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Immunity deal sours

Lewinsky's attorney preparing to defend client

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monica Lewinsky's lawyer met briefly with Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr today and signaled negotiations for an immunity deal have gone sour. The prosecutor then asked a judge to stop evidence-gathering in the separate Paula Jones lawsuit.

Starr said it was necessary to put the Jones lawsuit on hold because lawyers in that case were interfering with his criminal investigation of the Lewinsky matter by pursuing the same witnesses and evidence.

Both sides in the Jones suit "are attempting to take strategic advantage of the ongoing criminal investigation to their own benefit — with the inevitable effect of disrupting that investigation," Starr wrote in a motion filed in Little Rock, Ark.

His dramatic request to halt the civil case that spawned Starr's investigation of an alleged presidential affair and coverup came after Lewsinky's attorney sounded a down note about his latest meeting with the prosecutor over an immunity deal.

"If you asked if we made any progress, we are making progress today on preparing Monica a defense," attorney William Ginsburg said.

He said the meeting, which lasted less than an hour, was "face-to-face" and declined to provide further details.

On Wednesday, Ginsburg had said that if talks designed to reach an immunity deal for Ms. Lewinsky in exchange for her testimony broke down, he would turn to preparing a defense for the former White House intern.

Ginsburg previously confirmed his client was told by prosecutors she was a target who is likely to be indicted.

Ginsburg and Starr's investigators had been in regular contact in recent days as they tried to clarify points in her formal offer earlier this week to testify.

There was no immediate comment from Starr's office.

Prosecutors also are setting their sights on Secret Service agents as possible witnesses into whether Clinton had sex with Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern.

Officials say Starr's office and Treasury officials were discussing how to gain testimony from the agents — a step that would breach their customary code of silence.

Starr is trying to determine whether there is any corroboration for the accusation that Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern, had a sexual relationship with Clinton and then was urged by the president and longtime Clinton confidant Vernon Jordan to lie about it.

The Associated Press reported last week that prosecutors are interested in a contact Clinton had with Ms. Lewinsky in December — after she had been ordered to describe her relationship with the president under oath and before Jordan helped arrange a New York job and Washington lawyer for her.

The Washington Post said today that the meeting occurred Dec. 28 near the Oval Office, according to sources it did not identify.

In Ms. Lewinsky's version of the meeting, Clinton also told her she might find it easier to avoid testifying if she moved to New York, said the Times, quoting an unidentified associate of Ms. Lewinsky and others familiar with her account.

A White House political aide, Paul Begala, today discounted these reports as "probably another one of these false leaks."

CMH board receives encouraging news on physician recruitment

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers this morning received updates on several projects, including a seemingly positive report on physician recruitment.

Dr. Gary Nussey, head of the medical staff, reported he has received good indication that a family practitioner is planning to establish a full practice at the St. Mary Medical Clinic. The prospect, currently involved in a one-year rural medical fellowship, would also establish an obstetrical practice, said Dr. Nussey.

However, actual confirmation of the doctor's intention or when he might begin his practice here, has not been confirmed.

Jeff Reecer, hospital CEO, told the board that a husband and wife, both family practitioners, are looking to relocate their practice and are expected to visit Snyder in mid-February.

Dr. Nussey also said a second ophthalmologist is expected to begin working out of the hospital's specialty clinic and has been sent an application for privileges.

Other reports, including the monthly financials, were addressed by the board, which tabled the swearing in of reappointed board members.

J.B. Tate Jr., Stanley Martin and Jim Bob Cave were all reappointed to the board by Scurry County Commissioners Court earlier this month. They were to be given the oath of office today, but that was postponed until next month because County Judge Ricky Fritz was unable to attend the meeting.

Election of officers is also anticipated next month.

Reecer told the board that renovation of former offices for the new physical therapy clinic is coming along well, and could open as early as late February. The clinic will be a teaching site for Texas Tech and Hardin Simmons universities.

He also noted that the hospital has six physical therapists on staff.

In another report, Reecer said that beginning March 1, local doctors will serve as emergency room physicians around the clock from 7 a.m. Sunday through 7 p.m. Friday.

"They won't be on call; they will be the emergency room physician and be there for their entire shift," said Reecer.

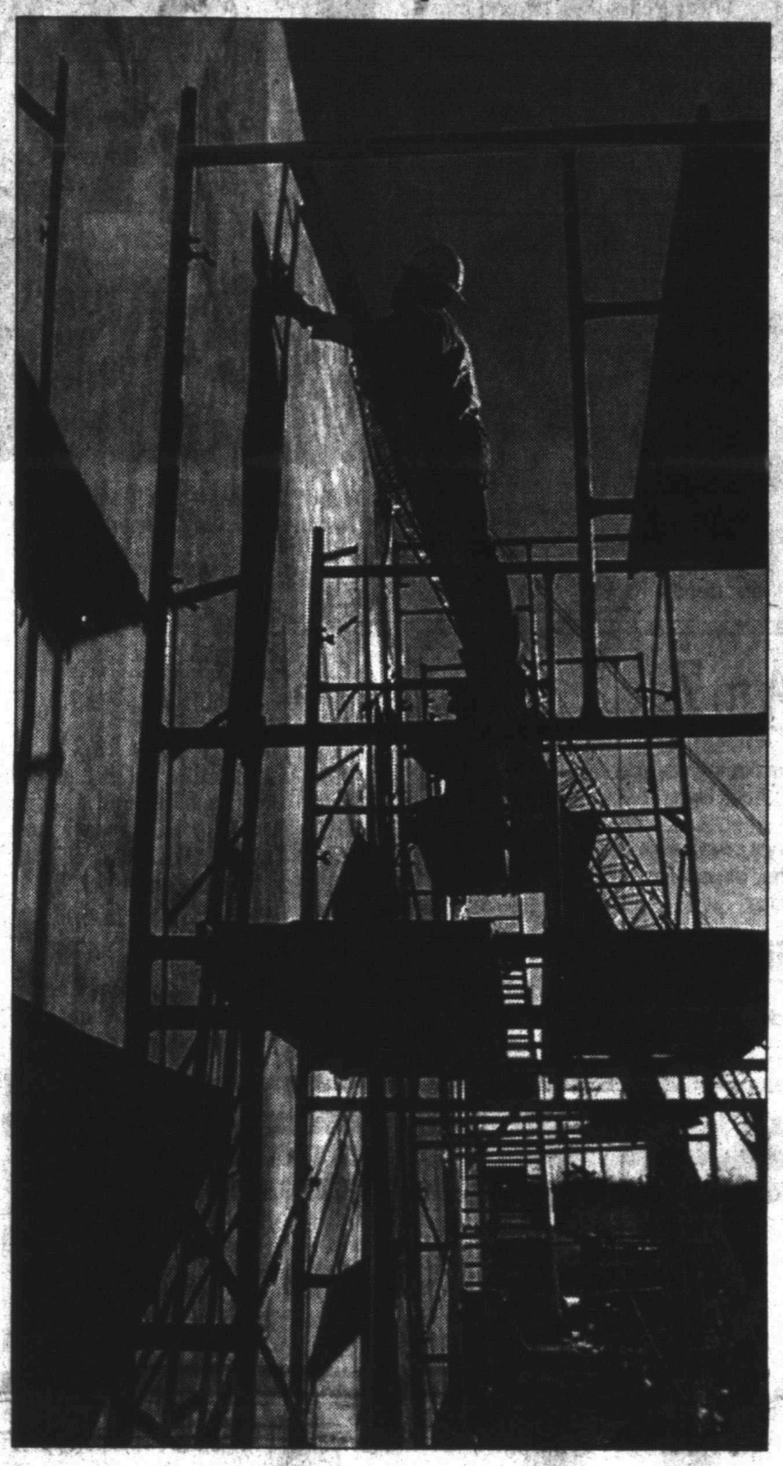
A private firm will handle staffing the other 36 Hours a week, and will be available to fill in for vacations and other times when local physicians are out of town.

Jerry Vestal, director of utilization management, informed the board of some staffing changes. He said Jana Helms has been made patient accounting manager. Betty Woodard, manager of health information, will also manage the admitting department. Dorothy Lloyd, former head of admitting, will now be financial counselor for the hospital.

December's financial report indicated inpatient revenue of $804,544, an operating income of $241,238 and a net income of $391,890.

Operating income for the year is

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FINISHING TOUCHES — Snyder's new water plant is in full operation but lacks some cosmetic touches. PKG Contractor's employee Javiar Olbera works to smooth some concrete work. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A person in a large family learns to dance by waiting to get into the bathroom."

We've received more calendars this year than ever before. One, however, really caught our attention.

It's called "A Rush Job Calendar."

Here are some highlights of a typical month:

--Since every job is a rush and everyone wants the job finished yesterday, with this calendar a customer can order his work on the 7th and have it delivered on the 3rd.

--All customers want their jobs Friday, so there are two Fridays in each week.

--There are seven extra days at the end of the month for those end-of-the-month tasks.

--There will be no first-of-the-month bills to be paid, as there isn't any "first."

--The "tenth" and the "twenty-fifth" have also been omitted in case you have been asked to pay on one of those days.

--There are no bothersome, non-productive Saturdays and Sundays. No time and one-half or double-time to pay.

--And the first day of each week is called Negotiation Day.

We know not all criminals are stupid, but some deserve to be call dumb with a capital D.

The following true story out of San Francisco is proof:

A man, planning to rob a downtown Bank of America, walked into the branch and wrote "This iz a stikkup. Put all the muny in this bag."

While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the front of the line.

So, the would-be bank robber left Bank of America and crossed the street to Wells Fargo.

After waiting a few minutes, he reached the front of the line and handed his note to the Wells Fargo teller.

After reading it, she surmised from the spelling errors that he might not be the brightest bandit in the world.

She told him she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of America deposit slip, and that he would either have to fill out a Wells Fargo deposit slip or go back to Bank of America.

Confused, the man agreed and left Wells Fargo. The teller then called police who arrested the bandit a few minutes later — waiting in line at Bank of America.

Parent-taught drivers to get insurance break

AUSTIN (AP) — Young drivers who complete state-approved, parent-taught driver education courses will be eligible for a 10 percent auto insurance discount, the state's insurance commissioner decided today.

The discount already is available to young drivers who complete traditional, school-taught drivers education courses.

Lawmakers, parents and industry officials all told Commissioner Elton Bomer this morning that teen-agers taught to drive by their parents are at least as good — and often better — at driving than those who go through traditional school training.

The new discount will be available to parent-taught drivers within several weeks.

Insurance companies have the option of extending the discount. That means parents and young drivers will have to shop around to find a company that will give them the 10 percent break, insurance department officials said.

One killed...

Bomb rips abortion clinic

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — An explosion caused by a bomb ripped through an abortion clinic this morning, killing an off-duty police officer and critically injuring a nurse. It was the first fatal clinic bombing in U.S. history, an abortion rights activist said.

Authorities evacuated students at nearby dormitories of the University of Alabama at Birmingham out of concern a second bomb could detonate.

The blast at the New Woman All Women Health Care clinic came just a week after the nation marked the 25th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

Fire Chief Ray Brooks said one person was confirmed dead and a second was taken to the hospital. FBI spokesman Jimmy Brown said the dead person was an off-duty police officer.

University of Alabama Hospital spokeswoman Laura Mansfield said the injured woman, a nurse, was in critical condition.

Brian Lett of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms confirmed that the explosion was caused by a bomb, No second explosive device was immediately found, but the area around the clinic remained secured, he said.

"We still have a hot scene. We're being very cautious because of what happened in Atlanta," Lett said.

A year ago, two bombs went off an hour apart at a clinic in Atlanta; all seven injuries were in the second blast. That bombing is still unsolved.

At late morning, authorities were using a robot to examine what appeared to be a small box-shaped item found near the clinic.

Five people have been shot to death at abortion clinics, one in 1993 and four in 1994. While many clinics around the country have been bombed over the years, no fatalities are known.

"This is the first death that we have seen from a bombing of an abortion clinic," said Vicki Saporta, director of the National Abortion Federation.

Windows in the two-story clinic were blown out and an awning over the door was ripped apart.

Weevil eradication vote date changed

A vote on whether the boll weevil eradication program will continue in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone has been delayed until March 11.

State officials said the delay is necessary to satisfy a legal requirement for publicly posting the notice of the referendum.

The referendum was originally scheduled for Feb. 27.

Growers in the Rolling Plains Central Zone initially approved a boll weevil eradicaiton program Dec. 1, 1994, and a maximum assessment of $10 per land acre to fund it. If the March 11 referendum is approved, the assessment rate will continue at that level.

Unlike establishment referenda where two-thirds of all voters must approve a proposition, only a majority of those returning ballots will be needed to determine whether the eradication program will continue.

The Texas Department of Agriculture will mail ballots to all eligible voters in the zone by Feb. 18.

The March 11 referendum will also elect a board member to represent the Rolling Plains Central Zone on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradiation Foundation Inc.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and who have grown cotton for at least seven years may place their names on the ballot for the board member position.

Nomination forms are available at the county extension office.

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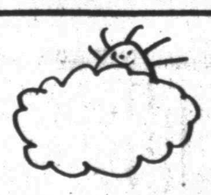
Q—What year did Western Texas College drop its boys basketball program?

A— In January 1993, the college's board voted to drop the sport.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 72 degrees; low, 28; 7 a.m. Thursday, 37; no preciptation; total for 1998, .05 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight. increasing cloudiness. Low, mid 30s. Friday, mostly cloudy morning, partly cloudy afternoon. High, mid 60s.



Louisa Penaz
Partly cloudy

Sunset:
6:16 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:37 a.m.
Of 28 days in 1998, the sun has shone 28 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do.

Unknown

Killer is executed

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (AP) — A man who negotiated his own death sentence because he didn't want to grow old in prison was executed by injection early today for killing another inmate.

Robert A. Smith, 47, offered no resistance as he was wheeled into the death chamber at Indiana State Prison.

"I'm ashamed of the way I lived my life, and I pray God will forgive me," he said in a final statement. "I hope the angels are flying close to the ground. I'm sorry I helped make the world the way it is today."

Smith was pronounced dead just before 12:30 a.m.

Smith pleaded guilty to murder on the condition that he be sentenced to death, and he refused to pursue any appeals. Ten days ago, Smith had put a countdown on his cell wall. On Wednesday, he wrote, "The nightmare is finally over."

Sullivan County prosecutor Robert Springer, who reluctantly negotiated the plea agreement, said that in the moments before the execution, he saw a man at peace with himself.

"We all have to respect him for what he did. It took a lot of courage," Springer said. "This was one of the few things in his life that worked out the way he wanted."

Smith went to prison in 1984 for robbery. He attacked a guard and stabbed another inmate, adding so much time to his sentence that he wouldn't be eligible for release until he was almost 90.

Three years ago, he and inmate Ronald Lunsford killed Michael Wedmore, who was in prison for beating his girlfriend's 2-year-old daughter to death for wetting the bed. Lunsford received a 40-year sentence, but Smith threatened to kill again unless he was sentenced to death.

Springer finally agreed, and Smith was sentenced to death in July 1996.

"I felt like I got parole," Smith said of his sentence. "I'm going to get out of prison."

He had scoffed at Amnesty International's request to halt the execution.

"The only time they come out is when somebody is getting ready to be executed," Smith said this month. "They don't help people on death row."



DONATION — Jack McGlaun, left, director of the Boys and Girls Club, accepted a check from the Lions Club, presented by Joe Hefner, president. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Air Force One has rough time

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — It was a bad day for the crew of Air Force One.

Hours after a close encounter with a commercial jet, President Clinton's airplane became stuck in mud as it taxied to a runway on Wednesday. The president switched planes and returned home safely.

The mud mishap delayed Clinton's arrival in La Crosse, Wis., for the second of two post-State of the Union rallies. But Clinton was unfazed, using the extra time on the ground to play hearts, his favorite card game, with three of his aides.

After the Wisconsin rally, Clinton returned to Washington without incident.

Federal officials were continuing to review an earlier incident in which the president's Boeing 707 and a Delta Air Lines MD-88 jetliner passed each other with just over the required 3-mile separation between them.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday night the distance between the planes may have been up to 3.25 miles, just over the minimum 3 mile separation standard. The agency originally had reported the distance between them as 2.88 miles.

Air Force One was taking off from Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland and heading west to Champaign, Ill. while the Delta flight was heading south for a landing at Washington National Airport, just across the Potomac River, according to FAA spokesman Eliot Brenner.

FAA officials said neither flight crew declared a near miss and there was no threat to the safety of occupants on either plane.

The encounter with mud came after Clinton had completed his Illinois rally and Air Force One was turning to taxi to the runway for takeoff. There was no indication aboard the plane that anything was wrong — until the pilot gunned the engine twice in an attempt to free the plane and wound up sinking the wheels under the right wing further into the mud.

Secret Service agents and Air Force personnel then tried freeing the wheel, unsuccessfully.

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Crichton cleared in trial

ST. LOUIS (AP) — After being found innocent of pirating a screenplay to make "Twister," Michael Crichton couldn't bring himself to shake the hand of his accuser.

"I've never heard of this person until the lawsuit came out," Crichton said of Stephen Kessler, who filed a copyright infringement lawsuit in 1996 against a number of Hollywood's heavy hitters.

Kessler had claimed that Steven Spielberg, Crichton, Crichton's wife, Anne-Marie Martin, Warner Bros. and Universal Studios had used his screenplay, "Catch the Wind," to make the movie "Twister" about tracking devastating tornadoes in Oklahoma.

All defendants were found innocent Wednesday.

Kessler had sought the movie's profits, which his lawyer estimated to be around $150 million. Spielberg, who produced "Twister," estimated his agency made $20 million to $80 million from the movie.

Kessler attempted to shake Crichton's hand after the verdict was read, but the best-selling author declined. Kessler said he would appeal.

Crichton said he's faced similar accusations in the past but they have always been dismissed before going to trial.

The verdict brings to close a nearly three-week trial, which at times had turned nasty.

In his closing statement, Kessler's lawyer, Martin Green, accused Crichton of making a career out of taking parts of novels and movies written by others and incorporating them into his own works.

"But in this case, he took a little bit too much from 'Catch the Wind,'" Green said.

Datebook

Jan. 29, 1998

Today is the 29th day of 1998 and the 40th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1886, the first successful gasoline-powered automobile was patented by Karl Benz.

On this day in 1971, Allen Klein, who once controlled the finances of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, was found guilty of income tax evasion.

On this day in 1990, Joseph Hazelwood, former skipper of the Exxon Valdez, went on trial in Anchorage, Alaska.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772), scientist-mystic; Thomas Paine (1737-1809), American colonial pamphleteer; William McKinley (1843-1901), U.S. president; Anton Chekhov (1860-1904), writer; W.C. Fields (1880-1946), comedian; John Forsythe (1918-), actor, is 80; Paddy Chayefsky (1923-1981), dramatist; Tom Selleck (1945-), actor, is 53; Ann Jillian (1950-), actress, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1936, the Baseball Hall of Fame was established in Cooperstown, N.Y.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Suspicion is the companion of mean souls, and the bane of all good society." — Thomas Paine

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1993, in Kenya, flood waters collapsed a railroad bridge while a train was crossing; 104 people died.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

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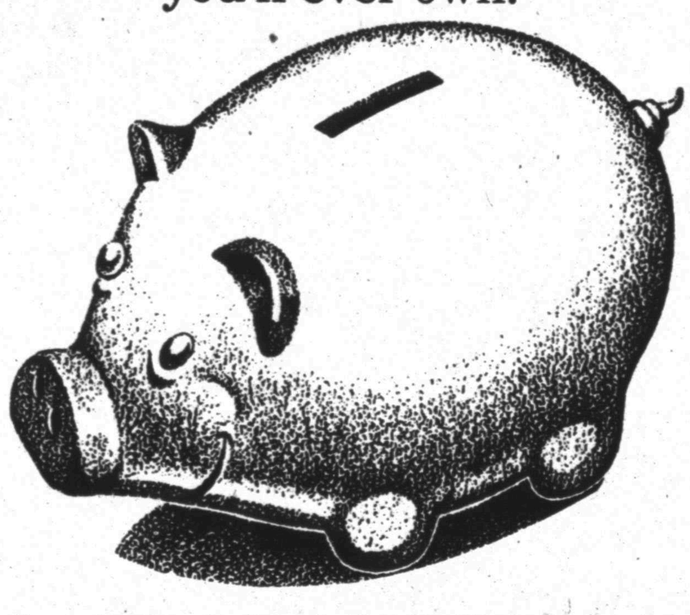
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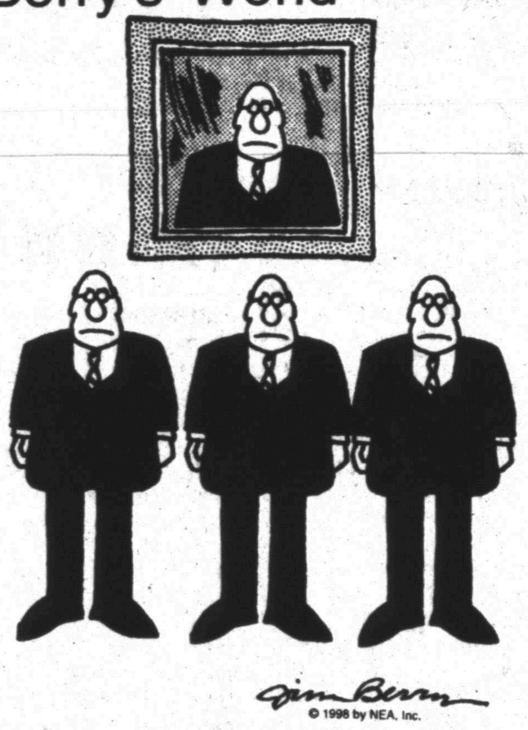


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Bonnie Hodge and Betty Boyd

Hodge gives program...

Scurry Chapter ABWA names Boyd woman of year

Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association named Betty Boyd its Woman of the Year and heard a program on helping cancer patients by Bonnie Hodge at its recent meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Barbara Scrivner introduced Hodge who serves on the local American Cancer Society board and does 'reach to recovery' for the group. She said one has to be free from cancer one year before volunteering. Visiting women in hospitals and giving them a pillow made by the high school homemaking department, giving them clothing, an exercise ball and rope, and books to read, are all part of the services rendered to cancer patients.

Hodge and her husband have lived in Snyder since 1971 and have two daughters. She works for Dr. John O'Banion and is a member of 37th Street Church of Christ.

Hodge, Janet Wesson and Melissa Rosson will speak to groups upon request.

Leona Wiggins introduced the vocational speaker, Carol Young, who has worked for Bullard Computer Solutions since 1995.

Ruby Deaver was hostess to 15 members. Vern Beasley lead the invocation and Boyd gave the benediction.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 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 appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m..



ROTARY SUPPORTS SNS — Snyder Neighbors Sharing received a $500 donation from the Lions Club, presented by president Gayle Lomax, left. Accepting for SNS is its chairman, Thomas Fogleman. SNS is accepting applications through Feb. 1 to do repair work on homes for those who cannot financially or physically do it themselves. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Tasteless display raises eyebrows

AMHERST, Ohio (AP) — Matthew Bailey likes his wares bare.

But the naked mannequins in his storefront window raised the eyebrows of a handful of shoppers in this small town where the tallest buildings are churches and silos.

"They're pretty graphic," Amherst Trustee David Urig said Wednesday. "I'm concerned about it. If anything, it's rather tasteless."

Bailey opened his shop — All Make Beliefs — last July in a rundown strip mall about 30 miles west of Cleveland. He sells used department store mannequins and restores dummies for companies that need them repainted or rebuilt.

In September, the town's three trustees told him that at least six people complained that the unclad mannequins were offensive. Bailey removed the non-anatomically-correct mannequins at first, but put them back Monday.

"One trustee asked me to dress them — but I'm not in the clothing business," Bailey said. "If I dressed them, people would think this is a clothing store and walk by."

A switch: trooper is chased

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — It was a police chase, all right. But it was the police being chased.

A motorist pulled over for a car pool lane violation tried to back over the trooper who stopped him, then chased the motorcycle officer on a freeway at speeds up to 100 mph.

The fleeing California Highway Patrol trooper was forced to weave in and out of traffic Tuesday on busy Highway 17 to evade the driver, who eventually crashed into a guard rail and suffered minor injuries.

Adrien Ray Diven was being held on suspicion of attempted murder of a police officer, assault with a deadly weapon — his car — against an officer, and evading arrest. He had no prior driving citations and there was no indication of drugs or alcohol.

"We don't know what he was thinking. He won't talk to us," said patrol spokesman Rich Stewart. "I tell you, it's kind of crazy for police with some motorists these days."

The officer's name was withheld.

Polite robber caught

GARY, Ind. (AP) — The alleged robber took his would-be victim at his word.

Police say Moses Tucker, 18, had a question Tuesday night: "Can I have all of your money please?"

"No, I don't have any money," answered Thomas Douglas of Irving, N.Y.

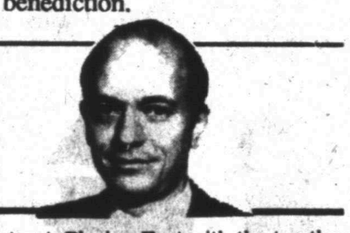
So Tucker got back into a car with three men and left.

Douglas saw the license plate on the car and called police, who arrested the men minutes later.

Tucker, who was identified as the "polite robber," was charged with carrying a gun without a permit and armed robbery.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 01-29-98
♠ K 9 3
♥ 8 7 6 5
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ A Q 10 9 5

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

East
♠ 10
♥ K Q 10 7 5 3
♦ A 8 4
♣ 8 7 3

South
♠ A Q 7 5 4 2
♥ J 4
♦ K 9
♣ K 6 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	2 ♥
2 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠	5 ♥
Pass	Pass	5 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ??

There are times when even the most placid of bridge players has his patience sorely tried. He spots a brilliant defense, makes the critical play, and has the contract on its knees. But unfortunately partner still has a part to play. Not in tune with the situation, his move is less than successful, permitting the contract to stand anew.

Sidney Silodor, one of America's best in yesteryear, must have counted to at least a zillion after this deal.

East, in third position, opened with a weak two-bid, showing a decent six-card suit and insufficient values for a one-bid. After the two-spade overcall, Silodor (West) applied maximum pressure with his leap to four hearts. North bid four spades, of course. East, knowing his partner was a passed hand, sacrificed in five hearts. Not satisfied with doubling the nonvulnerable opponents (the penalty is 300), North moved on to five spades.

What should Silodor lead?

Knowing they had at most one heart trick, Silodor judged that it might be better for partner to lead a low diamond at trick two. So, Silodor led not the heart ace but the *nine*.

As you can see, the distribution was exactly as Silodor envisioned. At trick two, a low diamond switch from East would surely have defeated the contract. Placing East with the top three heart honors, declarer would have played his low diamond, not the king. But East ruined it all by unimaginatively placing the diamond *ace* onto the table.

Was Silodor playing with a novice? Far from it: He was competing in the Bermuda Bowl, the world's most prestigious championship.

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School controversy

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — Stormin' Norman has stepped into a fray over a proposed school for Muslim children in suburban Washington.

The Saudi government wants to build an Islamic school for 3,500 youngsters near Dulles International Airport. Loudoun County officials would have to approve zoning for the school.

Some residents want the school, but others strongly object. An anonymous handbill warned that the Islamic school could be a security risk and a terrorism threat.

Michelangelo's chalk drawing sells for $7.5 million

NEW YORK (AP) — A chalk drawing by Michelangelo sold at auction Wednesday for a record $7.5 million.

"Christ and the Woman of Samaria," possibly a study for a more finished work, depicts a scene from the Bible in which Christ stops at a well and asks a Samaritan woman for a drink.

Sotheby's said the drawing, composed in the 1540s or 1550s, was one of the last privately owned works by the Renaissance master. At 17¼ inches by 13½ inches, the drawing was one of the largest Michelangelo works ever to come on the open market.

The seller was a foundation established by the late Martin Bodmer, a Swiss book collector. The buyer was an anonymous telephone bidder.

The previous record price for a Michelangelo drawing at auction was $6.3 million for "The Rest on the Flight Into Egypt," in 1993.

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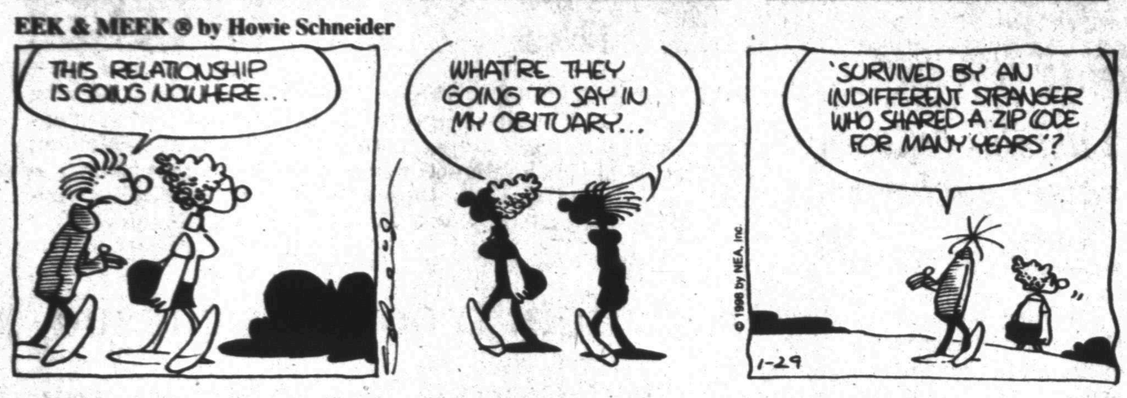
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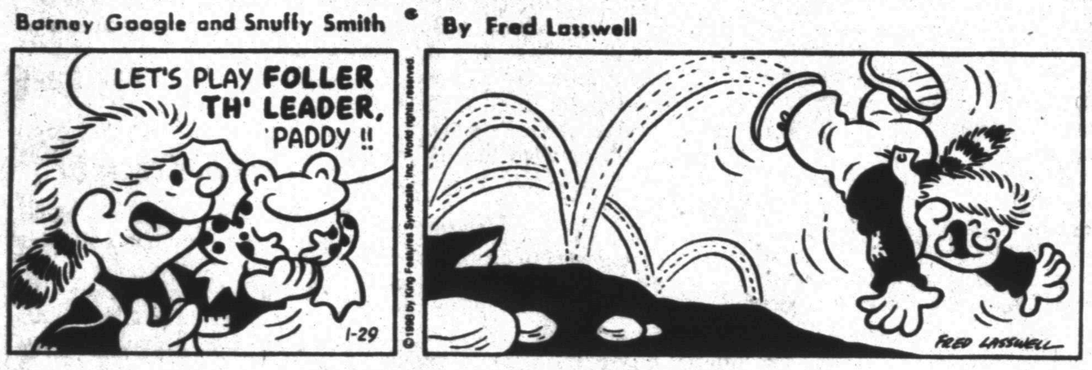
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7 Went fast
13 Six — news
14 Gasoline rating
15 Stinging plant
16 Grammatical case
17 Yalie
18 Here, Pierre
20 Party staple
21 Not all
23 TV's Peeples
24 Horse directives
25 Film director Jacques —
27 Squirrels' munchies
29 Mountain pass
31 White House nickname
32 — and cry
33 Illuminated
34 Visitors
37 Exam
40 Young dogs
41 Asian holiday
43 Speech problem
45 Old age
46 Important time
47 New (pref.)
48 Click beetle
51 San Francisco players
54 Type of sugar
55 Disquiet
56 Simmered slowly
57 Frightens

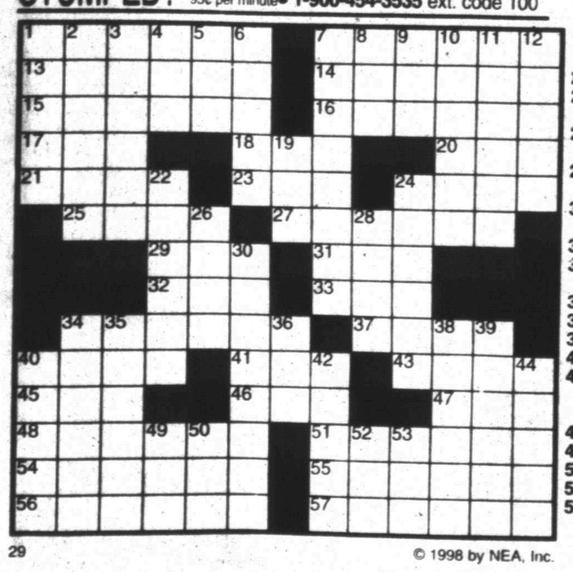
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2 Wildcat
3 Last syllable of a word
4 Negative word
5 Roman 650
6 Quantity of yarn
7 Of astrology
8 Edible tuber
9 Baseball's Mel —
10 Young lady
11 Is green?
12 Lowest regions
19 Espionage org.
22 Engraves
24 Hansel's sister
26 Adjective ending
28 Newspaper notice
30 Like some athletes
34 Throat
35 Make current
36 Sun. speech
38 Transgressor
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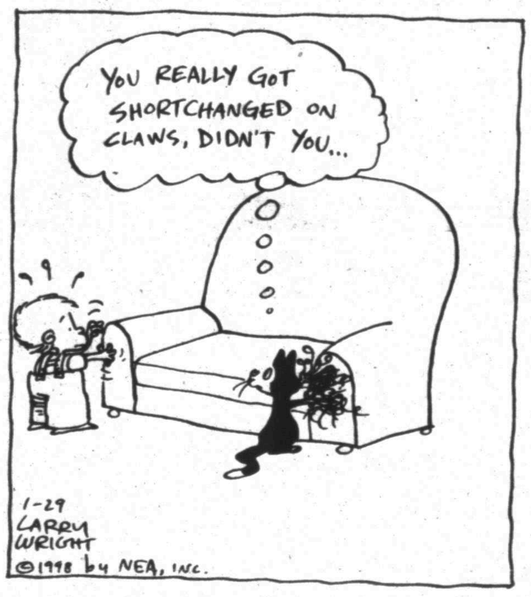
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SPORTS

WTC looks to build on Monday's success

When analyzing tonight's WJCAC contest between Western Texas and South Plains, one thing is certain — neither team has an advantage in depth.

The Lady Texans (13-7, 3-2) will suit up two student managers and a cheerleader to bring their roster to 10 players, while there will be seven Lady Westerners in uniform. Tipoff is slated for 5:50 at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

WTC (6-15, 1-4) will be looking to build on the momentum gained from nabbing its first conference victroy Monday over Odessa.

"The girls have worked hard all week and are really enthusiastic," first-year Lady Westerner coach Valery Jackson said. "I think if we can come out mentally ready to play, we'll be fine tonight."

WTC will have to be ready to contend with the Lady Texans' main weapon, Aleah Johnson.

The 6'1" post will battle in the paint, as well as pop out and bury the jumper.

Defending the South Plains sophomore will likely be 6'2" Pamela Odhuoug'o.

"We're going to start off with Pam guarding Johnson," Jackson stated. "If she (Johnson) keeps moving outside, then we'll probably switch and put one of our forwards on her.

"She's left-handed, so we want to make her go to her right as much as possible."

When the Lady Westerners are on the offensive, the ball will likely be in the hands of Christy Wells.

Wells is averaging 13.5 points per game this season and 20 points per conference outing.

In other WJCAC action tonight, Howard visits Clarendon, Frank Phillips hosts New Mexico and Midland travels to Odessa.

JV boys nab 60-56 win

LEVELLAND — Snyder junior varsity got 20 points from Sonny Cumbie and combined it with a strong defensive effort down the stretch to put away Levelland, 60-56.

The Tigers grabbed an early 20-12 lead which was extended to 35-25 by halftime.

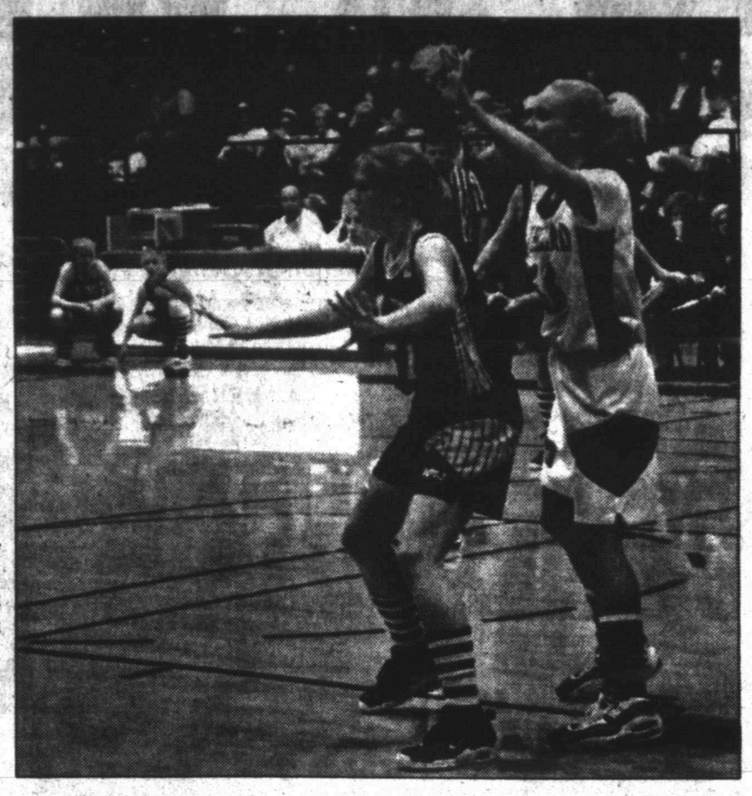
But the Lobos came roaring back in the third quarter, outscoring Snyder, 17-7, to level the tally at 42-42.

The final frame would be decided by the Tigers' defense, as Snyder held Levelland to only 14 points for the 60-56 victory.

Josh Ward also posted double digits for the Tigers. Ward drained Snyder's only three-pointer of the contest to finish with 13.

The Tigers improve to 15-8 on the season and will be in action again Friday, when they host Frenship at 5 p.m.

Snyder 60, Levelland 56
Snyder: Sonny Cumbie, 20; Josh Ward, 13; Jared Hester, 9; Trey Gorman, 8; Greg McAnaw, 4; Trevor Kerr, Justin Rosson and Marcus McClain, 2.



POSTING UP — Snyder freshman Kameron Kallemeyn awaits the entry pass after sealing off Levelland's Bandi Bayer during 2-4A action Tuesday night. The Lady Tigers will be looking for their third district win Friday, when they host Frenship at 8 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

KU routs Baylor to stay atop standings

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Baylor may not have been dumbfounded, but it was at least confounded.

The defensive traps of No. 5 Kansas seemed to be coming from everywhere Wednesday night as the Jayhawks forced Baylor into 29 turnovers in a 94-47 rout.

"We got murdered out there," Bears coach Harry Miller said. "I thought we were doing OK there until they went to the trap and changed the whole direction of the game. We gave the ball up on numerous occasions. We had no rhythm."

The Jayhawks failed to beat the 35-second shot clock with just over 12 minutes left in the first half. That incensed coach Roy Williams, who pulled all of his starters.

"He talked to us a little," point guard Ryan Robertson said.

When the starting five went back seconds later, they were in a gambling, trapping defense that doubled-teamed the ball at every opportunity.

"After that, we were really sensational," Williams said. "I think we went into the trap with about 12 minutes left and we were just sensational after that. That was the whole ballgame. We're playing so much better defensively."

Raef LaFrentz, playing his second game after missing nine because of a broken finger, had 21 points and 11 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season. Billy Thomas and Kenny Gregory each had 18 points for Kansas (23-3, 7-1 Big 12) and Paul Pierce added 15.

Brian Skinner had 13 points for Baylor (10-8, 5-3), off his average of 19.1 per game. Skinner was held in check by T.J. Pugh and had just four points in the decisive first half and was not a factor in the game.

"It just takes intensity, a work ethic to play defense," Pugh said. "It's team defense. It's just doing things the right way each time down the court. This year, defense was one of Coach's biggest concerns and everybody just took it upon themselves to step it up another notch."

The Jayhawks forced Baylor into turnovers on eight consecutive possessions during a 21-2 run. Several times, the Jayhawks simply grabbed the ball out of the hands of a trapped Baylor player.

Local Sports Schedule

Today
WTC at South Plains, Levelland, 5:50.
Snyder 7th and 8th girls at Andrews tourney.

Friday
Frenship at Snyder JV and varsity girls, 5 p.m., 6:30.
Frenship at Snyder JV and varsity boys, 5 p.m., 8 p.m.
Blackwell at Hermleigh varsity girls and boys, 6:30, 8 p.m.
Ira varsity girls and boys at Sands, 6:30, 8 p.m.

Saturday
Snyder 7th and 8th girls at Andrews tourney.
Abilene High at Snyder 9th boys, 10:30, noon.

Packer assistant is next on list

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones scheduled another meeting today with Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis about the Cowboys' head coaching vacancy, according to published reports.

The Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today that Lewis would be in Dallas today to discuss the position.

Lewis is at least the third candidate Jones has interviewed to replace Barry Switzer, whose resignation was announced Jan. 9.

Lewis described getting the second interview with Jones as reaching the semifinals.

Lewis, 55, has spoken with Arizona and Atlanta about employment in the last few years, but he does not classify those as legitimate job interviews compared with his discussions with Jones.

"I was hoping that I could get to the next stage," Lewis told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "This is like getting to the semis."

Jones declined to say if there are additional candidates for the job. He also declined to say if he plans to ask the Denver Broncos for permission to talk to offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak.

So far, it is known that he has met with Lewis, former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert and former UCLA coach Terry Donahue.

Jones interviewed Lewis for more than two hours Monday morning, the day after Denver beat the Packers, 31-24, in Super Bowl XXXII. And the Cowboys owner also met for second interviews Monday with Donahue and Seifert.

Jones said Wednesday he planned to speak to Seifert and Donahue again later in the day.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	15	.643	-
NewYork	24	18	.571	3
NewJersey	25	19	.568	3
Washington	22	23	.489	6½
Boston	20	23	.465	7½
Orlando	20	24	.455	8
Philadelphia	14	27	.341	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	30	12	.714	-
Chicago	31	13	.704	-
Charlotte	26	17	.605	4½
Cleveland	25	17	.595	5
Atlanta	26	18	.591	5
Detroit	21	22	.488	9½
Milwaukee	21	22	.488	9½
Toronto	9	33	.214	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
SanAntonio	31	14	.689	-
Utah	28	14	.667	1½
Minnesota	24	17	.585	5
Houston	20	21	.488	9
Vancouver	13	31	.295	17½
Dallas	8	34	.190	21½
Denver	3	39	.071	26½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	34	10	.773	-
L.A.Lakers	31	11	.738	2
Phoenix	27	14	.659	5½
Portland	24	18	.571	9
Sacramento	18	26	.409	16
L.A.Clippers	10	35	.222	24½
GoldenState	8	33	.195	24¼

Wednesday's Games
Boston 104, Washington 102
Detroit 91, Orlando 86
Indiana 93, Philadelphia 90, OT
Miami 86, New York 82
San Antonio 109, L.A. Clippers 86
Seattle 101, Utah 93
New Jersey 106, L.A. Lakers 95

Thursday's Games
Milwaukee at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Denver, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Portland, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	31	15	5	67	149	103
Philadelphia	28	13	9	65	148	111
Washington	25	17	10	60	146	131
N.Y.Rangers	16	21	14	46	129	139
Florida	16	25	11	43	128	149
N.Y.Islanders	17	28	7	41	134	149
TampaBay	9	34	8	26	90	165
Toronto	17	25	7	41	118	143

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	27	15	10	64	144	118
Montreal	26	18	7	59	153	124
Boston	22	19	9	53	128	122
Ottawa	21	23	8	50	119	128
Buffalo	19	21	9	47	120	125
Carolina	20	27	6	46	130	149

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	33	11	8	74	160	104
Detroit	29	13	11	69	164	121
St.Louis	26	20	8	60	156	137
Phoenix	23	20	9	55	149	143
Chicago	20	21	9	49	121	117

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	26	12	16	68	161	128
LosAngeles	21	19	9	51	139	136
SanJose	19	24	7	45	124	134
Edmonton	18	24	10	46	131	146
Anaheim	17	27	9	43	128	161
Calgary	14	28	10	38	133	162
Vancouver	12	32	8	32	132	190

Wednesday's Games
Pittsburgh 2, Washington 2, tie
N.Y. Islanders 6, Philadelphia 1
Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 2
Phoenix 4, Detroit 4
Colorado 6, Vancouver 1
New Jersey 1, Edmonton 1, tie
Calgary 5, Anaheim 2

Thursday's Games
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Lady Tiger Softball

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Anyone wishing to participate needs to have a physical on file with the athletic department.

BOWLING NEWS

Mens' Commercial

1-20-97

Teams	W	L
The Shack	30	12
Reef Chemical	28½	13½
Stooges	27	15
Stephens Office	25	17
P&P Longhorns	18	24
Eddins-Walcher	16½	25½
Whits Auto	12	30
Bar-H-Bar	11	31

High series scratch: Lionel Crisp, 552.
High series handicap: David Hoops, 659.
High game scratch: Barney Tate, 231.
High game handicap: Bob Motley, 230.
Splits and special mentions: Roger Batchelor, Gary Kinder and Whit Parks, 3-10; Jeff Smith, 2-7; Charlie Collins, 6-7; Bob Motley, 7-9.

Roll & Hope

1-19-98

Teams	W	L
Baze Gun Repair	47½	32½
IGA 400	44	36
Redman Pipe Supply	43	37
IGA 100	40	40
TCA Cable	39	41
Rose Barber Shop	38	42
Martin Herefords	38	42
City National Bank	30½	49½

High series scratch: Bernie Sealy, 549.
High series handicap: Robin Jones, 640.
High game scratch: Rosemary Hernandez, 199.
High game handicap: Norma Seaboum, 242.
Splits and special mentions: Georgie Tarver and Nelda Hill, 3-10; Norma Seaboum, 5-6; Wanda McAnelly, 5-7-8; Wanda Johnson, 5-6-10; Bernie Sealy, 3-10, 2-7, 201, 549; Rosemary Hernandez, (2)3-10, 519.

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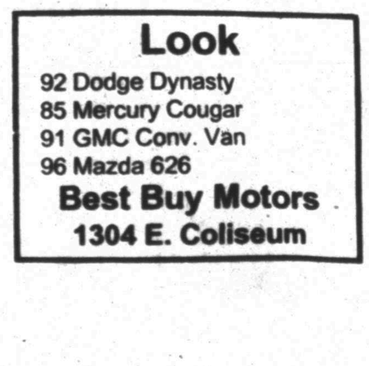
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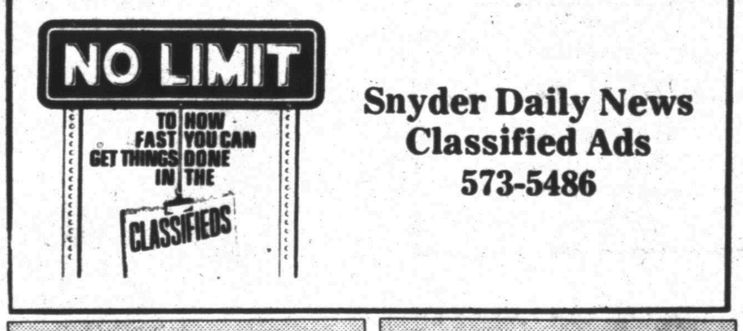
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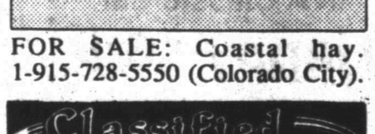


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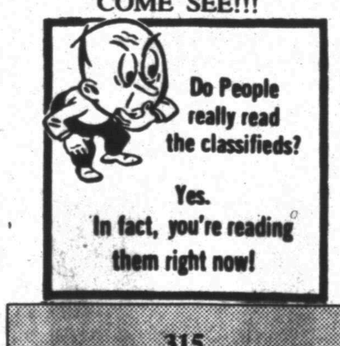
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Executive branch leakers will be found

CIA head says they are disregarding national security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frustrated by repeated leaks of classified documents, the CIA and FBI are searching for moles in the executive branch who they say are disregarding national security.

A visibly angry CIA Director George Tenet told lawmakers Wednesday the problem has grown and, in some places, is preventing the intelligence community from doing its jobs.

"The executive branch leaks like a sieve. I'm here to tell you that right now," Tenet told the Senate Intelligence Committee. "There's guilt everywhere, but the executive branch — and everybody sitting behind me knows it all too well and it's a major frustration — there are people all over this executive branch who have violated a trust."

Tenet did not make clear what leaks he was talking about.

But intelligence officials later said he has been particularly annoyed by a string of articles over the past year in The Washington Times that quote from secret or top-secret CIA reports about national security topics.

Editors at the paper said Wednesday they had no comment on Tenet's remarks.

Tenet said CIA and FBI counterintelligence specialists are actively investigating security breaches involving leaked information.

"We're doing the best we can with the FBI to find the people who are doing this, and when we do, we will fire them," Tenet said.

Officials from the State Department, FBI and Defense Intelligence Agency appeared with Tenet, and the panel of witnesses was backed up by the usual battery of deputies and assistants.

Counterintelligence officials have long been concerned about these leaks, which have exposed to public view intelligence reports on such subjects as North Korea's missile development program, Chinese weapons exports, and weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and Iran.

The concern is not so much disclosure of the analysis in the reports, which often closely parallels public statements, but rather that the detail in the reports will provide clues as to how the CIA obtained the information.

"We have men and women all over the world who are putting their lives at risk every night to try and collect information," Tenet said.

Deep sea volcano erupts off Oregon coast

SEATTLE (AP) — A massive underwater volcano has been erupting off the Oregon coast for days, and scientists are scrambling to get closer to study how life survives deep in the ocean.

The eruptions at Axial Seamount are no danger to the public, said Chris Fox, a National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration geologist who has tracked thousands of regional earthquakes since the volcano awoke Saturday night.

Axial rises 4,500 feet off the ocean floor about 300 miles west of Cannon Beach, Ore. Its peak is nearly 4,000 feet below the ocean surface.

The eruption could shed light on subjects as diverse as the origin of life, genetic compounds and whether life might be possible on Jupiter's moons, researchers said Wednesday.

Research into seismology, geology, chemistry and the strange organisms that live on and beneath the mountain and the mysterious undersea Juan de Fuca Ridge "will keep us busy for years," Fox said.

The ridge runs north and south for 400 miles, part of a zigzagging breach in the ocean floor where two of the plates that form the Earth's crust are spreading apart. Since initial mapping in the 1970s and 80s, scientists have found numerous signs of seismic activity, including other eruptions.

Studying the ridge has helped reveal how the crust is formed. It also has led to the discovery of strange organisms, including clams, worms and crabs, that thrive in high temperatures and pressures and are part of a food chain based on bacteria in volcanic vents.

A 1993 eruption disclosed the presence of an entire ecosystem of bacteria and viruses in the volcanic rock of the sea floor, where they live on hydrogen sulfide gas associated with volcanic activity.

When there is a hydrothermal event, they reproduce very rapidly and are blasted upward throughout the water column — one reason scientists want to get to the volcano as soon as possible, Fox said.

Some scientists think that the underwater vents might be the source of life on the planet, and that the bacteria could contain genes millions of years old.

Studying those organisms not only might illuminate how life arose on Earth, but could describe scenarios where life might exist in hostile environments elsewhere in the solar system, including Jupiter's moons, Fox said.

On a more practical level, he said, the bacteria's genetic material is of great interest to biomedical and other research companies who hope it can be used to produce new products.

"When an eruption goes off in the deep ocean, it's an environment that's so strange to us in many regards, it immediately conjures up discovery," said Steve Hammond, director of NOAA's ocean vents program.

No one has seen the eruption. But Fox and other researchers say it's likely that rivers of red-hot lava are flowing out of the volcano, along with giant plumes of scalding, mineral-rich water carrying microbes that thrive beneath the ocean floor.

The eruption could last weeks or longer.

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	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	127⅞	126⅝	126⅝
AT&T Corp	62⅜	61⅞	62⅜+ 5-16
AirTouch	46¼	44 15-16	45 11-16+ ⅜
Albertsons	47 11-16	46 13-16	47⅜+ 1
AlldSignal s	40	39⅜	39⅝+ 9-16
Alltel	43 13-16	42⅜	43¼+ 9-16
AmerOnline	95½	94	94 5-16— 5-16
AmStoress	22⅛	21⅜	22 1-16+ ⅛
Ameritech s	43⅞	43⅜	43¾— ⅜
Amoco	82¼	81¼	82⅛+13-16
AndarkPtr	60	58	59⅝+ 1⅜
AmcoInc	4 15-16	4⅞	4 15-16
AtlRichfld s	74⅜	73 9-16	74 9-16+1 3-16
ATMOS Egy	27⅛	27	27⅛+ ⅛
Aviall	14⅜	13⅜	14⅜+ 1¼
BakerHughes	39⅜	38⅜	39⅜+ ⅜
BellAtl	92	91½	91⅝+ ⅛
BellSouth	61⅜	60 3-16	61 5-16+1 1-16
BethSteel	9 15-16	9 7-16	9 15-16+ ⅛
BritPet s	79¼	78⅜	79 1-16+1 1-16
BurlNoSFe	87 7-16	85⅜	87⅛+ 2
CBS Corp	30	28 15-16	29⅛+15-16
Caterpillar s	49	48¼	48⅝+ ⅛
CenSoWst	27⅛	26⅜	27 1-16— 3-16
Chevron	77⅞	75⅞	76 13-16+11-16
Chrysler	34 15-16	34⅛	34⅛+ ⅛
Coastal	58⅜	57¼	58⅛+1 1-16
CocaCola	65 7-16	64 3-16	65⅛+ 1
ColgatePalm s	72	71 1-16	71 15-16+ 7-16
ComclMetals	30	29⅜	30 + ⅜
CooperIn	52 7-16	50⅜	52 7-16+ 1⅜
CyprusAmax	15 7-16	15⅛	15 7-16+ 5-16
DallSemicn	48	47⅜	48 — 1-16
DeltaAirl	116⅜	114¼	115⅞+ 1⅜
DigitalEq	56⅛	56 3-16	56⅛+ ⅛
Dillards Inc	37 7-16	36 7-16	37⅜+ 1⅜
DowChem	89 15-16	89¼	89¾—11-16
DresserInd	37⅜	36 15-16	37⅜+ ⅜
DuPont s	58¼	57⅜	57⅝— ⅛
EastmanChem	59⅜	58 7-16	59 3-16+ ⅜
EstKodak	66	3-16	65⅛ 65 9-16
EDS Corp	41⅞	40¾	41 11-16— 1⅛
Entergy	29 1-16	28 7-16	29 1-16+ 9-16
Exxon s	60	59 5-16	60 +13-16
Flowers s	23⅞	23 3-16	23⅜— 5-16
FordMotor	50⅞	49 13-16	50 13-16+ ⅜
GTE Cp	55⅛	54⅜	54 11-16— ⅜
GenDynam	86⅞	85¼	87 +1 15-16
GenlElecs	77⅛	76¼	77⅛+ 1¼
GenMills	75	74 7-16	74⅜+ ⅛
GenMotors	61⅛	59 9-16	60 15-16+1 11-16
GaPacGP s	57	55 13-16	56¼+ ⅜
GlobalMar	24 3-16	23 7-16	24⅛+ 1⅛
Goodrich	42 15-16	41¾	42 13-16+ 1
Goodyear s	62¼	61 13-16	62⅛+ ⅛
GtAtlPac	29⅛	28 3-16	29⅛+ 1⅛
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Hanson ADS	22¼	22 1-16	22⅛+ 7-16
HarteHanks	38½	37½	38⅛+3 5-16
HomeDepot s	61¼	60⅝	61 +7-16
HoustonInds	25 15-16	25 13-16	25 15-16
IBM s	99	97	98⅜+ 1⅜
IntlPaper	47⅞	47 1-16	47 9-16+ 1-16
JohnsonJn	67 1-16	66⅛	67 + ⅛
K mart	11¼	11⅛	11 3-16
Kroger s	38 11-16	37 11-16	38 5-16+ 1-16
Litton	59 3-16	58 3-16	59 3-16+ 7-16
LockhdMart	106 5-16	105¾	106 1-16+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	50¼	49⅜	50 3-16+ ⅛
Lubys	16 5-16	16¼	16⅜— 3-16
LucentTech	89⅜	86¾	89 +2 1-16
MayDeptStrs	53 3-16	52 9-16	53 3-16+ ⅛
Medtronic s	51⅛	49 15-16	51⅛+15-16
Mobils	69⅜	68 1-16	69 1-16+1 7-16
Monsanto	47¼	46¾	47 5-16+13-16
MorganJP	103⅜	101	103⅜+ 1⅜
Motorola	60⅜	59¾	60⅜+ ⅜
NCR Corp	30¼	29 5-16	30¼+11-16
NationsBk s	61⅛	60 1-16	60 15-16+ ⅛
Navistar	28	26⅝	27⅛+11-16
Norwests	37 3-16	36 7-16	37 3-16+ ⅜
OryxEngy	23 7-16	22¼	23 7-16+ ⅜
Penney JC	66⅜	65⅛	66 3-16+ ⅛
Pennzoil	64 11-16	63 9-16	64⅜+ ¼
PepBoys	22⅜	22	22⅜+ ¼
PepsiCo	37 3-16	36 7-16	37 1-16+ ⅛
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PhilipPet	44 9-16	43 11-16	44 9-16+ 7-16
PilgrmPrd	15 5-16	15 3-16	15¾
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Praxair	42 5-16	40¾	42 1-16+ 1¼
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PubSNwMx	23¼	22⅜	23⅛+ 7-16
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SBC Comm	78 1-16	76 15-16	77 15-16+15-16
SaraLee	56¼	55⅛	56⅛+11-16
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SearsRoeb	47⅛	46 3-16	46 15-16+ 1-16
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Texaco s	53⅛	52 5-16	53 + ⅛
TexInd s	49 1-16	48⅞	49 + ⅛
TexasInst s	55⅞	54½	55⅛— 3-16
TexUtil	42⅛	41 11-16	42 + ¼
Textron s	59¼	57⅞	58⅛+ 1
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Bad checks land woman in lockup

A 50-year-old Snyder woman was arrested in the 1100 block of 30th Street around 11 a.m. Wednesday on 14 warrants.

The woman had 12 warrants out of Scurry County for bad checks, one each from Mitchell and Nolan Counties and a warrant out of Snyder's municipal court for theft.

A 27-year-old male was taken into custody at 3:50 p.m. in the 3100 block of 39th Street for Class C assault/family violence.

In other activity, city officers were notified at 12:29 p.m. of a burglary of a residence in the 1900 block of Coleman Avenue. Tony Courtney said an undetermined amount of cash was taken from his residence. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

Daniel Espinoza, an employee of the Scurry County Coliseum, reported at 2:50 p.m. that someone had shot holes in the west doors of the building with a BB gun. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

At 8 p.m., an offense report for runaway was submitted in reference to a 16-year-old girl running away from home.

A report for a possible prowler was made at 10 p.m. from the 400 block of 23rd Street.

Officers on patrol noticed a light on at the Palomar Motel around 11 p.m. A 16-year-old female juvenile was located who was listed as a runaway from Austin. She was later taken to the Recor Juvenile Center in Sweetwater.

A person requested an officer in the alley of the 3000 block of 38th Street at 5:30 this morning in reference to possibly hearing gunshots. No suspicious activity was noted by the investigating officer.

A minor two-vehicle accident was investigated at 11:32 a.m. in the parking lot of Nothing But Smokes. Involved were a 1988 Cadillac driven by W.S. Thompson of 2803 Ave. Y and a parked, unoccupied 1993 Dodge owned by Donna Green of Box 154.

At 12:52 p.m., a minor accident occurred in the parking lot of Pizza Inn. Involved were a 1993 Ford van driven by Betty Snider of 3107 Ave. U and a 1991 GMC pickup driven by Christina Goswick of 600 N. Ave. Q.

The fire department responded to two grass fires around 1:30 Wednesday afternoon. The department was first called to a location 14 miles southwest of Snyder on CR 3128. The second call was some 12 miles out on Block Line Road. Damage was limited to the grass on both calls.

Greenspan: economy just beginning to feel impact of Asia's woes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American economy has just begun to feel the impact of the financial storms swirling through Asia and will slow noticeably "before spring is over," Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said today.

"We have as yet experienced only the peripheral winds of the Asian crisis," Greenspan told the Senate Budget Committee in his first congressional appearance in three months.

He said before spring ends sharp currency devaluations in Asia will show up in this country through "reductions in demand for our exports and intensified competition from imports."

"All of this suggests that the growth of economic activity in this country will moderate from the recent brisk pace," he said.

Economists said Greenspan's remarks confirmed that the Federal Reserve has no plans to raise interest rates.

"They imply there's not a chance of a tightening move because, at the very least, Asia is weakening the economy enough to eliminate any threat of inflation," said economist David Jones of Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York. "And it raises the possibility of an interest rate cut sometime around mid year."

That cheered Wall Street. Bond prices surged, pushing down the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond to 5.87 percent from 5.94 percent late Wednesday.

Clinton turmoil challenges teachers in current events

WASHINGTON (AP) — Allegations of a presidential affair and cover-up are creating an R-rated challenge for middle-school teachers trying to keep their students up on current events.

After all, sex is difficult enough to bring into the classroom. A living president and partisan politics make it even dicier. Teachers say they're urging respect for the presidency amid questions about President Clinton's character.

"I tell the kids, 'You may not like the man, but you've got to respect the office,'" said Steve Stutsman, an eighth-grade teacher at West Side Middle School in Elkhart, Ind.

Like other teachers, he tries to keep the focus on the legal difficulties that Clinton could face. Someone else should handle the intricacies of what kind of relationship Clinton may have had.

"I tell them to talk to their parents," he said. "That's basically what I tell them about sexual preference or sexual relations and go from there."

Carol Huckaby, an eighth-grade teacher at Cartersville Middle School in Cartersville, Ga., says the issue in her classroom is Clinton's honesty. "But I also talked with them in a very positive manner about him. Until he's no longer our president, they should remain respectful," she said.

And when it comes to the first marriage, Hillary Rodham Clinton's vigorous defense of her husband also has an impact on students. One child asked, "If she's not mad, why should we be mad?" said Huckaby. "That's the attitude sixth-graders have."

Ms. Huckaby also said she doesn't go into detail about the sexual aspects, though she makes general references to allegations of a "girlfriend" and an "affair." — phrases, she said, the students know about.

Schools in Clinton's home state of Arkansas were being especially careful.

An eighth-grade class at Woodland Junior High in Fayetteville read newspaper accounts, but the teacher held no discussion. The teacher "just wants (students) to be aware of what's going on. We don't want to put our spin on it at all," said principal Evelyn Marbury.

Merrell Walker, a ninth-grade teacher at Ahlf Junior High School in Searcy, Ark., said there's a strong message not to judge too quickly.

"When any current issue is discussed in the classroom, we remind students that a person should carefully weigh all the facts and information available before forming an opinion," she said in a statement that had to be cleared by her supervisors. "We also remind students that the media information may or may not be accurate when it is reported."

In Little Rock, the "sexual nature of the issue" means "parents are typically dealing with students rather than us discussing it in the classroom," said schools spokesperson Suellen Vann.

But it's not really clear how interested 12-, 13- and 14- year-olds are. Some teachers report that children just aren't that interested, but some parents have a different perspective.

In Waukegan, Ill., Pat Hagerbaumer said her two children — 13-year-old twins John and Diana — have for some time shown an interest in the president and the latest turmoil "is definitely a big deal."

John said his social studies class just happened to be taking up impeachment. He and his friends "talk about it three or four times during the day" and he thinks Clinton did something wrong.

Alicia Williams and fellow eighth-graders at Carver Middle School in Century, Fla., say they worry about the impact on Mrs. Clinton and daughter Chelsea and the image children have of Clinton.

He couldn't have done all those bad things, she said. "He has better things to do and people to help that depend on him."

"My fear is that this will damage our kids' image of a president who has sort of a hero's status among young people," said Kathy Medders, of Raleigh, N.C., a PTA member and mother of Stephen, 12, Morgan, 11, and Caroline, 7.

Lorraine Morrell, PTA member and parent of 12-year-old Jason at Magruder Middle School in Torrance, Calif., said he and friends are put off by the story.

Alzheimer's increases starting at age 65

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least 1.9 million Americans over the age of 65 suffered from Alzheimer's disease in 1995 and more than half of them had moderate or severe cases, according to a congressional report released Wednesday.

The number increased to 2.1 million when it was adjusted to include cases left out because they included dementia or were missed by screening techniques. More than half of those with the disease were 75 to 89 years old.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, released the figures on Alzheimer's disease in people over 65 in a report based on studies of the disease. The report was conducted to help estimate the number of people with the disease and project how many would develop it in the future.

The likelihood of developing Alzheimer's disease increases sharply with age, the report found. Starting at 64, the prevalence rate doubled every five years until the age of 85, when it began to drop. The rate was greater for women than for men.

The GAO estimates that more than 2.9 million Americans will have at least a mild case of Alzheimer's in 2015. Of those people, more than 1.7 million will need active assistance in personal care.

Alzheimer's disease is a neurological disease that causes symptoms similar to dementia, such as impaired memory and language skills.

"It is expected to cost the country billions of dollars annually, with severe consequences to patients and informal caregivers as well as to the health care system," the GAO said.

Estimating how many people have the disease at any given time could help scientists set research priorities and identify service needs, the report said. "Projecting the number of people with Alzheimer's into the future gives some indication of the long-term care and research challenges that will face this nation as people grow older," it said.

The GAO based its report on an analysis of 18 private studies and projections and other data by the Census Bureau. Because most of the studies used were based on European countries with predominantly white populations, they represented few members of black, Asian and other racial groups.

That methodology raised concern from the National Institute of Aging and the Alzheimer's Association. The institute is supporting some Alzheimer's studies in the United States that include minority groups.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



How risky were transfusions?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter, now 20, got two transfusions at birth. Should she be checked for AIDS?

DEAR READER: In general, transfused blood given before 1979 is considered to have been free of the AIDS virus. By my calculation, your daughter was transfused about 1977. Therefore, I suspect that you do not have to worry about the state of her health. Nonetheless, I recommend that you ask her doctor about this.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Most obstetricians don't want to see their patients until they are eight to 12 weeks pregnant, but you can't get a prescription for prenatal vitamins until the doctor has seen you. If the first trimester is so important, why wait so long for the first exam?

DEAR READER: Many obstetricians DO want to see their patients in the first trimester (12 weeks) of pregnancy. This is particularly true with first pregnancies, high-risk pregnancies, teen-age mothers-to-be and women over 40 who become pregnant.

Ordinarily, a healthy woman on a nutritious diet has a store of vitamins and nutrients in her body that is sufficient for herself and an early fetus. Vitamin and mineral supplements are usually not necessary until the second trimester, when the baby has grown substantially and can put a strain on the woman's resources.

Finally, there is no reason why a woman with an uncomplicated early pregnancy could not take a regular, over-the-counter multivitamin pill until she needs the more supercharged prenatal variety.

I suggest that you discuss this issue with your obstetrician to obtain an overview of his or her personal philosophy about managing your particular case. From my experience, most obstetricians want to see their patients early in pregnancy so that good health habits can be initiated and supervised.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." 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 teach mathematics and use a lot of chalk every day. Even though the box is labeled "dustless and nontoxic," there is quite a bit of dust. Is this hazardous?

DEAR READER: The new "dustless" nontoxic chalk is not harmful. Unless you experience an allergic reaction to the chalk, such as coughing, sore throat, difficulty breathing or rash, I believe that it is safe to use.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 30, 1998

New paths could open for you in the year ahead that will make it possible to fulfill a secret ambition. You will be aiming for intangible rather than tangible goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Charm, wit and thoughtfulness are the tools you'll be able to use skillfully today to win peers over to your side. What you want for yourself, you'll want for them. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you've been hesitant to request a favor from a friend who can help you with a confidential matter, you must revise your thinking. Your pal is trustworthy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Companions will have a strong effect upon your outlook and attitude today, so try to involve yourself with upbeat individuals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, you'll be able to keep your head when everyone else is losing theirs. You will be impressed with the folly of those making a big fuss over nothing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Use gentle measures with social companions or business associates today. They will be more effective than issuing forceful directives.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You could be pleasantly surprised today when someone you thought never noticed you makes an impressive gesture that shows he or she holds you in high regard.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In business situations today, you'll function more effectively if you can be objective rather than emotional. Analyze events logically.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Strive to be agreeable with your mate today. Keep peace in the household by trying not to override his or her vetoes on financial matters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Early in the day, you might take yourself and events too seriously. Later, these feelings should pass and you'll be able to enjoy fun and games.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An associate in your field of endeavor might be in a position today to generate something beneficial for your career. Be a grateful receiver.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone who likes you might be cooking up some special plans. You might learn of them today, but keep everything to yourself until the event is announced.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today looks favorable for you where your material interests are concerned. If you're not adding to your resources, avail yourself of all of opportunities.

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GOP leaders nix tobacco lawsuit protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tobacco executives told a congressional panel today that they would not agree to any settlement without protection from lawsuits, which an industry deal with states provides.

"We cannot agree to any legislation that does not include the limited common sense civil liability protections," Nick Brookes, chairman and chief executive officer of Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corp., said in prepared remarks.

Congressional Republicans have indicated unwillingness to approve the protection the tobacco companies demanded in the June settlement the industry reached with states attorneys general. Congress must ratify the deal if it is to become law.

The deal would end 40 state lawsuits against the industry if companies pay $368 billion over 25 years and voluntarily change business practices, such as advertising. Part of the settlement money includes payments for the treatment of sick smokers.

In return, the industry would be protected from most lawsuits.

Brookes said that protection is the industry's main incentive for cooperating. Denying it would kill the deal and the companies' willingness to meet terms of the June proposal, he added.

Brookes was one of five tobacco company executives who negotiated the June settlement who were testifying today before the House Commerce Committee.

Chairman, Rep. Tom Bliley, R-Va., a longtime tobacco ally, scolded the executives for secret memos that indicate the industry targeted children, included racial stereotypes in marketing plans and manipulated scientific research.

Before the June settlement can be considered, Bliley said, lawmakers "must be confident you are telling us the truth — the whole truth."

"The recent disclosures in documents subpoenaed by this committee and those released by (Rep. Henry) Waxman have shaken my confidence that you companies care about the truth," Bliley said in prepared remarks. "If these things are true, then you should know that kind of behavior is unacceptable and will not be allowed."

Waxman, D-Calif., said, "Our only goal must be to pass legislation that protects our children. We don't need the tobacco industry's blessing to do this."

Many Republicans, who previously defended tobacco companies, feel betrayed by documents showing the industry targeted youths. Lawmakers returned to Congress from their two-month winter recess predicting the death of the protective June settlement.

Republicans plan to craft legislation that would focus on preventing children from using tobacco, according to Rep. Deborah Pryce, R-Ohio. "If there's no immunity, there's no deal," said Pryce, the House GOP spokeswoman on tobacco. "The tobacco industry won't settle unless there's immunity. I don't know why they would."

Routier says she's not guilty

DALLAS (AP) — It's been a year since Darlie Routier was convicted of killing her sons, but even as she sits on death row, she swears she's innocent.

"I'm not afraid to die. What I'm afraid of is dying and not being vindicated," Ms. Routier told The Dallas Morning News in an interview from Lew Sterrett Justice Center.

"If I could give my life today to prove that I didn't do this, I swear to you I would. I want my name cleared. I want who did this — they belong behind bars."

A Kerr County jury convicted Ms. Routier last February of capital murder in the June 1996 stabbing deaths of her 5-year-old son, Damon. His 6-year-old brother, Devon, also died in the attack.

The 28-year-old Routier has said all along that an intruder broke into her family's Rowlett home, 17 miles northeast of Dallas, killed her sons and wounded her before running away.

Prosecutors convinced the jury, however, that Routier concocted the story and staged a crime scene to conceal her guilt.

"Even today, a year after this trial, there is no evidence that anyone other than Darlie Routier committed the crime," said Assistant District Attorney Greg Davis, the lead prosecutor.

Ms. Routier says life on death row is terrible and lonely. She keeps busy by sewing quilts seven and a half hours a day, exercising, answering mail and attending to her appeals.

Ms. Routier described her family as the focus of her life and said she wants people to know of her love for Devon and Damon.

Ms. Routier's husband, Darin Routier, has maintained his wife's innocence since her arrest. Routier, 30, told police he was sleeping upstairs with the couple's youngest son, Drake, now 2, at the time of the attack. Neither was hurt.

Ms. Routier's journey to have her conviction overturned is just beginning. She is scheduled to appear in court Friday to answer questions about her preferences on legal counsel.

She also has gone through several sessions of regression counseling to help her improve her memory of the incident.

"I saw at least one person go out of my home, and they're sitting here telling me, no, I didn't," Ms. Routier said. "I'm in here because I don't have a memory, a partial memory, anyway, to what happened that night. And all I've been able to do is tell what I do remember and I've been called a liar because of that."

Ms. Routier said she believed in the death penalty before her sons' murders and even after her sentencing. But her view changed, she said, as she educated herself about the criminal justice system.

"Taking another person's life is not going to bring healing to yourself — it is not going to bring a peace," Ms. Routier said. "I could never watch somebody strapped to a gurney and see the life taken from them and celebrate that."

Gene therapy used in cancer treatment

HOUSTON (AP) — Researchers at Baylor College of Medicine have broken new ground — using a combination of surgery, chemotherapy and gene therapy to fight cancer, specifically the lethal ovarian cancer.

Dr. Dirk Kieback, a Baylor associate professor, oversaw the administration Wednesday of a solution containing the gene-virus combination that is key to the gene therapy.

The adenovirus used in the treatment is an inactivated cold virus that carries a thymidine kinase gene. It reportedly makes the cancer cells susceptible to the anti-viral drug acyclovir, which is used to fight herpes virus infections.

The adenovirus is a very infective organism that takes the thymidine kinase gene into most cancer cells into which it comes in contact.

The Houston Chronicle reported that a week before undergoing the gene administration, the patient, 72-year-old Jean DeVito, underwent surgery to remove the largest tumors in her abdomen, Kieback said.

At that time, the doctor also implanted two small tubes called catheters, which are used to direct the solution into the abdominal cavity.

The surgery and chemotherapy she received 12 months ago did not cure Devito's ovarian cancer, which she has had for about a year.

When it recurred, she agreed to undergo the triple therapy because "it seemed the best alternative," she said.

"Otherwise, there wasn't much hope," Ms. DeVito said. "It is exciting and different."

If it does not help, Ms. DeVito said she hopes it will provide information that may help someone else.

Kieback said this study is designed to determine how toxic the treatment is. He is using acyclovir because it is less toxic than ganciclovir, a drug used in similar gene therapies against brain and prostate cancer.

Ovarian cancer, which coats the abdominal lining with small tumors, is a good disease for trying this treatment because the virus is more likely to come into contact with most of the cancer cells, Kieback said.

For the next two weeks, Ms. DeVito will receive acyclovir intravenously.

Inside the cancer cell, the acyclovir is changed into acyclovir monophosphate by the virus. That is a step the cell cannot take on its own.

But the cell can transform acyclovir monophosphate into a poison called acyclovir triphosphate. This poison kills the cell.

Because the cell makes its own poison, this treatment is sometimes called suicide gene therapy.

Ms. DeVito also will undergo chemotherapy with a new drug called topotecan.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Fiance's Cooking Complaint May Lead to Rotten Marriage

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Crushed in Arlington, Texas," regarding her fiance's constant complaints about her cooking, struck a note with me.

Several years ago, I, too, was involved with a man who did not like my cooking. I was shocked and hurt by his criticisms. Like "Crushed," I tried altering the recipes to correct the faults he pointed out, but he always found something else to criticize. I eventually understood that his complaints were his way of expressing dissatisfaction with *me*, and he didn't have the nerve to address the real issues directly. Needless to say, I sent him on his way — without a doggy bag.

Abby, your advice to "Crushed" missed the point. Instead of giving up or restricting an activity she loves, she should question whether her fiance's criticisms mask some deeper misgivings he has about their relationship. Perhaps he controls others through fault-finding, or cannot admit that she has talents and skills to match his own. If so, the issue must be dealt with before they marry, because it won't improve with time. She may be trying to please someone who, for some reason, can never be pleased. Abby, she needs to know that now, not later.

STILL COOKING
IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR STILL COOKING: I've been peppered with salty letters from readers roasting me for not reading between the lines of the letter from that frustrated young woman. And after reading your letter and the others that have come in, I've decided that perhaps my original answer could have used a "pinch" more insight. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Crushed in Arlington, Texas" missed the boat entirely! The man who complained about the writer's cooking is not going to change; if they marry, he'll complain about many aspects of their life. I know. I *was* that man in my younger days, and I was not placated by improvements in my wife's endeavors. This is just one of many tools in a control freak's bag of tricks.

The only reason our marriage survived was my wife's willingness to challenge me on every complaint and not suffer quietly. I would not ask any woman to go through what my wife did to reach our present 42 years of life together. It's far too long to wait for a spouse to understand his problem.

My response to "Crushed" would have been: Ask yourself, will he change? Be honest. Will you be happy living with someone who will find fault no matter how hard you try? I suggest a showdown with him if you're unwilling to end the relationship; do not enter into marriage with this unresolved. (Actually, my gut feeling is that "Crushed" should end the relationship.)

Let's face it, Abby, isn't "finding fault" just another way for those control freaks among us to maintain control over others? Does it have anything to do with how well others perform? I think not. The problem is more serious than you indicated and should be treated as such.

However, writing this letter does allow me to complain about you, so what does that say about me, Abby?

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT,
AZUSA, CALIF.

DEAR BEEN THERE, DONE THAT: It says you cared enough about the woman who wrote to write and supplement what you felt was an inadequate response. And I'm printing your letter — so, what does that say about *me*?

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DEAR ABBY: I noticed you wished Happy Hanukkah to your Jewish readers, and a Happy Kwanzaa to the African-American readers. Perhaps you would consider wishing a Happy Eid to your Muslim readers on Jan. 29. Thank you.

AZRA HAQQIE,
LOUDONVILLE, N.Y.

DEAR AZRA: Thank you for the suggestion. Eid is the festive holiday that follows the month-long, dawn-to-dusk fast of Ramadan. To my Muslim readers, "Eid Al Fitr!"

Dead man had no drugs, alcohol

AUSTIN (AP) — A man who died after a fight with Austin police officers had no alcohol or drugs in his bloodstream, tests show.

Tissue samples from the body of Rodney Paul Wickware are being studied to determine if Wickware ingested antifreeze before getting into a fight with five police officers, said Travis County Medical Examiner Robert Bayardo.

Wickware was taken to a local hospital after the fight. Bayardo said blood-chemistry tests were so abnormal that doctors suspected he might have ingested a substance such as antifreeze. Antifreeze makes a person intoxicated, he said.

"If we don't find he ingested antifreeze, then the cause of death will be directly related to the struggle that went on," Bayardo said.

According to police, the incident began shortly after 11 p.m. Friday, when an officer saw Wickware weaving in and out of traffic on foot. Investigators said that when the officer tried to arrest him, Wickware struggled and eventually four more officers arrived and tried to subdue him.

Police spokesman Mike Burgess said that during the fight, Wickware cut one officer on the head with a handcuff and kicked out another's tooth.

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Obituaries



Patsy Ann Martin

Patsy Ann Martin

1942-1998

Patsy Ann Martin, a lifelong resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, at her home here following a lengthly illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Martin, 55, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Faith Baptist Church. The Revs. Larry White and Darrell Martin will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on April 21, 1942 in Snyder, she was a 1960 graduate of Snyder High School. She married Kenneth Martin on Jan. 7, 1963 in Snyder. Mrs. Martin was a secretary at Western Texas College for 15 years, retiring five months ago. She had served as pianist for Faith Baptist Church for 28 years.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Martin of Snyder; a daughter, Sheila Sorrells of Snyder; a son, Randall Martin of Snyder; a sister, Bonnie Jean McDonald of Leslie, Ark.; a brother, Bobby Joe Nolan of Snyder; one granddaughter, Jessica Danielle Martin; and one stepgrandson, Christopher Todd Sorrells.

The family suggests memorials to the Joe Arrington Cancer Center, 4101 22nd Place, Lubbock 79410.

Mack Gray

1911-1998

Funeral service for Mack Wesley Gray, 86, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Ira Baptist Church. The Rev. Doug Shelly, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in Big Spring, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Larry Van Hook, pastor of the Ira Baptist Church.

Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Gray, a retired minister and longtime resident of Ira, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a brief illness.

Born Aug. 11, 1911 in Shackleford County, he married his first wife, Margie Hargrove on Jan. 6, 1931 in Jones County. She died in 1974. He married Addie Boatright on Dec. 15, 1976. She died in 1996.

Mr. Gray moved to Ira from Albany in 1974. He farmed for many years and had retired after 23 years with the Texas Highway Department and was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1957.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, five sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Marjorie Helm of Ira and Faye Helm of Coahoma; a sister, Artie Burge of Potosi; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Personal, Professional Service

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Earl Foree

1914-1998

Service for Earl Foree, 83, of Snyder is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church Chapel. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Foree, longtime Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 10:50 p.m. after a lengthy illness.

Born on Oct. 2, 1914 in Williamson County, he married Vema Price on Sept. 4, 1940 in Snyder. Moving to Snyder in 1933, Mr. Foree had worked for Magnolia Oil Co. for 18 years and retired from the Texas State Highway Department after 19 years. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 and the Scottish Rite.

Mr. Foree was preceded in death by one sister, Louise Rogers.

Survivors include his wife, Verna Foree of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Linda Foree of Lexington, Ky.; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Ronnie Goode of Pampa; two brothers, Carl Foree of Snyder and Marvin Foree of Sweetwater; two sisters, Mildred Permenter of Big Spring and Earlene Wilson of San Angelo; and six grandchildren.

Amber Bell Allen

1909-1998

Service for Amber Bell Allen, 88, of Canadian is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry White, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Allen died Thursday, Jan. 29, in Abraham Memorial Home in Canadian after a lengthy illness.

Born on May 29, 1909 in Comanche, she married Comer Eldridge Fuqua on Jan. 3, 1939 in Hobbs, N.M. He died in 1971. She was a homemaker and a member of Faith Baptist Church in Snyder.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, James Clinton Fuqua, Robert Lee Fuqua and Eargle 'Doc' Fuqua.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Norma and Troy Patton of Canadian, and Goldie and Jimmy Allen of Midland; two brothers, Elmo Fuqua and Aubrey Fuqua, both of Lamesa; two sisters, Ruby Harlan of Lampasas and Charlie Dauphinae of Houston; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Brewster

1916-1998

PADUCAH — Perrilla "Pud" Brewster, the mother of Aubrey Brewster of Snyder, died Monday, Jan. 26, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Brewster, 82, was set for 2 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Ed Peckham, pastor, was to officiate.

Burial was to follow in the Dumont Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 2, 1916 in Dumont, she married Aubrey Brewster in April, 1935. He died in 1939.

Mrs. Brewster operated the Brewster General Store in Dumont and retired as postmistress at Dumont in 1992 after 30 years of service.

She was a member of the Dumont homecoming committee, a member of the National Association of Postmasters, was a weather reporter for more than 30 years and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Padacah.

Survivors also include two brothers, Jordan Rogers of Dumont and Wayne Rogers of Richardson; a sister, Theatus Green of Spur; three grandchildren, including Adam Brewster of Snyder; and four great-grandchildren, including Colton and Kayli Brewster of Snyder.

U.S. astronaut on board Mir

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The space shuttle Endeavour pulled away from Mir today, leaving behind the seventh and final American to live on the Russian station.

After five days of linked flight, Endeavour separated from Mir a little before noon EST as the spacecraft soared 240 miles above Earth.

U.S. astronaut Andrew Thomas, who's been criticized twice this week by the Russians, said goodbye to the last Americans he'll see for months when the hatches between and Endeavour and Mir were closed Wednesday.

"This is a day of mixed feelings for me," Thomas said before bidding farewell to his six shuttle crewmates and to David Wolf, his American predecessor on Mir. "It's time to get on with work, and that's what I'm ready to do."

The 46-year-old Australian-born engineer will spend the next 4½ months living on the station and conducting science experiments. Wolf just finished a four-month mission and is due home Saturday aboard Endeavour.

Less than a half-hour before the undocking, the two Russian cosmonauts who will be Thomas' crewmates were launched to Mir. The cosmonauts, along with a Frenchman who will stay just a few weeks, should arrive at the orbiting outpost this weekend.

The soon-to-be Mir commander, Talgat Musabayev, complained to reporters at the Russian launch site in Kazakstan on Wednesday that Thomas' poor command of Russian could create problems. The two cosmonauts speak little English.

Musabayev's comments came two days after a Russian space official called Thomas "capricious" because the astronaut told ground controllers that his emergency spacesuit was too tight.

After hearing about the latest remarks, Thomas admitted he wished his Russian skills were better. He said he expects the barrier to "slow us down a bit, particularly initially."

"But I think after a while, we'll learn a basis for communication which will be acceptable," he said.

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a negative $71,840. Net income for the year is at $1,246,700. The hospital's cash balance stands at $1,451,510.

There was an average daily census of 12.6 for the month, a long term census of 26.6, 24 endoscopy procedures, 64 surgeries, 4 newborns and 697 emergency room visits.

Board member J.B. Tate Jr. gave a brief report on the Foundation. He said the group is in the process of gathering potential directors and has donated $5,000 to the physical therapy department. The Foundation is considering hiring a grant writer, he said, and plans to be more active in the community.

Following the meeting, the board adjourned to executive session to be updated on litigation. No action was taken when the board reconvened in open session.

All board members were present, to include Tate, E.D. Walton, Dr. Mark Weaver, Jimmy McMillan, Stanley Martin and Jim Bob Cave, chairman.

Snow strands many

BECKLEY, W.Va. (AP) — William Summers says he's tired of being tired, cold and nearly broke. But all of that would soon be forgotten if he could just climb into his rig and high-tail it out of West Virginia.

Summers and hundreds of other motorists were stuck indefinitely at the Beckley Travel Plaza. Many were forced to pull over when a storm began dumping up to 4 feet of snow on the central Appalachians Tuesday night.

"There's got to be somebody in West Virginia with a front-end loader and a dump truck," said Summers, a Charleston, S.C., driver bound for Canada. "If this was the highway commissioner's wife and kids, we would have left here yesterday. It's ridiculous."

By early today, at least nine deaths were blamed on the weather and power was still out for 258,000 customers in eastern Tennessee, West Virginia and North Carolina. Highways were clogged by ice, snow and snowbound vehicles.

Carolina Power and Light, which had 20,000 customers without power, was planning to send 450 workers into the field today, more than four times the usual number.

"Travel is very difficult," utility representative Sally Ramey said today. "Even in good weather, there are many locations where there are accessibility troubles."

Four CSX freight trains became stuck along tracks in West Virginia's Fayette County where trees and power lines were toppled from heavy, wet snow, authorities said today. One of the trains carried a diabetic employee in need of insulin.

Col. Johnny Young of the West Virginia Army National Guard said a helicopter today airlifted the diabetic employee, because it would take too long for a Division of Natural Resources snowmobile to get there. By early afternoon, it wasn't known what hospital he had been taken to.

1997 SHS grad dies in Galvestoh

GALVESTON — Cameron Pettitt, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School, died early Wednesday of a gunshot wound near the Galveston seawall.

A spokesman with the Galveston police department said all the evidence points that the gunshot was self-inflicted. Investigators said they are awaiting an autopsy report before making an official ruling.

Pettitt, 19, had attended Howard College last fall and reportedly was in the process of moving to Galveston.

Police reports indicated that Pettitt and two friends were driving from Jack In The Box to the Best Western Motel where they were staying.

Witnesses said Pettitt, a passenger in the vehicle, took out a gun and shot himself in the head. The incident occurred about 4 a.m. Wednesday, police said.

The victim was the adopted son of Leon and Patsy Pettit, former Snyder residents now living in Big Spring. He was a member of the 1996 varsity football team.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Pancake supper set

Snyder High School Senior Class will sponsor a pancake supper at McDonald's from 6-8 p.m. today. Tickets are $2.50 and available from any senior or by calling 573-1400 and leaving a message.

DECA fund-raiser set

DECA students are selling coupon booklets, a $250 value, for $12 each. All coupons are from local merchants. Booklets can be purchased from any DECA student or by calling Lisa Williams at 573-6301. The deadline to purchase a booklet is Friday.

Windbreak trees

The deadline for ordering windbreak trees is Saturday. A variety of evergreens and hardwoods is available. The district is also offering evergreens in one-gallon yearling size for fill-ins. For more information, contact the Upper Colorado SWCD at 573-6317 or go by 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Bible study tapes airing

The "Key to the Kingdom" video tapes and "Getting to Know God" series air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "You Can't Keep A Good Man Down," followed by "Getting to Know God's Presence," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

WTC boosters to meet

Western Texas College Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Rudy's. Everyone is invited.

Deadline to order SHS yearbooks

Tuesday is the deadline for ordering 1998 Snyder High School yearbooks. The cost is $40. No extra books will be ordered; this will be the only time to purchase them. Call 573-6301, ext. 35.

Student Valentine Dance

Snyder High School softball team will sponsor a Student Valentine Dance from 8 to midnight Feb. 12 in the student center. Admission is $3 per person or $5 a couple.

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.

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Circus Gatti

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse will be sponsoring the annual Circus Gatti production Feb. 18. Representatives from the production will work on ticket sales in the coming weeks.

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Please enter on the east side, which faces the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome; child care will be provided. For more information, call 573-2631.

College games free

Western Texas College has announced that there will be no admission charge during the remainder of the Lady Westerners' home basketball games.

Financial aid information

Texas Association of Financial Aid Administrators, with assistance from EducationFirst, will conduct a financial aid information line Feb. 7-8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The toll free number is 800 323-3961. Two $500 scholarships will be awarded from the names of people who call.

Pick 3

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

7-4-0
(seven, four, zero)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

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

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 28-31-32-37-40-46.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $33 million.