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Clinton again denies improper behavior

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shaking his finger at the TV cameras, President Clinton today angrily denied improper behavior with an intern as investigators pressed ahead with plans to seek grand jury testimony from his aides and friends about the alleged sexual relationship.

"I did not have sexual relations with that woman," Clinton said, punching out each word. "I never told anybody to lie.

"These allegations are false."

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton stood at his side, nodding emphatically, her lips pursed.

Again, Clinton did not go into detail and the question of when he would fully confront the swirl of allegations imperiling his presidency continued to hang over Washington.

Clinton raised and almost as quickly dropped the subject of the alleged affair with Monica Lewinsky at the end of a child care event at the White House.

"I want to say one thing to the American people," he said, wagging his finger at almost every word. "I'm going to say this again. I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky. I never told anybody to lie. Not a single time. Never. These allegations are false and I need to go back to work for the American people."

The president appeared to avoid eye contact with members of the news media during the official part of the Roosevelt Room program, but he looked cameras and reporters straight in the eye with a glare and thumped the podium as he denied the allegations.

Throughout the program, the president and Mrs. Clinton stood nearer to each other than their assigned places on placecards taped to the floor. Underscoring the intense scrutiny focused on their relationship, a clatter of camera shutters drowned out the speaker at the podium as Mrs. Clinton leaned over to whisper in her husband's ear.

Clinton last spoke about the allegations on Thursday during a meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and the controversy has only escalated since.

His appearance at today's event was part of an effort to conduct business as usual since allegations of having an affair with Lewinsky and encouraging her to cover it up became public last week.

Still ahead is Clinton's annual State of the Union speech to Congress and the nation Tuesday night, tricky timing in a capital fixated on the presidential crisis.

"Nobody wants to get the facts out more quickly and more publicly than Bill Clinton," White House communications director Ann Lewis said on NBC's "Today" show. "We have to do this in a way that is appropriate."

Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr spent much of Sunday at his office amid a report by ABC News that an eyewitness saw Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky in an intimate encounter in the spring of 1996, just before Ms. Lewinsky was transferred to the Pentagon.

Former White House chief of staff Leon Panetta and former deputy chief of staff Evelyn Lieberman issued a statement denying that either had been notified by any White House aide or Secret Service agent who might have witnessed "certain sexual activities between the president and Ms. Monica Lewinsky."

Ms. Lewinsky's lawyer pressed, meanwhile, for an immunity deal for his client, pledging to "remain in Washington as long as it takes to see that the truth in every detail, wherever it may fall, comes out."

Doing a Sunday media blitz of television talk shows on NBC, CBS and ABC, attorney William Ginsburg said he has talked to investigators about what Ms. Lewinsky, 24, will tell them in exchange for immunity from prosecution. Ginsburg was seen entering the Watergate this morning, where Lewinsky has an apartment.

'These allegations are false and I need to go back to work for the American people.' - Clinton

Clinton last week denied having any "improper sexual relationship" with the young woman or asking her to lie to investigators.

Even in rallying around the president, Clinton's advisers said the White House was limited in what it could say because of the criminal investigation.

"I'm all for a rapid response," Lewis said. But with serious charges raised, "your first priority is cooperating with investigators."

Ms. Lewinsky filed a sworn affidavit in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case denying an affair with Clinton — an assertion that is contradicted by secretly taped conversations now in the hands of Whitewater prosecutors.

Ginsburg said it would be unwise for the White House or Clinton's personal lawyers to attack Ms. Lewinsky as unstable, noting that she was aided over a long period of time by people around the president.

Sales nets $59,000-plus

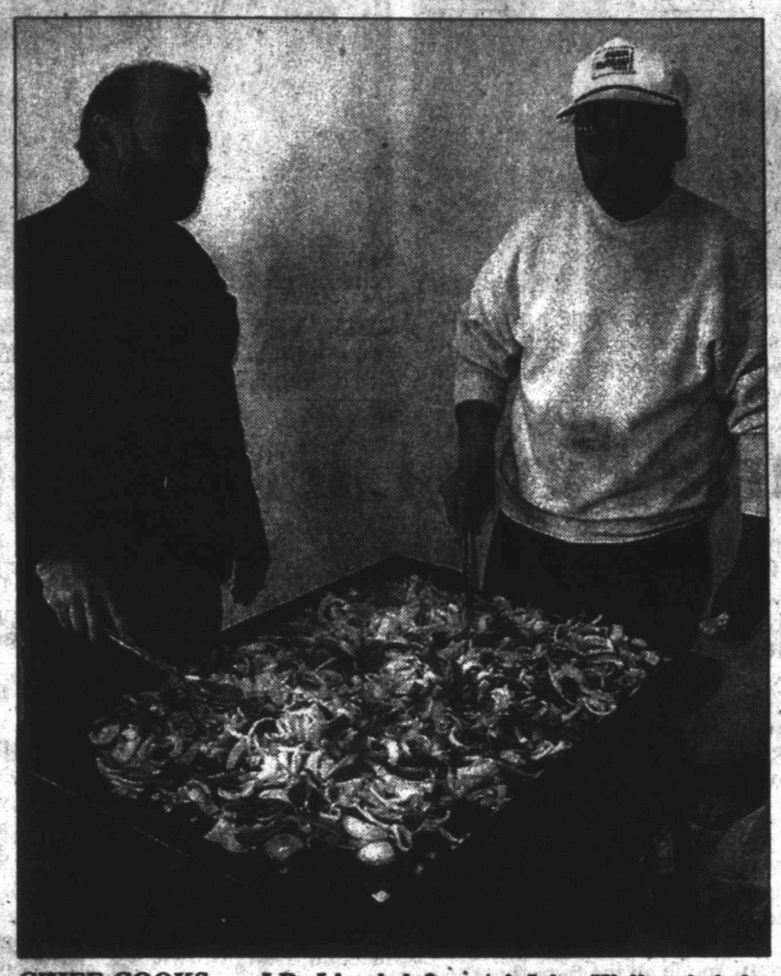
An auction following Saturday's award presentations at the annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale netted the sellers more than $59,000.

Prior to the auction, several awards were presented, including the Top Hand Award to Corbin Smith of the Scurry 4-H Club.

Brandon Williams of Snyder FFA was the top seller of a gift certificate from Bar H Bar Family Outfitters. He was awarded a leather bag. The winner of the gift certificate was Becky Hudgins of Colorado City.

The Caprock Scholarship went to Brady Collier, Snyder FFA.

The commercial steer program grand champion winner was Collier. Reserve Champion was Matt Preston of Snyder FFA.



CHIEF COOKS — J.D. Lloyd, left, and John Walker led the preparations for the buyer's meal at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale which concluded Saturday. More than $59,000 was awarded to sellers at the conclusion of the event Saturday afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Preparations continue for State of Union talk Tuesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — In his State of the Union address, President Clinton will offer a balanced budget and an ambitious plan for America's immediate future — even as his own future twists in a hurricane of doubt over accusations he had an affair with a young White House intern.

Speaking today at a gathering on after-school child care, Clinton said he will propose an effort to limit to 18 the number of children in 1st-, 2nd- and 3rd-grade classes, a takeoff of a "quite controversial and enormously beneficial" policy he instituted as governor of Arkansas.

Clinton said he would offer a plan to build and renovate more schools and create after-school programs. "All these will help our children get the future they deserve," Clinton said.

Clinton's chief of staff, Erskine Bowles, consulted with congressional leaders to try to determine the mood of Congress and the type of reception Clinton might receive Tuesday night, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said today.

He denied that Bowles was seeking to reschedule the speech, although Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott "may have had that impression," McCurry said. "There is not, to my knowledge, any serious consideration of moving it."

Clinton and a handful of aides spent several hours over the weekend in the White House theater, carefully rehearsing the speech he will deliver before a joint session of Congress and a nationwide television audience at 9 p.m. EST Tuesday.

On Sunday, he also reviewed drafts with his speechwriters and advisers before watching the Super Bowl with his family and civil rights activist Jesse Jackson.

Along with the balanced budget, Clinton will propose big spending increases for schools, child care, medical research and the environment. He will advocate an expansion of the Peace Corps, a consumers' "bill of rights" for health care, an anti-smoking initiative for children and greater investment in federal efforts on food safety, medical research and AIDS treatments.

Clinton is seeking to expand Medicare to cover those under age 65, offer incentives for small businesses to set up pension plans and carry out overhauls of Social Security and Medicare before retiring baby boomers begin to swell the system's rolls.

Republicans, mindful of the legal and political drama encircling the president, plan to roll out their own agenda, which focuses on improving education, overhauling the Internal Revenue Service, reducing taxes and expanding the war against drugs.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., voiced doubt in a radio address Saturday that Clinton could keep to his balanced-budget deal with Congress while expanding numerous government programs.

"... Our concern about what the president may propose in his speech is isn't just a matter of money," Lott said. "It's a matter of honor and trust."

Meet tonight, Thursday...

WTC trustees to map out priorities

With an eye toward the future, Western Texas College board of trustees has scheduled a couple of planning sessions.

The first, set for 7 this evening, will include two items of business. The second, for 7 p.m. Thursday, will be set aside strictly for planning.

Action items on tonight's agenda are the employment of an assistant director of workforce education and consideration of a minimum wage scale for contractors working on the Workforce Development Center.

Architects have advised the college it is required to adopt the wage scale.

With those items out of the way, trustees are expected to spend several hours over the two-meeting span setting priorities for the upcoming year. The planning sessions were sought by administrators, who will begin work soon on the 1998-89 budget.

"Before we begin getting into the budgeting process, we need to look into opportunities — workforce development area, prison programs, athletics — the whole gamut," said Dr. Harry Krenek, college president. "We need to ask, 'What are the priorities?'"

Some of more obvious ones, according to Dr. Krenek, include fulfilling Southern Association requirements, salary, workforce education, technology and distance learning.

"We need see what opportunities we want to pursue, what they require in terms of technology, staffing, cost — obviously we can't do everything."

"It gives everyone the opportunity to put on the table a lot of ideas. Some may not economically feasible, some not politically feasible, but we'll get them out there and discuss them."

Dr. Krenek said the board will also be able to look at faculty and staff recommendations and priorities.

Compaq to buy Digital for $9.6 billion

BOSTON (AP) — Compaq Computer Corp. will buy Digital Equipment Corp. for $9.6 billion, creating a powerhouse that sells everything from consumer PCs to networked business machines, the companies announced today.

Compaq already is the world's biggest maker of PCs but has said it wants to be among the three largest computer manufacturers overall by the turn of the century by expanding into business machines.

Digital is a major maker of the big computers that run networks of smaller machines. But after pioneering the computer network as an alternative to the mainframe, Digital missed the explosion in demand for desktop computers and has slipped badly in recent years.

Compaq said it planned to pay $4.8 billion in cash and issue 150 million shares of common stock for Digital. Digital shareholders would get $30 a share in cash and 0.945 Compaq shares for each Digital share.

By selling a full range of business computers, Compaq will be able to strengthen its presence in the lucrative market of helping businesses set up, run and service their computer networks, Compaq Chief Executive Officer Eckhard Pfeiffer said.

"Now we are rounding out the entire spectrum in corporate enterprise computing," Pfeiffer said.

Pfeiffer said the company would announce details of layoffs or cost savings when the deal is completed in three or four months.

Digital will retain its name, and Robert Palmer, Digital's chairman and CEO, will remain at the combined company, Pfeiffer said.

Compaq stock was down 6.7 percent in early trading, falling $2.12½ to $29.62½ on the New York Stock Exchange. Digital stock was up 23.5 percent, rising $10.68¾ to $56.12½.

Based in Houston, Compaq ranks fifth in the overall computer industry today with sales of $24.6 billion last year.

Maynard-based Digital had $13.1 billion in revenues last year.

Only last year, Compaq bought Tandem Computers in a $3 billion stock deal that doubled its sales force.

Digital, once the world's third largest computer maker, has lost billions of dollars and shed half its work force since its heyday in the late 1980s.

The agreement comes three months after Digital sold its Alpha microchip manufacturing operations to Intel Corp. for $1.5 billion in an agreement that also settled Digital's copyright infringement suit against Intel.

Digital will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Compaq. The deal is subject to approval by shareholders and government antitrust regulators.

Evans wins trivia contest

Beth Evans was the top winner in the Snyder Daily News' Super Bowl Trivia Contest.

Evans, of 5968 County Road 242, wins $50. Her name was drawn from a group of participants who answered all of the Super Bowl trivia questions correctly.

Second place goes to Pam Reston of 2212 40th Place. She will receive $25.

Taking the third place prize of $15 was Stan Pavlik of 3002 41st St.

Winners can pick up their checks at the newspaper office. Those that are not picked up will be mailed at the end of the week.

ASK US

Q—When will work begin on the widening of 37th Street from Business 180 to College Avenue?

A—Right now, according to TxDOT officials, letting of bids is set for November of 1999. That would put the start of construction in January of 2000. Those dates are subject to change, however.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 62 degrees; low, 21; high Sunday, 71; low, 36; 7 a.m. Monday, 37; no precipitation; total for 1998, .05 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 30-35. Light wind. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High near 70. SW wind 5-15 mph.

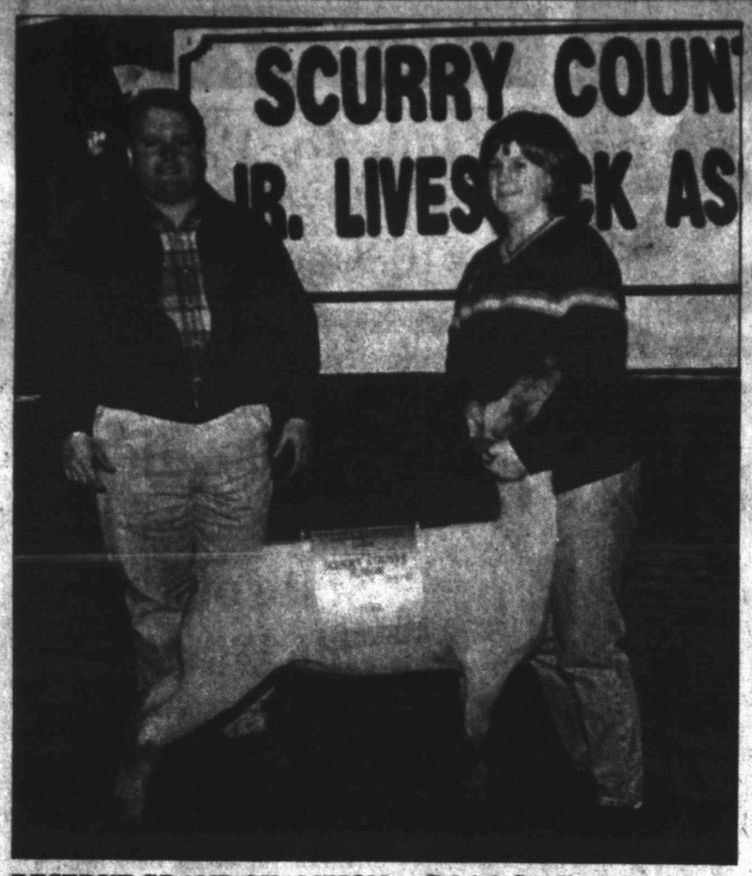
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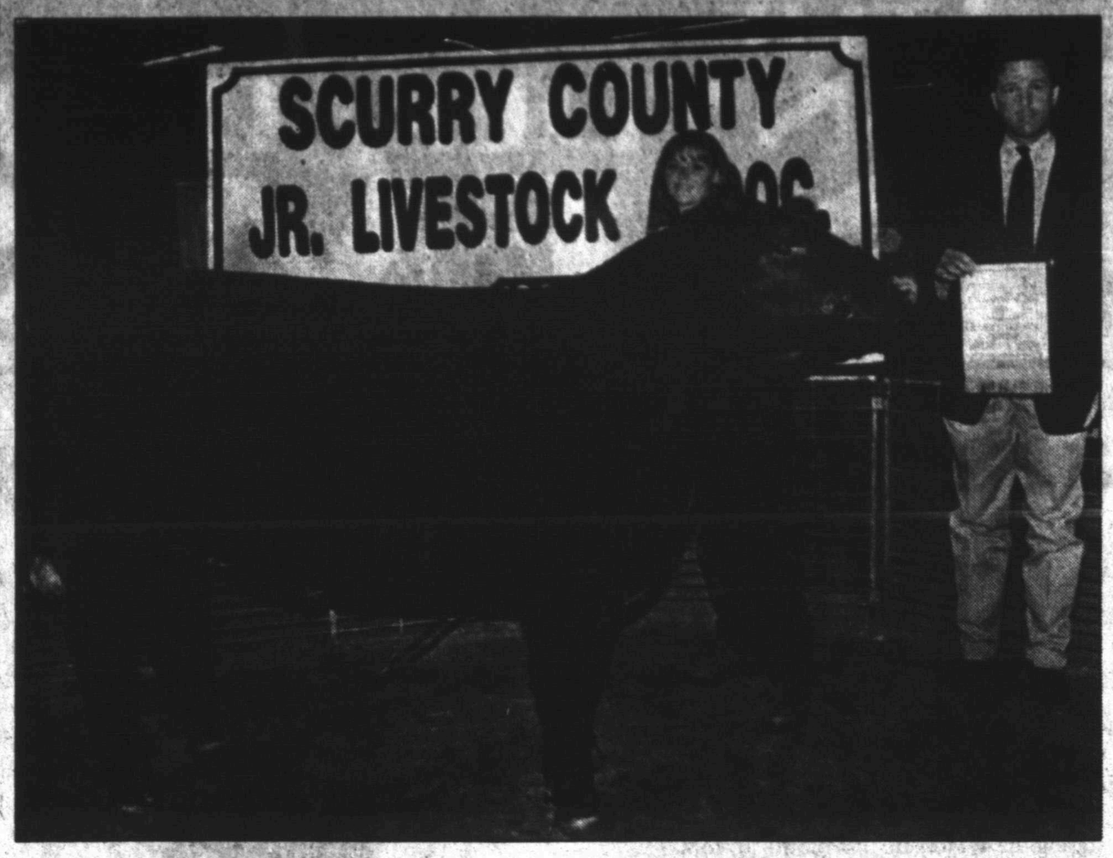
TODAY'S THOUGHT

Nobody has ever expected me to be President.

Abraham Lincoln



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION — Celeigh Sterling's lamb took Reserve Grand Champion honors at the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. Celeigh also won the Junior Showmanship award. Ross Stultz of San Angelo was judge.



RESERVE CHAMPION STEER — Katie Voss' cross breed steer won the Reserve Champion award at the annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show Friday at the coliseum. Judging steers was Dr. Chris Skaggs from Texas A&M. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Should Karla Faye Tucker get special treatment?

HOUSTON (AP) — It's a simple thing — a narrow, arched bar of iron, maybe 2 feet across, attached to a worn, wooden handle that is tapered at intervals along its 3-foot length for a better grip. It weighs close to 20 pounds.

That could be rust on the pick-ax's blunted points — or traces of dried blood.

Once used to break concrete or sun-dried soil, it was swung in drug-crazed passion 14 years ago, when 5-foot-3, 121-pound Karla Faye Tucker sank it 10, 15, 20 times into a man and a woman.

On Feb. 3, the state of Texas plans to stick two needles into Ms. Tucker's arms to execute her. That would make her the first woman put to death in Texas since Chipita Rodriguez was hanged in 1863 for killing a horse trader.

But a storm of protest has swirled since the date was set. Should a woman be executed? What about her embrace of Christianity?

Joe Magliolo, the prosecutor who won the conviction, views her as a "poster child" adopted by death penalty opponents.

"The jury (in 1984) heard pretty much all the facts that folks now are acting as if they are new — the fact she had a bad childhood, she was doing drugs, that she converted to Christ," said Magliolo, now an assistant U.S. attorney.

In recent weeks, Ms. Tucker's soft, brown eyes, bashful smile and long dark curls have filled network television broadcasts from the women's death row at Gatesville, about 225 miles northwest of Houston.

In interviews carefully selected by her and her prison minister-husband, Dana Brown, she insists she's a new person, content to spend her life in prison doing God's work and setting an example for young people.

"We all have the ability, after we've done something horrible, to make a change for the good," Ms. Tucker, 38, said earnestly on CBS' "60 Minutes."

"I'm so far removed from the person that I used to be out there. For me, what's weird is thinking back on some of the things I used to do, and thinking, 'I did that?'"

What she did happened when she tagged along with Daniel Garrett to the Houston apartment of Jerry Lynn Dean on June 13, 1983. Their aim, after three days of almost nonstop drugging, was to steal Dean's motorcycle.

She didn't much like Dean, who'd once parked his Harley in her living room and let it drip oil on her carpet. He had also destroyed her only pictures of her mother, who'd died a few years before.

They found Dean asleep. Garrett grabbed a hammer and beat him. Dean made a ghastly gurgling sound and the drug-hyped Ms. Tucker, then 23, grabbed the pickax and flailed at him.

"I just wanted to make the noise stop," she testified at her 1984 trial.

Then the intruders noticed Deborah Thornton cowering under sheets in a corner, a local woman Dean had picked up at a party. Enraged — or enthralled to the point of sexual ecstasy as she would later brag to friends on a tape recording played in court — Ms. Tucker turned the pick on the witness. (Garrett, also sentenced to death, died in prison of liver disease in 1993.)

Ms. Tucker requested clemency Thursday. Gov. George W. Bush may commute a death sentence only if 10 of the 18 members of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles recommend it. If the board denies a clemency request, the governor cannot override it.

One of Ms. Tucker's lawyers, David Botsford, noted that of the record 37 inmates executed in Texas last year, 16 had sought clemency. Not one received a single vote from the board.

"It's an exercise in futility," Botsford said.

Bush, a law-and-order governor with presidential aspirations, could give her a one-time, 30-day reprieve, something he has not done in three years in office, a period in which 59 men have been executed.

"I've been sworn to uphold the laws and I will uphold the death penalty in the state," Bush said. "Gender didn't matter to the victims."

Her lawyers held out more hope for their petition to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest criminal court, arguing the clemency process itself is flawed.

According to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the nation's death rows held 3,365 inmates as of Jan. 1. Only 49 are women, with Ms. Tucker among seven in Texas. Since 1976, when the Supreme Court permitted capital punishment to resume, states have executed 431 men and one woman, Velma Barfield in North Carolina in 1984.

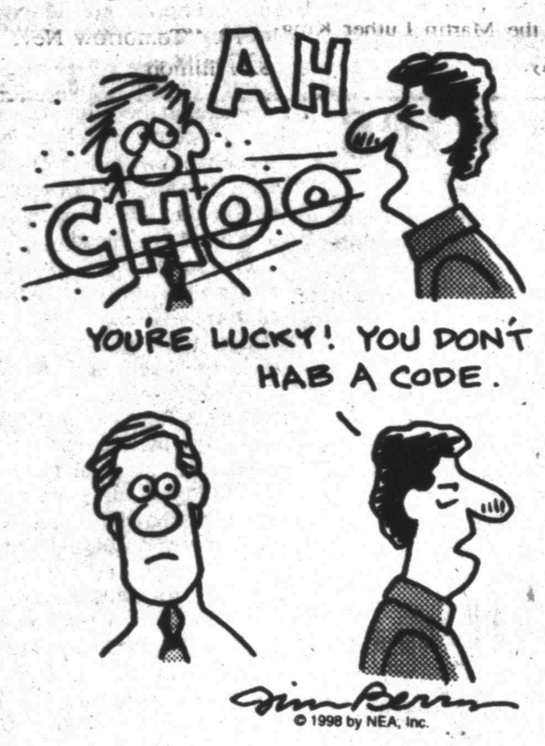
Dianne Clements, president of the victims rights group Justice For All, is astounded by the controversy.

"If Karla Faye Tucker is commuted because of her religious conversion and her gender, then we are arbitrary and capricious," she added.

Some of the 437 men on death row in Texas also wonder why Ms. Tucker is getting attention when men who have had similar religious conversions did not.

"Why not Michael Lockhart?" asked inmate Jim Beathard, referring to a convicted cop killer executed Dec. 9 with no public outcry. Lockhart wore a cross, toted a Bible and recited verses by memory.

Berry's World



Mauro backs Clinton

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Garry Mauro says he'll be asking President Bill Clinton to campaign on his behalf despite recent allegations of sexual improprieties.

"I will invite Bill Clinton to Texas," Mauro said last week.

Already, Mauro fund-raisers headlined by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton are scheduled Feb. 19 in Dallas and Austin, the campaign announced Thursday.

"The president and first lady are my friends. I believe and support them," said Mauro, who ran Clinton's presidential campaigns in Texas.

Mauro blames political enemies of the president for allegations that Clinton had an affair with a White House intern and then urged her to lie about it.

"I don't think it's reputable. I think when all the yellow journalism comes to an end, you're going to find no substance."

Clinton has denied the accusations, which independent counsel Kenneth Starr is investigating.

Mauro has been a friend of the Clintons since they worked together for Democrat George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign.

"The legal process is now engaged, and we ought to let it take its course," Mauro said.

Aides to Republican Gov. George W. Bush and other GOP officials previously have tried to capitalize on Mauro's ties to Clinton, who did not carry Texas in his two presidential runs.

Bush himself said Friday he was "deeply troubled" about the accusations against Clinton.

"When I first heard the story, I was deeply troubled because if the allegations are true, this is bad for our country," Bush said. "I would caution people to let the facts speak, but it's troubling times."

Another Republican leader from Texas, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer of Houston, declined to take any partisan shots in an appearance on "Fox News Sunday."

"The best thing for us to do, particularly Republicans, is to stay out of this, and not be making comments because a lot of people will think it is politically generated," Archer said.

Texas GOP leaders have said they hope Mauro does bring the president into the state to campaign for him and to try to raise money.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1998

Partnership arrangements not formed for material purposes will greatly enrich your life in the year ahead. Three in particular might be definite standouts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The more difficult the challenge today, the greater the gratification you'll experience overcoming it. You know your limitations as well as your abilities. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your peers perceive you as reliable today. They will know that when you give your word, you'll follow it through to a constructive conclusion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Sharing time with old friends and adhering to familiar routines will gratify you today. You are not likely to find the same pleasure with new acquaintances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are better equipped to handle tough assignments today than you may realize. You will emerge from the projects unscathed and appreciative of the experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Special knowledge you've acquired through personal experience can be used advantageously today. Let your instincts direct your mode of application.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone for whom you've done a thoughtful deed recently may be able to reciprocate today. The affection with which this is done will be touching.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Desirable results are in the works today pertaining to matters in which you and your mate are in accord. Harmony of purpose is the secret for success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Ambitious objectives are achievable today if you have the fortitude to do so. Put everything else on the back burner and place these priorities first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Business and pleasure should blend well today. If there is something important you want to discuss with a client, do so in convivial surroundings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Serious issues can be concluded satisfactorily today. You might doubt your abilities, but once you face issues, this impediment will dissipate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your best gift today is your ability to keep everything in proper perspective. Even when dealing with serious issues, you won't be overwhelmed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This could be a good day to go shopping because you'll be sensible in your purchases. The items you buy could remain your favorites for a long time.

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Escapee found in Longview

LONGVIEW (AP) — A man who escaped from a Louisiana jail on Christmas night was arrested in Longview shortly after he was featured on the "America's Most Wanted" television show, authorities said Sunday.

He was identified as Jason Edwards, 19, who escaped with two other people from the St. Landry Parish Jail at Opelousas, La.

Edwards had been held awaiting trial on a second-degree murder charge alleging that he killed his brother, Wilbur Edwards, by running him down with a car near Opelousas.

Edwards was arrested while hiding under a bed at the home of Sonia Bush, described as Edwards' girlfriend, shortly after 10 p.m. Saturday. The television show aired between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Authorities immediately received a tip that he was in Longview.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 3R-B Bishop in the Diamond M field, 10 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 155, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 4 Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. The well was completed to produce 12 barrels of oil and 94 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,345-3,261 feet, and location is in Section 148, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Texaco has completed the No. 8312 Jo-Mill field unit, 18 miles southwest of Gail. The venture was finaled to produce 74 barrels of oil and 144 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,376-394 feet, and location is in Section 46, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

Pioneer Natural Reserve has completed the No. 360 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 28 barrels of oil and 371 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,821-752 feet, and location is in Section 8, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 1 Brothers Horizon, a 5,100-foot wildcat located 10 miles south of Post. Location is in Section 31, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Howard County

Maralo Inc. has completed the No. 10 J.B. Ryan in the Luther southeast field, 10 miles northeast of Big Spring. The well was completed to produce 125 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 9,914-930 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Cockrell Petroleum has completed the No. 2 Hamilton, three miles southwest of Blackwell. The well was finaled to produce 26 barrels of oil and 20 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,837-843 feet, and location is in Section 275, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

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Clinton's private life, legacy may be inseparable

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The list of presidents accused of sexual misconduct in or out of office is a long one and includes men rated highly by historians. But President Clinton may have more difficulty separating his personal life from his place in history.

Clinton lives in an age of intense scrutiny, far more intense than did Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy or Lyndon B. Johnson. They did not have to contend with 24-hour television news channels, the Internet and talk radio or with special prosecutors armed with subpoena power.

No one asked Roosevelt, Kennedy or Johnson about extramarital affairs. Those presidents never publicly had to deny infidelity.

Yet recent polls suggest that despite Clinton's denial, a majority of Americans believe that the president probably had an affair with Monica Lewinsky when she was a White House intern.

Presidential historians describe Clinton in harsh terms, even when they disagree on the impact the current allegations will have on his place in history.

"Promiscuous," was the description of Henry Graff of Columbia University.

"Kennedy and Clinton may have what the clinicians call sexual addiction," said Erwin Hargrove of Vanderbilt University. But Kennedy's involvement with women was not reported until well after his death.

"What you're looking at now is is threatening is his own," he said. "At the worst, it's more sort of covering his backside for personal peccadilloes."

Opinion polls say that many people are disturbed by the possi-

AP analysis

a guy who's been sullied by assertions that he's had affairs," said Robert Dallek of Boston University.

But opinion is far more divided on the long-term impact of the allegations.

Will Clinton's standing in history be defined by his personal life?

"No, I don't think so," said Hargrove.

"The thing that's always been extraordinary is that people have forgiven Clinton his private life. It's less important to them than his functioning as president. Is there a limit to that? I don't know. There doesn't seem to be so far. We'll find out," Hargrove said.

Graff suggested that one telling moment could occur Tuesday night when Clinton appears before Congress to deliver his State of the Union address.

"When he stands up there is the Congress going to rise and applaud him?" he asked. "Does he say, now before I begin I would like to talk about my present condition, or situation or whatever word he would like to use?"

"The character issue will determine the character of his presidency," said Louis Gould of the University of Texas. "He's had more lives than a pack of cats on these matters."

Gould distinguished between Clinton's current troubles and the Watergate scandal that drove Richard Nixon from office.

"The only constitution Clinton

bility the president has lied about his relationship with the young intern and that he may have asked her to lie about it.

"What undermines people quicker than anything is credibility," said George Christian, who was Johnson's press secretary. "You lose that and you've lost the game.

"If you are not perceived to be telling the truth, then you've had it. It got Johnson into trouble over Vietnam."

Herbert S. Parmet, author of biographies of Nixon and George Bush, noted that rumors of sexual impropriety by national leaders go back to the days of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson.

"There were whispers about Woodrow Wilson," he said. Historians still debate whether Dwight Eisenhower had an affair with his British driver in England.

"What is new is that we are now revealing these things during or immediately after the administration," Parmet said.

Dallek suggested that the most significant impact of the current allegations about Clinton might be "to generate considerable interest in having a woman as president."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Donald M. Rothberg has covered national and international affairs for The Associated Press in Washington since 1966.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke Free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of Cogdell Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101, 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

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.

'Titanic' ranked tenth on list of top money-making movies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Commanding the biggest movie audience for the sixth week in a row, James Cameron's epic "Titanic" has entered the ranks of all-time, top-grossing films.

Boosted by four Golden Globe awards, "Titanic" had about $25 million in ticket sales. It now has made $274.3 million to place No. 10 on the list of all-time domestic moneymakers, according to estimates Sunday from Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc.

The movie bumped 1975's "Jaws," which had $260 million at the North American box office.

"Spice World," starring the internationally popular singing group, earned $11 million, taking the No. 2 spot during the usually slow Super Bowl weekend. The movie has a built-in Spice Girls fan base and it also appealed to a young audience that was less likely to be glued to the tube for the Super Bowl, experts said.

The only other new film in wide release was "Phantoms." The thriller had a weak opening gross of $3.1 million to tie for eighth place with the comedy "Half-Baked."

"Wag the Dog," a satire about a presidential sex scandal, didn't seem to benefit from its real-life counterpart — allegations that President Clinton had an affair with a former White House intern.

Ticket sales rose about 5 percent in the Washington area compared to the previous week, said Al Shapiro, president of domestic distribution for New Line Cinema. But overall, the film placed sixth with $4.7 million, a 27 percent drop from the previous week.

"Fallen" fell sharply in its second week. The demonic thriller starring Denzel Washington was in fifth place with $4.9 million, down 53 percent from the previous week.

"Hard Rain" was No. 7 with $3.7 million — a 54 percent decline — followed by "Half-Baked," which had a 60 percent drop. However, those percentages compared a three-day total to last weekend's four-day total, which counted the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

"Amistad" dropped off of the top 10 list in its seventh week. It was No. 12 with $1.8 million.

A trio of movies opened in limited release.

"Swept from the Sea," a romantic melodrama, earned $180,000 on 55 screens. "The Gingerbread Man," a Robert Altman-directed adaptation of a John Grisham courtroom drama, had $123,018 from eight screens, and "Slappy and the Stinkers," a "Free Willy"-type film about a sea lion, had $25,000 at 60 theaters.

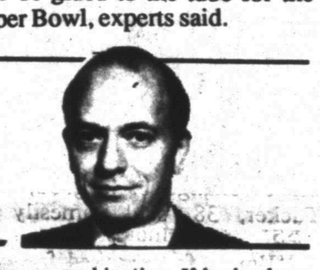
Final figures were to be released today.

The estimated grosses for the top 10 movies at North American theaters for Friday through Sunday:

1. "Titanic," $25 million.
2. "Spice World," $11 million.
3. "Good Will Hunting," $9.1 million.
4. "As Good As It Gets," $7.6 million.
5. "Fallen," $4.9 million
6. "Wag the Dog," $4.7 million.
7. "Hard Rain," $3.7 million.
8. "Half-Baked," $3.1 million.
8. "Phantoms," $3.1 million.
10. "Tomorrow Never Dies," $2.7 million.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 01-26-98
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♥ J 6 2
♦ K Q J 4
♣ A K 7 5

West
♠ A 10 9
♥ K Q 10
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ 10 9 4

East
♠ 4 2
♥ A 9 8 5
♦ 10 9 7
♣ Q J 8 3

South
♠ K Q 8 7 5 3
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 8 2
♣ 6 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
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1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

an honor combination. If he leads an honor, it is unsupported. And if he wants a ruff, he leads a trump.

Given that preamble, you have a shot at solving today's deal, which occurred in St. Moritz a few years ago. Cover the East and South hands. Against two spades, you lead the heart king: two, nine, three. How do you continue?

If playing the modern 15-17 range, North might have opened one no-trump. But those major-suit jacks are probably not pulling their full weight.

There is only one way to defeat the contract. The defenders must score three hearts, one diamond and *two* spades. The 13th heart from East must bring about a trump promotion for West. However, while dummy's spade jack remains, ready to overruff West, no promotion is possible. That jack must be removed.

West switched correctly to the spade 10, leading a trump when he wanted a ruff. Declarer won in hand with the king (winning in the dummy is no better); then he played a diamond. West went in with his ace, cashed the spade ace, and continued with the queen and 10 of hearts. East did his part, overtaking with the ace and returning his last heart, which effected the trump promotion.

There's something very satisfying about pulling off a defense like that.

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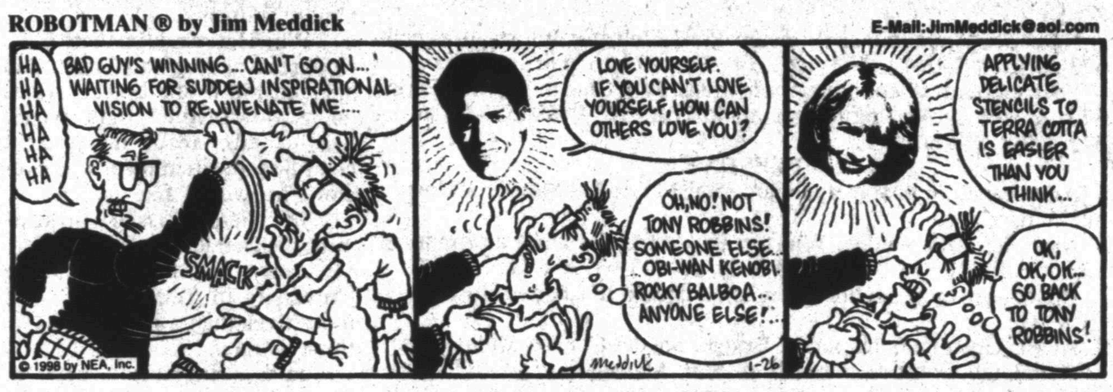


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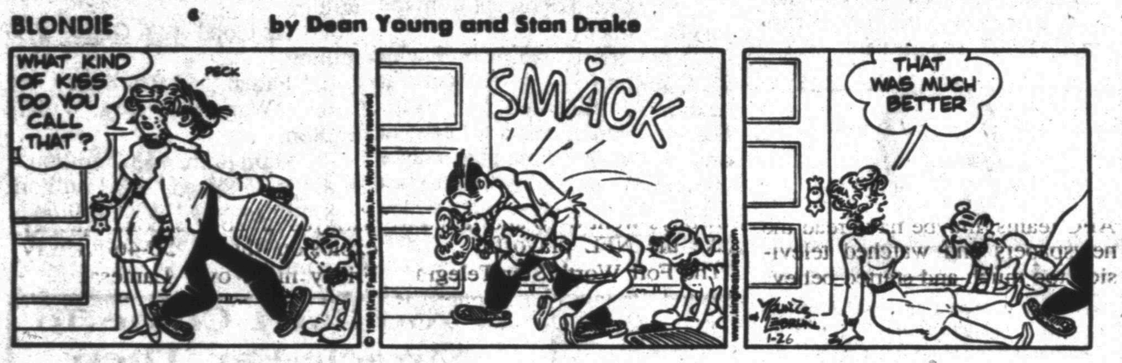


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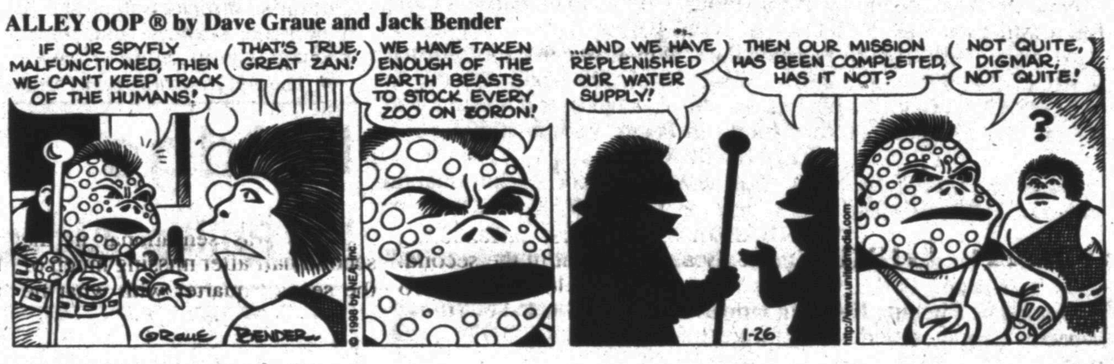
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1 Jet pilot
6 Spheres
10 Sci-fi writer Isaac —
12 Made a loud sound
14 Author Truman —
15 Congenitally joined
16 French summer
17 Negative word
19 Actual being
20 Written communication
23 Type of bulb
26 Long fish
27 Future bks.
30 Large arteries
32 Elaborately ornamental
34 Disturb in a way
35 Forested
36 WWII area
37 German one
39 Songs for two
40 Adopt (a cause)
42 City in Russia
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49 Commanded
51 Constellation
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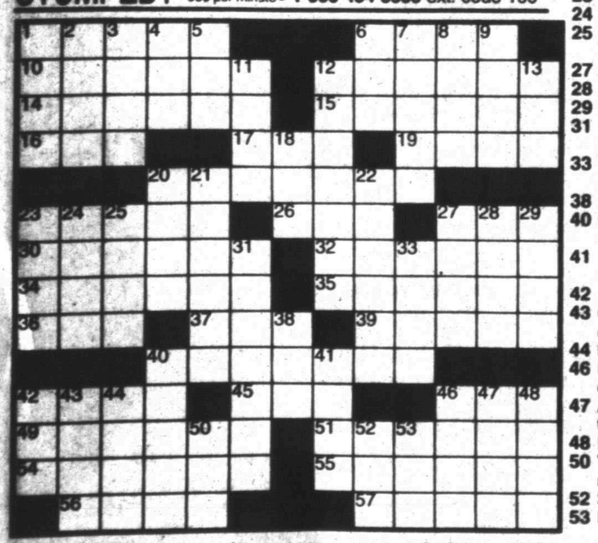
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3 Cry of pain
4 Comedian Philips
5 Decompose
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7 Hindu queen
8 Bikini tops
9 Gels
11 —, vidi, vici
12 Baseball players
13 Actress Sandra —
18 Gravel ridge
20 Ancient Italian family
21 Stages
22 — of London
23 Renown
24 Booty
25 Folksinger Guthrie
27 Relocate
28 Begone!
29 Male children
31 Speaker's payment
33 Detective's need
38 No, to Pierre
40 Church official
41 Air-defense org.
42 Kimono sash
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53 Naval abbr.

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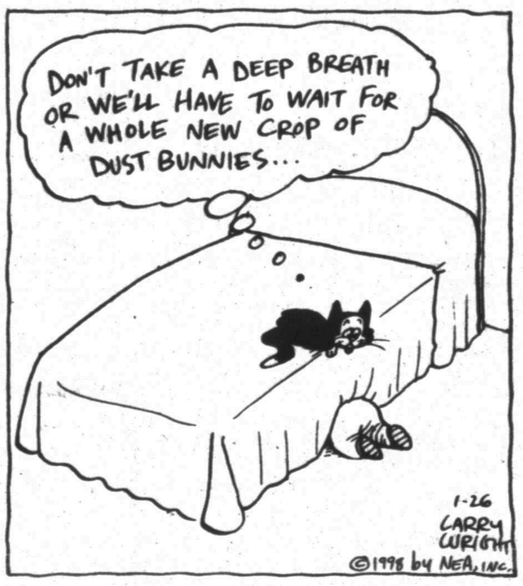
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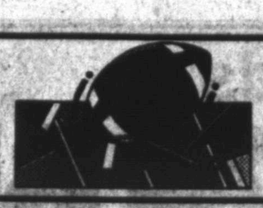
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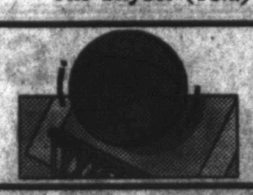


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SPORTS







WTC set to host Odessa

Even though Christy Wells has led the Lady Westerners' offense in conference play, tonight could belong to Pamela Odhuoug'o.

With only one player standing 6-feet tall, Odessa (8-8, 1-3) could have match-up problems with Western Texas College (5-15, 0-4) when the two teams get together for a 7:30 tipoff tonight at Scurry County Coliseum.

Odhuoug'o, a 6'2" freshman post from Nairobi, Kenya, enters this evenings contest averaging 11.5 points per outing in WJCAC action.

But when Odhuoug'o is on the sidelines, it doesn't get any easier for Odessa.

WTC also has freshman Mary Kilibwa, a 6'2" Kenyan post, who can give some solid minutes off the bench.

With Odessa having to sag inside to combat WTC's height, the Lady Westerners could get open looks from the perimeter, which means watch out for Christy Wells.

The 5'10" freshman out of Lubbock Monterey High School has taken her game up a notch since conference play began.

Wells is averaging 20 points per contest, including performances of 22 and 28 points. She can also get the job done from the line, shooting 65 percent form the charity stripe.

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

Following Odessa, next up for the Lady Westerners is a trip to Levelland on Thursday for a battle with South Plains. Tipoff for Thursday's game is slated for 5:50.

WJCAC Glance

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Midland	4	0	1.000	-
Howard	3	1	.750	1
Clarendon	3	1	.750	1
South Plains	3	1	.750	1
Odessa	1	3	.250	3
New Mexico	1	3	.250	3
Frank Phillips	1	3	.250	3
WTC	0	4	.000	4

Thursday's Results: Frank Phillips 69, WTC 57; South Plains 73, Odessa 51; Howard 65, New Mexico 44; Midland 81, Clarendon 72.

Monday's Games: Odessa at WTC; South Plains at Howard; Clarendon at New Mexico; Frank Phillips at Midland.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	31	15	4	66	148	102
Philadelphia	27	12	9	63	144	104
Washington	25	17	8	58	142	127
N.Y.Rangers	16	21	13	45	127	137
Florida	15	25	11	41	125	149
N.Y.Islanders	16	27	7	39	127	145
TampaBay	9	32	8	26	87	160

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	26	15	9	61	138	114
Montreal	26	18	7	59	153	124
Boston	21	19	9	51	122	121
Ottawa	20	22	8	48	116	121
Buffalo	19	21	8	46	117	122
Carolina	19	26	6	44	127	144

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	32	11	8	72	155	103
Detroit	29	13	10	68	160	117
St.Louis	26	19	7	59	151	130
Phoenix	22	20	8	52	141	137
Chicago	20	21	9	49	121	117
Toronto	17	24	7	41	117	138

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	24	12	16	64	153	126
LosAngeles	21	19	9	51	139	136
Edmonton	18	23	9	45	129	143
SanJose	18	24	7	43	120	132
Anaheim	17	25	9	43	124	152
Calgary	13	28	10	36	128	160
Vancouver	12	30	8	32	129	180

Saturday's Games

Carolina 4, Montreal 3
New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 3, tie
Pittsburgh 4, Boston 2
Detroit 1, Philadelphia 0
Chicago 5, St. Louis 4
Dallas 3, Colorado 2
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 3, tie
Ottawa 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 2
Edmonton 5, Phoenix 2
Calgary 5, Vancouver 2
Florida 1, San Jose 1

Sunday's Games

New Jersey 3, Montreal 1
Washington 4, Boston 1

Monday's Games

St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

St. Louis at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Broncos send Green Bay packing

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Super Bowl turned super for the AFC, the Denver Broncos and, finally, for John Elway.

Thirteen seasons of AFC flops ended Sunday. So did Denver's futility in the NFL title game. And Elway now can stand tall among his peers as a championship quarterback.

In a thrilling game with a bit of everything — and nothing was solved until 28 seconds remained — the Broncos beat defending champion Green Bay 31-24 for their first league crown after four failures. Elway was more caretaker than star, leaving that to MVP Terrell Davis, who had 157 yards and a Super Bowl-record three TDs rushing.

But nobody relished this title more than the 15-year veteran who had done everything in his distinguished career except bring home a championship.

"We did it the hard way," Elway said of being the second wild-card team to win a Super Bowl. "You wonder if you're going to run out of years. But we finally got it done, and it feels neat.

"I've been hearing it a long time, that AFC streak — 13 years is a long, long time — and it's great that I'm not going to hear it anymore. I'd hear question after question if my career would be complete if I didn't win a Super Bowl. I no longer have to answer that one; It can be complete, and it's hard for me to believe I am saying that."

Say it, John. Again and again, as others were saying it after Denver's upset.

"They never really would have considered him a great quarterback before he won the big one," tight end Shannon Sharpe said. "Well, he won the big one. He did all he could."

Elway and the Broncos did almost nothing in their Super Bowl defeats of 1987, '88 and '90. They lost by a combined 136-40. They were overwhelmed on both lines, couldn't produce on the ground and yielded all sorts of big plays.

Green Bay got some of those big plays Sunday — Brett Favre hit Antonio Freeman for two scores and Mark Chmura for one, and Eugene Robinson had a key interception — but these Broncos were a new breed.

Their offensive line, considered small by NFL standards, wore down the bigger Packers. Their defense gave up 350 yards, but it forced two turnovers that set up 10 points, and its blitz was effective throughout.

And Denver, a two-touchdown underdog, had the swing factor in Davis, a native of San Diego who attended the same high school as Marcus Allen, the MVP of the last AFC victory, by the Raiders in 1984.

"Now that we won, it's obvious you can not top this," he said.

Davis was sensational in the second half after missing much of the second quarter with what he believed was the onset of a migraine. He gained 93 yards after halftime, scoring two of his three 1-yard touchdowns. He broke tackles, carried defenders with him for extra yards or simply scooted around them — although the Packers said they let him score the final TD with 1:45 left in order to preserve time for a last-ditch drive.

"It was a strategy I felt was our only chance to win the game," coach Mike Holmgren said, "because if they kick a field goal, there would be only about 10 or 15 seconds left."

Befitting such a wild game, the Packers did, indeed, threaten once more. Favre, inconsistent much of the day, guided them to the Denver 31. But Darrien Gordon broke up a pass for Freeman, Green Bay's most effective player (nine catches, 126 yards), Favre missed Robert Brooks and, on fourth down, John Mobley broke up a pass for Chmura.

"The play was there," Favre said. "We had a lot of plays there and didn't make them."

So a raucous celebration began for the Broncos. Elway hugged Tyrone Braxton, who had an interception, and Steve Atwater, who forced a fumble, both in the first half. They are the three Broncos left from the last Super Bowl loss.

Davis, who said, "I have a history of migraines," showed no sign of it as he pranced on the sideline, gave a few of his trademark salutes, then watched Elway take a knee to end the game and the ignominious streaks.

"We had that long halftime and that helped," Davis said. "When I came back out, my vision was back. I still had the aura, but I knew I had to be strong.

"I think a lot of teams, past AFC teams, maybe have read the newspapers and watched television too much and started believing what they heard and read."

They heard and read about a conference not physical enough to beat the NFC.

"The oddsmakers don't make you a better team and the media don't make you a better team ... and being a wild card don't make you a lesser team," Sharpe said. "You've got to play the game."

Both teams came ready to do that, scoring on their opening drives, a Super Bowl first. Denver then went on top 17-7 as Braxton's interception set up Elway's peg-legged 1-yard TD run and Atwater's hit forced Favre's fumble. That led to Jason Elam's 51-yard field goal.

But Favre engineered a 95-yard drive to Chmura's score, making it 17-14 at halftime.

Things got sloppy in the third quarter. Davis fumbled at his 26 on his first carry, and Ryan Longwell's 27-yard field goal tied it. The teams stumbled until Denver put together a 13-play, 92-yard drive on which Elway dived head first for a first down before Davis' second score.

Green Bay tied it 2:02 later on Freeman's second score, capping an 85-yard march in four plays.

The Broncos weren't through, forcing a punt from deep in Green Bay territory that traveled to the Packers 49. A 15-yard facemask penalty on Darius Holland, a 23-yard gain on a short pass by Howard Griffith and a 17-yard run by Davis to the 1 following a holding penalty set up the decisive score.

"They knew they were in a fight," Sharpe said. "We hit them and they hit back and we hit back again."

JV girls top Tors, 46-35

Snyder's junior varsity girls were on target from long range Friday night.

The Lady Tigers used six three-pointers, combined with a second quarter defensive stand, to topple the Lamesa Tornadoes, 46-35.

Cameron Mackey paced the Snyder attack with two buckets from behind the arc and 10 points.

Trailing 12-9 after after the first quarter, the Lady Tigers clamped down on the Tors, surrendering only a single point in the second.

Kaycee Marricle drained two three-pointers, with Tessa Hildebrand and Terrie Moore sinking one bomb apiece.

Snyder improves to 9-13 on the season.

Next up for the Lady Tigers is a visit Levelland at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Snyder 46, Lamesa 35
Snyder: Cameron Mackey, 10; Kaycee Marricle and Amber Burt, 8; Tessa Hildebrand, 7; Terrie Moore, 5; Jodi Dennis, 4; T'Leah Eicke and Amber Haarmeyer, 2.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	26	14	.650	-
NewYork	24	16	.600	2
NewJersey	23	19	.548	4
Washington	22	21	.512	5½
Orlando	20	23	.465	7½
Boston	18	23	.439	8½
Philadelphia	14	25	.359	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	28	12	.700	½
Chicago	30	13	.698	-
Atlanta	26	16	.619	3½
Cleveland	24	16	.600	4½
Charlotte	25	17	.595	4½
Detroit	20	21	.488	9
Milwaukee	20	22	.476	9½
Toronto	8	33	.195	21

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Vancouver	13	30	.302	16
Dallas	7	34	.171	21
Denver	3	38	.073	25

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	33	9	.786	-
L.A.Lakers	31	10	.756	1½
Phoenix	26	13	.667	5½
Portland	24	17	.585	8½
Sacramento	17	26	.395	16½
L.A.Clippers	10	33	.233	23½
GoldenState	7	33	.175	25

Saturday's Games

Toronto 113, Minnesota 107, OT
New York 99, Detroit 92
Seattle 101, L.A. Lakers 95
Washington 104, New Jersey 87
Indiana 95, Boston 88
Portland 92, Atlanta 77
Cleveland 111, Philadelphia 92
Charlotte 94, Dallas 92
Houston 112, San Antonio 87
Milwaukee 101, Sacramento 97
Vancouver 107, Golden State 96
Denver 99, L.A. Clippers 81

Sunday's Game

Utah 101, Chicago 94

Monday's Games

New York at Boston, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Denver, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Eighth grade girls nab first, second at tourney

Two trophies, one for first place and one for second, isn't a bad day's work for the eighth grade Lady Tigers.

Snyder Black captured the title of the Snyder Jr. High tourney Saturday, while Snyder White nabbed runner-up honors after being edged in overtime by Seminole.

Snyder Black used eight points from Lana Broadwater to topple Colorado City, 28-20, advancing into Saturday's championship round.

After trailing in the title bout, 17-10, entering the fourth quarter, the Lady Tigers began to turn things around.

Snyder surrendered only one bucket, while Maritza Aguirre posted eight points in the final stanza to rally past Seminole, 21-19.

Snyder White began its tourney run Friday with a 43-22 trouncing of C-City.

Katie Voss poured in 16 points and Andra Lancaster added 14 more, while the Lady Tiger defense was also getting things done.

Snyder gave up only 10 points through the first three periods of the contest.

The victory set up Saturday's battle with Seminole for the tourney crown.

The Lady Tigers trailed following each of the first three quarters, but turned in a championship performance in the fourth.

Snyder rallied with 15 points in the period to knot the contest at 42-42 as regulation came to an end.

But Seminole got back on track in the extra frame.

The Maidens made five of six free-throw attempts in overtime to grab a 51-46 victory.

The Lady Tigers were led once again by Voss who finished with 20 points.

Snyder will be back in action at 5 o'clock this evening in Levelland.

Snyder Black 28, C-City 20
Snyder: Broadwater, 8; Smith, 6; Molina, 4; Dunham, 3; Aguirre, Copeland and Barrera, 2; Lara, 1.

Snyder Black 21, Seminole 19
Snyder: Aguirre, 8; Barrera, 5; Dunham and Jones, 4; Lara and Lopez, 2.

Snyder White 43, C-City 22
Snyder: Voss, 16; Lancaster, 14; Daniell, 8; Collier and Billingsley, 2; Chesser, 1.

Seminole 51, Snyder White 46 (OT)
Snyder: Voss, 20; Lancaster, 11; Alexander, 7; Daniell and Billingsley, 3; Brown, 2.

SDN Sports Week

Today

Odessa at WTC, 7:30.

Levelland at Snyder 7th and 8th boys, 5 p.m., 6:15.

Snyder 7th and 8th girls at Levelland, 5 p.m., 6:15.

Snyder 9th girls at Levelland, 6:15.

Levelland at Snyder 9th boys, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Snyder JV and varsity girls at Levelland, 5 p.m., 6:30.

Snyder JV and varsity boys at Levelland, 5 p.m., 8 p.m.

Hermleigh varsity girls and boys at Loraine, 6:30, 8 p.m.

Grady at Ira varsity girls and boys, 6:30, 8 p.m.

Thursday

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

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Jones needs permission to conduct interviews

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has not received permission from the Denver Broncos and Green Bay Packers to interview their offensive coordinators for the vacant Dallas coaching job.

The Dallas Morning News reported today that Jones, who had said he wanted to interview one of the candidates after Sunday's Super Bowl game, had not asked either team for permission by Sunday night.

Jones is reportedly interested in interviewing Gary Kubiak of the Broncos and Sherman Lewis of the Packers in his search to fill the vacancy created when Barry Switzer resigned Jan. 9 after the Cowboys went 6-10 and failed to make the NFL playoffs.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today that Jones is expected to ask the Packers for permission to talk to Lewis.

Lewis said Sunday night that he knew of Jones' interest, but had not been contacted.

"I can't say I expect to," Lewis told the Fort Worth newspaper Sunday night. "I'm going to be spending time with family and friends and won't be sitting in my room, but I will be available.

A Packers executive also said Jones had not asked for permission to talk to Lewis.

"He has told everyone in the league that he wants to interview Sherman, which to most would certainly be tampering, but he hasn't called me yet," said Green Bay general manager Ron Wolf. "I don't know if I'll hear from him, but I hope he does call.

"We would give Sherman permission to talk to them," Wolf told the Dallas newspaper.

"I don't know what I'd do if he called Sunday night, but I couldn't see myself doing an interviews," Lewis said.

Jones has not contacted Denver owner Pat Bowlen to ask for permission to interview Kubiak, Bowlen said.

JV boys slip past Lamesa

Sometimes one offensive outburst is enough.

Snyder's junior varisty boys parlayed a 20-7 second quarter explosion into a 50-46 victory Friday night over Lamesa.

Trey Gorman led the Tiger attack with 13 points, while Josh Ward finished with 10, including a three-pointer.

After trailing 16-10 at the end of the first period, Snyder dominated the second to hold a 30-24 halftime advantage.

The Tigers' offense cooled down in the final two quarters, but their defense remained strong.

Lamesa could muster only 23 points over the last 16 minutes, as Snyder hung on for its 15th victory of the season.

The Tigers will go for win No. 16 Tuesday, when they travel to Levelland for a 5 p.m. tipoff with the Lobos.

Snyder 50, Lamesa 46
Snyder: Trey Gorman 13, Josh Ward, 10; Sonny Cumbie, 8; Greg McAnaw and Justin Rosson, 6; Jared Hester, 4; Trevor Kerr, 3.

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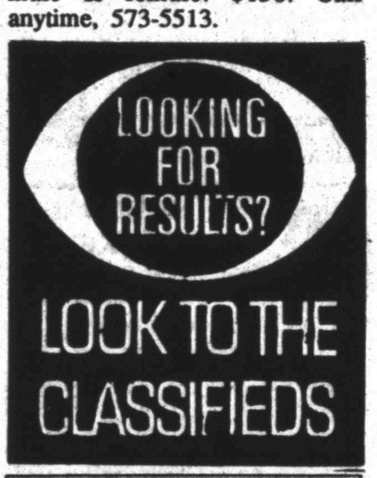
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In the last election cycle, state House members raised $14.6 million in campaign cash.

Most House members got their money in big checks that came from outside their home districts, says the study conducted by three consumer groups.

Just nine of the state's 2,618 postal ZIP codes were the mailing addresses for more than $6 million of the total. And $4.4 million came from only three Austin ZIP codes — home of many lobbyists and industry groups.

"Money wins in campaigns," said Tom "Smitty" Smith of Public Citizen, one of the groups conducting the study.

"The special interests are paying the piper and calling the tune, and the Texas Legislature is dancing with them that brung them. That's why the policies in this state favor big business over Bubba, time after time," Smith said.

Political consultant Mark Sanders, told of the report's findings, said, "They just go to show that the Austin lobby cares a whole lot more about who's in the Legislature than voters do.

"Anyone who's ever paid any attention to legislative races knows that the Austin lobby is the primary financial supporter of politicians," Sanders said. "But that is a rather staggering amount of money."

Joining in the study were Texans for Public Justice and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. The report, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, will be presented this week to a House committee studying campaign finance reform.

Entitled "Mortgaged House," the report analyzed campaign finance reports filed by 149 of the 150 House members from July 1, 1995 to Dec. 31, 1996. (One House member later was elected to the state Senate.) Among the findings:

— There aren't many small donors. Contributions of $100 or more accounted for 95 percent of House money, and 37 percent of contributions were $1,000 or more.

— Not much of that money is homegrown. House members got 80 percent of their $100-plus contributions — totaling just over $10 million — from outside their home districts.

— Business interests and political action committees led the giving, contributing 62 percent, or about $9 million. Individuals gave 38 percent, or $5.4 million. Only 28 House members raised more than half their money from individuals.

— Many House members raised more money than they needed. While 61 lawmakers faced no opponent in the primary or general election, they still raised almost $3.6 million.

— Of 66 contested November elections, only seven were won by the candidate with the least money. And only two of those seven losers were incumbent House members.

"There's a small, elite — the lobby, the corporations, the organized PACS — who fund the Legislature," said Craig McDonald of Texans for Public Justice.

"It's not consumers, it's not voters, it's not the average Texan who's paying to play the game. And they're locked out," he said.

Josh Herman: Bail bondsmen to the stars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Josh Herman, bail bondsman to the stars, is barreling down the Santa Monica Freeway in his big green truck to meet a man named Bubba.

Bubba. Not rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg. Not one of Herman's other celebrity clients whose names he safeguards like a family secret.

"You don't want to mess with Bubba," says Herman, who has the unnerving ability to drive, bark into a cell phone and read court documents, all at once.

Charles "Bub" Flowers, according to his business card, is an investigator. He's a nice guy. But if you skip on a Herman bail bond, Bubba is the man who comes after you. And Herman is looking for a missing client.

Bubba is big. He has a gun. And he isn't always nice.

In Herman's universe, musclemen, bounty hunters and career felons coexist with hip-hop artists, Hollywood producers and movie stars.

Until recently, Herman lived in obscurity, which is the way he and his well-known clients liked it. Then Newsweek ran a little story about "the bail bondsman of choice for jailed rap stars." Now Herman has a Hollywood manager to handle callers professing interest in book, TV and film deals.

That's Hollywood. "Jackie Brown," Quentin Tarantino's new movie featuring a bail bondsman, is hot. So by the logic of show biz, Herman is hot.

His manager envisions a TV series. Fast cars and fetching women? "Yeah," says Herman, who is 6 feet 3 inches tall and tops 200 pounds.

"But Bubba and I couldn't both fit in a Ferrari."

Herman says he finds the hype surreal and silly. That doesn't explain why someone who claims to hate hype hires a manager to stir it up.

"I don't know why," he says. Then he laughs.

Perhaps he is just used to peculiar characters. This is a man who gets people out of jail for a living and counts some as friends.

"There's nothing wrong with them. They've just been to jail," he says.

In his eight-year career, Herman has written thousands of bonds pledging to pay the entire bail if a defendant fails to appear in court. His fee is 10 percent of the bail amount.

He has built a client list — mostly from referrals of criminal attorneys and record company lawyers — that is about 70 percent celebrities, he says.

A middle-class white from West Los Angeles, Herman, 26, learned the business from his father, Mark, and grandmother, Flo. Mark bailed out Black Panther leaders and musician Ike Turner.

"My grandmother was tough," says Josh Herman. "And she didn't drive. She'd say 'You need a bond? Come get me.'"

Now father and son work together. Their toll free number: 1-800-7Get-Me-Out.

Josh Herman won't say how much he earns. He has a Beverly Hills office but never uses it. He works out of his truck, or his Mercedes-Benz, driving from court to court, jail to jail, constantly answering his beeper and cell phone. He is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

He divulges the identities of rapper clients Snoop Doggy Dogg and Dr. Dre, he says, because they don't mind talking about their well-publicized brushes with the law.

"Look," Herman says, "I do a lot of famous people, not just the rappers. Movie people, TV people, you name it. But I can't talk about those people. I'd lose my business."

Beverly Hills attorney Jeffrey Brodey handles very wealthy clients and high-profile murder cases. He uses the Hermans to bail out his clients.

They are "very different," Brodey says, from "scummier" bondsmen.

"I'm looking for somebody who's going to be there right away, who treats my clients with a velvet glove," Brodey says, seated behind a marble desk in his high-rise office.

"Josh will pick up somebody from jail and bring them home. That's just unheard of."

Tupac Shakur is one other client Herman will discuss. The rapper and film star died in 1996, six days after being shot on the Las Vegas Strip. His killer hasn't been caught.

"Tupac was a good friend, and a good guy," says Herman.

Dead at 25, Shakur lived a scarred life of fighting, shootings and prison sentences that filled his gangsta rap lyrics.

Many of Herman's bonds involve assault and drug charges.

"If they're rappers, they're beating somebody up," Herman says. "If they're rock stars, it's heroin."

Will White House scandal mean box office bucks?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sex allegations that have engulfed the White House mirror plot twists in the new movie "Wag the Dog" and the upcoming "Primary Colors," prompting the question: Will the media frenzy help drive audiences to see films about philandering politicians?

New Line Cinema, the producer of "Wag the Dog," says media coverage has increased its movie's profile, but that timeliness also may be a liability.

"There's no question there possibly is a negative because of real-life events," said Mitch Goldman, New Line's president of marketing and distribution. "There is a danger that people who see 'Nightline' three days in a row may not want to go see 'Wag the Dog.' But this is a comedy. There is a big difference between the two."

Ticket sales for "Wag the Dog" were up 7 percent Wednesday and Thursday immediately following reports about the alleged affair between President Clinton and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

But other movies also performed well on those two nights.

It was too early to say whether the scandal would have any impact on the film, said Al Shapiro, president of domestic distribution for New Line.

"It does not look like major benefits," he said, although in Washington D.C., ticket sales for the weekend were up about 5 percent over the previous week.

Overall, "Wag the Dog" was expected to gross $4.7 million from Friday through Sunday at the North American box office, down a moderate 27 percent from the previous weekend, which counted four days because of the Martin Luther King holiday.

At one local theater, several patrons said news reports made them more interested in "Wag the Dog."

"I just read in today's (Los Angeles) Times that it's the same type of story as what's happening in the White House," Kay Mason, 66, said as she went into a Friday showing of the movie. "So now I want to see it more than ever."

"Wag the Dog," which stars Dustin Hoffman and Robert De Niro, shares a passing similarity to the Clinton allegations.

The movie president does something unseemly with a young "Firefly Girl" visiting the White House just 11 days before an election. Hollywood producer Stanley Motss (Hoffman) and political consultant Conrad Brean (De Niro) are called in to divert the public's attention from the scandal, and together they concoct a war with Albania.

New Line said it would not change its advertising or release plans for the political satire.

Nevertheless, one major newspaper ad was altered. In the new ad appearing Saturday in the Los Angeles Times, a background of the White House was added behind a picture of Hoffman, De Niro and co-star Anne Heche.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Jan. 24-Adislado Garcia, Anthony Guajardo; Jan. 25-Quintella Cunningham, David Harlin, Robert Breshers, Frank Pinkerton, Charlie Sumruld, Misty Graham.

DISMISSALS: Jan. 24-Melissa Garcia, A.P. Smith, Gabriella Torres.

CENSUS: 48 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-27, CCU-3, OB-4, Nursery-4).

Births

Sammy and Misty Graham are parents of a son born at 2:03 p.m. on Jan. 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 10¾ ounces.

Gilbert and Amanda Arizmendi of Snyder are parents of a six-pound, 4½-ounce son, Michael Anthony Arizmendi. He was born at 4:47 a.m. on Jan. 18 in Cogdell Hospital.

Grandparents are Locadio and Alice Luera, Fernando and Mary Romero, and Gilbert and Linda Arizmendi, all of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Asencion Castillo, Juan and Sally Avila, Emma Arizmendi, all of Snyder, Gilbert Arizmendi of Brownsville and Paula Garcia of Ganado.

More than 150 toxic waste dumps line one three-mile stretch of the Niagara River.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP

	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	127⅞	125½	127⅞	+2 7-16
AT&T Corp	66¼	65⅛	65 5-16	— 3-16
AirTouch	44¼	43⅜	43 15-16	— ¼
Albertsons	48⅝	47	3-16 48 5-16	+15-16
AlldSignal s	36	13-16	36¼ 36⅝	+ ⅛
Alltel			41⅛ 41¼ 41	7-16
AmerOnline			96⅛ 95 96¼	+.1
AmStoress	21¾	21⅜	21⅜	— ⅛
Ameritech	88	9-16	87 88 9-16	+ 1¼
Ameritech wi	44⅜		43⅞ 44⅛	+11-16
Amoco	80	7-16	79 5-16 80 7-16	+ 1¼
AndarkPtr	56	7-16	54 9-16 56⅜	+1 13-16
ArmcoInc			4 11-16 4¾ 4¾	
AtlRichfld s	75¼		74⅝ 75 3-16	+13-16
ATMOS Egy			27⅛ 27⅛ 27¼	
Aviall	12	15-16	12⅜ 12⅝	+ 1-16
BakerHughes	36⅞	35	13-16 36	+ 3-16
BellAtl			91⅛ 91 91¼	+ ¼
BellSouth	59⅝	59	59 7-16	+ 1-16
BethSteel	8¼	8	3-16 8¼	+ 5-16
BritPet s	75	11-16	74 11-16	74⅛— 7-16
BurlNoSFe	87	13-16	87 87 5-16	+ 3-16
CBS Corp	29¾	29	5-16 29½	— 1-16
Caterpillar s	46	5-16	45¾ 46	+ ⅛
CenSoWst			27⅛ 27 27	1-16
Chevron	75⅜	74	75 3-16	+1 3-16
Chrysler	34		33⅜ 33	15-16+ 7-16
Coastal	54	7-16	53 13-16 54	7-16+ 1¼
CocaCola	64	5-16	63¼ 63⅜	— 3-16
ColgatePalm s	69	13-16	69¼ 69⅝	+ 7-16
ComclMetals			29⅝ 29⅜ 29⅝	+ ⅛
CooperIn			49¼ 48¾ 48	13-16
CyprusAmax	14	15-16	14⅜ 14	15-16+ ⅛
DallSemicn	45	13-16	45¼ 45⅝	— 3-16
DeltaAirl	114⅞		113⅜ 114	9-16+ 9-16
DigitalEq	56⅜		55⅛ 56	13-16+ 11¾
Dillards Inc	35	3-16	34 11-16 35	3-16+ 7-16
DowChem	91	3-16	89⅝ 90⅝	+1 3-16
DresserInd			36¼ 35⅞ 36	+ ⅜
DuPont s	57	1-16	56 7-16 57	+ 1
EastmanChem	58	15-16	58⅜ 58⅝	+ ⅛
EstKodak	62¾		62⅛ 62	7-16+ 3-16
EDS Corp	43¾		42⅜ 43	— 1-16
Entergy	28	13-16	28⅛ 28	11-16+ ⅛
Exxon s	60	1-16	59 1-16 59	15-16+ ⅛
FstBksAm	21	5-16	21 5-16 21	5-16
Flowers s	22	15-16	22⅛ 22	13-16+ ¼
FordMotor			48 3-16 47⅞	48
GTE Cp	53⅜	53	5-16 53½	— ⅛
GenDynam	86	15-16	84⅞ 86	15-16+2 7-16
GenElecs	75		74¼ 74	9-16— ¼
GenMills	73¾		73 73	— 7-16
GenMotors	57	7-16	57 57	3-16+ ⅛
GaPacGP s	59⅛		58¼ 59⅛	+ ¼
GlobalMar	23⅜		22½ 22	9-16+ ¼
Goodrich	41¼		40⅝ 41	1-16— ¼
Goodyear s	62½		62 62	3-16+ 3-16
GtAtlPac	28½		28¼ 28⅛	+ ⅛
Halliburtn s	44¼	43	5-16 43⅞	+13-16
Hanson ADS	21¼		21⅛ 21	9-16— 5-16
HarteHanks	35⅛	35	7-16 35	7-16— 1-16
HomeDepot s	60⅛		59 3-16 59⅝	
HoustonInds	26⅛		25⅞ 26	1-16+ ¼
IBM s	99¾		99 99⅛	+11-16
IntlPaper	45	9-16	44¾ 45⅛	+13-16
JohnsonJn	67⅞		66¼ 67⅛	+ ⅛
K mart	10	15-16	10¼ 10⅝	+ ⅛
Kroger s	37	15-16	37⅛ 37	9-16+ 1-16
Litton	56	5-16	55 11-16 56	5-16+ 7-16
LockhdMart	105		104 1-16	104⅛ +1 1-16
Lowes Cos	50⅛		48⅝ 49⅛	+1 1-16
Lubys	17	1-16	16⅝ 17	+ ⅛
LucentTech	83	9-16	82⅛ 83⅛	+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs	53⅛		52⅝ 53	1-16+ ⅛
Medtronic s	48		47⅞ 47½	— 7-16
Mobils	68¼	66	15-16 68	11-16+2 3-16
Monsanto	43	13-16	43¼ 43⅛	+ 5-16
MorganJP	101	1-16	99 11-16 100	15-16+ 1⅛
Motorola	56	15-16	55 9-16 56	13-16+1 9-16
NCR Corp	28⅛		28 7-16 28	9-16+11-16
NationsBk s	60	3-16	59 60	+13-16
Navistar	25⅛		24⅞ 25⅛	+ ⅛
Norwests	36¼		35 7-16 36¼	+11-16
OryxEngy	22	15-16	22⅛ 22	15-16+ 3-16
Penney JC	62	7-16	61 13-16	62⅛+ ⅜
Pennzoil	63¼		62⅛ 63¼	+ 9-16
PepBoys	22¼		22 22	1-16+ 1-16
PepsiCo	36⅛		36 3-16 36⅜	+ 1-16
PhelpDodge	64⅛		64¼ 64	7-16+ 5-16
PhilipPet	45		44¾ 45	+ 1¼
PilgrmPrd	15		14 15-16 15	
Polaroid	42¾		41¼ 42⅛	+ 1
Praxair	41⅛		41¼ 41	5-16— 1-16
ProctGamb s	78	15-16	78¼ 78	13-16+ 7-16
PubSNwMx	22⅛		22 9-16	22⅛
RoyalDut s	51⅛		50⅝ 50	15-16+13-16
SBC Comm	75⅛		75¼ 75	11-16+ 1-16
SaraLee	56	7-16	55¼ 56⅛	+ ¾
Scripps EW	47		46¾ 47	+ ¼
SearsRoeb	46	9-16	46¼ 46⅝	+ ¼
SherwinW s	26⅛		25⅞ 26	1-16— ¼
SmthBc ADS s	60¾		59¾ 60⅛	+ ⅛
SouthernCo	25	1-16	24⅞ 25	+ ⅜
SwstAirl s	27	9-16	26 11-16 27	7-16+ 1⅜
Sprint	60⅜		59¾ 59	13-16— ¼
SunCo	38¾		38⅜ 38	13-16+11-16
TNP Ent	33⅜		33¼ 33⅛	+ ¼
Tandy s	37¾		37⅜ 37	7-16+ 1-16
TempleInland	54⅞		53¾ 54⅛	+ ¼
Tenneco	37⅞		37⅜ 37⅛	+ ⅛
Texaco s	52¾		52⅛ 52⅝	+ 9-16
TexInd s	48	13-16	48¼ 48	11-16+ 7-16
TexasInst s	49½		48 13-16 49	7-16+1 1-16
TexUtil	41¾		41 5-16 41	5-16+ 1-16
Textron s	57	1-16	56 7-16 57	+ ⅛
Travelers s	48¾		47 5-16 48	9-16+ 9-16
TriconGlbR n	26	11-16	26¼ 26	7-16— 5-16
TrinityInds	45¼		45 45¼	— ⅛
TritonEngy	28	15-16	28 28	13-16+ 1
Tyler	5⅜		5⅛ 5⅜	
US WestCm	49¼		49 7-16 49⅜	+ ⅜
USWstMda	28	7-16	28¼ 28	5-16+ 1-16
USX-Marathn	32⅞		31¾ 32⅜	+ ⅜
USX-USS	30	9-16	30¼ 30	7-16+ ⅛
UnCarbde	42		41 3-16 41¾	— 5-16
UnionPacif	58¼	58	3-16 58	11-16+11-16
UnitedTech	76⅛		74⅞ 76	1-16+ 1⅜
Unocal	35	3-16	34 35⅛	+ 1⅛
WalMart	39	11-16	39¼ 39	7-16— 1-16
WstnGasRs	19	9-16	19 7-16 19	9-16— ⅛
WinnDixie	46⅜		46 46⅜	+ ⅛
Woolworth	20	1-16	19 15-16 20	+ 1-16
Xerox Corp	78		76⅞ 77	3-16+ 7-16
ZenithE	7	3-16	6 15-16 6	15-16— 3-16

Clinton's backers decrysecret taping, question motive

WASHINGTON (AP) — He wanted to employ common law-enforcement tactics in a very uncommon case, a criminal investigation of the president. But Kenneth Starr's proposal to have Monica Lewinsky agree to electronic surveillance in the probe triggered furious, new attacks on his motives.

Once again, this Republican independent counsel was portrayed by President Clinton's supporters as a partisan who will stop at nothing to "get the president."

Grist for the new attacks came after it became known that Starr wanted Ms. Lewinsky to allow his agents to wiretap her telephone or have her wear a "wire" to record conversations.

The former White House intern had said in taped comments that she had an affair with the president, and that Clinton and his close friend, attorney Vernon Jordan, suggested she lie about it under oath. Starr needed to corroborate Ms. Lewinsky's comments that were taped by her friend, Linda Tripp.

"Mr. Starr, who couldn't get the president on anything else, whose investigation was falling apart, (is) trying to go to ... some kind of sleazy sex business," political consultant James Carville, a longtime Clinton adviser, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Lewinsky wouldn't go along with the offer and the issue became moot once the allegations became public.

Several former prosecutors, none closely identified with either political party, differed on whether the tactics were justified in this instance because the case involves a president.

Charles Roistacher, who headed the grand jury section of the U.S. attorney's office in Washington, stood firmly with Starr.

"If you've got the highest-ranking person in government who allegedly obstructed justice and suborned perjury, it's reasonable to check out whether that happened," he said. "I don't see anything wrong with their conduct."

Robert Ogren, former chief of the Justice Department's criminal fraud section and chief assistant U.S. attorney in Washington, took a middle ground.

"When it's the president, there are special circumstances," Ogren said. "But it's extraordinary, there's no question about it."

But Eugene Propper, a former assistant U.S. attorney in Washington, said Clinton was being unfairly singled out by use of the wiretap. "If it wasn't the president of the United States, no prosecutor would do this in a case," he contended. "... A prosecutor wouldn't give it the time of day, wouldn't think of it" because alleged perjury in a civil case is almost never pursued.

Starr has been investigating Clinton's business dealings in Arkansas and allegations of a White House coverup, among other matters, since August 1994. Earlier this month, the Lewinsky bombshell was dropped in his lap.

White House political aide Paul Begala said, "When you hook a wire to somebody, and you go in and you say, well, generate some evidence here, generate some talk, generate some gossip, and then you turn and drop ... a dime in a phone and call the press, that's not the kind of investigation I think the American people need."

Starr's appointment was controversial from the beginning when he was chosen by a three-judge panel headed by staunch Republican David Sentelle. He replaced Robert Fiske, who was appointed by Attorney General Janet Reno.

Spokeswoman Deborah Gershman said Starr would have no response to the latest tirades, repeating her boss' comment last week that "Our job is to gather facts and evaluate those facts and get at the truth."

The Lewinsky matter isn't the first time that Democrats have cried foul at Starr's investigating Clinton's personal life.

Advocates want food stamps restored

WASHINGTON (AP) — Months after the last of the 935,000 legal immigrants getting food stamps were stricken from the rolls by a new welfare law, anti-hunger activists and immigrant advocates are optimistic that at least some of the aid will be restored this year.

Buoyed by the successful campaign to restore Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid benefits for noncitizens, an alliance of immigrant, religious and anti-hunger groups hopes to prevail with food stamps in partnership with the White House.

President Clinton, in his upcoming 1999 budget submission to Congress, is expected to propose spending $2 billion over five years to restore food stamps to hundreds of thousands of impoverished legal immigrants.

That would fall $1 billion shy of restoring food stamps to all noncitizens cut off as part of Congress' overhaul of welfare policies in 1996. But those pushing for restoration of the benefits are not complaining.

"Clearly, we are pleased that the president has made a commitment in terms of recognizing that food stamps did need to be restored to some pockets of the immigrant community," said Jayne Park, an attorney with the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium. "The hard question becomes, who does this money go to within the community?"

That question is one advocates are not eager to confront. Weighing whether children, the disabled or the elderly should be at the head of the line requires "awful decisions," Ms. Park said.

"We're hopeful that (the administration) would be able to craft a proposal that would serve as many of the people in need as possible," said Ellen Vollinger of the Food Research and Action Center.

Administration officials declined to discuss the proposal before Clinton's budget is released Feb. 2. It remains unclear whether the restored benefits would be limited to immigrants in the country as of August 1996, when the welfare law was signed.

In pushing the food stamp cuts through the Republican-led Congress, proponents argued that access to welfare only encourages people to move to the United States. Needy newcomers should turn to their families and other sponsors for help, not the government, they said.

Critics retorted that the cuts disproportionately hit immigrants. Noncitizens accounted for 10 percent of the food stamp population but for 37 percent of the welfare law's savings, they said.

Advocates are hopeful the mood in Congress is shifting.

"It almost goes without saying we're going to get something," said Josh Bernstein of the National Immigration Law Center. "The only question is how serious is it going to be."

More than 140 House members have signed on to the "Hunger Has a Cure" bill drafted by Rep. James Walsh, R-N.Y., that would restore immigrants' food stamp eligibility. Across the Capitol, 47 senators urged the administration in a November letter circulated by Sens. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, to include food stamp restoration in its 1999 budget.

After Washington cut off immigrants' federal access to food stamps, 10 states decided to provide food stamps to some noncitizens. The congressional General Accounting Office estimated last month that the state aid is reaching some 241,000 of the 935,000 noncitizens who lost federal assistance.

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Sailors Overseas Are Thankful For Holiday Goodies and Cards

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DEAR ABBY: I am an active-duty member of the U.S. Navy stationed aboard the USNS Laramie, a Navy refueling oiler that supports the fleet. I have recently spent my first holiday away from home — in the Mediterranean Sea, to be exact.

My crew members and I applaud all of the individuals who worked so hard to make Operation Dear Abby a success this year. Abby, many of us have tried to respond to each person individually. Unfortunately, with the hundreds of cards, boxes of cookies and candies, and other items that were sent to "Any Service Member, Operation Dear Abby," I'm not sure every person will get a reply. So, on behalf of my fellow shipmates and other military members stationed away from home, I would like to say, *"Thank You, America*! We may not have been home for the holidays, but we know that our sacrifice has not been in vain. Your kindness is appreciated!"

I know that I speak for all members of the military when I say we wish everyone all the best during the coming year.

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DEAR DONNA: It is with pleasure that I'm transmitting your message to the patriotic Americans who participated in Operation Dear Abby. Although our servicemen and women may be far away, they are in our hearts and never far from our thoughts.

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DEAR ABBY: I must respond to the daughter-in-law who was upset about her father-in-law's new relationship. Having recently lost my wonderful husband, friend and companion of 29 years, I, too, found solace in the companionship of a widower friend who was in the same situation. This relationship has not replaced the love for my husband, but it has permitted me to experience life and joy again.

My husband and I discussed these matters, and this was his wish as well as mine. Those who have not experienced such grief and loss should be the last to condemn those who have.

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DEAR GRIEVING: Well put. Those who have not experienced a comparable loss should withhold judgment before condemning the wounded.

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DEAR ABBY: I am making a speech to a local professional secretaries group next month. My topic is "beauty."

Is there a specific minimum number of jewelry pieces and accessories that a woman can wear? Also, are white shoes limited to weddings and debutante parties? If you can add some pointers on "beauty," it would be greatly appreciated,

YOUNG SECRETARY,
NORTH FORT MYERS, FLA.

DEAR YOUNG SECRETARY: White shoes are not limited to weddings and debutante parties, and there is no specific rule concerning minimum jewelry and accessories a professional woman should wear.

My rule of thumb is: When in doubt — leave it off.

'Tis said, "Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder." The plainest woman can light up a room when she wears a smile.

P.S. Good hygiene and neatness are cardinal rules for well-dressed women — and men.

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Memorial fund has new logo

LONDON (AP) — In a bid to prevent people from profiting off Princess Diana's name, her memorial fund on Sunday unveiled a distinctive logo that will be attached to all official Diana memorabilia.

Diana's sons William, 15, and Harry, 13, have approved the design, which is her own signature in purple, one of her favorite colors, over the words "Princess of Wales Memorial Fund."

"The trustees wanted a logo that would reflect the nature of the fund, which was set up as a spontaneous memorial" after Diana's death in a Paris car crash on Aug. 31, a fund spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

Within days of the tragedy, a multimillion-dollar industry in unauthorized memorabilia sprung up, including T-shirts, plates, mugs and dolls. Many of the sellers have refused to give any of the proceeds to Diana's fund.

Datebook

Jan. 26, 1998

Today is the 26th day of 1998 and the 37th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1939, principal photography began for "Gone With the Wind."

On this day in 1956, Buddy Holly made his first recordings for Decca in Nashville.

On this day in 1988, "Phantom of the Opera" opened on Broadway.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964), U.S. Army general; Paul Newman (1925-), actor, is 73; Jules Feiffer (1929-), cartoonist, is 69; Bob Uecker (1935-), baseball player-commentator, is 63; Eddie Van Halen (1957-), guitarist, is 41; Anita Baker (1958-), singer, is 40; Wayne Gretzky (1961-), hockey great, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, the Chicago Bears beat the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl, 46-10.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The heart is great which shows moderation in the midst of prosperity." — Seneca

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1996, lightning struck the Maui Space Center Surveillance Complex on the summit of Haleakala.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Jan. 20) and new moon (Jan. 28).

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New meat inspection system being questioned

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's new system for preventing contamination in processing plants is known by the acronym HACCP. Some meat and poultry inspectors sardonically say that means: "Have A Cup of Coffee and Pray."

Actually, it means "Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points," a system beginning Monday for the 312 largest meat and poultry processing plants that account for 75 percent of livestock slaughtered in the United States. It will be phased in over two years in the remaining 6,100 plants.

"We definitely have our work cut out for us, as there are many disturbing pitfalls and apparent weaknesses," Randy Wurtele, western president of the National Joint Council of Food Inspection Locals, said in a letter on the union council's Internet site.

Under the new regime, plants install their own facilities preventive measures to reduce E. coli and salmonella bacteria and improve sanitation. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said the system is a "revolutionary improvement" over the old approach's reliance on sight, touch and smell.

"Rather than catching problems after they occur, we will now focus on preventing problems in the first place," Glickman said.

HACCP systems involve identifying points in a processing plant where contamination is most likely to occur and finding methods to combat it. Each plant can design its own HACCP system but must meet certain standards.

Some of the 7,500 federal inspectors on the front lines say relying on company workers to keep records on how well the systems operate places too much faith in the honesty of corporations out to make a profit.

For example, companies are required to test for E. coli, a strain of which can cause serious illness or even death in humans. But no federal inspector will oversee the tests, and companies need only make available their own results, which Wurtele said could be fabricated.

A private watchdog group, the Government Accountability Project, also has qualms. "The industry inspectors do not have whistleblower protection and can be fired at will for interfering with production. This poses a threat to consumers," said Felicia Nestor, food safety director for the Washington-based organization.

Thomas J. Billy, head of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, said federal inspectors will do random E. coli sampling and compare results. The government could order corrective action, Billy said, "if we see an aberration."

Inspectors have voiced other worries, including a bacteria-sampling plan exempting certain kinds of animals and the lack of a requirement that the industry document qualifications of workers who make changes in HACCP systems.

The rules are "a public relations ploy" aimed mainly at shifting blame for outbreaks of food-borne illness from the government to private industry, Wurtele said.

"We cannot sit still when we see obvious shortcomings," he said.

Glickman insisted the new rules go further to control food-borne pathogens, and inspectors will have greater ability to close plants that show patterns of noncompliance with HACCP systems.

In addition, he said, plant inspectors will continue visual inspections of carcasses and have more freedom to check out overall operations than before.

Glickman said he also will push Congress to allow the department to impose fines on violators and issue mandatory recalls of bad product. An administration bill to do that has been stuck in committee since last fall.

"We really have no regulatory tools except for a shutdown," Glickman said. "We can fine circuses for mistreating elephants ..., but we can't fine companies that violate food-safety standards."

2 juries to hear cases against 2 defendants

HOUSTON (AP) — Two capital murder defendants will be tried by two separate juries in the same courtroom to save time, money and additional emotional stress for the victim's family.

It will be a first for Harris County criminal courts today when 24 jurors are selected to hear the trials of Kenny Gonzalez and Cedrick Santoscoy, who are charged in the April 4 home invasion shooting death of Damon Alva Smith, 21.

District Judge Ted Poe will preside over both trials that will feature one jury in the jury box and 12 other jurors on chairs on the courtroom floor.

"We would be wasting time and money by having two trials," said Prosecutor Kelly Siegler.

Ms. Siegler said that since both men are charged with the same the witnesses would have to testify two different times if the trials were separate.

This way, Ms. Siegler said, the witnesses would only testify once and victim's family would have to hear the grisly account of the slaying once.

Two jury rooms will be used.

"Anything beats doing it twice," Ms. Siegler said.

Ms. Siegler said both defendants have confessed to some involvement in the drug-related home invasion, but both say the other was the trigger man. Because of that, they will have to shield each jury from some testimony.

For example, when a witness testifies as to Gonzalez's police statement, the Santoscoy jury will be shuffled out to a jury room. And when the other defendant's statement is admitted into evidence, the other jury will be removed.

The juries will hear closing arguments at separate times.

Defense attorneys Ricardo Rodriguez and Allen Tanner did not object to the double trials.

Rodriguez, who represents Gonzalez, said his only worry is that a witness will blurt out an inadmissible fact in front of the wrong jury. He said the vast majority of the case can safely be heard by both juries, but there is some testimony that would bias a jury if they heard it.

But he said he will object and ask for a mistrial if he believes the trial is not proceeding fairly.

Prosecutors allege that the two men broke into a home and shot the victim to death for $2,000 worth of crack cocaine.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Cyst may require surgery

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a small amount of drainage at the base of my spine, associated with three tiny holes in the area.

My doctor gave me salve to use, but it didn't work. He said that I may require surgery. What kind of surgery? What have I got?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, your doctor should have taken a few extra minutes to explain what I believe is a fairly straightforward situation.

I think that you have a pilonidal cyst. During the time your lower spinal cord was growing (before birth), several small defects appeared. While you can see the tiny openings, I suspect that you actually have three channels that connect with the deeper tissues. In other words, the dimples at the base of your spine are really only the tip of the iceberg. Over time, bacteria have worked their way into these holes and started a low-grade infection, possibly aggravated by shafts of hair that may have grown inward, causing further inflammation.

Infected pilonidal cysts are rarely cured except by surgery to remove them. In my opinion, this is your best option because without surgery, no matter what you do, the bacteria will thrive in the moist, warm and dark channels. Moreover, if these channels connect with the spinal cord itself — as many do — you are at risk of forming a major abscess that could be extremely difficult to eradicate. I recommend that you see a surgeon. The operation is relatively easy and safe, and it will get rid of a potentially harmful affliction.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." 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 am a beautician who is regularly exposed to various chemicals and sprays in the course of my duties. Am I at risk for later lung problems? I don't smoke, and my Indian relatives lived to ripe old ages.

DEAR READER: That's because they probably weren't beauticians. In your work, you unavoidably inhale a variety of petrochemical vapors, many of which could adversely affect your lungs, leading to asthma, bronchitis and emphysema. In my opinion, you should attempt to modify such exposure; for example, by holding your breath at appropriate times, using pump sprays instead of aerosols, and making sure that your workplace is well-ventilated.

For specific information about the health hazards of your occupation, contact your municipal health department or the local office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

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Business and Industrial News

Bobby Nolan at Nolan Electric: master electrician with 30 years of experience

"We strive to provide a quality service to the people of Snyder," say Bobby and Kim Nolan, "and we want everyone to know we're thankful for their patronage through these past years."

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Please be aware that the City of Snyder requires a bonded, city licensed electrician working under a master electrician to do electrical wiring inside the city limits.

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Nolan Electric does commercial and residential wiring. They also work on roadway sign lighting and commercial sign lighting up to about 25 feet. During the week, the office at 1010 25th St. is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or you can reach them by phone at 915-573-5117. Their phone is answered after hours and on the weekends by an answering service.

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Need your lamps repaired? Besides the office work, Kim repairs lamps: touch, table, floor, and some antique. She has lamp parts in stock for sale also.

For all your electrical needs give Nolan Electric a call at 573-5117 or go by 1010 25th St.



NOLAN ELECTRIC — Located at 1010 25th St., Nolan Electric specializes in residential and commercial wiring. (SDN Staff Photo)

Immigration officers now outnumber FBI agents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Immigration and Naturalization Service is now the largest federal agent force, with more officers empowered to carry a gun and make arrests than either the Bureau of Prisons or the FBI.

Concern over illegal immigration prompted the Clinton administration and Congress to increase the INS budget sharply. During the past three years, the agent force of the INS grew faster than any other federal agency except the tiny Fish and Wildlife Service, which had a 40 percent increase to 869 agents.

Led by a 31 percent increase at the INS, the number of armed federal agents with arrest power rose to 74,500 by mid-1996, the Justice Department reported Sunday.

That was about 6 percent higher than in 1993, the last time the Bureau of Justice Statistics conducted such a survey. Sixteen federal agencies each employ more than 500 armed agents with power to make arrests.

Many of the 12,403 armed INS agents work for the Border Patrol, whose force is heavily concentrated along the Mexican border. The Border Patrol accounted for about two-thirds of the INS growth.

During the three years that ended Sept. 30, 1996, the Border Patrol increased from 3,965 to 5,878 agents. In the San Diego sector alone, Border Patrol agents doubled to 1,955.

The Bureau of Prisons is the second largest agency in terms of agents that are armed and have arrest powers. Its force grew by 13 percent to 11,329 during this period, when inmate populations were growing rapidly.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Astronaut enlarges Russian spacesuit

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — With a few adjustments, NASA astronaut-turned-tailor Andrew Thomas enlarged his Russian spacesuit for a proper fit today, enabling him to remain aboard Mir.

His custom-made Russian spacesuit, needed only for an emergency, was too tight and the only spare was too big, raising questions Sunday about whether he would be able to stay on the space station for his scheduled 4½-month stay.

Mission Control decided to let him move in while experts on the ground considered how to make alterations, and Thomas reported late this morning that his tailoring was successful.

"It fits the way it was supposed to fit to begin with," said Terrence Wilcutt, commander of the space shuttle Endeavour. "So he's very happy with it."

Thomas evidently loosened or removed some sizing straps on the pressurized spacesuit, which he would need to wear only if he had to flee Mir in the attached Soyuz spacecraft after the shuttle left. A good fit would be crucial.

"You think you're psychologically prepared, but things often turn around and surprise you," Thomas said Sunday amid all the trouble.

Endeavour delivered Thomas to Mir to take the place of astronaut David Wolf, who will ride home on the shuttle after spending four months aboard Mir.

While Thomas' suit was initially too small, the only spare — Wolf's suit — was too big. The sleeves of Wolf's suit are 6 inches too long for Thomas, who is 5-8 and weighs 160 pounds. Wolf is 5-10 and weighs 185 pounds.

Thomas said he thinks his spine stretched and he became taller in space — a common occurrence in weightlessness. It also could be that his suit was not sized correctly before the flight, he said.

Because of the problem, Mission Control initially told Thomas to spend the night aboard Endeavour and told Wolf to remain on Mir. The decision was reversed after NASA officials conferred with their counterparts in Moscow and determined Thomas could use Wolf's oversize suit in an emergency.

It was the first time an American has encountered such a problem in the two years that shuttles have been taking astronauts to Mir.

Thomas, a 46-year-old Australian-born engineer, is the seventh and final NASA astronaut to live on the space station. He is scheduled to return home at the end of May.

Attorney claims: tobacco companies deceived the public

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Tobacco companies deceived the public about the dangers of smoking for decades, and the state of Minnesota has documents to prove it, an attorney for the state said today.

"This case is about the conduct of the industry and how this industry chose — intentionally chose — to violate the laws of the state of Minnesota," attorney Michael Ciresi said.

"To this day all of the defendants save one, Liggett, publicly deny that smoking is addictive and causes disease," Ciresi said, as opening statements began in what could be a four-month trial.

"Except for Liggett, which has admitted the addictive nature of nicotine, not one of these defendants has disclosed all that they know," Ciresi said.

The state will introduce evidence from millions of secret industry documents to prove its case, Ciresi said.

The state and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota are seeking reimbursement for the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses, estimated at $1.75 billion. The plaintiffs also seek punitive damages.

The state and Blue Cross claim tobacco companies committed fraud by suppressing information on the dangers of smoking while publicly denying that tobacco was a health hazard.

Just before opening statements began today, Ramsey County District Judge Kenneth Fitzpatrick denied the industry's request to dismiss the jury pool as biased.

In acerbic language, Fitzpatrick rejected tobacco lawyers' claim that the panel was biased simply because some jurors said they believed cigarettes are addictive and that smoking causes disease.

"It would certainly not be grounds for removal if a juror were skeptical when a litigant in a proceeding argued the position that the sun sets in the East," Fitzpatrick wrote.

Tobacco lawyers had argued that the pool of 24 candidates from which the final jury of 12 was chosen were inherently biased against the cigarette makers.

Several of the pool members expressed anti-tobacco sentiments during questioning, and nine of the final 12 jurors said they believed smoking is addictive.

Two killed

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — Police investigating a gun battle found two people dead, three wounded and bullet shell casings strewn along a block of a central Lawton neighborhood.

The bodies of two people were found in a car abandoned at an apartment complex.

"All four doors were standing wide open, which indicated that there were more in the vehicle than just the two victims," police Lt. Mark McFarland said Sunday. "Maybe four or even five."

The homicide victims, identified as Kaseem Boynes, 20, and Bobby Dale Smith, 15, probably "never knew what hit them," McFarland said.

Both victims suffered fatal head wounds and probably died instantly, one in the passenger-side front and the other in the passenger-side rear of their Ford Escort, which was found outside an apartment building about 1 a.m. Sunday.

Three people wounded in a earlier drive-by shooting allegedly involving the car were identified as Anthony Nolan, 24; Devoree Gatison, 23, and Clinton Silverhorn, 23. Nolan and Gatison were hospitalized with leg wounds.

Silverhorn, who suffered a minor injury, was being held in the city jail as a material witness in the case, police said.

Obituaries

Laura Chandler

1918-1998

Laura Chandler, a longtime resident of Scurry County, died at 2:30 a.m. today in the Robert Lee Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Chandler, 79, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry White, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Aug. 9, 1918 in Scurry County, she married Hollis Chandler on Aug. 6, 1936 in Snyder. He died in 1990. She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Paul Williams, in 1995.

Mrs. Chandler was a homemaker and a member of the Faith Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Gayle Sizemore of Robert Lee; two sons, Hollis Earl Chandler of Denton and Randy Chandler of Hermleigh; a sister, Jackie Rayburn of La Vernia; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Edmonds

1915-1998

ABILENE — Birdie Mae Edmonds, the sister of two Scurry County residents, died Friday, Jan. 23, in an Abilene nursing center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Edmonds, 82, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Allen-Korzenewski Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born in Oletha, she grew up in Gause and graduated from Gause High School. She married Robert "Sonny" Ward in 1935 in Gause and Roy T. Edmonds in 1943 in Snyder. Both preceded her in death.

Mrs. Edmonds moved from Snyder to Abilene in 1950. She was Democratic chairman in Taylor County and precinct judge. She was past worthy matron of the Eastern Star and served as grand warder of the Grand Chapter of Texas in 1988. She was also a past president of the Social Order of the Beauceant and a member of the Pythians and the Central Church of Christ.

Survivors include four sisters, Inez Rinehart of Hermleigh, Clara Buffington of Snyder, Vera Gasper of Milano and Merle Dittrich of Amarillo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Justin Miller

Infant Son

BROWNFIELD — Justin Malec Miller, infant great-grandson of James G. Miller of Snyder, was stillborn Friday, Jan. 23, in Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Service for Justin was set for 2 p.m. today in the Gethsemane Church with the Rev. Abram Carmona officiating. Burial will follow in the Brownfield Cemetery.

Survivors include his parents, Shay and Aimee Miller of Brownfield; his grandparents, Diana Rodriguez of Lubbock, Robert Sanchez of Brownfield, Charlie Miller of Lubbock and Lynn Miller of Brownfield; and another great-grandfather, Bill Maxwell of Whiteville, Tenn.

Iva Prescott

1913-1998

COLORADO CITY — Iva Marie Prescott, a native of the China Grove community, died Thursday, Jan. 22, in a Dallas hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Prescott, 84, was set for 2 p.m. today in the 22nd and Austin Street Church of Christ. Kerry Cain, minister, was to officiate, and burial was to follow in the Lone Wolf Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She married William H. "Rusty" Prescott in 1932 in China Grove, and he preceded her in death.

A longtime resident of Colorado City, she worked in the dietary department of the Mitchell County Hospital for nine years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, Donna Kay Thomasson of Savoy; a brother, Council Hall of Odesa; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Weekend a busy one for area law officers

Six people were arrested over the weekend and three more were taken into custody early this morning.

A family disturbance around 8:30 Saturday morning sent one person to jail on Class C assault/family violence charges. A 36-year-old male was taken into custody in the 3000 block of 34th Street after dispatchers received a 911 call about a husband assaulting his wife.

DPS troopers arrested a 23-year-old male on FM 2763 at 1:11 a.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Two people were taken into custody around 3 a.m. Sunday for public intoxication. Arrested in the 300 block of College Avenue were two 22-year-old males.

Officers responded to three reports of loud music over the weekend and one ended in an arrest after officers had to go to the location twice.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male in the 1400 block of 31st Street for disorderly conduct/loud music.

A 39-year-old male was arrested Sunday at 11 a.m. at the sheriff's office on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant to revoke his probation.

Shortly after midnight today, officers arrested a 19-year-old male at North Park for misdemeanor possession of marijuana. A juvenile female was also taken into custody and later released to her parents.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old male at 12:21 this morning in the 1300 block of 28th Street for public intoxication.

In other activity, Selena Chairez reported the theft of a VCR from 1908 Coleman #3 at 4:11 p.m. Saturday. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, officers were called to Wright's Boot and Shoe repair in the 2400 block of Avenue E in reference to the building being broken into. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

An offense report for assault/family violence was submitted at 7:20 p.m. Sunday.

Deputies responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at 10:28 p.m. Sunday at a residence on CR 221.

A report of a possible prowler was made around 4 o'clock this morning in the 200 block of Ash.

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Scurry County Arc

Scurry County Arc will meet at 7 this evening at 2511 Ave. W.

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, "Concern Without Worry," followed by "Getting to Know God's Provision," will begin at 7 this evening.

Blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health Care of Post will conduct a free blood pressure clinic from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

Chamber of commerce

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. An executive session will precede the regular meeting.

TOPS 50th anniversary

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) invites everyone to a 50th anniversary open house from 5-6 p.m. Tuesday at 2501 35th Street.

Parents of choir students

All parents of choir students and other interested parties will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school choir room to discuss the spring musical and choir awards banquet. Everyone is urged to attend.

55 Alive course

AARP will sponsor a 55 Alive drivers course Tuesday and Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center. Tuesday's session will be from 1-4 p.m. and Wednesday's from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mary Lou Traczyk of Big Spring will be the instructor. There will be an $8 charge. No test will be taken. Insurance companies may allow a 10 percent discount for three years. Call 573-5301 to register.

Weather spotting class

George Mathews of the National Weather Service in Midland will present a severe weather spotting class at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Central Fire Station. Fire Chief Terry McDowell said the public is invited.

Spring portraits at Ira ISD

Spring portraits will be taken for grades K-12 at Ira Wednesday. No money is needed that day, unless you are doing "friendship" pictures which cost a $2 sitting fee per person, to be paid that day. Exact change is necessary. Up to five people will be allowed in a photo. Families will not be charged a sitting fee per person. Families need to call the school to set up a time. Group pictures of each class with its sponsor or teacher will be taken. Proofs will be sent home, when they come in, for orders to be placed.

Genealogical society

Scurry County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. Guests are welcome and will be assisted by the membership in beginning their family history research.

Pancake supper set

Snyder High School Senior Class will sponsor a pancake supper at McDonald's from 6-8 p.m. Thursday. 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.

Deadline to order SHS yearbooks

February 3 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.

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.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 01-11-13-31-34-43.
Estimated jackpot: $17 million.
Number matching six of six: None.
Matching five of six: 205. Prize: $1,090.
Matching four of six: 8,499. Prize: $95.
Matching three of six: 153,095. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $23 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-1-4