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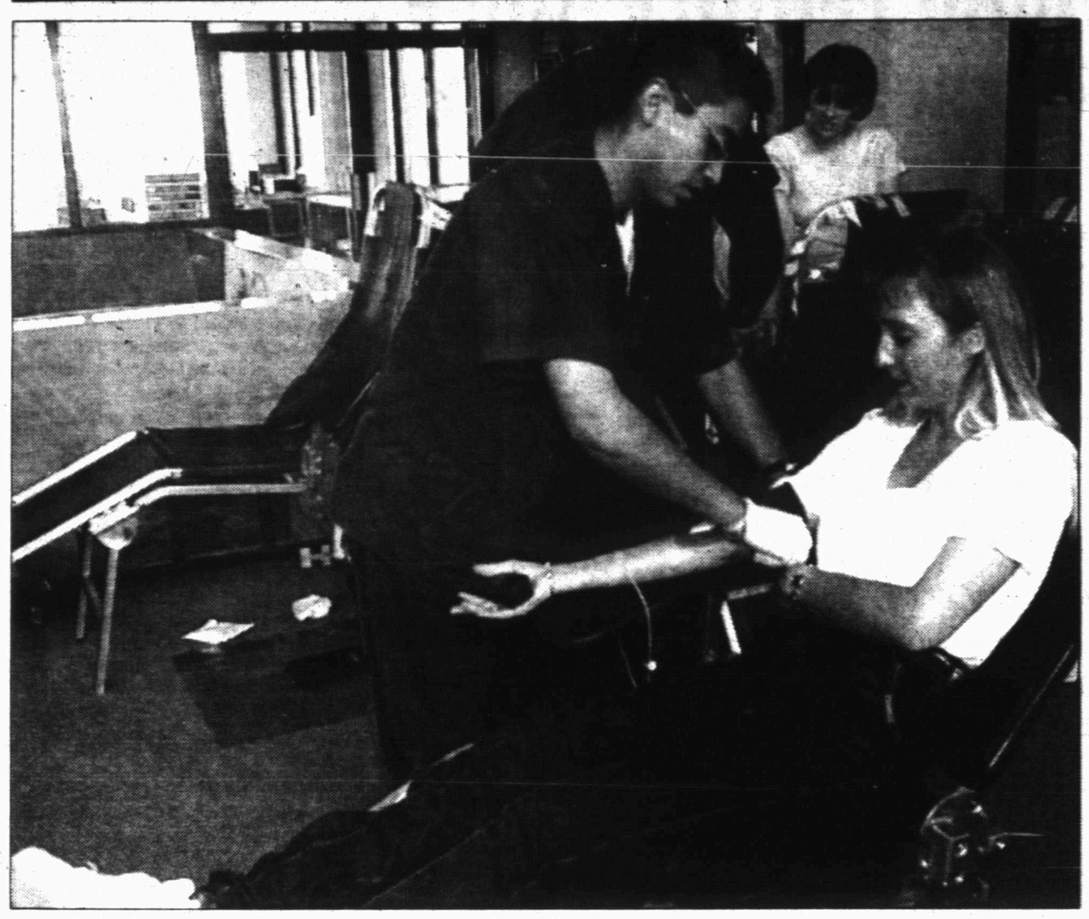


BLOOD DRIVE — Western Texas College freshman Amy Clemmer watches closely as Marcelino Aguirre, United Blood Services phlebotomist, prepares her to donate blood. The three-day blood drive concluded today. (SDN Staff Photo)

3 U.S. soldiers captured, shown on Serb television

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military officials confirmed today that three captured U.S. soldiers shown on Serbian television were those reported missing several hours earlier near the Yugoslav-Macedonia border.

The Americans had told comrades they were under attack and surrounded shortly before losing radio contact.

Defense officials identified the three as Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Ramirez, 24, Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Stone, 25, and Spec. Steven M. Gonzales, 24. The defense officials, speaking on condition of anonymity and in advance of an official Army announcement, said the men's families had been notified.

Ramirez's home of record is Los Angeles, and Gonzales is from Huntsville, Texas, the defense officials said.

Gonzales graduated in 1995 from Palestine High School, assistant principal Bob Stephenson told The Associated Press this morning.

"As soon as I got to school a couple of teachers grabbed me right away," Stephenson said. "One of our teachers' daughter graduated with him and she recognized his picture."

Gonzales played high school soccer and was "an outstanding student," Stephenson said.

Stone is from Kenockee Township in St. Clair County, Mich., the Times Herald of Port Huron reported today.

"We're pretty much in shock," his father, Jim Stone, told the newspaper. "We didn't know anything that was going on."

Stone graduated from Capac High School in 1991. A school official said no one was immediately available to discuss him.

At NATO headquarters today, U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, the top NATO commander, told reporters he would not discuss circumstances of the incident.

"We've seen the pictures on television, we don't like it," Clark said. "We have a long memory about these things."

At the same news conference, NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic would be held personally responsible for the safety of the U.S. soldiers and he added that this message has been transmitted to Yugoslavia through diplomatic channels.

Earlier, Capt. John Clearwater, spokesman for the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division in Germany, confirmed the men were from his division.

"The great news is the fact that these soldiers are alive and well and appear to be healthy," Clearwater told The Associated Press by telephone from the unit's base at Wurzburg, Germany.

Clearwater said he had no information on the circumstances of their capture.

Local savings and loan firm has new name, logo

Snyder's last savings and loan association now has a new name.

Texas Savings Bank, ssb, is the new name for the former Snyder Savings and Loan Association which was founded in 1957.

"The change was effective Tuesday," said Darryl Calley, vice president.

Stockholders approved the new charter at its annual stockholders meeting March 16. The Texas Savings and Loan Department approved the conversion on Tuesday, March 30.

"Ownership, management, directors ... everything is the same, except the name," said Calley.

Calley said the local financial institution chose to change to a state savings bank in order to reduce regulatory costs, and to avoid possible legislation over which they had no control.

"Our customers will not notice any differences in operations ... ust the signs and our logo," added Kendra Stephens, vice president.

The financial institution began offering checking services to its customers last year.

Stephens said under present guidelines, Texas Savings Bank will have the same lending and investment authority as state and national commercial banks.

"The main difference is that we are required to have a larger percentage of investments associated with housing, real estate or mortgage-backed securities," said Stephens.

"Anything to do with housing," added Calley, noting that the firm now has 85 percent of its investments related to housing.

The industry norm is 65 percent, Calley said.

J.B. Tate Jr. is the president of Texas Savings Bank, with Calley and Stephens serving as vice presidents.

Assistant vice presidents are Sally Herrington and Denise Estes.

Board members include Tate, Calley, David Cotton, James Cave, Charles Church, John Coffman, Keith Hackfeld and Monte West.

"We're still hometown folks," emphasized Stephens and Calley.

"Our committment to Snyder and the area communities is as strong as ever, if not more so," they added.

Hermleigh man headed to TDCJ

A 59-year-old Hermleigh man was sentenced to serve 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following a probation revocation hearing Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Terry Jim Nachlinger was serving a 10-year prison term, probated for seven years, for a 1997 conviction of felony driving while intoxicated.

A motion to revoke the probation was based on a Sept. 5, 1998 DWI offense in Tom Green County and failure to report the arrest to the probation department.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong ordered the 10-year prison sentence.

Search underway for bodies in New Mexico

ELEPHANT BUTTE, N.M. (AP) — Investigators have begun excavating around the lakeside trailer where two women said they were held in chains and sexually tortured this winter.

"We are doing some selective digging by hand," FBI agent Doug Beldon said Wednesday. "We're looking for some things that might be concealed subsurface."

David Parker Ray, 59, and Cynthia Lea Hendy, 39, have been charged with numerous crimes.

Free on PR bond...

Former banker makes appearance in court

The former vice president and cashier of Snyder National Bank made his initial appearance in federal court Wednesday, and a public defender was appointed to represent him.

Scott Gassiot, 38, indicted last week by a federal grand jury for embezzling more than $400,000 from the local bank, remains free on a personal recognizance bond.

Gassiot has never been arrested, and appeared in the Lubbock courtroom on a summons.

A federal courts spokesman said today that this procedure is standard when a person is not considered a flight risk.

The court appointed federal public defender Helen Liggett as Gassiot's attorney.

Gassiot will next appear in court with Liggett at which time a trial date will be set, or a plea could be entered during the arraignment. A date for the arraignment has not been set.

Gassiot, a Colorado City resident, is accused of stealing $427,689.50 from the bank over a five-year period, from Jan. 1, 1994 through March 8, 1999.

The indictment against the former banker carries a criminal forfeiture clause that calls for Gassiot to surrender all real property or other items obtained with the money he is accused of stealing.

Two pieces of real estate were listed in the indictment — both located in Colorado City.

Rental property at 737 Hickory and 2151 Locust were listed as belonging to Gassiot and obtained from stolen bank funds.

His home at 743 Hickory was not listed in the indictment.

Embezzlement by a bank official carries a maximum prison sentence of 30 years and a fine up to $1 million. Probation is not possible in the case since it is a Class B felony under federal guidelines.

Law enforcement personnel have also investigated another case of theft at the bank.

This case could be referred to the next session of the Scurry County grand jury which meets Monday.

This case involves a female bank teller, who has not been charged.

Helpers needed to plant garden

Volunteers are needed Friday to help plant the community garden, which is a project of the Ministerial Alliance.

Planting will begin at 9:30 a.m. The garden is located on 26th Street between Avenue B and C.

"Anybody and everybody can come," Rev. Nan Swanson of the First Presbyterian Church said. "We are inviting everybody to help."

Volunteers are encouraged to bring a trowel or other planting tools.

For more information, call 573-6915 or 573-1294.

Holiday means closing for some, not others

While Good Friday will mean a holiday for public schools and city and county offices, it will be business as usual for others.

Financial institutions around town will be open Friday as will the Snyder Post Office. Mail will be delivered and placed in boxes as usual.

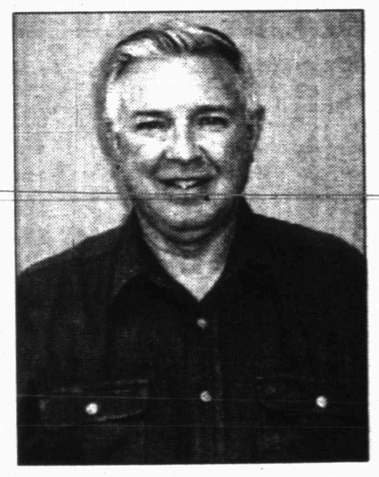
Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh schools will all dismiss today and not resume until Tuesday.

Western Texas College, however, will be on regular schedule and hold classes Friday.

County employees will have the day off. Scurry County library will be closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday, reopening on Monday.

The senior citizens center will be closed Friday and Monday also.

The city's landfill be open Friday and closed Saturday.



Loyd Stice

Holy Week Services to continue Friday

Loyd Stice, pastor of Trinity United Methodist and Union United Methodist Church, will bring the message at 7 a.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church.

Following the service, breakfast will be served by members of the church.

Town Hall meeting set for tonight

Snyder's City Council will meet in special session this evening for a "Town Hall" discussion with State Rep. David Counts.

Counts is planning to have representatives of the water district and utility companies present to answer any questions citizens might have about their services.

Counts, who is the chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, was instrumental in bringing Railroad Commissioner chairman Tony Garza and Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission chairman Robert Huston to Snyder earlier in the day.

The meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A real gardener eats what he can and cans what he can't."

Spring arrived 10 days ago, just after winter had arrived the weekend before that.

We hope that Mother Nature has already played its April Fools joke. Instead of kidding around, it's time for some serious rain.

Everyone knows that the first day of the month begins with an array of practical jokes. But you may not be aware that the last day of the month is "Honesty Day."

It was declared in conjunction with the inauguration of George Washington as president on that date in 1789.

We understand that in recognition of "Honesty Day," community leaders may invite Bill Clinton to make a speech on virtues at the Scurry County Coliseum.

And Monica will have a book signing prior to the speech in the coliseum foyer.

And if you can't be at the coliseum, tune in on the Internet. We understand Al Gore invented it.

We know you think we're just spoofing on April Fools, but stranger things could happen.

And speaking of the Internet, last year it was filled with geeky pranks and practical jokes.

One electronic press release, for example, announced that McDonald's was expanding its franchises from selling hamburgers on American's freeways to serving up access to the Internet.

"Every highway needs restaurants," it read.

The bogus release didn't fool anyone. It quoted a phony vice president named Ketchap Mustard who declared, "We take this small step for our business, but a great leap to the mankind."

One cyberspace cruiser posted a warning about an April Fools computer virus. Last year it told system administrators to log on and wait for a fix. Many are still waiting.

Have to wonder if all the fuss about Y2K isn't the ultimate prank?

ASK US

Q—What time will the sun rise on Sunday?

A—With Daylight Savings Time beginning the same day, the sun will rise at 7:29 a.m. Sunday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 82 degrees; low, 47; 7 a.m. Thursday, 58; no precipitation; total for 1999, 2.69 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, mid-to upper 50s. S wind 10-20 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, breezy; 20% rain chance. High near 80. SW wind 15-25 mph, gusty.

Raquel Ruiz
Windy

Sunset: 7:03 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:32 p.m.
Of 90 days in 1999, the sun has shone 84 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Boldness, more boldness, and always boldness!"

George Jacques Danton

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Religious leaders debate school vouchers

AUSTIN (AP) — A holy war is brewing over the issue of school vouchers.

Texas religious leaders are squaring off in the debate over whether taxpayer money should be used for private school tuition.

A coalition of religious leaders from across Texas said Wednesday they view the pilot school voucher proposal pending in the Senate as a threat to the separation of church and state and as a plan that could violate the integrity of church-based education.

"The pushers of vouchers would like to have Texans believe that the religious community is unified in support of school vouchers. This is not true ... we want what is best for all children, and that is a strong public school system," said the Rev. Claude Maples of the Romine Avenue Christian Church in Dallas.

Maples was one of more than 100 Protestant, Jewish and Catholic religious leaders from across the state to sign a letter opposing school vouchers.

School vouchers could be used to support schools and teachings by such fringe groups as the Branch Davidians, said Phil Strickland, executive director of the Christian Life Commission in Dallas.

"Any publicly funded voucher bill is oppressive to many who don't want their tax dollars to fund the teaching of religious views different from their own, like white supremacy or the submission of women," Strickland said.

But other religious leaders countered with their own show of support for vouchers, saying parents deserve the right to choose where their child attends school.

School vouchers are similar to public money helping support a religious hospital or GI loans that some veterans use to attend church-based universities, said Richard Daly of the Texas Catholic Conference.

The public policy arm of the Bishops of Texas, the Texas Catholic Conference supports the voucher bill.

"Parents are the first educators of their children and they ought to have as many choices as possible," Daly said.

Strickland said vouchers and the terms tied to them could ultimately violate the integrity of church-based education.

The school voucher bill is SB10.

New bill would require more tests for high school students

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas public high school students would face more state standardized tests — but youngsters in elementary and middle schools would not — under the latest version of a bill meant to raise education standards.

After opponents raised concerns that younger students would be tested too much, Senate Education Committee chairman and bill sponsor Teel Bivins agreed Wednesday to a plan to require more Texas Assessment of Academic Skills testing in high school only.

"High school is where our most glaring needs are in terms of assessment and accountability," Bivins, R-Amarillo, said after the committee unanimously approved the bill, sending it to the full Senate for consideration.

"The general criticism of the bill I laid out, there was just too many new tests," Bivins said.

Under the current version of the bill, ninth graders, who currently take no TAAS tests, would take reading and math tests.

Tenth-graders, who now take TAAS tests for reading, writing and math, also would have science and social studies exams.

Eleventh graders would take exit-level TAAS tests in language arts, math, social studies and science. They currently don't face a TAAS exam unless they fail the existing exit-level test, which is given for the first time in grade 10.

Most of the current TAAS requirements for elementary and middle school students would remain the same, with students

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Happy 60th! We Love You!

Laura & Lexi

SHS spring concert slated next Tuesday

Snyder High School's Choral Department will present its annual Spring Concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium.

The choirs, under the direction of Ronda Haire, will perform the music that has been prepared for UIL competition on Thursday at Texas Tech University.

The concert will also feature the newly formed West Elementary Honors Choir, under the direction of Judy Brown.

The high school choirs that will be performing are Strictly Treble, Concert Choir and A Cappella Choir. Each of these choirs will perform pieces that have been prepared for adjudication on Thursday.

The A Cappella Choir will also give a demonstration of the sight reading portion of the competition. As part of the competition at Tech, each choir is given a new piece of music and six minutes to study it, without singing a note aloud. At the end of the six minutes, the choir must sing the song unaccompanied by instruments.

The director is then given two minutes to discuss the song with the students to correct any problems that might have occurred in the first reading. The students will then be given a second opportunity to sing the song. Three judges will assign the choir a rating and the three ratings will be averaged to determine the score.

Following the sight reading demonstration, the high school choirs will combine to sing some of the program that the students presented on their recent trip to Florida at Disney's Epcot Center. The students presented a concert of folk songs from different countries around the world.

The concert is free and open to the public.

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1912	*	1.90	.77	.72	1.68	2.54	1.30	.76	.80	2.80	*	1.12	14.39
1913	.25	.58	1.57	2.48	1.52	2.44	2.58	.24	2.44	3.45	3.79	3.05	24.39
1914	.22	.04	1.04	4.06	2.59	4.78	3.03	5.54	1.22	3.58	1.59	1.27	28.96
1915	.22	.83	1.00	8.03	2.25	2.70	.50	4.48	5.40	3.77	**	.82	30.09
1916	.15	*	.34	3.58	1.67	.65	1.40	.49	1.52	2.00	.76	.05	12.61
1917	.34	*	.34	.88	.99	.83	1.04	2.18	1.53	**	.02	*	08.15
1918	.32	.57	.21	.45	2.46	1.14	**	.34	1.20	3.73	.62	1.28	12.32
1919	.99	.21	3.43	3.45	2.19	3.72	1.82	2.93	3.20	5.63	1.13	**	28.70
1920	1.08	.25	**	**	4.66	4.01	.50	11.27	2.37	1.55	.22	*	25.91
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1922	.58	.02	1.20	7.43	5.19	4.48	.05	1.75	**	.93	1.65	**	23.28
1923	.40	2.25	2.05	4.28	.75	2.40	.93	2.10	2.00	6.88	3.15	1.30	28.55
1924	**	.05	1.15	4.34	4.27	.45	.57	1.55	1.40	2.00	**	*	15.78
1925	.40	**	**	2.75	4.26	.25	1.19	2.47	5.00	3.55	**	**	19.81
1926	.75	*	1.98	4.20	3.10	1.47	1.91	4.35	2.59	3.60	1.10	3.30	28.35
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1936	.64	1.12	.44	1.03	2.40	.33	.92	**	9.01	1.79	.77	.67	18.06
1937	.17	.25	1.36	.06	4.25	1.55	1.45	2.38	1.76	.44	.68	1.03	15.40
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1947	.30	*	.92	.38	6.64	2.13	.80	1.06	1.77	.37	1.81	1.60	17.76
1948	.21	1.98	.06	.29	4.38	1.67	7.30	*	*	2.55	*	*	18.44
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1950	.40	.66	*	2.55	7.37	2.00	3.03	.98	4.20	**	*	**	21.19
1951	.14	.67	.30	1.06	1.42	1.57	.80	1.42	2.36	.48	**	.04	10.26
1952	.12	.18	.80	2.19	1.60	*	3.18	1.85	2.42	*	1.89	.90	15.13
1953	.15	.48	1.17	1.75	.66	.08	1.73	3.30	.98	3.70	.10	.15	14.25
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1956	.19	.11	*	2.97	2.50	.45	1.88	.24	*	1.77	.28	1.01	11.40
1957	.53	2.80	.16	3.61	7.13	2.29	2.93	.82	1.38	1.52	2.83	.04	26.04
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1963	**	.23	.43	1.16	3.05	2.46	.17	.47	1.63	1.15	2.21	1.13	14.09
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1977	.58	.63	1.77	3.81	1.35	4.03	4.71	5.38	.07	.37	.30	.09	23.09
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1979	.62	.68	1.26	.17	3.88	3.02	4.05	2.73	.02	.44	1.19	2.40	20.46
1980	.50	.53	.48	.59	5.77	1.94	.96	.60	11.91	.44	.55	1.43	25.70
1981	.56	.70	.59	6.60	1.51	3.08	1.53	.81	.58	3.27	.70	.16	20.09
1982	.68	.35	.81	2.25	8.04	6.59	2.71	1.19	.52	.28	1.48	1.72	26.62
1983	2.91	.43	.47	1.17	3.11	1.37	.42	1.22	.20	4.33	1.06	.10	16.79
1984	.52	.01	.30	*	.81	1.75	1.76	2.0	2.70	4.15	1.78	2.40	18.19
1985	.10	1.06	2.71	4.55	5.28	2.30	3.16	.18	2.96	4.79	.36	*	27.45
1986	.19	.35	.29	1.19	3.73	3.98	3.58	3.89	3.88	6.53	.71	1.88	30.20
1987	.18	2.82	.15	.71	7.76	3.17	1.35	*	1.96	.06	.05	.92	19.13
1988	.25	.55	.77	1.06	1.61	1.20	3.81	4.51	1.02	5.52	.22	.72	21.24
1989	.76	1.72	.19	.53	.48	2.95	.11	2.71	1.21	.82	.03	.16	11.67
1990	1.14	1.90	3.11	4.20	.19	.21	5.69	4.16	5.30	1.60	1.57	1.42	30.49
1991	1.64	*	*	.19	3.68	5.83	4.10	1.90	5.16	2.21	.93	4.27	29.91
1992	1.81	4.48	.56	1.61	6.04	3.87	2.43	2.07	.95	*	2.10	1.79	27.71
1993	.96	.80	1.25	1.83	1.25	3.32	1.58	1.27	1.55	1.83	.46	.19	16.29
1994	.53	.47	.11	.81	3.40	*	.54	.23	2.76	2.16	.41	.79	12.21
1995	.81	.90	1.29	.48	6.40	1.93	.88	1.23	5.11	.64	.12	.19	19.98
1996	.21	*	.39	1.33	.29	2.75	1.22	3.33	2.82	1.10	4.80	*	18.24
1997	.42	4.48	.18	5.55	2.07	6.74	.31	1.52	.68	1.25	0.36	2.13	25.69
1998	1.20	1.56	2.03	.21	.31	.26	.18	.76	.02	1.43	2.28	0.26	10.50
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Avg.	.65	.83	.87	1.92	3.21	2.58	2.10	2.17	2.48	2.30	.98	.84	20.84

Datebook

April 1, 1999

Today is the 91st day of 1999 and the 13th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1929, Louie Marx introduced the yo-yo to the American public.

On this day in 1963, "General Hospital" premiered on television.

On this day in 1994, model Christie Brinkley was slightly injured when a helicopter in which she was flying crashed on a mountain near Telluride, Colo.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nikolai Gogol (1809-1852), writer; Edmond Rostand (1868-1918), dramatist; Lon Chaney (1883-1930), actor; William Manchester (1922-), writer, is 77; Jane Powell (1929-), actress-singer, is 70; Ali MacGraw (1939-), actress, is 60; Annette O'Toole (1952-), actress, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1920, the Ottawa Senators won the Stanley Cup by defeating the Seattle Metropolitans.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You can tell the ideals of a nation by its advertisements." — Norman Douglas

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon (March 31).

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On July 4, 1776, George Washington wrote in his diary, "Nothing of importance happened today." He had no way of knowing of events that day in Philadelphia.

The okapi, a giraffe-like animal, can wash its own ears with its 14-inch tongue.

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BRIDAL SHOWER — Kimberly Loeffler, bride-elect of David Krenek, was honored at a bridal shower Saturday, March 27, in the home of Bettie McQueen. From left are Melissa Krenek, sister-in-law of the groom; Marsha Krenek, mother of the groom; Miss Loffler; Laura Loeffler, mother of the bride; Melissa Loeffler and Pam Loeffler, sisters of the bride; and Betty Loeffler, the bride's grandmother. The wedding is planned May 22 in San Antonio.

Bethel's students perform in Tech's Music Festival

Thirty-eight pupils from Lynn Bethel's Studio of Music played in the Texas Tech University School of Music's Pastorale Festival on Saturday.

Out of 84 events including piano solo, duets, trio, concerto and hymn playing, 64 superior ratings, 19 excellent ratings and one very good rating were earned.

Superior ratings qualify pupils to enter the All-State Musician Competition at Texas Christian University on May 15.

Pastorale Festival is sponsored by the Texas Federated Music Clubs. Lynn sponsors the Vivace Jr. Music Club founded by several state officers at 3773 Sunset in 1961.

Receiving superior ratings included Danisha Akins, 3; Marleah Akins, 3; Brett Bowlin; Amanda Calley, 2; Aryn Calley, 2; Austin Calley, 2; Stormy Clark; Forest Clayton; Whitley Fulford, 2; Zach Greenlee, 2; Sheila Hicks, 3; Ashley Hyer, 3; Cozy Jones; Laura Lyn Landa, 3; Magen Lee, 2; Clayton Long, Colton Long, 2; David Melton; Megan Muscatelle, 2; and Kristen Miller, 2.

Also receiving superior ratings were Glen Wright, 2; Jordan Wright, 2; Sydney Wright, 3; Vivi Weaver, 2; Bailey Stoker; Claire Pollard, 2; Jerin Tyler; Jerica Tyler; Kelsey Shaw; Heather Zajicek, 3; Jessica Odom, 2; Bethany Perry; Austin Owens; Kailea Shaw; Jami Ness Thackerson, 3; and Michael Vaughan, 2.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

Bridge By Phillip Alder

North 04-01-98
♠ A 9 8 7 6 5 4
♥ ---
♦ 8 7 6 5 4 3
♣ ---

West
♠ K Q J 3
♥ 5 4 3 2
♦ ---
♣ K Q 10 8 7

East
♠ 10 2
♥ 9 8 7 6
♦ A K Q J 10 9
♣ 2

South
♠ ---
♥ A K Q J 10
♦ 2
♣ A J 9 6 5 4 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
?	3♠	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Is this serious or a joke?

By Phillip Alder

This deal isn't instructive; it is bizarre, which seems appropriate for April Fools' Day.

Three questions: How many tricks can South win with spades as trumps? How many can West win with spades as trumps? That's not a pismrint (sic!). At a tournament, the auction starts as in the diagram. What would you, South, do, given that you know all 52 cards?

The deal was described by Hilary Quintana in the June 1997 issue of Bridge Plus magazine. It is reproduced with the permission of Quintana and the editor, Elena Jeronimidis.

First, suppose South is the declarer in three spades. If West leads a heart or the club king, declarer takes four hearts and one club, discarding diamonds from the dummy. He continues with his last heart, throwing dummy's final diamond. East ruffs, but the defenders score only four trump tricks. What if West leads the spade king? Dummy plays low. Or if West leads his low spade, dummy wins with the ace and returns a trump. Whatever the defense, it's three spades bid and made.

Now let's make West the declarer. If North leads the spade ace, West unblocks an honor. Alternatively, if North starts with a low trump, East's 10 takes the trick. In both cases, West gets into the dummy to cash those six diamond tricks to go with his three trump winners. It's three spades bid and made!

So, to answer the final question, after West opens three spades. South overcalls four spades! This is doubled and one down for minus 100, which is better than losing 140. (To ruin the story slightly, four clubs doubled is also one down.)

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—Eric Hoffer

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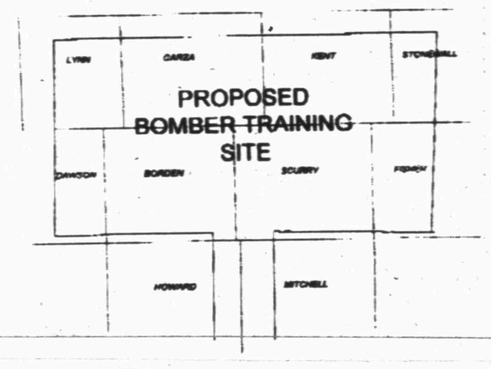
THE AIR FORCE STILL WANTS OUR LAND!

Last week the U.S. Air Force released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed low-level bomber training site in our area. The Air Force wants to turn our eight county area into one of the biggest bomber training sites in the country.

If the Air Force is successful, multiple training operations from around the western U.S. will be combined and concentrated over our homes and land.



Recently, many local newspapers and TV stations reported a misleading story suggesting that the Air Force had changed their minds. This is not the case. They still want our land!

The Air Force has concluded that the proposed bomber training in our area will likely have no effect on land use, recreation and property values. **Who are they trying to kid?**

Let's not be suckered into accepting that changes of the magnitude being proposed will not have a significant impact on our lives. Our noise expert, former US Air Force Academy professor William Weida, says that the formulas used in the impact study intentionally underestimate the noise from low-level B-1 bombers that will be flying over our area.

We need to tell the Air Force our concerns. The public hearing is one of our last chances to stop them. Let's fight the proposal to turn our land into the most active bomber-training site in the country! Come to the Public Hearing to show your concern. **Don't let them think that we don't care!**

What:
Public Hearing -The U.S. Air Force will be holding a hearing on the proposed establishment of the low-level B-1 and B-52 bomber training site over our land.

When:
Wednesday, April 7th, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Note:
This is the only hearing in our area.

Where:
Snyder High School Auditorium – located at 3801 Austin Avenue in Snyder

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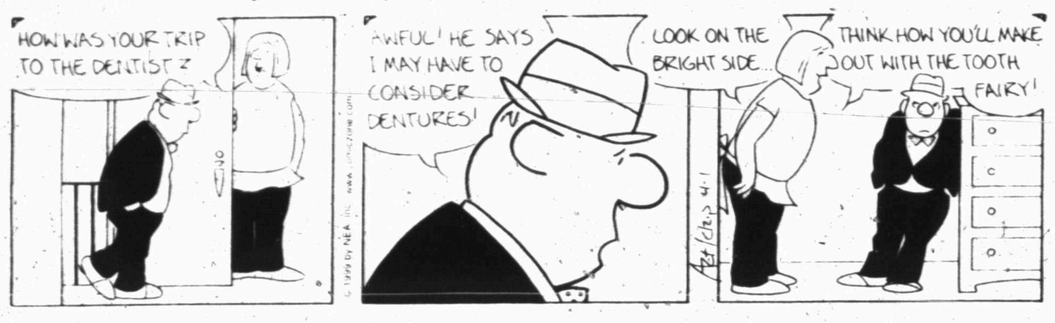

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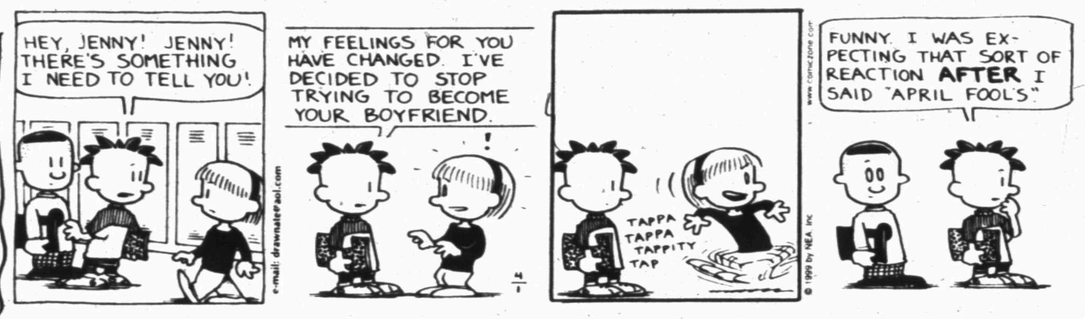

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"And another thing! I'm getting sick of you being so agreeable all the time."

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Joins to stock
7 Actress Betty
13 Alaskan boat
14 Lots and lots
15 Its capital is Kampala
16 Kind of rock
17 Primary color
18 Neckwear
20 Señorita's aunt
21 Show a decline
23 Medical specialty: abbr.
24 "Ship —!"
25 Ride the waves
27 Director Spielberg
29 Anger
31 Uncle, in Aberdeen
32 Cleveland cager, for short
33 — Tin Tin (movie dog)
34 Hansel's sister
37 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
40 Pool-playing implements
41 Louis or Carrie
43 Conceits
45 Own: Scot.
46 Bird beak
47 Compass pt.
48 "Remington —"
51 Next to
54 Golf scores
55 On cloud nine
56 Is petrified of
57 Eateries

DOWN

1 Melonlike fruit
2 Cowboy Roy
3 Fuse-lighting aid
4 Fish limb
5 Small boy
6 Emulate Tara Lipinski
7 Aggressive person
8 Director Howard
9 Citrus drink
10 Carefree
11 Injury
12 English class homework
19 Those in office
22 Information on tags
24 Retaliate for
26 "Animal House" setting
28 Throw off
30 Smooth quality
34 Andrés Segovia's instrument
35 Back out
36 Caustic substance
38 Set on fire
39 "Absence makes the heart grow —"
40 Examined the joint
42 Rolled out, as the tide
44 Gardener's purchases
49 Guido's high note
50 Guided
52 Yale graduate
53 — Quentin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

D	R	U	D	G	E		P	H	R	A	S	E
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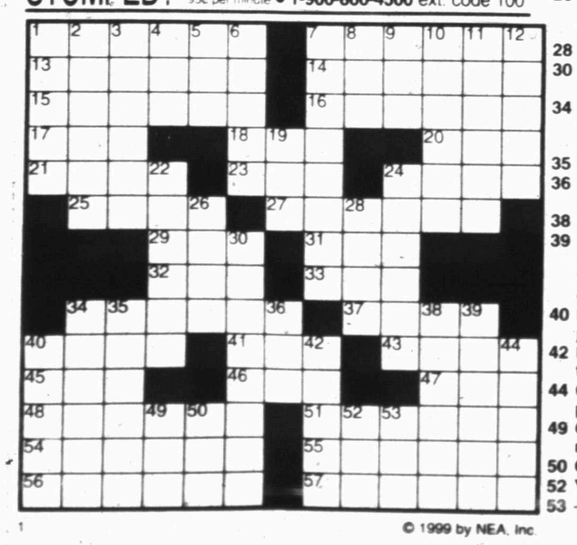

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Fun Facts

In 1907, the first successful daily comic strip, "Mutt and Jeff," appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Arthur Wynne created the first modern crossword puzzle, which appeared in the Sunday *New York World* on December 21, 1913.

In the 1800s, newspapers in the United States cost about 6 cents per copy, which was more than working class people could afford.

Almost six out of 10 (58%) American adults read a newspaper every day.

Over 700 American newspapers have websites.

In most nations, the government controls to some extent what newspapers may publish. In Egypt, the government owns all the newspapers.

In government-controlled societies, the press may publish only what the government wants the people to know.

Check It Out!

About 35 percent of home-delivered newspapers in the United States are delivered by youth carriers. Help Alfie find his way through the maze to deliver the daily paper.

"ALL I SAID WAS...IF YOUR PATIENCE IS WEARING THIN, WHY DON'T YOU GET A RETREAD?"

SPORTS

Pitchers ready for opening-day starts

By The Associated Press

The Rocket and Randy are ready.

Roger Clemens and Randy Johnson tuned up Wednesday for their much-anticipated debuts on opening day. It did not go so well for Pete Harnisch.

A stiff back and three shaky innings cost Harnisch his start in the opener for Cincinnati. The Reds instead switched to Brett Tomko after a 10-4 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies.

Harnisch, 14-7 last season, was the clear-cut choice to become the No. 1 starter when Denny Neagle was sidelined by weakness in his left shoulder. But a couple of bad starts and back problems have stopped him.

Against the Phillies, nine of the 18 batters he faced reached base on a hit or a walk, and his back never loosened up. He gave up seven hits, two walks and eight runs.

"The ball doesn't have the life in the hitting area that it normally has and I don't know why that is," he said. "I'm not sure if it's mechanical or if my arm's not where I think it should be. I really can't answer that."

The plan is for Harnisch to stay behind in Florida when the team heads north and pitch in a minor league game Sunday.

"We'll push him to the back (of the rotation) and then he'll have plenty of time to get some treatment," manager Jack McKeon said. "There's no sense in rushing him."

Clemens, who will start for the World Series champion New York Yankees on Monday at Oakland, worked five scoreless innings in a Triple-A game.

Pitching for Columbus against Scranton, the Phillies' top farm club, he allowed one scratch hit, struck out five and walked two.

"I definitely wanted to get some good work in and feel strong doing it," Clemens said. "I felt pretty good and it went pretty much according to what I expected. I'm ready to get going."

Johnson, who will start for Arizona on Monday at Los Angeles, pitched six no-hit innings. He said he felt no hint of the strained right groin that had caused him to miss his previous start.

"I felt good," he said. "I'm ready to go."

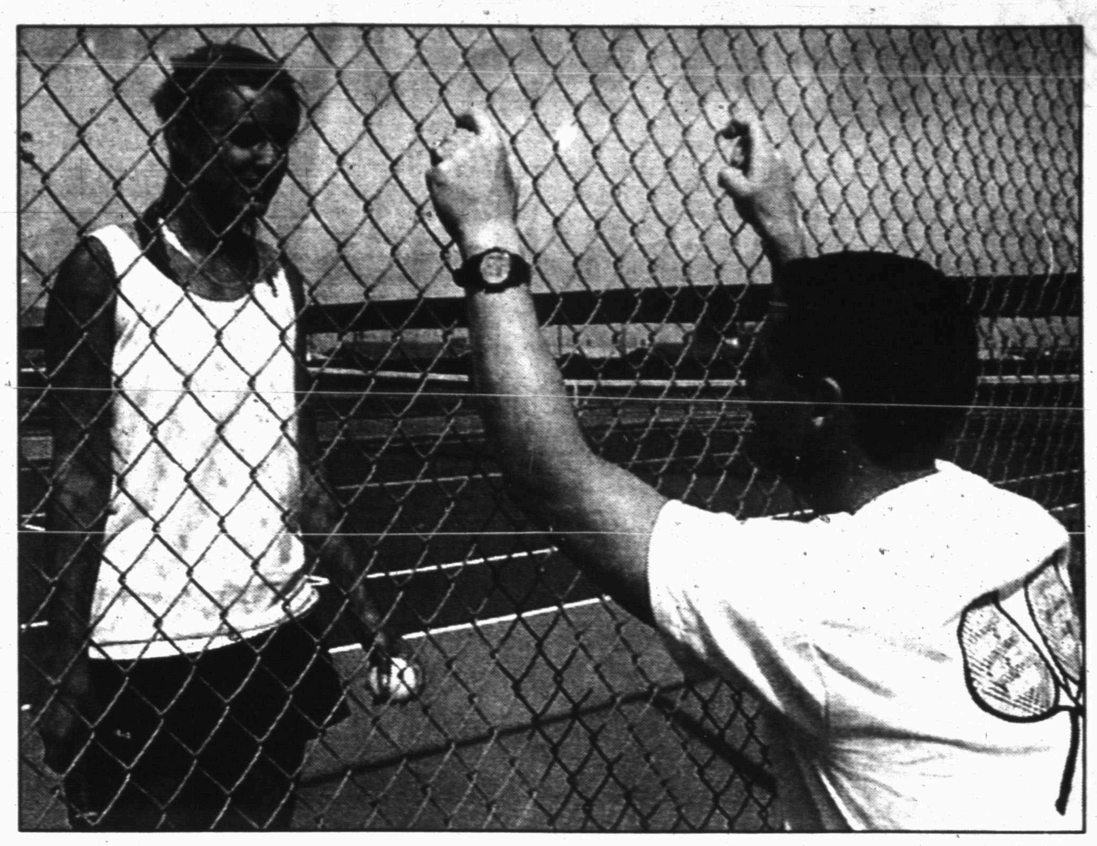
The 6-foot-10 left-hander had his fastball clocked at 97 mph and his slider at 83 to 86 mph. Johnson walked four, hit a batter and struck out five. Only three balls were hit out of the infield.

In other news, Cecil Fielder was released by the Toronto Blue Jays, a month after the 35-year-old designated hitter agreed to a minor league contract.

Fielder was let go a day after Toronto traded for Anaheim's Dave Hollins.

"I guess it had to do with the Hollins trade," Fielder said. "I just don't understand the change of heart by the team. I'm a little disappointed, I thought everything was set, but I will be OK. Life goes on."

Fielder led the Blue Jays with three home runs this spring. He hit .264 (14-for-53) with 11 RBIs in 17 exhibition games.



LAST-SECOND ADVICE — Snyder tennis coach Chad Redwine visits with Natalie Alexander, just prior to her match this morning at the Snyder Tennis Complex. Snyder is hosting its eight-team Midnight Madness event today. Matches will be played throughout the day, with the finals slated for late tonight. (SDN Staff Photo)

Weekend starts early for Snyder

For Snyder High School athletic teams, the weekend has come early.

Due to Friday's holiday, four Snyder squads are in action today, with two of them hosting events.

The Tiger baseball team and tennis squad will be in action at home, while the SHS tracksters and Lady Tiger softball team hit the road.

At Moffett Field, the Tigers will be looking to raise their district mark to 2-0 when they take on the Sweetwater Mustangs at 7:30.

Snyder is coming off a 10-0 blowout of Ft. Stockton on Tuesday, while the Mustangs will be trying for their first league victory, after falling to Lake View.

At the Snyder Tennis Complex, Snyder is hosting the eight-team Midnight Madness event.

The matches began early this morning and are scheduled to run through midnight.

Joining the SHS squad are Hereford, Lubbock High, Lake View, Monahans, Frenship, Big Spring and Sweetwater.

Like the baseball team, the Lady Tigers will be looking to add another district softball win to their total when they visit Lake View this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Lady Tigers finished the first half of the 5-4A schedule in a second-place tie with a record of 3-2, after a 14-0 rout of Sweetwater on Tuesday.

Also on the road today is the Snyder track team as it pays a visit to Monahans for the Sandhill Relays.

Following today's action on the track, Snyder has just one event remaining before the District 5-4A meet April 16 in Big Spring.

Rules: Jordan will not play for Hornets

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

Michael Jordan will not — and cannot — play for the Charlotte Hornets if he gets his wish and buys a 50 percent share of the team.

"There's absolutely no truth to it," Jordan's agent, David Falk, said of a report that Jordan was considering coming out of retirement and becoming a player-owner for the Hornets.

If Falk's denial isn't enough to convince everyone that such a scenario is bunk, the wording of the NBA bylaws should put all remaining doubts to rest. The league's constitution forbids players from owning teams, as Magic Johnson learned three years ago, and thus would prevent Jordan from being a player-owner even if he desired to do so.

In the opinion of one of Jordan's best friends, he shouldn't even consider coming out of retirement.

"First of all, (Jordan) is not good enough to make that team win anyway," Charles Barkley said. "They need the old Michael Jordan, the guy from five or six years ago, to make that team a contender.

"He's the greatest player to ever play the game, and he would only do himself a disservice. I just hope he doesn't play because he'd damage his legendary status."

While the prospect of Jordan returning to the court was being widely shot down, the possibility of him becoming an owner remained open. Earlier this month, Jordan held face-to-face discussions with Hornets owner George Shinn month about buying a 50 percent share of the team, and the two have agreed to meet again in the near future.

Fox Sports, citing unidentified sources close to Jordan, reported Tuesday night that Jordan's best-case scenario would involve him playing one full season for the Hornets while his ownership shares were held in a trust or otherwise deferred.

"The Michael Jordan and George Shinn negotiations have never involved a playing role for Jordan," Hornets spokesman Harold Kaufman said.

Jordan, vacationing in the Bahamas, did not return a message seeking comment. NBA commissioner David Stern was out of his office Wednesday and could not be reached.

When Johnson ended his retirement and returned to the Los Angeles Lakers in 1996, the league made him sell his ownership shares back to principal owner Jerry Buss. Johnson later repurchased some of those shares after he finally retired for good.

Jordan, in announcing his retirement earlier this year, left the door open for a possible return by pronouncing himself anywhere from "95" to "99.9 percent retired."

Those who have seen Jordan recently estimate he is about 20 pounds heavier than his playing weight, and he recently said he hasn't picked up a basketball since hitting the final shot of his career — the game-winner in Utah at the end of Game 6 of the NBA Finals.

Jordan also recently underwent surgery on his right index finger, which he damaged with a cigar cutter.

The Hornets have been a team in turmoil all season. Shinn has been going through a divorce and battling numerous sexual harassment allegations, coach Dave Cowens publicly ripped the organization before quitting, Anthony Mason has missed the entire season with a shoulder injury and the team's best player, Glen Rice, was traded to the Lakers for Elden Campbell and Eddie Jones.

Harrick takes Bulldogs' job

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Jim Harrick restored his reputation at Rhode Island. Now he's back on the coaching A-list.

Harrick was hired Wednesday as basketball coach at Georgia, completing his comeback from a recruiting scandal that led to his firing at UCLA three years ago.

"From the beginning, we said our commitment would be to hire a proven head coach," Georgia athletic Vince Dooley said. "Obviously, we've far surpassed that expectation."

Dooley checked with the NCAA before hiring Harrick, who guided UCLA to the 1995 national championship but was fired the following year for his involvement with an illegal recruiting dinner.

Harrick paid the tab and allegedly lied to cover up that more players were at the dinner than allowed by NCAA rules. After sitting out the 1996-97 season, he spent two years at Rhode Island, leading the Rams to the NCAA tournament both seasons.

Harrick received about $350,000 a year at Rhode Island, while his four-year contract with Georgia is worth an estimated $550,000 annually in salary and benefits.

Sports Briefs

MGA weekend tourney

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold its monthly tournament Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Format will be skins game. For more information, contact Wayne Monroney at 573-9920.

Lions Club golf tourney

The Snyder Lions Club golf tournament will be held April 24 at Western Texas College.

The format will be a four-man scramble, with each team having a minimum combined handicap of 50. All handicaps will be varified by April 17. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five finshers, with $800 going to the winning team.

Registration fee is $50 per person and includes green fee, cart rental and a hamburger lunch. The field will be limited to 20 teams. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC and Snyder Country Club pro shops.

WGA weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will begin its spring golf season Tuesday at 9 a.m. Players should meet at the pro shop, prior to tee off. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

SCC tourney dates

Upcoming tournaments at Snyder Country Club include a three-man scramble April 17 and a pro-am event April 19.

Scramble teams must have a minimum combined handicap of 30, with a maximum of 15 strokes difference between the first and third player.

For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Senior league registration

Snyder Senior Little League is now taking applications for managers. Senior-aged players will be divided into a 13/14-year-old league, a 15/16-year-old league and a Big League for players aged 17-18.

Managers should indicate on the application which age division they would prefer. Applications can be picked up at Caprock Securities located at 2517 College Ave.

Player registration will run through Thursday, with late sign-ups Monday and Tuesday. Registration fee for players has dropped to $35 this season, and competition could be extended to include games against Sweetwater and Colorado City.

For more information, contact Mickey Nunley at 573-5883, Tommy Green at 573-2646 or Kaprece Bedell at 573-8169.

Pitching clinics scheduled

Pitching clinics for girls' fast-pitch softball will be held every Wednesday. Classes are limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Astros leave camp with victory

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jeff Bagwell hit two solo homers off Kevin Brown on Wednesday as the Houston Astros defeated Los Angeles 6-4 in perhaps the last spring training game for the Dodgers at Holman Stadium.

The Dodgers are considering whether to return to Vero Beach next spring for a 52nd year or move to Fort McDowell, Ariz., located near Phoenix.

The Fort McDowell Indian Community has offered to build the Dodgers a 12,500-seat stadium, five or six practice fields and housing if the team decides to leave Florida.

City and county officials in Vero Beach have been negotiating with the Dodgers for about a year on how to keep the team at their current training site, generally considered the most traditional and fan-friendly in baseball.

A Florida Senate bill introduced last week would provide $7.5 million over the next two years to renovate Dodgertown and help keep the team in Vero Beach.

Bagwell and Carl Everett hit back-to-back solo shots with two outs in the first, then Bagwell connected again for his fourth homer of the spring in the fourth.

Eric Young led off Dodgers' first with his second homer of the spring off Astros starter Chris Holt, and Sheffield hit his first off Holt in the third.

Brown, in his final appearance before opening day, allowed five runs, four earned, on seven hits in five innings.

Todd Hundley, who missed most of last season after undergoing reconstructive surgery on his right elbow late in 1997, caught back-to-back games for the first time all spring and said he felt fine despite going 0-for-3 at the plate.

"Everything was good," Hundley said. "This was something we wanted to get accomplished to check everything out, and things worked out fine."

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NewJersey	5	24	.172	15½
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Atlanta	19	12	.613	1½
Detroit	19	12	.613	1½
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Cleveland	14	14	.500	5
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Minnesota	17	13	.567	4½
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Portland	24	6	.800	-
L.A.Lakers	21	11	.656	4
Seattle	15	14	.517	8½
Phoenix	15	16	.484	9½
Sacramento	14	18	.438	11
GoldenState	13	17	.433	11
L.A.Clippers	3	26	.103	20½

Wednesday's Games

Washington 84, Orlando 73
Detroit 87, Boston 72
Milwaukee 102, Charlotte 94
Phoenix 93, Golden State 78
Portland 100, Sacramento 86

Thursday's Games

Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 9 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games

Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
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Citigroup	89¾	87	11-16	87¾— ¾
Coastal s	64	11-16	64	3-16 64 7-16+ 9-16
CocaCola	34¼	33¾	33	15-16+15-16
ColgatePalm	61	11-16	60	11-16 60¾— ¾
ConcilMetals	93	11-16	93	93¾+ 1¾
CooperIn	20¾	20	20	1-16+ 1-16
CyprusAmax	42	13-16	41	15-16 42 3-16— 7-16
DaimlrChry n	12	1-16	11¾	12 — ¾
DallSemicn	88	15-16	87¾	88¼+2 5-16
DeltaAirl s	38	13-16	38¼	38 9-16— 1-16
Dillards Inc	70	3-16	68	11-16 69 9-16+ 1-16
DowChem	25¾	24¾	25	3-16— 3-16
DuPont	93¾	92¾	92	15-16— ¼
EastmanChem	58¾	58	1-16	58¾+11-16
EstKodak	42	5-16	42	42¾+ 3-16
EDS Corp	64¾	63¾	63¾	— ¼
Entergy	49¾	48	13-16	49 1-16+ ¾
Exxon	27¾	27	5-16	27¾+ ¾
Flowers	70	7-16	69	7-16 69¾—13-16
FordMotor s	25	24	11-16	24 13-16+ 3-16
GTE Cp	57¾	56¾	56¾+	3-16
GenDynam	60	59¾	59	13-16—11-16
GenElec	65¾	63	7-16	65 11-16+1 7-16
GenMills	113	13-16	110	15-16 111 11-16+1 1-16
GenMotors	76¼	75	9-16	76 3-16+ ¾
GaPacGP	87¾	86¾	86¾	— ¾
GlobalMar	77	9-16	76	9-16 77 7-16+3 3-16
Goodrich	11¾	11	1-16	11 3-16— 9-16
Goodyear s	34	13-16	34¼	34¼+ 7-16
GtAtlPac	50	15-16	50	50 13-16+ 1
Halliburto	30	9-16	29	15-16 30 9-16+ 9-16
Hanson ADS	38¼	37	37¾	— 1¼
HarlaHosla	43¾	43¾	43	7-16— 9-16
HomeDepot	27¾	27	7-16	27 7-16
IBM	63	61¼	62¼	
IntlPaper	177	11-16	175¾	175¾— 1¾
JohnsonJn	43	9-16	42	11-16 43 +13-16
K mart	93¾	92¾	93	3-16— 5-16
Kroger Co	16	15-16	16	7-16 16¾— 5-16
Litton	59¾	59¾	59¾	— ¾
LockheedM s	57¾	57¼	57	3-16— ¾
Lowes Cos s	37	9-16	36¾	37 3-16— 9-16
Lubys	62¾	61	1-16	61 11-16+1 3-16
LucentTech	16	15-16	16	25-32 16¾
LucentTech wi	111	108	3-16	109 3-16+1 3-16
MayDptStr s	56¼	54¼	54¼	+11-16
MedtaOne	39	3-16	38	15-16 38 15-16—3-16
Medtronic	63¾	62	15-16	63¾+ 5-16
Merrill	71¾	70	13-16	71 1-16—13-16
Mobil	88	1-16	86¾	87 1-16—15-16
Monsanto	45¾	45¾	45	7-16— ½
MorganJP	123¾	122¾	122¾	— ¾
Motorola	74¾	72¾	73¾+	¾
NCR Corp	49¾	49	49	5-16—11-16
Navistar	40¾	39	15-16	39 15-16— ¾
Penney JC	40¾	39¾	40	1-16— 7-16
PennEnergy s	10	9-16	10¾	10 9-16+ 1-16
PepBoys	15	9-16	15¾	15¾+ ¾
PepsiCo	39	7-16	38¾	38¾— 9-16
PhelpDodge	50¾	49	1-16	50¾+ 1¾
PhilipPet	47	3-16	46¾	46¾— ¾
PilgrimPrd B	16¾	16¼	16¼	— 3-16
Polaroid	20¾	19¾	20	— 3-16
Praxair	36¼	35¾	36	1-16
ProctGamb	99	3-16	97¾	98 5-16+ ¾
PubSNwMx	17	1-16	17	17 1-16+ 1-16
ReliantEngy	26	7-16	25¾	26 5-16+ ¾
RoyalDut	52¾	52¼	52¼+	¼
SBC Comm	49	3-16	48	49¼+1 15-16
SaraLee s	24¾	24	3-16	24¾— ¾
Scripps EW	44	43	7-16	43 13-16— 7-16
SearsRoeb	45¾	44	44	—1 3-16
SherwinW	28	1-16	27	11-16 27 15-16— 3-16
SmithklBchm	73	3-16	72	7-16 72¾+ 1¾
SouthernCo	23	7-16	23¼	23 5-16
SwstAirl s	31	1-16	30¾	30 9-16+ 5-16
SprintFON s	98¾	97	11-16	98 1-16— 1-16
SprintPCS s	44¾	44	44	9-16+ ¾
Sunoco Inc	36	1-16	35	9-16 35 11-16— ¾
TNP Ent	28	15-16	28	15-16 28 15-16+ 3-16
Tandy	64¾	63¾	63¾	— 9-16
Temple-Inland	63	1-16	62¾	63 + ¼
Tenneco	27	15-16	27¾	27 13-16— ¼
Texaco	56	5¾	55	7-16—1 5-16
Textron	25	1-16	24¾	24 13-16
TexasInst	102¾	99	13-16	100 13-16+1 9-16
TexUtil	41	13-16	41¾	41 11-16— 5-16
Textron	78¾	76	15-16	78 13-16+1 7-16
TriconGlbR	72¾	71	9-16	72¾+ 2
TrinityInds	29	9-16	29	29 — ¾
TritonEngy	7	15-16	7¾	7 11-16— 3-16
Tyler	4	7-16	4¾	4¾
US West Inc	55	3-16	54¾	54¾— 3-16
USX-Marathn	27¾	27	27	7-16— 1-16
USX-USS	24¾	23¾	24¾+	1
UnCarbide	46	3-16	45	5-16 45 15-16+ ¾
UnionPacif	52	3-16	51¾	51¾—1 9-16
UnitedTech	136	1-16	135	135 1-16— ¾
Unocal	35	15-16	35	35¾— 1¾
Venator Grp	7	3-16	6¾	7¼+ 1-16
WalMart	94	92¾	92	15-16+ ¾
Walgreen wi	47	5-16	46	15-16 47 + ¼
WellsFargo	35¾	34¾	35¼+	1-16
WstnGasRs	7	9-16	7½	7 9-16+ 1-16
WinnDixie	36	15-16	36¾	36¾— ¾
Xerox Cp s	53	3-16	51¾	52¾— 1

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, April 2, 1999

In the year ahead, raise your sights high so that you can really have something to boast about by your next birthday. Even if you have to work harder to accomplish your aims, it'll be worth it!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're a kind and generous person, but sometimes you have to say enough is enough. This could be one of those days when an abuser of your generosity comes at you again for another favor. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should a companion seem reluctant to cooperate with you today, check the mirror. You might be the one who is too insistent on having your own way with everything all the time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Moderation is the formula towards a quality life, so resist any inclinations you may have to overindulge in too much of the good things in life today. Don't oversleep, overeat or overdo!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Should there be some unpleasant undercurrents stirring beneath the surface with social friends today, don't let yourself get drawn into their debacle. Stay out of it!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Many chilly nights could be in the offing for you if you do not promptly resolve any problems or discord which is taking place in the home today. Temper conflicts with love and tolerance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's great to have faith in yourself, but not to the point where you get so enthralled with your own ideas that you fail to hear wise suggestions offered by those who are trying to help today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Being both wise and prudent in the management of your resources today extends not only to your spending habits, but also making bad loans to those who are poor risks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If everything you attempt to do today seems like it is usurped or overruled by others, you're better off adjusting to the existing conditions rather than getting yourself in a tizzy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Should a project you thought was going to be a snap turn out to be anything but, resign yourself to the fact that it is going to take a concerted effort to succeed. Keep it rolling!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Watch out today or you could get saddled with a testy assignment from a group involvement other members have been successfully dodging. Don't be a patsy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In order to prove yourself right today, you may allow your ego to get in the way by attempting something ill-advised. It could very well tarnish your reputation for some time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Rather than allow individuals with biased views rub you the wrong way today, try to avoid their company altogether. Their presence is not worth the frustration you'll experience.

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Suspect in Abilene shooting killed by Fort Worth police

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 19-year-old man suspected in four slayings was shot to death by police after aiming a handgun at officers who had stopped his car.

Arthur Goodman was shot in the back seat of a white Mercury Cougar that had been pulled over on Interstate 35 late Wednesday, Lt. Ric Clark said. It wasn't clear if Goodman fired his gun.

Goodman was a suspect in the Monday night shootings of his girlfriend, Sandy Witt, 20, Naomi Martinez, 23, Erica Arispe, 21, and Penny Estrada, 21, who was pregnant.

A fifth victim, maintenance man Larry Hammond, was wounded as he ran to investigate the shootings at an apartment in Abilene, 185 miles west of Fort Worth. He was in serious condition at Hendrick Medical Center early today.

Goodman had been charged with capital murder.

Three people who were in the car with him were questioned, including Goodman's 16-year-old brother.

The motive behind the shootings remains murky. Police said Goodman may have heard that Ms. Witt was about to inform on him or had refused to provide him with an alibi for another crime, possibly a shooting.

The others were killed because they happened to be at the apartment, police said.

Officers also suspected Goodman was involved in the Sunday night shooting of 16-year-old Jimmy Estrada at his home. Authorities said Estrada, who survived, is not related to victim Penny Estrada.

Berry's World

"Your honor, the defense will show that this witness is pro 'Teletubbies' and is biased against the 'Bubbly Chubbies.'"

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Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Michelle Aguilar, David Box, Margaret Cole, Helen Hardiman, R.C. Nixon of Hermleigh; Jessie Pierson, Carl Ballard, Betty Campbell, Amelia Hermosillo of Hermleigh, Rebecca May, Phil Robinson, Martin Zuniga.

DISMISSALS: Van Hale, Tammy Hembree, E.L. Jones, Monica Pruitt, Ophel Woodson.

CENSUS: 49 (Med., Surg.-21, Long-term Care-25, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Music interests thrive

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Magic Johnson the business mogul seems to be as versatile as Magic Johnson the hoop star.

Johnson's newest entertainment venture, Magic Johnson/Music/MCA Records, announced the signing this week of R&B singer Myron Avant, whose album is to be released this summer.

Another division of Johnson's entertainment umbrella, Magic Johnson Music Management, announced this week it will represent Boys II Men, Kelly Price and Mase.

"Magic has always been interested in popular music, and never missed a concert when he didn't have a game," Lisa Meyers, spokeswoman for Magic Johnson Enterprises, said Wednesday.

Births

Luis and Michelle Aguilar announce the birth of their daughter at 10:05 a.m. on March 31 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, seven ounces.

Religious Briefs

Maunday Thursday service

First Christian Church and First Presbyterian Church will join together to celebrate Maundy Thursday services. Both congregations will meet for a meal in the fellowship hall of First Christian at 6 p.m. and then in the sanctuary for a service of Holy Communion at 7 p.m. The public is invited to the service at 7 p.m. The two congregations began the Lenten season together on Ash Wednesday with a service at First Presbyterian last month.

Holy Week Services

Holy Week services conclude with a Good Friday breakfast at 7 a.m. at First United Methodist Church.

FBC Easter musical

"At The Name of Jesus," a musical for Easter, will be presented by the First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The public is invited.

Colonial Hill music ministry

The music ministry of Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present The Easter Story, "Celebrate Him" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. There is no admission charge.

Nazarene Easter service

The public is invited to the Easter Celebration at the First Church of the Nazarene at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the kids after the service.

Calvary's Easter musical

The adult choir of Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th St., will present the Easter musical, "Rise Again." Easter activities include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and the worship at 10:50 a.m. For more information or transportation, call 573-2191.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, appliances and other items are appreciated. Clothes are not needed at this time. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet next Thursday at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer-grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents. Child care is provided.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "T.V. Friend or Enemy" followed by "Teen Pressures: David vs Goliath."

Southern Gospel group

First Church of the Nazarene will present "Lighthouse," a Southern Gospel group, at the 11:45 a.m. service and evening service on April 11. Lunch will follow the morning service, according to Pastor Mike Howard.

Cost of Lewinsky inquiry: $6 million-plus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Boosted by the millions he spent looking into the Monica Lewinsky affair, Kenneth Starr's investigation of President Clinton and his wife is about to become the most expensive independent counsel inquiry ever.

Starr's expenditures totaled $6.2 million in the six months through Sept. 30, when the Lewinsky investigation was going full speed, pushing the cost of the independent counsel's 4½-year inquiry of the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton to nearly $40 million, according to figures released Wednesday by the congressional General Accounting Office.

Starr replaced prosecutor Robert Fiske, who already had spent $6 million investigating the Clintons' Whitewater real estate dealings and other matters.

The most expensive independent counsel investigation to date was Lawrence Walsh's $48.5 million, six-year probe of the Reagan administration regarding its arms and money deals with Iran and its secret war against the communist-led government of Nicaragua.

The former Iran-Contra prosecutor said Starr's costs would jump by many millions of dollars when he concludes his investigation, because legal costs for witnesses would be included at that point.

"I'm sure that Starr will exceed me (in costs) before he's through," Walsh said in an interview.

Walsh said that under the independent counsel law, people who were subjects of Starr's investigation but who were never indicted are entitled to reimbursement from the government for legal costs. Among the many people who may fit into that category are the president — who was impeached but not indicted — and Mrs. Clinton.

Elizabeth Ray, a spokeswoman for Starr, said, "The monumental effort required to conduct the investigation of Monica Lewinsky and others required unusual commitments of resources."

And White House spokesman Jim Kennedy said, "Our concerns about the exorbitant expense of the independent counsel's investigation are well known, but we'll let this latest report speak for itself."

The cost of investigating top administration officials during the Clinton era now tops $76 million, according to the GAO's figures.

Starr's $6.2 million expenditure in the six months through Sept. 30 was up nearly 60 percent from the $3.9 million in the previous six months, the GAO said.

The report did not cover costs for the first 2½ months of Starr's investigation into the presidential affair with Ms. Lewinsky and the cover-up. Starr opened the Lewinsky investigation in mid-January 1998. The latest GAO figures start on April 1, 1998.

The GAO totals do not break out Starr's costs for other aspects of his investigation, such as the prosecutions of Clinton friend Webster Hubbell and Whitewater partner Susan McDougal. But those investigations pale in size and intensity to the Lewinsky case, which involved a massive grand jury inquiry that lasted seven months.

Panel reports most federal agencies met Y2K deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly a dozen federal agencies failed to meet President Clinton's deadline for protecting their most critical computer systems against potential problems when the Year 2000 arrives.

However, Clinton administration officials emphasized that 92 percent of the government's 6,123 crucial computer systems are "Y2K compliant" and should work properly come January.

"These systems have gone through the full stages of not only analysis and assessment, but remediation, testing and implementation," said John Koskinen, chairman of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion. "Implementation includes installing the upgraded or replaced systems wherever they're in operation, not only domestically but around the world."

The announcement came Wednesday, the deadline Clinton imposed more than a year ago.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, immediately criticized the White House's characterization of the report.

"The administration is redefining success by patting themselves on the back for being 92 percent Y2K compliant. The reality is, the administration has failed to meet its own deadline," Armey said in a statement. "The administration is fooling itself and luring the American public into a false sense of security."

Koskinen said 13 of the 24 departments now report that their most essential computer systems are 100 percent ready for business on Jan. 1. Ten agencies have repaired and tested at least 85 percent of their systems.

Only the U.S. Agency for International Development has not fixed any of its critical systems.

HAPPY 30TH RAFE!

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mistress Learns the Hard Way: Cheatin' Hearts End Up Broken

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I was shocked by how you missed the boat regarding "Ex-Mistress in Chicago's" purported plea for forgiveness for her adultery. "Ex-Mistress" went to great lengths to point out how she was lied to and strung along, and how she didn't get what she wanted out of the affair, before she finally offered a clearly insincere apology to the wife of her ex-lover for the pain caused by the wife finding out about the affair.

Infidelity is wrong, Abby. It's not wrong because it didn't give the cheater what she wanted, or because a wronged spouse found out about it. It's the act itself that's wrong. The pain caused to the innocent parties involved, or the perpetrator's disappointment with the results, is merely a foreseeable byproduct of this wrong.

You had an opportunity to point this out to "Ex-Mistress" and the many morally challenged dimwits like her, and you missed it.

DAVE IN EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR DAVE: Everybody knows that infidelity is wrong. If it hadn't been occurring since before Moses climbed Mount Sinai, it wouldn't have been mentioned in the Ten Commandments. That it's still going on today should be a clue that many people consider themselves "exceptions" to the rule. Condemning infidelity as "wrong" will turn fewer people from infidelity than illustrating for them that it does not work. "Ex-Mistress in Chicago's" letter was a clear example. Read on for another:

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from the woman who fell into the trap of a married man. It happened to me, too. I was 21 and recovering from a very difficult divorce, trying to adjust to the fact I'd be raising a child alone. I felt I'd never be happy again, when I was introduced to "John."

John was brilliant, outgoing, handsome and very wealthy. He wined and dined me like I never dreamed possible. A couple of weeks after meeting me, he flew his private jet to Florida where I was visiting my parents and took me to a fabulous restaurant. I fell head over heels. He surprised me with a beautiful diamond bracelet for my birthday and made countless promises over the months. He kept the fact he was married a secret. By the time I found out, I was too much in love to break it off. We lived in different states, so it was easy for him to keep things hidden.

One night, I invited "Cynthia," one of my girlfriends, to join us for dinner. We had a great time, and enjoyed many other outings together with her and her boyfriend. This lasted a year and a half, until things with John began to fall apart. Last weekend I found out that Cynthia had gone away skiing with John. My heart is crushed. I've never been so hurt in my life. I love John more than life itself, but apparently he doesn't feel the same. I'm in tears as I type this, Abby.

Please print this so maybe they'll read it and see the damage they have caused. Please help me.

DROWNING IN TEARS

DEAR DROWNING: The damage they have caused you? If you think you're hurting, imagine how John's wife must feel as the wife of a serial philanderer. You're learning a tough lesson, my dear. Your affair with John reminds me of the frog who was asked by a scorpion to ferry it across the river on its back. "No," the frog replied. "If I take you, you'll sting me and I'll die." The scorpion swore a solemn oath that he would not sting, so the frog started to take him across the river. When they reached the middle, the scorpion stung the frog viciously. "Why did you sting me?" cried the dying frog. "Now we'll both die." The scorpion replied, "It's my nature!"

The next time you find out a man is married, do the intelligent thing: Disengage your heart and run in the opposite direction.

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plain & simple

When folks gather in Austin to make laws, they deal with some pretty complicated stuff.

But this session of the Texas Legislature, there's one telecommunications reform proposal that's as simple as 1,2,3.

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Senate panel OKs sales tax relief

AUSTIN (AP) — Diapers and over-the-counter children's medicine would no longer be subject to sales tax, and there would be a two-week tax holiday on clothing and shoes in time for back-to-school shopping next year, under a $250 million bill approved by a Senate panel.

"Our plan will provide tax relief to all Texans, but particularly those most in need. It could mean a month of free diapers, or a free pair of shoes for a child. That's a real tax cut families can feel and understand," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, sponsor of the bill approved unanimously Wednesday by the Senate Finance Committee. The bill goes to the Senate for consideration.

Selected sales tax relief has been a key part of Gov. George W. Bush's proposals for funneling part of a budget surplus back to taxpayers.

"I'm most appreciative that the Senate has heard the call to cut taxes," Bush said.

Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican like Bush, said the sales tax proposal is part of a mix that is meant to touch every Texan.

"I happen to think this ... Legislature likes the idea of having a multitude of ways to give back people their hard-earned tax money. If you just did a property tax (relief bill), there'd be some folks in the state of Texas who didn't get any relief from that," he said.

Under the bill, in which Ellis' staff said costs are figured as revenue loss to the state over the next two-year budget period:

— Diapers would be exempt from sales taxes at a cost of $56 million.

— The current exemption on prescription drugs would be expanded to over-the-counter medicines that have Food and Drug Administration approval and are formulated and labeled for children 12-years-old or younger. The cost of this exemption would be $45 million.

— A 14-day sales tax holiday would be created in August on shoes and clothing that cost up to $200 per item. It would not apply to accessories or to special clothing and footwear, such as golf shoes, that is not normally worn except during an athletic activity, according to Ellis' office. This would cost $150 million.

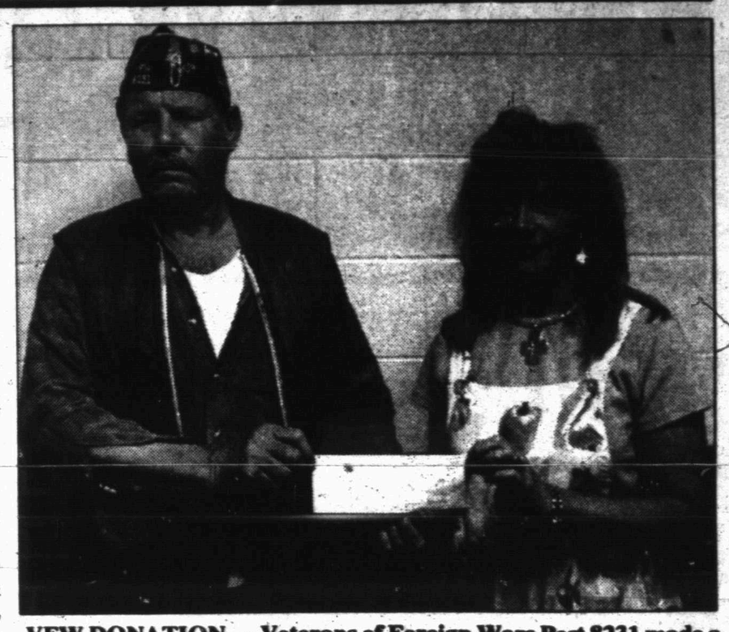
Because the bill would not take effect until Oct. 1, the tax holiday would start next year.

The sales tax rate in Texas — which can be as high as 8.25 percent when local and state sales taxes are combined — is one of the highest in the nation, Ellis' office said.

"Texas' sales tax rate takes the most from those who can least afford it," Ellis said.

His office estimated that the back-to-school sales tax holiday could save a family with two school-age children at least $20. It estimated that the diaper tax break would save a family with one infant $6.60 a month, or nearly $80 a year.

The sales tax relief bill is SB441.



VFW DONATION — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8231 made a donation to Snyder High School's Class of 1999. The funds will be used for the all-night graduation party. Accepting the funds is senior parent Melissa Alexander. Post commander Howard Bruns presented the donation. (SDN Staff Photo)

Couple sentenced for selling machines

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — An Idaho couple were sentenced to prison for selling ozone-generating machines they claimed could cure AIDS and cancer.

Bill to limit gun suits gets preliminary OK in Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to limit Texas cities' ability to sue gun manufacturers won preliminary approval Wednesday from the state Senate, but only after lawmakers made sure the attorney general still could file lawsuits on the state's behalf.

The 22-7 vote came on the third day that the bill by Sen. Jon Lindsay, R-Houston, has been before the Senate. Twice last week, he withdrew the bill from consideration after doubts were expressed about its restrictions.

His bill comes at a time when a number of U.S. cities have considered suing gun makers to recover the costs of gun-related violence.

"This is kind of a backdoor way of the anti-gun people to put the gun industry totally out of business," said Lindsay, whose bill requires a final Senate vote before going to the House for consideration.

An opponent of the measure, Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, predicted the bill "will probably be back to haunt us."

"This is not local control ... You put earrings on it, put a little lipstick, put a little perfume on it. But it's still an ugly bill," said Barrientos, D-Austin.

The measure would prohibit Texas governmental units — including cities and counties — from suing firearm or ammunition makers or sellers for damages related to lawful manufacture or sales to the public.

The prohibition would be lifted only if the Legislature approved such a lawsuit in advance.

As originally filed, the bill also would have restricted the attorney general's authority to bring lawsuits. But an amendment adopted Wednesday would leave the attorney general with existing authority to bring lawsuits without the Legislature's approval.

It also wouldn't prevent breach of contract or warranty lawsuits by governmental bodies that buy firearms or ammunition. The amendment added more exceptions for such things as lawsuits for damage to government property by defective firearms; and cases of personal injury or death, when a city or county is suing to recover money it has paid.

The gun lawsuit bill is SB717.

Bill

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taking their first standardized test in math in third grade. The only changes in the younger grades would be to move the current eighth-grade science and social studies tests to fifth and seventh grades, respectively.

The new test requirements would start in 2003. Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, amended the bill to have the state education commissioner study the effects of the new tests and report findings to lawmakers in 2006.

The West amendment also calls for the new requirements to automatically expire in 2007 unless the Legislature votes to keep them.

"My vote initially on this bill was no — period. No — exclamation point. We were beginning to overtest some of these kids," West said.

"If it's a bad idea, it's going to go away on its own," West said. "If it's a good, we can find the support to keep it alive."

The TAAS bill is SB103.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Mites cause allergic reaction

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For about five years, I have been infected with mites. My nose and eyes itch constantly. Local professionals have provided little, if any, relief. At age 77, I don't have much hope.

DEAR READER: It is unclear from your question how you have been infected. If you have mites in your skin, a condition called "scabies," applying medicated lotion, such as Kwell, will eradicate the problem.

On the other hand, people are often allergic to the mites that live in the dust of any home. Actually, people are allergic to the mites' excrement, which is carried in the dust and can cause typical allergic reactions in the eyes and upper respiratory tract — all the symptoms that plague people who are allergic to "house dust." Treatment is directed toward desensitizing patients with allergy shots, because it is virtually impossible to rid a house of dust mites. Take heart; an allergist may be able to help you.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." 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'm 26 and have been married to a wonderful man for six months. However, we're having some sexual incompatibility. When we have relations, I'm never turned on. Vaginal dryness makes intercourse uncomfortable. Does this mean that I have cancer or a bad disease?

DEAR READER: On the contrary. It sounds to me as though you are far from ready to have sex when your husband is aroused. This is a common marital problem. Teach your husband how to stimulate you — or stimulate yourself — during foreplay. Once you are aroused, the lubrication problem should solve itself. Or, if you would prefer, use one of the many commercially available personal lubricants.

I seriously doubt that your dryness indicates a gynecological disorder. Most women who experience this problem are victims more of poor timing than of illness.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is esophageal stenosis? What can be done about it?

DEAR READER: Esophageal stenosis means that there is a constriction somewhere along the course of the esophagus, from the throat to the stomach. This condition usually causes difficulty swallowing; this may be particularly noticeable when chunks of food, especially meat, become stuck and won't go down.

Some forms of stenosis (narrowing) are congenital: Babies can be born with them. In such cases, surgery is necessary.

In adults, stenosis is more likely the result of esophageal irritation, such as the chronic burning of gastric acid. In this instance, antacids may help ease symptoms, but a procedure to stretch and dilate the narrowed esophagus is usually necessary. Esophageal cancer, too, can cause stenosis. For obvious reasons, this is a very serious condition for which surgery is the usual treatment of choice.

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Horse Liniment Eases Arthritis Pain

OCALA, FL -- An ingredient derived from hot peppers that decreases inflammation in racehorse's legs, is now recognized as safe and effective for human use. The ingredient has been formulated into a product called ARTH-Rx™ and comes in a strength designed for humans. Researchers are excited and say the formula can relieve arthritis pain for millions.

Developed by the Phillips Gulf Corporation, ARTH-Rx is a breakthrough in the treatment of painful disorders ranging from minor aches and pains to more serious conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, tendonitis, backache and more.

Although the mechanism by which ARTH-Rx works to relieve pain is not totally clear, scientists suggest that pain is relieved because ARTH-Rx intercepts the messenger substance that sends pain signals to the brain.

ARTH-Rx is available in a convenient roll-on applicator without a prescription. According to a spokesperson for the company, due to the overwhelming demand for ARTH-Rx, supplies are sometimes limited. ARTH-Rx can also be ordered by calling 1-800-729-8446. © 1999 PGC

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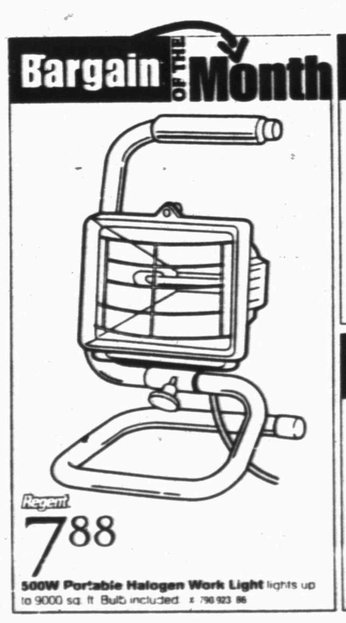

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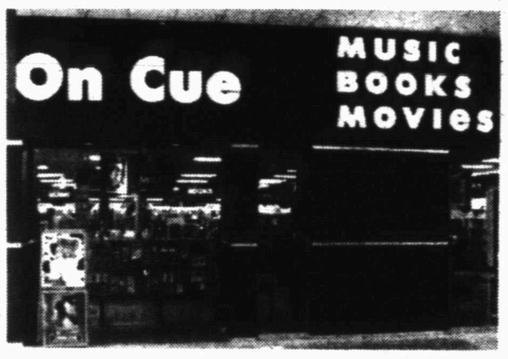

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Clinton's Kosovo strategy...

Military fears its image damaged

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military officials worry that the lofty status gained by air power in the Persian Gulf War declines with each day that ethnic atrocities continue in Kosovo despite daily NATO airstrikes.

Air Force officers and an active fraternity of retired air commanders bitterly blame the Clinton administration for returning to the incremental use of force that failed to bring Hanoi to heel in the Vietnam War.

"When you fly less than 50 bombing sorties per day for seven days, you're not serious about what you're doing," said retired Air Force Gen. Buster Glosson, one of the key planners of the Persian Gulf War air campaign. "At best it's sporadic bombing."

Officers, particularly in the Air Force, see the reputation of air power at risk in a mission laden with restrictions imposed from the White House. And they are growing increasingly concerned as television images from refugee camps provide vivid evidence that the airstrikes are not preventing the human suffering of the Kosovar Albanians.

"I'm worried about us being blamed once again for being overpromisers," said one Air Force strategic planner who spoke on condition of anonymity.

No one in uniform will publicly criticize the commander-in-chief over the campaign against Yugoslavia. But Lt. Gen. Ron Marcotte, commander of the 8th Air Force, underscored preconditions for success from the air.

"We've got to be in it for the long haul, ensure that we use all our capabilities to the fullest extent possible and ensure that our airmen have the support they need," Marcotte said.

The implication was clear enough: Without that support and full exploitation of capabilities, the Air Force should not be blamed for failure.

As strikes on Yugoslavia intensified this week, so did the rhetoric from Washington warning against expecting too much from bombs and missiles.

Appearing Wednesday night on CBS's "60 Minutes II" program, President Clinton said he was aware of the military's concern over how air power is being applied.

Yahoo! Inc. to buy Broadcast.com Inc.

NEW YORK (AP) — Yahoo! Inc. is buying Broadcast.com Inc. for $5.7 billion in stock, adding the Internet's leading supplier of radio and video programs to Yahoo!'s growing array of services.

The transaction announced today puts Yahoo! in a solid position to take advantage of the high-speed future of the Internet.

Broadcast.com is perhaps best known for its Web broadcasts of John Glenn's second launch into space and the Victoria's Secret fashion show. But the company's services are expected to grow in popularity as connections to cyberspace get faster and easier.

The acquisition "really positions Yahoo! to play a defining role as we see the rise of audio and video content on the Web," said Paul Noglows, a San Francisco-based analyst with Hambrecht & Quist.

"From Broadcast.com's perspective, it will make their services available to a much broader range of users, considering Yahoo! attracts 50 million unique users to its site a month."

Yahoo! agreed to pay $130 a share for Broadcast.com's stock, a 10 percent premium over Wednesday's closing price of $118.18¾ on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Shares of Broadcast.com had run up in recent days on reports the two companies were talking about a deal.

Broadcast.com investors will receive .77 of a Yahoo share for each Broadcast.com share.

News of the deal filtered out after markets had closed Wednesday. Yahoo!'s stock fell $3.92¾ to $168.37½, also on the Nasdaq.

Founded in 1994 by Stanford University doctoral candidates David Filo and Jerry Yang, Yahoo! is one of the premier destinations on the Internet. The company's turbocharged stock, which has risen 264 percent in the past 12 months, has turned into a currency to snap up rivals.

Broadcast.com wasn't cheap. The Dallas-based firm, which went public in July, has seen its shares rise 1,213 percent in just eight months.

The company isn't making any money yet. Broadcast.com lost $16.4 million last year on revenue of $22.3 million, while Yahoo! made $25.6 million on revenue of $203.3 million.

Government audit finds fault with financial record keeping

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government could use a few good CPAs to keep track of everything from bullets to Medicare payments.

The second annual governmentwide audit by the congressional General Accounting Office found that 24 major agencies are doing a poor overall job of keeping their financial books.

The audit released Wednesday actually was a cause for some optimism, because things weren't quite as bad in fiscal 1998 as the year before.

"Progress is coming, but we've sure got a lot to do," said Rep. Steve Horn, R-Calif., chairman of the House Government Reform subcommittee on government management, information and technology.

Comptroller General David Walker, who heads the GAO, told the panel that 24 major federal agencies do not properly account for a majority of the $466 billion in assets they hold. These range from buildings to heavy equipment to ammunition.

It does not necessarily mean the assets are missing, although some are. It shows most government agencies do not have the basic financial controls that are commonplace in any private business.

"If small-business owners kept books like this, they'd be put in jail," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said today. "The federal government calls this an improvement from last year. I don't."

The government's financial statements, Walker said, "do not provide a reliable source of information for decision-making by the government or the public."

The audit showed numerous other problems, including inadequate data on loans and liabilities such as veterans' benefits, poor computer security, vast underestimates for costs such as environmental and nuclear cleanups and even lack of documentation to support the expense of many day-to-day government operations.

While the full extent of improper payments made by government agencies is unknown, the Health and Human Services Department estimated that $12.6 billion of its fee-for-service Medicare payments — about 7 percent — should not have been made in 1998.

That is down from $23.2 billion in 1996, which Walker cited as an example of why accurate accounting matters. When the problem can be measured and analyzed, he said, government managers can better focus on finding solutions.

Horn released his own "report card" that graded federal agencies in three financial categories: reliable information, effective internal controls and compliance with laws and regulations.

Horn gave only NASA and the National Science Foundation an "A", while 12 agencies either got an "F" or had not submitted their statements as required by Tuesday.

"If these were my kids and their report cards, they'd be grounded," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va.

Obituaries

Benny Sims

1933-1999

Benny Erman Sims of Westbrook died this morning in Abilene Regional Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Sims, 65, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 9, 1933 in Snyder, he married Mary Pate in Alvin. Mr. Sims was a member of Snyder's First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Sims, in 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Sims of Westbrook; a daughter and son-in-law, Terrisue and Richard Mann of Snyder; a step-daughter and son-in-law, Mary "Libb" and Stan McMullen of Loraine; a son and daughter-in-law, Stewart and Leia Sims of White Deer; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Beth and Sam McDaniel of Hermleigh and Ginny and Dave Griffith of Snyder; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Darrell and Neva Sims of Granbury and Bobby and Faye Sims of Snyder; three grandchildren, Michael Mann of Snyder and Krista and Amber Schrader, both of White Deer; and three step grandchildren.

L.H. Howard

1921-1999

SWEETWATER — L.H. Howard, father of Cindy McMillan of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 31, in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater.

Service for Mr. Howard, 78, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the McCoy Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Rex Reynolds officiating. Burial will follow in Palava Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Nolan County Honor Guard.

Born on March 5, 1921 in Palava, Texas, he married Bernice Yoakum on Oct. 11, 1947 in Las Vegas, Nev. Mr. Howard was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving at the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of VFW Post 2479, a past exalted ruler of Elks Lodge, and a lifelong resident of Fisher and Nolan counties.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice Howard of Sweetwater; two sons and daughters-in--law, Jack and Carla Howard and Brent and Liz Howard, all of Sweetwater; two sisters, Tina Harvey of Sweetwater and Guan Spivey of Lodi, Calif.; a son-in-law, Jimmy McMillan of Snyder; and four grandsons.

The family requests memorials to the Palava Cemetery Association, 1623 E. 13th, Sweetwater 79556.

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Microsoft case delayed to May

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft's antitrust case is on track to continue through late summer or early fall, after the judge outlined a new courtroom schedule and promised to resume the marathon trial in mid-May.

The extended recess provides Microsoft and the government more time to try to negotiate a settlement, although one round of talks ended unsuccessfully earlier this week after only two hours.

There were no plans to meet again on a specific date, but neither side ruled out future talks. A person close to the case said Wednesday that further negotiations were unlikely for at least one week.

In Tuesday night's negotiations at the Justice Department, described as cordial, Microsoft's top legal negotiators couldn't reach common ground with government lawyers, another person close to the discussions said. Talks broke up at 7 p.m.

Both the company and the government declined to comment about negotiations after a hearing Wednesday.

Alleged sexual assault under investigation

Officers are investigating a report of a possible sexual assault of a 14-year-old female.

The case is still under investigation. An offense report for sexual assault was filed in the matter at 6:43 a.m. Wednesday.

A man notified officers of the incident when he learned his daughter might be pregnant.

In other activity Wednesday, a woman requested an attempt to locate on her 16-year-old daughter at 8:49 p.m. in reference to the juvenile leaving her residence without permission.

An offense report for runaway was filed. However, the girl was located and transported to the police department where she was later released to her mother.

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Public reception

A public reception in honor of Railroad Commission Chairman Tony Garza and Robert Huston, chairman of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. today in the Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus.

Hamburger cookout

Scurry County officials are hosting a county-wide hamburger cookout starting at 5 this evening on the courthouse square to show support for the local economy. The cookout will conclude in time for the town-hall meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. at city hall.

Townhall meeting

State Rep. David Counts, along with Mayor David Holt, will conduct a townhall meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Snyder City Hall.

Snyder Healthcare bake sale

The family council of the Snyder Healthcare Center will have its annual bake sale from 9 a.m. until noon Friday. It will be located in the southwest corner of the building located at 5311 Big Spring Highway. Entry may be through the back hallway door.

Hermleigh Cemetery Association

Hermleigh Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. For more information, call 863-2355 or 863-2338.

Free tax aid service

Free tax help is available each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Help is also available for shut-ins. Call 573-3822 or 573-4035.

Public hearing for bomber training

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initative (RBTI) on from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday in the Snyder High School auditorium.

Golden K fish fry

Golden K Kiwanis Club fish fry will be held from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Senior Citizens Center. Cost is $6 for adults and children under 6 can eat free. Takeout plates will be available.

American Legion officers

The American Legion Layne Kite Post #181 will elect officers on April 12.

Softball tournament

A men's softball tournament to benefit Special Olympics is planned April 17-18 at Winston Park. It will be double elimination and cost is $100 per team. Entry fee is due by April 9 by contacting Coach Stewart or Daisy Braziel at 915-573-1114.

Class of '79 reunion

The SHS class of 1979 is planning a class reunion. Anyone wanting to help plan or work on the reunion is asked to contact Susan Blackard at 573-0989.

1989 class reunion

The SHS 1989 class reunion committee is seeking addresses of former classmates for the 10-year reunion. Information is needed ASAP so it can be mailed out. Contact Christy Smith at 573-8392, or 573-1420 for additional information.

Windbreak trees available

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has extra windbreak trees, both hardwood and evergreens, available.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30: p.m. next Thursday the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer-grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents. Child care is provided.

Pick 3

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

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Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated $7 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 14, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $10 million.