, Hamid Feza Asefi, a spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry said of the announcement: "Iran thinks it is positive and welcomes it."

Albright said the Clinton administration will look for ways to increase contacts between American and Iranian scholars, artists, professionals, athletes and nongovernment groups. "We believe this will serve to deepen bonds of mutual understanding and trust," she said in a speech to the 3-year old American-Iranian Council, which is determined to end more than two decades of estrangement between the United States and Iran.

The net effect is to begin to reverse more than two decades of estrangement.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart described the U.S. initiative as "limited actions in response to limited developments" in Iran.

Despite the moves, Albright made clear that the administration has "no illusions" that the United States and Iran will be able to overcome their hostility overnight. "We can't build a true relationship on carpets and grain alone," she said.

In fact, in her speech, Albright reiterated U.S. allegations that Iran sponsors terrorism, seeks weapons of mass destruction and persecutes religious minorities.

She said the projected trial next month of 12 Jews in Shiriz accused of espionage would be a barometer of how policy in Iran is taking shape.

"It's too early to know precisely where the democratic trends will lead," Albright said of a recent parliamentary election in which moderates scored heavily and other moves in Tehran.

At the same time, she acknowledged that past U.S. actions have helped create the atmosphere of mistrust. She cited the U.S. role in the 1953 overthrow of Iranian Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh, its "sustained backing" of the Shah, and the "regrettably shortsighted" policy in backing Iraq in its conflict with Iran.

But, she said: "We have concluded the time is ripe to broaden our perspective."

She wished the Iranian people a happy new year and added: "Surely, the time has come for America and Iran to enter a new season in which mutual trust may grow and the quality of warmth supplant the long cold winter of our mutual discontent."

Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on international economic policy, welcomed the move. "If the Iranians are serious about improved relations, then their positive response to this action will be important," he said.

Copies of the speech were sent electronically to Iran to alert the leadership there before it was delivered.

Docs are optimistic about future for boy

Four-year-old injured by tiger

HOUSTON (AP) — Doctors said today that Jayton Tidwell has cleared the first hurdle in his recovery and they are optimistic that the little boy whose right arm was ripped off by a tiger will have a nearly normal life.

The 4-year-old remained in serious but stable condition today at Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital, where surgeons reattached his limb just above the elbow.

"As of this morning, we've now cleared the first hurdle, which is the first 24 hours worth of blood flow in and out of the limb," surgeon Dr. Mark H. Henry said today on NBC's "Today" show.

It will take about six months before physicians begin to learn the extent of Jayton's recovery. The boy faces more surgery and rehabilitation over the next few years.

"He looks perfect. He couldn't be doing better than he is right now," Henry said this morning.

Jayton should be able to live a normal life, Henry said, though he never will have full use of the arm. The boy is right-handed, as far as Henry knew, but should be able to transfer functions to his left hand if he needs to.

"There's no way he'll be 100 percent," Henry said Thursday.

The Bengal tiger was kept in the back yard of the boy's uncle, Larry Tidwell, in a working-class section east of Houston. The animal attacked Wednesday afternoon when the child stuck his arm through a gap in its chain-link cage, authorities said.

Neighbor Tracy Olivas called the tiger a nice, and even passive animal.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Forget stock market bulls and bears — watch out for bum steers."

The pay is excellent!

Bouquets, salutes and bows to all the volunteers at the Snyder Senior Center who were honored last Friday.

The top volunteer in terms of service was **Cary Patrick** who logged 2,681.5 hours last year. If our handy calculator is correct, that averages 51 hours a week of volunteer service.

Close behind was **Gloria Browning** with 2,246.25 hours for the year, or an average of 43 hours a week. **Thadine Harless** posted 1,577.5 hours, or an average of 30 hours a week. Next was **Edna Laster** with 1,467 hours, or an average of 28 hours of volunteer service each week.

The good pay: satisfaction of staying busy and helping others.

And another service honor…

Stanfield reading teacher **Kem Fogleman** was featured as a "Teacher You Can Count On" on Lubbock's Channel 11 last week.

She was nominated for the honor by Stanfield principal **Jean McMillon**.

All-District!

Nine Hermleigh Cardinals were named to the all-district basketball team.

Lady Cards selected for the elite squad were senior **Randi Herrington** and junior **Sheena Callaway**. Seniors **Brandy Wood** and **Crystal Jackson** received honorable mention honors.

Four Cardinals – Seniors **Caleb Callaway**, **Andy Luna** and **Joey Garza**, and junior **Billy Lambaren** were first-team all-district while junior **Jared Higgins** earned honorable mention.

It's been a while, but the Snyder Tigers ran away with the championship trophy of the Canyon Reef Relays last weekend.

Mark Medley captured two first place medals – in the shot put and discus. Also winning two gold medals was **Rudy Martinez** – in the mile and two-mile run. **Jared Thornhill** placed first in the pole vault.

Another comeback!

The Lady Tigers golf team shaved 12 points off its team total on Saturday to earn the first place trophy at Andrews. Members of the team are **Lacey Kidd**, **Sally Barham**, **Randi Reed**, **Kara Harrison** and **Andra Lancaster**.

On to state…

Tremaine Johnson, an all-district gridder for the Snyder Tigers last fall, finished second last weekend in the regional power lifting competition.

A total lift of 1,245 pounds earned the SHS junior a berth in the state tournament.

ASK US

Q-When are cheerleader try-outs at Snyder High School?
A—March 27 & 29.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 42 degrees; low, 32; 7 a.m. Friday, 32; .03 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, 1.86 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low, lower 30s. SE wind 5-15 mph, then N late. Saturday, partly cloudy, breezy, high, lower 60s, N wind, 15-25, gusty.

Sierra Foreman
Windy

Sunset:
6:54 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:50 a.m.
Of 76 days in 2000, the sun has shone 75 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

May the wind always be at your back, and may you be in heaven half an hour before the Devil knows you're dead.
—Old Irish blessings

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Statuettes missing for Oscar awards slated this month

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Oscar statuettes that were to be handed out at this month's Academy Awards ceremony have vanished, just two weeks after thousands of Oscar ballots were misrouted.

Spokesman John Pavlik said the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences believes the Oscars "have been stolen." He declined to give other details but said the statuettes disappeared from Bell, a Los Angeles community about 15 miles from Beverly Hills.

According to a brief statement from the academy, the Oscars disappeared from a dock used by Roadway Express, the academy's regular delivery company. The company did not immediately return a phone message.

It wasn't exactly clear how many Oscars were taken. Pavlik said he believed all 54 that were to be handed out were missing, while Academy President Robert Rehme said "a crateful" was missing.

Rehme told The Hollywood Reporter the uninscribed statuettes were being shipped from Chicago when they vanished.

"There were some Oscars that we had on a truck that are either missing or stolen," he said. "We don't know how, where or why. We never had them in our possession. It's been two days."

According to the academy, each statue is 131/2 inches tall, covered with gold-plated britannium and weighs about 8 pounds. Officially called the Academy Award of Merit, the origin of the Oscar nickname is unclear

On the Net: Academy's official site: http://www.oscars.org

Incoherent man attacks jet pilot

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Passengers terrified by a man who muttered incoherently as he roamed the aisles of their commercial jet, then attacked a pilot in the cockpit, averted disaster by tackling him before he could reach the controls.

"Fortunately all the guys moved quick and he ain't dead and we're not dead," said passenger Robert Benjamin, 56, of West Linn, Ore., who helped restrain the assailant. "I was scared to death."

Federal authorities today were holding Peter L. Bradley Jr., 40, of Blue Springs, Mo., at Mills-Peninsula Hospital, where he was being treated for bruises and facial abrasions. The co-pilot was taken to the same hospital, where he received eight stitches for a cut to his hand.

There was no immediate word on what charges Bradley faced, Sgt. Joe Reilly said. The FBI and the Federal Aviation Administration were investigating.

Police had no motive for the attack on Alaska Airlines flight 259 from Puerto Vallarta to San Francisco on Thursday evening. The plane was carrying 43 passengers and five crew members.

Bradley had not tried to hijack the MD-83 jet, but did threaten to kill people on board, Reilly said, adding that Bradley might have been on drugs or alcohol, or in need of psychiatric medication.

"What really scared me was when he tried to open up an exit," said Chris Honochick, 37, of Salem, Ore., who also helped tackle Bradley.

Bradley repeatedly switched seats, disobeying orders to stay put.

He eventually sat in first class, where, Reilly said, he made this threat: "I'm going to kill all of you; keep away from me," while simulating the shape of a gun with his hand.

Bradley allegedly shoved a flight attendant and broke through a locked cockpit door about 7:10 p.m., as the plane flew near Monterey, 115 miles south of San Francisco.

He "was going for the throttle and fuel controls," said Reilly.

During the scuffle, the co-pilot grappled with the assailant, using a tool similar to a shovel or pick to defend himself. The captain used the intercom to ask first-class passengers for help.

Crew members and five to seven passengers wrestled Bradley — more than 6 feet tall and weighing about 250 pounds — to the floor. He was bound with plastic restraints until arrival in San Francisco at 7:50 p.m.

After a delay to gather evidence, the flight continued to Portland, arriving two hours late.

Alaska Airlines Flight 261 from Puerto Vallarta to San Francisco crashed Jan. 31, off the Ventura County coast, killing all 88 people aboard. On Feb. 7, sparks flew from one of the engines of an Alaska Airlines flight that was leaving San Francisco after arriving from Puerto Vallarta. No one was injured in that incident.

On the Net: Airline site: http://www.alaskaair.com

Vandalism of religious statues probed

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rev. Guy Sansaric vividly remembers last Sept. 26: He woke up to discover a Virgin Mary statue knocked to the ground, face and hands destroyed, outside St. Jerome's Roman Catholic Church.

"I thought it was an isolated incident," Sansaric said.

So did police, until calls from churches and other Catholic institutions all over Brooklyn came pouring in. The calls sounded the same: A statue, usually of the Virgin Mary, was discovered with its head and hands lopped off or otherwise damaged.

So far, 11 such incidents have been brought to police. The latest attack was Wednesday night, on a statue at Holy Cross Church.

There are no suspects so far. The New York Police Department's Bias Unit is investigating and offering a $40,000 reward, cobbled together from city and private sources, including the Anti-Defamation League and the Knights of Columbus.

"It certainly is an attack on the Catholic religion," said Deputy Inspector Barbara Sicilia. "It's all religious statues of some sort. Whether it's Christ, the Blessed Mother, or Pope Pius, it's anti-religion in nature."

Bishop Thomas Daily, head of the Brooklyn Diocese, sent a memo to all the parishes, urging everyone to be alert for unusual activity.

On Thursday, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton suggested it was time for the federal government to get involved. Clinton, who is also running for U.S. Senate in New York, called for Congress to pass legislation providing more resources for federal prosecutors and for the National Church Arson Task Force to investigate.

Sicilia believes one person or group is responsible. She said the vandalism usually late Saturday or early Sunday and a hammer-type instrument is always used.

Sansaric's parishioners are still in shock over the desecration of their statue — Our Lady of Fatima with three young children praying to her. In December, he received a letter referring to the statue and a demon invasion from someone claiming responsibility, police said.

"These statues weren't bothering anybody and they encouraged passers-by to stop and pray," Sansaric said.

The next incident occurred on Oct. 24 at Our Lady of Refuge Church, also in Flatbush. A statue of the Virgin Mary holding baby Jesus was knocked down, its head missing.

In January, the vandals struck three churches, a convent and a private residence over two days. In one incident, a sculpture of Pope Pius X was dragged away from a Knights of Columbus Hall, thrown in a gutter and smashed. A note taped to it referred to Pope John Paul II as "Satan who deceives the earth."

Rev. John Bolduc — pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Crown Heights, which has been hit twice — believes the vandalism is the work of a "fringe element of some group that is religiously motivated, but misguided."

"They may want to set straight what they believe is wrong about worshipping statues," he added. "But the Catholic Church does not worship statues — they're used to remind us of Jesus and Mary, much the same way pictures remind us of loved ones."

On the Net:
Diocese of Brooklyn:
http://www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org
New York Police Department Bias Unit:
http://www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/nypd/html/db/biiudoi.html

Date Book

Friday, March 17, 2000
Today is the 77th day of 2000 and the 87th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1755, the land that was later to become the state of Kentucky was purchased for $50,000 by the Transylvania Land Company.

On this day in 1912, Mrs. Luther Gulick founded the Campfire Girls.

On this day in 1969, Golda Meir became the fourth prime minister of Israel.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jim Bridger (1804-1881), frontiersman; Bobby Jones (1902-1971), golfer; Sammy Baugh (1914-), football great, is 86; Mercedes McCambridge (1918-), actress, is 82; Nat "King" Cole (1919-1965), singer; Rudolf Nureyev (1938-1993), ballet dancer; Kurt Russell (1951-), actor, is 49; Danny Ainge (1959-), basketball player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Mike Tyson became the heavyweight boxing champion by defeating James "Bonecrusher" Smith in a 15-round decision.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The most wonderful discovery made by scientists is science itself." — Jacob Bronowski

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (March 13) and full moon (March 19).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Young parents can't conceive of goals beyond making babies

DEAR ABBY: Over the past few years, I have noticed more and more reports of young people — some barely into high school — who seem to have no higher goal in life than making babies of their own.

Those I've talked to don't seem to realize how much tougher it will be to go on to college and take up a career while also having to care for a child. They don't believe that life can bring them anything better than their current situation and think that having babies is their only option.

Abby, for all its faults, this is still a great country we live in, filled with opportunities for those able and willing to take advantage of them. Getting a good education and NOT having kids when you're young is a step in the right direction. Without the responsibilities of parenthood, young people have the freedom to travel, gain more life experience, and then are able to share these with their children as they grow up.

Please keep spreading the word, Abby. Having kids is a responsibility that should not be taken lightly. **— STEVE IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR STEVE: That's true. Professionals who work with young adults have observed that those who start a family during their teen years tend to see no possibility of a brighter future ahead. Conversely, teens who understand that a higher education and a career that pays more than minimum wage are possible for themselves are more inclined to postpone childbearing.

So, you see — hope is a most effective contraceptive!

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DEAR ABBY: I read your column most every day and enjoy it very much. I must tell you about an obscene telephone call I received about 8 o'clock one morning. There was heavy breathing and then a deep voice said, "I want your body." To which I replied, "Have you seen it lately?" The caller hung up immediately, never to call again. **— GINGER IN VENTURA, CALIF.**

DEAR GINGER: Your letter broke me up. However, in a more serious vein, my readers should take note of the following:

DEAR ABBY: I feel that your compliment to "Frankly Boring" on how she handled her obscene telephone caller warrants further examination.

First of all, she played right into the caller's hands by inviting conversation. Next she informed the caller that she was the only adult in the house. Then she implied that she was lonely, being "cooped up with two kids under the age of 4."

As a retired police officer and author of the "Domestic Violence Survival Guide" (Looseleaf Law Publications Inc., Flushing, N.Y.), I advise readers to **HANG UP IMMEDIATELY** and **REPEATEDLY** whenever they receive a bogus phone call.

Even with automatic redial, a caller will tire of trying to bait someone who refuses to be baited. Hope this helps. **— CLIFF MARIANI, HUDSON, FLA.**

DEAR CLIFF: You're right. The woman did disclose too much personal information about herself and her circumstances, and it could have led to an escalation of her problem. Fortunately, however, her unorthodox solution worked because she never heard from the caller again. Victims of obscene callers should take note of your advice — it was more carefully thought-out than mine.

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JP's investigation looks at shootout with Davidians

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Seven years after a shootout in a pasture near the Branch Davidian compound, a mother's doubts about autopsy results are prompting a renewed investigation into a young sect member's fatal shooting.

Michael Schroeder's mother, Sandy Connizzo, had asked McLennan County Justice of the Peace David Pareya to review the 1993 death.

More than 160 thousand pages of documents and other artifacts pertaining to the Mount Carmel siege are now in the custody of U.S. District Judge Walter Smith Jr. of Waco.

Smith ordered the materials delivered to him in connection with a wrongful death suit brought by Davidian survivors against the federal government.

"It's very time-consuming," Pareya, who presides in the Texas community of West, told the San Antonio Express-News in today's editions.

Pareya said that "with the new open door to information in the case, I am actively looking into the death of Michael Schroeder."

Schroeder, 29, was killed in a gunfight with more than a dozen ATF and Department of Public Safety agents when he tried to sneak into the Mount Carmel compound near Waco on the afternoon of Feb. 28, 1993.

The law officers with whom Schroeder exchanged shots, some of them members of sniper teams, were retreating from Mount Carmel after an earlier gun battle in which four agents and five Branch Davidians were killed.

Schroeder was married to Kathryn Schroeder, a Branch Davidian who became a key government witness in the 1994 criminal trial of 11 Davidians. She and Connizzo were plaintiffs in the survivors' wrongful death lawsuit against the federal government, set for trial in May.

But their claims were dismissed July 1 when Smith ruled that "ATF agents were justified in shooting Michael Schroeder because they returned fire only after they identified themselves and were shot at first by Michael Schroeder."

Connizzo noted that among Schroeder's wounds were two in his skull, near his right ear. But when Schroeder's body was presented for autopsy, it wasn't accompanied by a stocking cap that he was wearing at the shooting.

"A test for powder residues and gunpowder burns on the cap might answer Connizzo's questions by showing whether or not Schroeder was shot at close range," said filmmaker Mike McNulty of Colorado.

A DPS evidence report notes the agency ran no tests on the cap before turning it over to Smith's court last fall.

Pareya is the only official currently investigating Schroeder's death.

Reno reluctant to release memo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno is reluctant to release a memo critical of her for retaining control of the campaign finance investigation and defends her refusal to order an independent counsel probe of Vice President Al Gore in 1998.

But sometimes she is tempted to release both the critical memorandum as well as memos from other subordinates who advocated the course she took, she said Thursday. Some Republicans in Congress have regularly called for her resignation over these decisions, which also have become grist for GOP attacks on Gore during the presidential campaign.

"I often wake up in the morning thinking that (all the memos should be released) or wake up in the middle of the night thinking, yes, that's what we should do," Reno said at her weekly news conference. "But I have come to realize more and more that there are institutional concerns that are extremely important."

Department staff lawyers, "who give me such candid advice, expect that their deliberative memos will not be released," Reno said. "And I want to make sure that future attorneys general are not hampered by precedents that I might inappropriately establish."

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, has subpoenaed the critical memo for a second time. It was written in late 1998 by the department's campaign finance task force chief, Charles LaBella, who has long been publicly known to have advocated an independent counsel for campaign finance activities.

Burton subpoenaed the memo earlier, but he settled for being allowed to read a copy of it after Reno argued release could imperil pending investigations. He renewed his subpoena after some excerpts leaked to the Los Angeles Times this month, including LaBella's contention the department used "gamesmanship," "contortions" and "intellectually dishonest" double standards to avoid an independent counsel.

Reno said the department was reviewing whether circumstances had changed enough to allow release now but that she had yet to receive a recommendation.

Asked if White House fundraising remains under investigation, Reno replied, "I don't want to foreclose any avenue down the road, but at this time I do not have specific and credible evidence of any violation by a person who was a covered person when the Independent Counsel Act was in effect."

In December 1998, when that now-expired act was still in force, she rejected an independent counsel to look into whether Gore lied to investigators in saying he did not know some of the money he raised during office telephone calls was spent directly on the Clinton-Gore re-election, which was prohibited, instead of on general party advertising, which was permitted.

At the time, LaBella, FBI Director Louis Freeh and a senior Reno aide, Robert Litt, recommended an outside counsel; Lee Radek, head of the criminal division's public integrity section, and other aides were opposed, department officials have said.

Tornado cleanup begins in Austin area

LEANDER (AP) — For Central Texas residents terrified by a tornado, the cleanup and damage survey begins today.

Shingles littered front yards and patio furniture and jungle gyms were strewn about this town of 6,000 people near Austin. Residents milled in the streets after the funnel's passage Thursday, hugging each other and taking pictures of the damage to roofs and windows at about a dozen homes.

No injuries were reported, Leander police Sgt. Greg Minton said.

Hail up to baseball size also pounded the area between Austin and Georgetown.

An Austin-based insurance trade group had no estimates Thursday evening of what financial impact the storm would have.

"We do know in a major metropolitan area that a hail storm can cost $20 to 40 million, but that's an industy average," said Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

He said those with automobile or home damage should contact their insurance agents as quickly as possible and make minor repairs to prevent further damage.

The wall of a closet that had been the tornado shelter for Larry Gregory's family was pierced by a fence post. No one was home at the time.

"We never planned it like that, though," he said. "It's pretty chilling."

Marcie Dixon lost her garage roof in the fifth twister she's experienced across various parts of the country.

Dixon said as clouds swirled, the windows in her house flexed, "like they were breathing."

When she and her mother ran into a bathroom, "that's when we heard 'Boom!' The windows exploded."

Peggy McKenzie moved to Leander from Oklahoma City shortly before last year's devastating tornado there. Thursday's storm tore down her fence and blew off some shingles.

"Who knows where my patio table is," she said.

Her husband, Steve McKenzie, added: "The bad thing is, the tornado alarm didn't go off until the storm was past us."

The twister that hit around 4:20 p.m. was only miles from Jarrell, where an F-5 tornado killed 29 people in May 1997.

National Weather Service meteorologist Clay Anderson said he didn't know how large the tornado was, adding, "it is not a Jarrell, Texas thing."

A second tornado touched down in Pflugerville, 13 miles northeast of Austin, about an hour later. But no damage or injuries were reported, said Travis County Sheriff's Department dispatcher Craig Miller.

From the control tower at Bergstrom Airport, another twister was also reported.

As storms moved through the region, pea- to marble-size hail was reported in Burnet.

South Texas temperatures ranged from 62 in Junction to 83 in San Antonio.

A cold front continued to push through the rest of Texas, producing an odd mix of weather. Afternoon conditions ranged from several inches of snow in the Panhandle to balmy weather in North Texas.

The front stretched across most of the state today, mixing with unstable warm air with increasing chances of thunderstorms.

Leander is about 20 miles northwest of Austin.

Human organs on downed airplane

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Human organs destined for Central Texas hospitals were among the cargo of a private plane that crash-landed here.

But officials were unsure what effect the belly landing Wednesday night at San Antonio International Airport had on the cargo, which also included biochemicals.

The twin-engine plane burned on impact, authorities said.

The Cessna 402, piloted by Nicolas Platis, was carrying cargo from Harlingen when it crashed on its second attempt to land on Runway 3 just after 10 p.m. CST.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Cooking in aluminum considered safe

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it safe to cook in aluminum pots?

DEAR READER: Several years ago, medical studies appeared that seemed to show a distressing finding: Patients with Alzheimer's disease had high levels of aluminum in their brains. Following this, many people chose to restrict their contact with this ubiquitous mineral. They stopped using aluminum cookware and deodorant products that contained aluminum.

Such prohibitions were probably premature. At present, exposure to ordinary aluminum utensils is not considered to be a health hazard. Modern medical data indicate that Alzheimer's disease is probably a genetic disorder. I cannot give you an unassailable answer to your question, because the jury is still out on the matter. However, I would caution you to use common sense in your cooking. For example, storing acidic foods in aluminum containers does cause release of the mineral into the edibles and no one, to my knowledge, knows whether this could be hazardous. So, cooking is OK; storing is a no-no. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Alzheimer's Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I do a lot of baking for church groups. My cake and cookie recipes call for the addition of small amounts of liquor, such as Anisette or Galliano. Does cooking bake the alcohol out or does it remain? I would hate to cause problems for any alcoholic who might be tempted to enjoy my delicious items.

DEAR READER: For all practical purposes, the small amount of liquor that you use in baking will evaporate in the high temperatures of the cooking process. I believe that it is entirely appropriate for you to continue your policy of flavoring your baked goods.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have emphysema with a weird twist: I have most difficulty breathing between March and September. Then, once the cold weather sets in, I'm fine. Can you explain this?

DEAR READER: This is a challenging question. I'm not sure that I have an explanation for the phenomenon you describe, but one possibility stands out. You have the most trouble during the warm months of the growing season, when vegetation pollinates. Perhaps you have an undiagnosed allergy to the plant pollen that is suspended in the air you breathe. To confirm my hypothesis, see an allergist. Such a specialist can test you, prescribe appropriate antihistamine medication and — if indicated — administer desensitization injections.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it possible to be pregnant for nine months and not know it even after having had five previous pregnancies?

DEAR READER: I can't imaging such a situation. A woman would certainly have an inkling of pregnancy, especially once the fetus moves and the woman's breasts enlarge and become tender. I suppose that a massively obese mother-to-be might be less alert to the obvious changes taking place in her body, but as she approaches her delivery date, I believe that the signs of pregnancy would be unmistakable.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, March 18, 2000

Even if you didn't get some breaks you thought you deserved, don't let that influence you in the year ahead. With the right attitude you can go far in the months that follow.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make production your purpose today, not pleas for assistance. When you set the example and others see what can be accomplished, they'll fall in line. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Things may come relatively easy for you today, but if you take that for granted and fail to utilize your talents properly, you could let this opportunities slip past you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) No one is likely to do your bidding today if you don't first set the proper example. Do unto others and they, in turn, will do unto you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Failing to recognize another's worth or accomplishments does nothing to make your skills or achievements more outstanding. You'll get your just dues without having to ask.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Even if you're not work-oriented today, events will negate this. By the end of the day, you may be surprised to see how productive you've actually been.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A little friendly socializing may cost you a bit more than you had anticipated. But when all is done, chances are you'll feel it was well worth the cost.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) As long as you don't negatively prejudge people or things before they occur today, you should have a most pleasant, satisfying day. Maintain a positive attitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you operate under the elusion that no one has respect for your ideas, you would be shooting yourself in the foot. People will be there to support you if you let them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An associate might not feel the same urgency about making money as you do today, so if anything is of real significance to you, do it on your own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You have great ability to accomplish most of your aims and objectives today, but should you feel inept about something, 'fess up and don't create problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Strive to be tactful and diplomatic in all your dealings with others today, even if you secretly think ill of someone. It will pay off in spades in how people treat you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The greatest successes you could realize today will come through involvements with your family or loved one. Stick to what's important and you won't be disappointed.

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MOVIES

Snow Day
★★★ - PG
Chris Elliott, Jean Smart and Chevy Chase Are kids today overscheduled and in need of a break? That's the ideas behind Snow Day, a fantasy about how you can change your life with one day off from the rat race.

Reindeer Games
★★★ - R
Ben Affleck, Charlize Theron and Gary Sinise Outlandish but enjoyable film about an ex-con who is forced to mastermind a holiday heist at a Las Vegas casino. The movie is consistently interesting even as the plot twists pile up recklessly.

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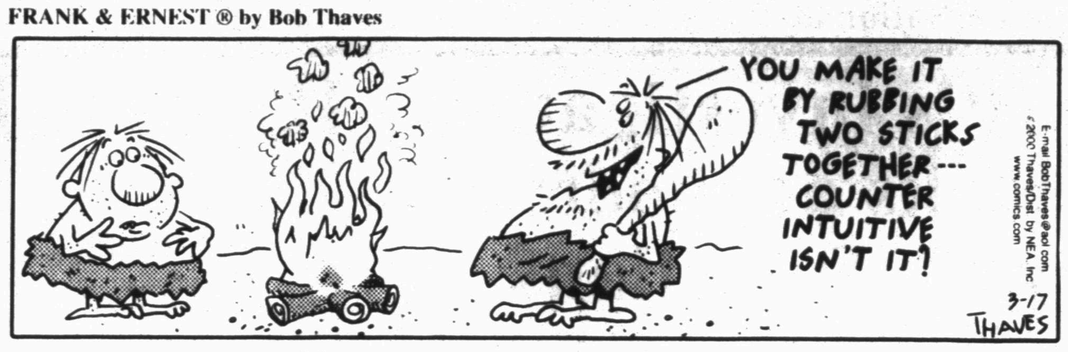

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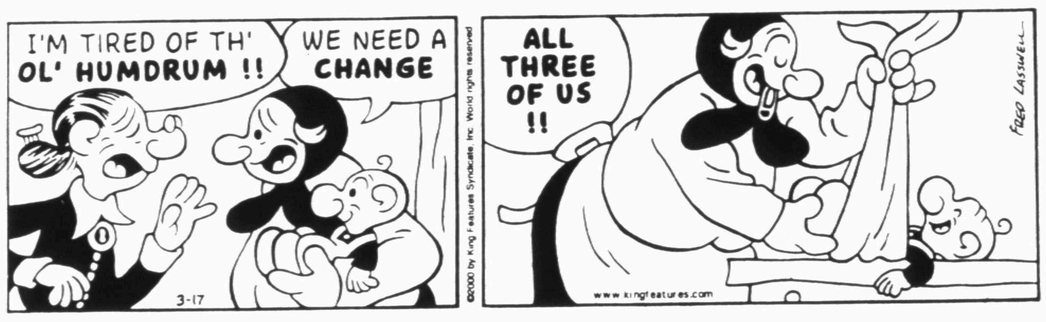

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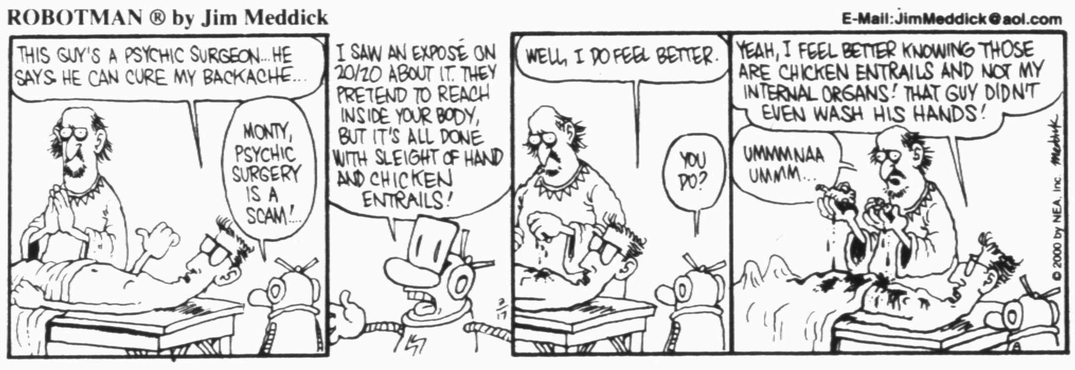

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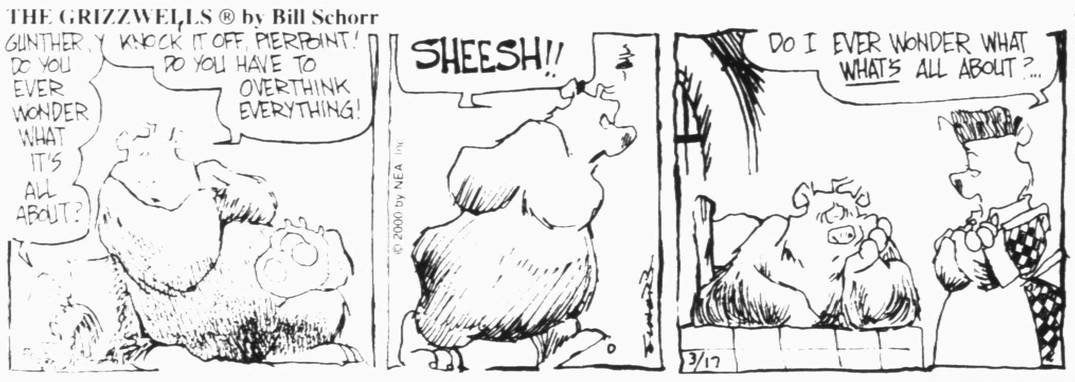

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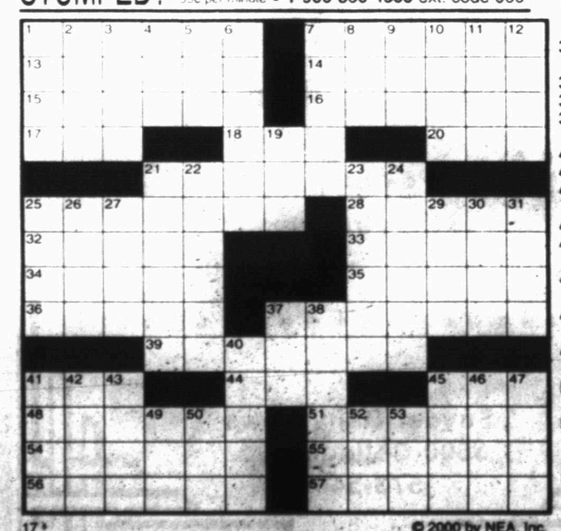

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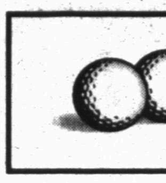

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SPORTS

Tourney opens without upsets

By The Associated Press

St. John's, LSU and Kentucky already are living dangerously in the NCAA tournament. At least they're still alive.

So are nearly all of Thursday's favorites as the opening day was nearly devoid of upsets. Only 10th-seeded Gonzaga's 77-66 victory over No. 7 Louisville in the West had a lower seed winning.

St. John's, seeded second in the West, barely survived a late comeback by Northern Arizona, 61-56. LSU, the fourth seed in the region, outlasted Southeast Missouri State 64-61. Kentucky, seeded fifth in the Midwest, had to work extra hard, going to double overtime to subdue St. Bonaventure 85-80.

A third SEC team, Auburn, also cut things close, partly because coach Cliff Ellis used the team manager in the final moments. The Tigers nearly blew a nine-point lead, but Mamadou N'diaye saved Auburn from one of the most embarrassing moments in college basketball history when he blocked Ben Walker's 3-pointer at the buzzer for a 72-69 victory in the Midwest.

Purdue got past Dayton 62-61 in the West as Jaraan Cornell hit three late 3-pointers and the Flyers missed several shots down the stretch.

WEST

Purdue 62, Dayton 61

The Boilermakers advanced to the second round for the seventh successive year as Brian Cardinal led all scorers with 18 points.

With his team down 62-61 with 6.7 seconds to go, Dayton's Brooks Hall was fouled. He made the first of two shots, running his free throw string to 23, but missed the second.

Gonzaga 77, Louisville 66

The Zags, last year's NCAA sensations, looked just as sharp this year. Despite a season-high 24 turnovers, Gonzaga pulled away in the second half with timely shooting and a tight defense that held Louisville to 38 percent from the field.

Oklahoma 74, Winthrop 50

Oklahoma made 10 of 21 3-pointers, while the Eagles shot just 26 percent, missing 18 of 20 3-pointers.

Five players scored in double figures for the Sooners, led by J.R. Raymond with 14.

LSU 64, SE Missouri St. 61

Brian Beshara hit a 3-pointer with 17.8 seconds remaining for LSU, in the tournament for the first time in seven years.

Roderick Johnson had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Indians, who were playing their first game in the NCAA tournament.

Texas 77, Indiana State 61

Darren Kelly scored 17 points and Texas big men Chris Mihm, Gabe Muoneke and Chris Owens each added 16 for the taller Longhorns.

"Our game plan was to play from inside out," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "We felt we had an advantage there."

Michael Menser led Indiana State, in the tourney for the first time since Larry Bird led the Sycamores to the final game in 1979, with 22 points.

MIDWEST

Auburn 72, Creighton 69

The Tigers were so sure their lead was safe, they put their team manager, Jimbo Tolbert, on the court in the final seconds.

But Creighton, the best long-range shooting team in the tournament, got a 3-pointer from Ryan Sears, and Tolbert turned the ball over with a bad inbounds pass.

Terrell Taylor hit anther 3 to pull the Bluejays to 72-69 at 3.8 seconds, and stunned Auburn turned over the ball on the inbounds pass again.

But N'diaye blocked Walker's shot.

Kentucky 85, St. Bonaventure 80, 2OT

Tayshaun Prince scored 28 points and made a 3-pointer with seven seconds remaining in regulation for Kentucky, which made things tough on itself with poor foul shooting and bad defense down the stretch.

David Messiah Capers, a 56 percent free-throw shooter, made three free throws with .04 seconds left to force the second OT.

Keith Bogans scored 19 points, his final two on a putback with 11.6 seconds remaining.

Utah 48, Saint Louis 45

Jeff Johnsen made an off-balance 3-pointer — barely beating the shot clock — with 1:43 left for the Utes. Maurice Jeffers led the Billikens with 10 points.

The Road to The Final Four

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17

Oregon (22-7) vs. Seton Hall (20-9), 12:25 p.m.
Temple (26-5) vs. Lafayette (24-6), 30 minutes after previous game
Oklahoma State (24-6) vs. Hofstra (24-6), 7:40 p.m.
Indiana (20-8) vs. Pepperdine (24-8), 30 minutes after previous game
Illinois (21-9) vs. Pennsylvania (21-7), 12:15 p.m.
Florida (24-7) vs. Butler (23-7), 30 minutes after previous game
Kansas (23-9) vs. DePaul (21-11), 7:40 p.m.
Duke (27-4) vs. Lamar (15-15), 30 minutes after previous game

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17

Cincinnati (28-3) vs. North Carolina-Wilmington (18-12), 12:30 p.m.
Tulsa (29-4) vs. UNLV (23-7), 30 minutes after previous game
Ohio State (22-6) vs. Appalachian State (23-8), 7:50 p.m.
Miami (21-10) vs. Arkansas (19-14), 30 minutes after previous game
Tennessee (24-6) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (25-8), 12:30 p.m.
Connecticut (24-9) vs. Utah State (28-5), 30 minutes after previous game
North Carolina (18-13) vs. Missouri (18-12), 7:55 p.m.
Stanford (26-3) vs. South Carolina State (20-13), 30 minutes after previous game

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Michigan State 65, Valparaiso 38
Utah 48, Saint Louis 45
Auburn 72, Creighton 69
Iowa State 88, Central Connecticut State 78
Maryland 74, Iona 59
UCLA 65, Ball State 57

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LSU 64, Southeast Missouri State 61
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Wisconsin 66, Fresno State 56
Oklahoma 74, Winthrop 50
Purdue 62, Dayton 61
Gonzaga 77, Louisville 66
St. John's 61, Northern Arizona 56

At Lovington rodeo...

WTC squad opens with strong effort

LOVINGTON, N.M. — At Thursday's opening performance of the Lovington rodeo, it looked as if Western Texas never skipped a beat.

After a successful fall campaign, Western Texas turned in a trio of first-place efforts Thursday to pick up right where it left off.

In the men's competition, two Westerners were sitting atop their events after the first day.

Rawley McFarland's score of 75 in the saddle bronc put the WTC freshman in the lead, while Luke Richards' time of 4.2 seconds gave him the lead in the steer wrestling.

B.J. Scott was sitting second in the bareback riding after posting a 70.

Tibba Smith and Cimmaron Boardman were sixth in team roping with a time of 7.8, while Chad Beavers and Cody Lawrence were 10th with a 9.0

In the women's competition, Brandee Brock paced the Lady Westerners' first-day efforts.

Brock posted a time of 3.1 in the breakaway roping to hold down the top spot, while Jill Childers was 10th with a 4.2.

Sequin Downey registered the second fastest time in the goat tying with an effort of 10.3, before notching an 18.6 in the barrel racing to put her in fourth.

Tibba Smith raced to an 18.44 in the barrels to put her in second place, after the first round.

The second performance is scheduled for tonight, with the finals slated for Saturday.

Rangers send Stevens to Montreal...

Texas part of three-team trade

DUNEDIN, Fla. (AP) — Texas, Toronto and Montreal weren't happy with their first basemen-designated hitters, so they got together for a three-way deal.

Toronto sent David Segui and cash to Texas, which then dealt Lee Stevens to the Expos. To complete Thursday's deal, Montreal sent Brad Fullmer to the Blue Jays.

"David Segui is a better fit for our lineup," Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said. "We just felt David's able to put the ball in play a little more and have a little better on-base percentage."

Texas manager Johnny Oates agreed.

"We wanted to get someone who was a little more consistent. Someone who puts the ball in play," he said. "David Segui will be good protection for (Rangers' designated hitter Rafael) Palmeiro in the fifth spot in the batting order.

"His switch-hitting is a plus," Oates said. "He also gives us another good defensive first baseman."

Segui hit a combined .298 for Seattle and Toronto last season, with 14 homers and 52 RBIs. A .285 career hitter, he was traded by Seattle last July 28 for pitchers Tom Davey and Steve Sinclair, became a free agent after the season, then signed a $4,325,000, one-year contract to stay with the Blue Jays.

"We're saving several million dollars on the face of the transaction," Toronto general manager Gord Ash said, even counting the $825,000 he's sending the Rangers.

With Carlos Delgado at first base, Segui would have been Toronto's DH.

"I don't know how happy David would be DHing," Blue Jays manager Jim Fregosi said. "David will play more first with Texas than he would have here."

Stevens batted .282 last season for the Rangers, setting career highs with 24 homers and 81 RBIs.

"I figured that they would release me before they would trade me," Stevens said. "It's going to be tough leaving Texas, because it's the only place I have ever really stayed."

Stevens will make $3.5 million after losing in salary arbitration. Like Segui, he is eligible for free agency after this season.

Mavericks rip Spurs, 110-88

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Erick Strickland scored 26 points and hit five of his team's 12 3-pointers as the Dallas Mavericks scorched the San Antonio Spurs 110-88.

It was their first win in the Alamodome since 1996.

The Mavericks, only 27-37 and not close to postseason contention, have beaten playoff-bound Phoenix, Indiana and San Antonio in the last six days after losing six in a row.

While Dallas sizzled offensively, San Antonio was lethargic in its first game since Tuesday night's emotional return of Sean Elliott from a kidney transplant.

Elliott started and played the first eight minutes, but he did not see action in the second half after his right groin tightened up. He had two points, hitting a base-line jumper, and four rebounds.

"Basically, it's just like having a training camp injury," Spurs spokeman Tom James said late in the game. "It's nothing serious, but we decided to hold him out as a precaution."

Michael Finley added 22 points for the Mavs, who shot 51.9 percent from the field and even better, 52.2 percent, from 3-point range (12-of-23.

David Robinson led San Antonio with 20 points, although neither he nor Tim Duncan played in the fourth quarter with the game out of hand. Duncan had just 10 points and did not return after drawing back-to-back offensive fouls in the third quarter.

San Antonio last led at 9-8 and never got closer than eight points in the last three quarters. Dallas built as much as a 30-point lead.

Sports Briefs

Little league sign-ups scheduled

Registration for Snyder Little League, ages 8-12, will be Monday through Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Caprock Securities.

Registration fee is $30 and players must bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Senior league needs help

Snyder Senior Baseball League is in need of board members. Anyone interested in serving on the board, or helping in any capacity, should contact Joel Hook at 573-4872 or 573-5213.

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Iverson suspended one game

MIAMI (AP) — Tension escalated between Allen Iverson and Philadelphia 76ers management when the NBA scoring leader was suspended at least one game for missing a shootaround.

Owner Pat Croce said the All-Star guard missed practices a couple of weeks ago, but the problem was temporarily resolved after a meeting with coach Larry Brown.

According to general manager Billy King, Iverson phoned the team trainer Thursday morning to say he had a headache and wouldn't be at the shootaround. King called Iverson's hotel room shortly thereafter, but there was no answer.

King, who finally reached Iverson in his room after the workout, said a headache wasn't an adequate excuse.

Iverson will lose one-82nd of his salary for each game suspended, about $144,000 per game.

Lakers' win streak ends

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers' 19-game winning streak, fourth-longest in NBA history, ended with a 109-102 loss to the Wizards.

Washington won for only the 21st time all season, getting 32 points from Mitch Richmond.

The Lakers' 19 straight victories, trailed only the 1971-72 Lakers (33), the 1970-71 Milwaukee Bucks (20) and the 1947-48 and 1948-49 Washington Capitols (20) for NBA's longest streak.

Singh, Waldorf lead at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Vijay Singh bogeyed the first two holes for a 4-under 68 to share the lead with Duffy Waldorf at the Bay Hill Invitational.

Tiger Woods, coming off a two-week break, was one back with six others, including Dudley Hart and one-hit wonder Mike Nicolette, who won Bay Hill in 1983, quit the tour five years later and now design clubs for Ping Golf.

Among 14 players at 70 were Phil Mickelson and Mark O'Meara.

Casey Martin double-bogeyed his final hole for 74, while 18-year-old amateur Aaron Baddeley of Australia and 20-year-old Sergio Garcia each had 75.

NIT Tournament Glance

All Times EST
First Round
Tuesday, March 14

North Carolina State 64, Tulane 60
Wake Forest 83, Vanderbilt 68

Wednesday, March 15

Penn State 55, Princeton 41
Xavier 67, Marquette 63
Villanova 72, Delaware 63
Georgetown 115, Virginia 111, 3OT
Mississippi 62, North Carolina Charlotte 45
Notre Dame 75, Michigan 65
Brigham Young 81, Bowling Green 54
Arizona State 83, New Mexico State 77
California 70, Long Beach St. 66
New Mexico 64, South Florida 58

Thursday, March 16

Siena 66, Massachusetts 65
Kent 73, Rutgers 62
Southwest Missouri State 77, Southern Methodist 64
Southern Illinois 94, Colorado 92

Second Round
Monday, March 20

Xavier (21-11) at Notre Dame (19-14), 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21

Arizona State (19-12) at North Carolina State (18-12), 7 p.m.
New Mexico (18-13) at Wake Forest (18-14), 7:30 p.m.
Georgetown (19-14) at California (17-14), 9 p.m.

March 20 or 21

Siena (24-8) vs. Penn State (16-15), TBA
Kent (22-7) vs. Villanova (20-12), TBA
Brigham Young (21-10) vs. Southern Illinois (20-12), TBA
Southwest Missouri State (23-10) vs. Mississippi (18-13), TBA

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	41	23	.641	—
New York	39	24	.619	1½
Philadelphia	35	28	.556	5½
Orlando	31	34	.477	10½
Boston	28	36	.438	13
New Jersey	27	36	.429	13½
Washington	21	45	.318	21
Central Division				
Indiana	44	21	.677	—
Toronto	37	26	.587	6
Charlotte	35	28	.556	8
Detroit	32	31	.508	11
Milwaukee	31	34	.477	13
Cleveland	25	39	.391	18½
Atlanta	24	39	.381	19
Chicago	13	50	.206	30
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	43	20	.683	—
San Antonio	41	24	.631	3
Minnesota	38	26	.594	5½
Dallas	27	37	.422	16½
Denver	26	38	.406	17½
Houston	24	40	.375	19½
Vancouver	18	47	.277	26
Pacific Division				
x-L.A. Lakers	53	12	.815	—
x-Portland	49	16	.754	4
Phoenix	40	23	.635	12
Seattle	40	26	.606	13½
Sacramento	37	27	.578	15½
Golden State	16	48	.250	36½
L.A. Clippers	14	51	.215	39

Thursday's Games

Washington 109, L.A. Lakers 102
Utah 107, Cleveland 86
Miami 92, Philadelphia 77
Milwaukee 106, Houston 96
Dallas 110, San Antonio 88
Seattle 117, Vancouver 103
Minnesota 96, Portland 92

Friday's Games

Orlando at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Utah at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Milwaukee at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

L.A. Lakers at New York, Noon
Utah at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Houston at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 3:30 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Rockets stumble against struggling Bucks, 106-96

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ray Allen helped keep the struggling Milwaukee Bucks in the hunt for the playoffs.

Losers of 13 of 17 games coming into Thursday night's game, Allen paced the Bucks to a 106-96 victory over the Houston Rockets with 28 points, seven assists and three steals.

A loss would have dropped the Bucks a full game behind Orlando for the final spot in the Eastern Conference playoffs. But thanks to Allen, who had some big help from Sam Cassell and Glenn Robinson, the Bucks might have salvaged their fading hopes.

Allen keyed a third-quarter comeback with nine points that erased Houston's 48-40 halftime lead.

Rookie Steve Francis, who had 22 points and six assists, pushed the Rockets' lead to 53-42 early in the third with his third of four 3-pointers in the game.

But Houston couldn't extend the margin as Allen, who had nine points in the quarter, passed to Scott Williams for a jumper to begin the comeback.

Allen and the Bucks kept chipping away and finally took the lead for good with a 14-5 run to close the third period.

Cassell, who finished with 22 points, capped the decisive surge with a free throw and a jumper that gave Milwaukee a 71-68 lead heading into the final period.

Robinson, held to five points in the first half, shook loose in the second half for 14 more, including eight in the fourth quarter as the Bucks never let the lead they grabbed in the third quarter slip away.

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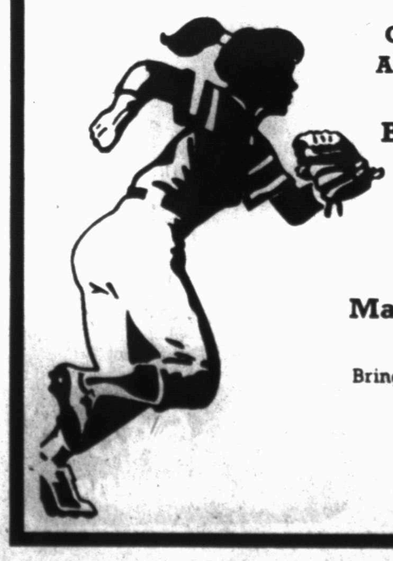

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Bush criticizes Gore over aides' attempt to get info from IRS

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bipartisan congressional report describing attempts by Vice President Gore's office to obtain IRS taxpayer data for a union is now a presidential campaign issue.

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush said Thursday that two calls to the Internal Revenue Service by two Gore aides raise "serious ethical questions." Gore's presidential campaign countered that "the only legitimate tax issue" is Bush's "scandalous tax scheme."

Bush called on the vice president to further explain the 1997 contacts, described by the bipartisan Joint Taxation Committee as "in violation of written White House policies."

White House staff members are prohibited from "any communication of any type with the IRS" without approval of the counsel's office — except for someone's own personal returns. The IRS treats taxpayer information as confidential and indeed rebuffed Gore's aides, the report said.

Gore's office says the contacts by the aides, including his chief counsel at the time, were a "simple status check." But the committee's report said the information sought by the aides appears to have been protected by tax confidentiality laws.

From the campaign trail, Bush called the report a "troubling revelation."

"I call on the vice president to explain: Why did he seek to obtain secret information, and what did he want to know and why did he want to know it?" Bush said in Springfield, Ill.

Bush said the contacts, coupled with Gore's campaign fundraising problems in 1996, "aren't mistakes. These are habits. They raise serious ethical questions."

Gore campaign press secretary Chris Lehane accused Bush of making "wildly exaggerated accusations."

An IRS memo said Gore sought the information, which involved the classification of a group of workers, in preparation for a meeting with a union official. The matter was turned over to IRS investigators, but no action was taken, the committee said.

The committee report's main focus was to answer allegations by nonprofit conservative groups that they were audited because of their anti-Clinton views.

The committee found no evidence to support that contention, but determined that Gore's office and the Treasury Department apparently tried in separate instances to obtain confidential information. The IRS is prohibited by law from releasing specific taxpayer data in almost all instances — unless a taxpayer requests his or her own information.

Lindy Paull, the committee's staff director, said an IRS memo on the contacts indicated that after one member of the vice president's staff was unsuccessful in getting the tax data, a second official made another effort "to get the same information."

The staffers making the calls, according to the memo, were Kumiki Gibson — Gore's counsel at the time — and Joe Eyer, another aide. Both contacts were on Jan. 28, 1997. Neither official still works for the vice president.

Describing the second call, the IRS memo writer, in a portion read to The Associated Press, wrote, "I received another call from a Mr. Joe Eyer who I believe ... said was Ms. Gibson's boss. He too said he was counsel to the vice president." Eyer, in fact, was assistant to the deputy chief of staff, Gore's office said.

The memo also said, "During the course of this conversation, at some point I was reminded that the vice president was meeting with the union president the next day."

Vice presidential spokeswoman Laura Quinn said Eyer was not Gibson's supervisor, that the aides were making "a simple status check" and that any duplication of calls were "inadvertent."

Markets

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NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	30⅛	28 11-16	29¾	—13-16
AT&T Corp s	53⅝	52 7-16	53⅜	+ ⅜
Albertsons	30⅞	29⅜	29⅞	+ ½
Alltel	69 13-16	67 5-16	69⅝	— 1-16
AmerOnline s	64¾	62	64⅛	+ 2½
AndarkPtr	33 3-16	32⅜	32½	— 9-16
AtlRichfld	84 15-16	84 1-16	84¼	— 1⅝
ATMOS Egy	18⅞	18⅝	18	13-16 + 3-16
Aviall	9⅜	8 11-16	9¼	+ 7-16
BP Amoco s	52⅞	52 5-16	52 7-16	—1 5-16
BakerHughes	27¾	25⅞	25	15-16—1 7-16
Bank of Amer	50⅝	49	50⅝	+ 1⅜
BellAtl	59 5-16	57¾	59¼	+ 1⅜
BellSouth	47	45 11-16	46	13-16 + 7-16
Beth Steel	7 1-16	6¾	6⅞	— ⅛
BurlNoSFe	21⅜	21⅛	21⅜	+ ⅜
CBS Corp	59⅝	57⅜	59¼	+ 1
Caterpillar	40¼	39 9-16	40	—11-16
CenSoWst	18 1-16	17 13-16	18 1-16	+ ⅛
Chevron	84	82 5-16	83 5-16	—13-16
Citigroup s	57 9-16	56⅛	57⅜	+ ⅜
Coastal	43 1-16	42¾	42 15-16	— ¼
CocaCola	49¾	49¼	49 11-16	— 1-16
ColgatePal s	51⅝	49⅞	51 7-16	+ 3-16
ComclMetals	27⅝	26½	27 9-16	+ 9-16
Cooperin	35⅛	33⅞	35	+ ½
DaimlrChry	66 3-16	65⅛	66	—1 15-16
DallSemicn s	39½	37¼	39½	+ ¾
DeltaAirl	51	50⅜	50⅝	— 5-16
Dillards Inc	16⅝	15⅞	16½	— 3-16
DowChem	111 15-16	108⅜	108 9-16	— 3⅜
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EDS Corp	64 3-16	62⅛	64⅛	+ 1¼
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ExxonMobil	79⅝	78 1-16	78¾	— 1
Flowers	14 3-16	13¾	14 1-16	+ 1-16
FordMotor	45 13-16	44¼	45 9-16	+ 1¾
GTE Cp	69⅜	67⅛	69 1-16	+ 1 9-16
GenDynam	46⅝	45 1-16	46⅛	+ 1
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Navistar	39 13-16	39 7-16	39 11-16	+ 1-16
Penney JC	15 7-16	15 1-16	15⅜	+ ⅛
PepBoys	6 7-16	6¼	6⅜	— 9-16
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Would privacy panel put the brakes on new laws in U.S.?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as the push for new laws protecting the privacy of consumers on the Internet appears to be picking up speed, two congressmen want to create a commission to study privacy issues for 18 months and hold at least 20 hearings across the country.

Supporters of new federal privacy laws — who are encouraged by recent pronouncements of support from public polls and by some lawmakers — offered lukewarm support, even skepticism for the idea.

Reps. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., and Jim Moran, D-Va., this week introduced a bill to form a 17-member national privacy commission to study for up to 18 months questions surrounding Internet privacy, identity theft and protections for health, medical and financial records.

Under the proposal, the panel would hold at least 20 public hearings nationwide before submitting a report about privacy threats that includes recommendations whether new laws are needed. The commission was expected to cost about $17 million.

So far, the Clinton administration has urged U.S. companies to regulate among themselves ways they protect consumer privacy on the Internet, such as under programs run by the Better Business Bureau or Truste, which audit companies that volunteer to participate.

The industry fears mandatory privacy rules that could raise its costs even in these earliest stages of electronic commerce.

"It's going to be your way or the government's way — your choice," warned Orson Swindle, a member of the Federal Trade Commission, in a speech this week to Internet companies. He urged companies to do a better job safeguarding the privacy of their customer data and for executives to review their Web sites' promises to protect that information.

But amid increasing public concerns about the threat of privacy violations made possible by new technologies, some lawmakers and other government officials believe it increasingly likely that new laws are inevitable — possibly as early as this year.

"This whole thing of Internet privacy is just going to explode," Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, told a meeting this week of the Consumer Federation of America. "Within a very short time we're going to have strong privacy protection."

Hutchinson said the national privacy commission he envisions wouldn't prevent Congress from considering related proposals, and it could issue interim reports on specific privacy questions before the end of 18 months.

"It would not foreclose individual privacy legislation from going

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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The good fortune of the Irish

By Phillip Alder

Today is St. Patrick's Day, in honor of the patron saint of Ireland. The Irish are well-known for many things: luck, leprechauns, peat bogs, potatoes, beautiful green countryside, and Guinness (a stout that is known locally as Liffey Water, after the river on which Dublin stands).

The country has also had some very good bridge players. Its greatest success on the international stage was third place in the 1979 European Open Team Championship, played in Lausanne, Switzerland. Wasn't this deal from the match against Israel a lucky one?

The Irish pair of Adam Mesbur (North) and Nick FitzGibbon had a lengthy auction to four spades. Mesbur won 12 tricks when East didn't lead a club.

The Israeli pair blasted into six no-trump. If West, the colorful Monty Rosenberg, had led a club, there would have been no story. But that was far from an obvious start. And Monty had been weaned on fourth-highest from one's longest and strongest. So he selected the spade four.

If declarer rises with dummy's queen and plays a diamond, he collects 12 tricks via five spades, four hearts, two diamonds and one club. Yet West's fourth-highest lead suggested he had an honor in the suit. The only missing honor was the 10, and thinking that if West had 10-fifth he had to insert dummy's nine, declarer did exactly that. But when East covered with his singleton 10, the contract was no longer makable.

Declarer should have played low from the dummy, planning, if East contributed the six, seven or eight, to finesse dummy's nine on the second round.

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Man accused of trying to sell daughter to undercover cops

DETROIT (AP) — A man has been charged with felony child-abandonment on accusations he tried to sell his 10-month-old daughter for $60,000 to undercover police posing as a childless couple.

The man told a judge Thursday that he succumbed to the lure of big money.

"I've got a lot of bills," Lawrence B. Schaub said. "I could've used the cash."

The case brought a call for a new law against the peddling of children.

"I don't think the Legislature can ever foresee all the reprehensible things people do or attempt to do," said State Sen. Ken DeBeaussaert. The New Baltimore Democrat plans to introduce a measure to make child-selling a felony.

"This story sickens your stomach," he said.

Schaub, 30, of Macomb County's Clinton Township, was arraigned Thursday in 42nd District Court.

"I love my children, and I'm sorry," Schaub told Judge Paul Cassidy. Cassidy ordered him jailed on $500,000 bond.

Conviction for child-abandonment carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

Authorities arrested Schaub when he tried to sell his daughter Wednesday for $60,000 to undercover investigators. They were posing as a childless man and woman and the man's father, Chesterfield Township police Lt. David Marker said.

Schaub had made a promotional video hawking the girl. He told the girl's 5-year-old brother to kiss his sister goodbye because "you're never going to see her again," Marker said.

"I don't know what I can tell you as to what his motivation was," Marker said. "Probably about 10 seconds prior to being arrested, he was on cloud nine. He was flying high.

"He was very upbeat until he realized what was going on. Then he cried like a baby."

Marker gave this account of the investigation:

Investigators got a tip Friday, contacted Schaub and found "this guy's for real." Days of negotiations followed.

On Tuesday, undercover Chesterfield Township police Detective Jim Gates met Schaub at a restaurant and said he wanted to buy the child for his son and daughter-in-law.

Gates offered $5,000 to Schaub, who demanded $10,000. Gates agreed, and Schaub asked to meet with the would-be parents. They met later that day.

"Our story was that the prospective parents were going to move to Florida and start a new life" with the baby. "When (Schaub) found out the child was not going to be part of his life, he wanted $60,000."

Gates balked, and "the discussion was up in the air" until Wednesday, when Gates told Schaub the $60,000 price was acceptable because the would-be parents "don't want (Schaub) to have access to the child, and he agreed to it immediately."

Officers then paid Schaub $10,000 with promises to pay the rest within days. Schaub threatened to report them as kidnappers if they failed to pay the other $50,000.

Officers were strapping the baby into a car seat when Schaub was arrested.

"I couldn't have scripted it any better," said Marker.

Deputies shot while trying to serve warrant

ATLANTA (AP) — The former black militant once known as H. Rap Brown was being sought today after two sheriff's deputies were shot as they tried to serve a warrant accusing him of assault.

It was unknown whether Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, as Brown is now known, fired the shots that wounded the Fulton County officers Thursday night.

"We do not know if he is the shooter or not," sheriff's spokesman Capt. David Chadd said.

One deputy was in critical condition at Grady Memorial Hospital and the other was in guarded condition.

The officers exchanged gunfire with the suspect at an Atlanta address listed on the warrant. Chadd said authorities believe the suspect was also wounded.

"We believe by the number of shell casings in the street, the shooter confronted the deputies outside the house," Chadd said.

Said Sheriff Jacquelyn Barrett: "I think both officers kind of walked into this."

Al-Amin was a leader of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and justice minister of the Black Panthers, which rose to prominence in the 1960s. Known then as Brown, he once exhorted blacks to arm themselves, saying "violence is as American as cherry pie."

In 1967, he was charged with inciting a riot in Cambridge, Md., where he had told about 400 blacks: "It's time for Cambridge to explode, baby. Black folks built America, and if America don't come around, we're going to burn America down."

After the rally, shots were fired between blacks and whites. Al-Amin was wounded in the forehead by a shotgun pellet, and a white police officer was shot in the neck, face and hand. No one was killed.

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Dow volatility surfaces again

NEW YORK (AP) — Now that blue-chip stocks have burst out of a months-long slump, Wall Street analysts are wondering whether the market's surge is the sign of a turnaround or just another volatile swing in a volatile year.

The Dow, the best-known barometer of the U.S. stock market, rose a record 499.19 points Thursday, adding to a 320-point gain in the previous session. With those two sessions, the blue-chip index wiped out more than 40 percent of its losses over the last two months.

The gains resumed this morning after only a brief bout of selling to cash in on the remarkable runup. Trading was running slower than Thursday's record-shattering pace.

The Dow was up 65.46 at 10,696.06 at midmorning, while the Nasdaq composite index gained 76.87 at 4,794,26.

The Nasdaq broke out of a three-day slump Thursday to finish up 134.77 points.

The gains were breathtaking, to be sure. But will the new-found strength stick?

"It's too soon to tell whether this is anything more than a short-term head fake," said David G. Sowerby, vice president at Loomis, Sayles & Co.

The market's gyrations this week have come amid extraordinarily high volume. On Thursday, a record 1.48 billion shares changed hands on the New York Stock Exchange as of the closing bell, surpassing the previous high of 1.35 billion set Dec. 17, 1999.

On the Nasdaq, where volume typically exceeds that of the NYSE, 2.04 billion shares were traded. That made for a busy day but fell short of the record of 2.23 billion set March 1.

With so many shares changing hands, it's become increasingly common for market indexes to pitch wildly throughout a session. Years ago, a day in which the Dow moved up or down more than 100 points was considered remarkable. In the 52 trading days since Jan. 1, the Dow has subjected traders to 27 doses of triple-digit moves either up or down.

"At these levels, you're going to get shakeouts from time to time," Sowerby said.

It isn't just volatility that makes analysts question the staying power of the market's gains. Most market watchers believe the blue-chip stocks of the Dow were due for a rally, and the technology stocks that dominate the Nasdaq were ready for a bout of profit-taking.

But the factors that drove the U.S. stock market into its bipolar state are still firmly in place.

Northern Ireland urged to consider peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — In personal and direct appeals, President Clinton is urging key players in Northern Ireland to restore the region's coalition government and avoid a renewal of violence. "Whatever the differences," he said, "it's not worth another life."

Clinton spoke to a gala dinner Thursday attended by such influential leaders as Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams and David Trimble of the Ulster Unionist Party before holding five separate meetings and a St. Patrick's Day reception at the White House today.

Trimble said today that in addition to meeting with Clinton, he expected to talk directly with Adams and other Republican leaders while in Washington, but did not express high expectations for their meeting. Trimble said he expects restoration of the suspended administration for Northern Ireland, but his supporters need assurances that it will work before they will join it again.

"We are on the last lap, but somebody has stumbled and fallen," Trimble said. He said the Republicans need to seriously face the issue of decommissioning their weapon. "We're not getting anything at the moment from the Republicans," he said.

Adams accuses the Protestants for making demands that go beyond the 1998 peace agreement setting up the power-sharing system for the British province.

The president told the leaders joining more than 1,000 guests at the annual America Ireland Fund dinner Thursday that he was proud of the supporting role he had played in the peace process, noting that "the ceasefires now are measured in years, not weeks."

But he reminded them that his term in office is fast coming to an end and admitted he is "more burdened by the fact that I have not found an answer to the present stalemate."

"I must confess as your friend that I still do not know the answers," he said. "But I do know life is fleeting, and opportunities come, and also go. We have the chance of a lifetime here."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, one of the leaders meeting with Clinton today, said he is confident of a resolution "as long as people are engaged and focused on the peace process."

Reaching a resolution before Easter, Ahern said on CBS' "The Early Show," will require "a determination by all the parties to implement the Good Friday agreements in full, to stop talking about reviews or amendments, just concentrate about what's already on paper."

Worrying about threats part of Taiwan's presidential race

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Worrying about threats of a Chinese missile attack or invasion has become a presidential election tradition in Taiwan's young democracy.

Saturday's vote could be a test of how scared Taiwanese are of China's massive military just 80 miles across the Taiwan Strait.

Despite China's threat to invade Taiwan if the island declares independence, the candidate whose party favors a permanent split with Beijing has a good chance of winning the close three-way race.

This week, Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji indicated that if opposition presidential hopeful Chen Shui-bian won, he could spark a conflict with China. Zhu also wouldn't rule out threatening military displays before the vote, saying "wait and see."

Chinese leaders "are telling Taiwanese voters you have to decide whether you want to vote for peace or war," said Yang Kai-huang, a political science professor at Soochow University in Taipei.

Zhu's language was harsh, but nothing like Beijing's response to Taiwan's first direct presidential election in 1996, when China lobbed nuclear-capable missiles near the island's two major ports. The United States sent two aircraft carriers and other warships to the region to cool tensions.

This time, Beijing is worried that if Chen is elected, he would declare independence. China and Taiwan split amid civil war in 1949, and Beijing has repeatedly threatened to invade if the island tries to break away permanently.

Taiwanese investors were spooked by that prospect early in the week, sending shares down almost 6.6 percent Monday. Prices slid sharply again Thursday, prompting the government to intervene with massive purchases, but today prices finished almost 1 percent higher in calmer dealings.

Although Chen, a former Taipei mayor, has said he would only move Taiwan toward independence if Beijing attacks, his Democratic Progressive Party still opposes reunification with the mainland.

Last month, China stepped up its threats, saying it would use force if Taiwan indefinitely rebuffed reunification talks.

"Don't exclude any possibility in the next two days," said Zhou Zhihuai, deputy president of China's influential Institute of Taiwan Studies.

"We hope the common folk of Taiwan will make a wise choice, a choice for stability.

Boeing reaches tentative pact

SEATTLE (AP) — A tentative agreement was reached today to end a 38-day strike by thousands of Boeing Co. engineers and technical workers in seven states, one of the largest white-collar walkouts in U.S. history.

Members of the Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, will vote on the three-year pact Sunday, and union leaders recommended approval.

Boeing shares jumped following news of the agreement. In early trading on the New York Stock Exchange, the stock was up 7.2 percent, or $2.561/4 a share, to $38.183/4.

C. Richard Barnes, director of the mediation service, said he was optimistic the deal, reached early today after meetings in Washington, D.C., would be ratified, saying there seemed to be "a genuine level of satisfaction among both parties."

The union said the deal includes guaranteed wage increases of at least 9 percent over the life of the contract as well as cash bonuses of up to $2,500, a key issue in a strike that had grown increasingly rancorous since it began Feb. 9.

A company demand for employee copayments toward health insurance premiums was dropped, the union said, and health coverage would be extended to unmarried workers' domestic partners.

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17-year-old listed in serious condition

Amanda Nobles, 17, of 1663 Huffman Ave., remains in serious condition in Lubbock's University Medical Center's surgical intensive care unit following an accident Saturday morning west of Ira.

Nobles was first treated for injuries at Cogdell Memorial Hospital before being transferred to Lubbock by AeroCare.

According to James Arnwine, investigating Department of Public Safety trooper, Nobles was attempting to cross from a trailer into the back of a pickup when she fell and was run over by the trailer.

The 1999 Ford F-150 was driven by James Tatom, 21, of Snyder.

According to Arnwine, the vehicle was heading northbound on F.M. 1298 and was traveling between five and 10 miles per hour.

The mishap occurred around 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Officers take theft, violence reports

Police activity on Thursday included reports taken for theft and family violence.

An employee of Rip Griffin's contacted officers at 8:17 a.m. in reference to a subject getting $300 worth of diesel and the company he was charging it to refusing to pay due to the subject not working for them any longer. An offense report was filed for Class B theft.

Unrelated reports for family violence were taken at 10:02 p.m. and 10:19 p.m.

A 21-year-old male was taken into custody at 1:06 p.m. in the 2700 block of Avenue F. He was put on hold for the Border Patrol.

Officers also worked two accidents Thursday.

The first occurred at 11:36 a.m. in the 2700 block of college. Involved were a 1995 Jeep Cherokee driven by Mark Allen Cave, 19, of 7660 South Hwy. 208 and a 1999 GMC pickup driven by Janie E. Rodriguez, 32, of 413 20th Street.

A mishap occurred at 3:46 p.m. in the 800 block of FM 1673 at 3:46 p.m. involving a 1993 Peterbilt Conventional tractor hauling a 1972 Fruehauf flatbed trailer and a 1994 Mitsubishi Mirage.

The driver of the tractor was Kenneth Dwain Vineyard, 59, of Brady and the driver of the Mitsubishi was Janice M. Fuentez, 19, of 1402 7th Street. RTI Trucking Inc. owns the tractor and trailer.

Snyderite arrested in Breckenridge

A 47-year-old Snyder man was arrested in Breckenridge this morning on a felony warrant for sexual assault of a child under 17 years of age.

Donnie Clay Buchanan, of 1310 CR 241 turned himself into authorities at the Stephens County Jail at 10:41 after a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Following his arraignment, he was released on a $10,000 bond.

The incident was alleged to have occurred in July 1997 in Breckenridge.

Stephens County authorities were assisted in the investigation locally by Scurry County deputy Steven Schwartz.

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Church dedication service

The Snyder First Church of Nazarene will hold a dedication service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday for the new entryway at the church. Lunch will be served after the service and everyone is invited.

AARP meeting

AARP #2063 will meet Monday at noon at the Senior Center. Dee Wilson, executive director of Gateway Family Services, Inc., will present the program.

UW board meeting

The board of directors of the Scurry County United Way will be held at noon Monday at the Snyder Area CADA office, located at 2513 College Ave.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Why We Need the Church," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 5."

4-H horse club

The Scurry County 4-H horse club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at East Elementary.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit immunization clinics this month are Thursday and March 30. Thursdays dates in April are the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

American Diabetes Association Walk

The American Diabetes Association Walk for East Elementary's fourth graders is scheduled next Friday. Christi Smith, PE instructor, asks everyone to "help the students with this worthy cause." For more information, contact Smith at 573-1769.

Annual sausage festival

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival is set for Sunday, April 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Meals tickets are available at the door for $6 for adults and take-outs, and $3 for children under 12. The sausage dinner with all the trimmings is all-you-can eat. The festival will also have game booths, raffles and a country store. Sausage sold by the pound is $2.75 uncooked and $3.75 cooked.

Golden K fish fry

The Golden K Kiwanis will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Senior Citizens Center. Plates, including carryouts, are $6.50 each. Children under six may eat free.

Building fund sale

Lighthouse Assembly of God Church is accepting items of any kind for its building fund sale. The church will pick up items. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are plenty of extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

LCU chorus

Lubbock Christian University's Parise! Chorus will perform at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, at East Side Church of Christ. Allison Bowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Bowden of Snyder, and Jenise Judah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Judah, are members of the LCU chorus. The concert is free and open to the public.

MAWC luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon Sunday, March 26, starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children six and under. For reservations call 573,3427, 573-6443 or 573-6717.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the school library. Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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