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One-act contest set Thursday

WOLFFORTH — Snyder High School will present "Ondine" at the District One-Act Play Competition here Thursday.

Snyder's cast and crew, under the direction of drama director Jerry Worsham, will be the third of five schools to compete and will take the stage about 3 o'clock.

Cast members are Jack Hedges, Kate Maguire, Mac McCraw, Christina Bullard, Trevor Thompson and Anna Hannan.

Others are Tara Kincaid, Liz Brown, Joey Steakley, Michael Gibson, Kade Kubena, Kevin Taylor, Jessica Mills, Reid Johnson and Scott Love.

Understudies are Brandon McCraw, Alicia Peoples, Jon Hensley and Jamie Burleson.

Crew members are Andy Parker, Chris Halbert, Eldon Scott and Mark Rodriguez.

Alternates are John Hensley, Cheryl Reed, Buddy Whittenburg, Clay Graves and Toungee Coustaline.

A strong cast, impressive stage settings and costumes are the outstanding features of this year's show, according to Worsham.

"The cast and crew have worked very hard, including throughout their spring break, to make sure that this year's one-act entry is strong," said Worsham. "The story line is quite compelling and I think audiences are going to really enjoy this one."

"Ondine" was written by Jean Giraudoux and was adapted and translated from French by Maurice Valency. The play was a big hit on Broadway in the 1950s. It is a fairy tale of sorts, with the theme being the difficulty of finding ideal love.

The contest begins at 1 p.m. with Frenship taking the stage first, followed by Levelland, Snyder, Plainview and Lamesa. The top two plays selected by critic judge Christopher Markle of Texas Tech University will advance to regional competition the following Thursday in Snyder.

ALL SMILES — The Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Lower Colorado River Authority announced Tuesday that the CRMWD will no longer be tied to previous agreements requiring it to release water downstream. Among those attending the meeting were, from left, Snyder mayor and former CRMWD board member David Holt; Rep. David Counts; Mark Rose, LCRA general manager from Austin; and O.H. Ivie, former CRMWD general manager. (SDN Staff Photo By Wade Warren)

SHS will host academic meet

Snyder High School students will compete in the UIL District Academic Meet here Saturday.

The meet, featuring 20 different contests, will be held at the high school.

Also participating will be students from Lubbock Estacado, Frenship, Lamesa, Levelland and Plainview high schools.

Collegiate rodeo returns to Snyder

Western Texas College hosts its annual rodeo here Thursday, Friday and Saturday with performances getting underway nightly at 7:30 in the county coliseum.

For the second year, Western Texas and Great Western Dining, which operates the college's food service, are sponsoring a "cookout."

The all-you-can-eat meal will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the south room at the coliseum. Tickets are $5 each.

The event is open to the public and Cow Jazz will provide live music.

The menu will consist of smoked brisket, ham, sausage, hot links, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, homemade rolls and hot cobbler.

Thursday's show will also highlight the crowning of rodeo queen Shelly York.

Related events include:

—Slack after Thursday and Friday performances and at 8 a.m. Saturday.

—The annual Special Education Rodeo at 9 a.m. Friday, open to the public.

—A chuck wagon lunch at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Shelley York

—The annual alumni roping at the WTC practice arena from 1:30-5 p.m. Saturday.

—A cowboy church service at 6 p.m. Saturday in the coliseum.

—The annual Alumni Rodeo at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

—Dances Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m. in the Scurry County Rodeo Association Pavilion on Gary Brewer Road.

Rodeo tickets are $4 for adults and $2 for students.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

"The feller on Deep Creek says, 'Everybody is a fool, but it's okay on April 1."

If the federal government can mess with official holidays, then any durn fool knows that the tax filing deadline should be changed to April 1.

April Fool's Day is the logical choice for paying the Infernal Revenue Service. You're a fool if you do, and a fool if you don't.

We did a little research on April Fool's Day. Some customs, holidays and traditions are hard to trace. As you might suspect it's any fool's guess about how the observance actually started.

There is said to be a day like America's April Fool's Day in nearly all parts of the world. It's a day when practical jokes are played on friends and co-workers — like sending them on unnecessary errands or tricking 'em into doing a myriad of silly things.

It is believed that April Fool's Day started with the French. When the calendar was reformed, the first nation to adopt the reformed calendar was France. Charles IX ordered, in 1564, that the year should began on Jan. 1.

Until then, New Year's visits and the exchange of New Year's gifts had been associated with the first of April.

After Charles issued his decree, all this became associated with Jan. 1. But there were many who objected to the change and refused to go along with it. Others made fun of them for this, and in poking fun, they sent joke gifts.

Today seems appropriate for an Aggie joke:

It seems that a Tea Sip, a Red Raider and an Aggie decided to attend the Olympics. It took all their cash to get there, so they didn't have money for admission.

The Longhorn found an old broomstick and quickly whittled a point on one end. He marched up to the gate and proclaimed, "U.S. javelin team." He was admitted without a challenge.

The Texas Tech guy dug an old frisbee out of his bag, cleaned it off and marched up the gate and announced, "U.S. discus team." He was allowed to enter.

The Aggie was perplexed because he couldn't think of anything. Finally, he got a list of events and an idea flashed in his mind.

The Aggie dashed to a hardware store. In no time he was back carrying a roll of wire over his shoulder. He marched up to the gate and proclaimed, "U.S. fencing team."

Water pact good news for area

The end of a requirement to release water from two Colorado River Municipal Water District reservoirs is being viewed as good news for future economic development here.

"With the limited water supply here and throughout West Texas, keeping what little water is here is very important," said Mayor David Holt. "Industries need water."

The CRMWD and the Lower Colorado River Authority announced Tuesday that agreements to release water from the Ivie and Spence reservoirs has been ended.

The release of the water downstream to the Highland Lakes was part of an agreement in which the CRMWD was given permission to construct the O.H. Ivie Reservoir.

Holt said he had not realized the volume of water that the agreement called to be released.

According to information from John Grant, CRMWD general manager, the agreement gave LCRA the right to call on water above elevation 1,543 in the Ivie Reservoir.

"If Ivie was full, this would translate to a volume of approximately 147,600 acre-feet. At the current delivery rate, 147,600 acre-feet would be a two-and-one-half year supply of water to our member cities of Snyder, Big Spring and Odessa, and our major customers, Midland, San Angelo and Abilene," said Grant.

"That would be a lot of water to send down-stream," added Holt, who added, "It's good to see these two entities working together."

Grant said the LCRA is expected to explore the possibility of selling power to the water district if deregulating electrical companies in Texas becomes a realitv.

"They might be able to lower our pumping costs," said Grant.

"Basically, we're working together to improve the quantity and quality of water for both service areas," he said.

New law not just blowing a lot of smoke

Grant funds will help city, county enforce tobacco laws

Snyder Police Department and Scurry County Sheriff's Office have each been awarded a grant to help curb sales of tobacco products to minors.

The grants, $2,000 each, were awarded by the State Comptroller's Office.

Funds are to be used for inspection of local businesses to make sure they are in compliance with laws concerning the display and advertising of tobacco, to ensure they are not selling tobacco products to minors, and to make sure they are not allowing minors to smoke on the premises.

"The grant is basically to pay for overtime, extra officers — something above what a department would normally do," said Police Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner.

Not that Snyder Police Department hasn't conducted inspections of businesses before — it has, said Pitner.

"We've conducted stings and caught clerks selling to minors. At that point, we didn't do anything to them. We were just making them aware of the law," he said.

Businesses caught selling cigarettes to minors can be fined up to $500. The fine can escalate to $1,000 upon subsequent offenses and the business can have its permit suspended for up to three days. If the business continues to violate the law, its permit can be suspended indefinitely.

There are also penalties for employers and clerks who break the law.

Senate Bill 55 states that smoking or possession of tobacco products by anyone under the age of 18 is against the law. Underage smokers can be fined up to $250 and be required to attend a tobacco awareness program or perform eight to 12 hours of tobacco-related community service.

The individual's parents or guardian may also be required to attend a tobacco awareness program.

If the under-age smoker does not comply with the court, the Department of Public Safety can be ordered to suspend the individual's driver's license.

Sheriff Darren Jackson is attending a Texas Compliance Grant Technical Assistance Workshop in Midland today to learn more about the grant.

SHS needs help

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is in need of assistance from the Snyder community for its annual workday.

Thomas Fogleman, president of the SNS board of directors, said the organization needs funds and workers.

SNS helps repair homes for the elderly who cannot afford to have them repaired. SNS has chosen 12 candidates that meet the organization's guidelines this year.

Last year, the group worked on 10 houses. Fogleman noted that additional workers will be needed for this year's workday, which is Saturday, April 25.

Donations can be mailed to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, TX 79550 or dropped off at Sam Robertson Insurance or the West Elementary office.

Community-wide garden could help Food Bank

Scurry County Ministerial Alliance has announced plans to start a community garden to support the Food Cupboard with fresh vegetables.

Land has been donated for the project.

Gardens are used by the South Plains Food Bank in Lubbock, and have been highly successful, according to organizers.

An organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, April 13, at First Presbyterian Church.

Anyone with ideas or gardening experience is welcome to help get the project underway.

ASK US

Q—Is there a way to obtain Lotto Texas tickets by mail?

A—No. The State Lottery Act specifically prohibits sales of tickets by mail or phone.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 72 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 41; no precipitation; total for 1998, 4.79 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 50-55. SE wind 10-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, windy. High around 75. SW wind 20-30 mph, gusty.

Matthew Schoolcraft
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 7:03 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:31 a.m.
Of 90 days in 1998, the sun has shone 88 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Of all the things you wear, you expression is the most important.

Janet Lane

APR 1998

Cheap oil drilling may create bargain prices

LONDON (AP) — When the oil market collapsed this winter, OPEC and other producers got hammered and consumers enjoyed unusually cheap gasoline prices.

But while the drastic price swings for the world's most vital commodity made headlines, a revolution in the way big oil companies find and produce their crude has more quietly been keeping prices lower and expanding the pool of oil available for future generations.

Adjusting prices for inflation, the cost of finding a barrel of oil offshore in the United States was $24.81 at its peak in 1981, but had slipped to $5.21 by 1996, according to the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration.

The total cost of producing oil, both onshore and offshore in the United States, dropped from $14.61 in 1981 to $4.12 in 1996, the EIA said.

Major oil producers from the West are finding cheaper ways to produce crude in hostile environments like the North Sea, enabling them to better compete with OPEC producers and their ultra-low cost, oil-rich fields of the Persian Gulf.

The innovations let the Western oil companies pump from some fields that previously would have been written off as impossible, while increasing the life and production of others.

The cheap production costs help keep a lid on prices that have been decreasing for years in real terms. When U.S. motorists filled up recently on gasoline that sometimes cost less than $1 per gallon, they paid prices they might have paid in the late 1970s — with zero adjustment for inflation.

In real terms, some experts said, fuel was as cheap as it's ever been.

The lower costs start at the wellhead. An example: Texaco discovered the Captain Field in the North Sea two decades ago, but the oil was heavy and there was little ground pressure to let it flow. Texaco did nothing with the field for years.

"Up until the early '90s, it was really at the bottom of our portfolio," spokesman Andy Norman said.

But oil companies improved three technologies — horizontal drilling, floating production and electrical submersible pumps — and, eventually, the Captain Field was looking like less of an ugly duckling.

"It's now onstream, producing 70,000 barrels a day," Norman said.

Many of the offshore drilling technologies were pioneered by Shell in the Gulf of Mexico.

They quickly spread elsewhere, improving the way Big Oil and also medium-sized production companies get crude in not only the North Sea but also offshore Brazil, offshore West Africa and other areas that previously were technologically off-limits.

Tim Davies, a project manager who runs 30 North Sea wells for British Petroleum, said his company produces more oil from horizontal wells, where the drilling equipment can move at a shallow angle through oil formations, finding the best places to extract the crude.

Often the oil can be pumped from several places along the line, getting more out at the cost of drilling just one hole. Oil companies can never hope to get every drop of oil out of a field, but now they can get a greater proportion.

"Whatever the shape of the reservoir under the ground, you just follow it," Davies said. "You can steer up, down, sideways or whatever way you need to go."

The oil companies can trot out example after example of how they're doing better, but some critics say the numbers aren't all that they seem.

Colin Campbell, a former Amoco and Fina man who worked in the Norwegian North Sea, said companies often can make big boasts about improvements to their projects because they start out with very conservative estimates of how much oil they might get.

That way, the geologists and engineers avoid getting into trouble by staking their reputations on overly optimistic estimates of a drilling prospect.

"You start with a lower number," Campbell said. "The performance improves all the time — there's medals and champagne for something that gets better all the time. It's just a maze of confusion and doubletalk — and, also, no audit."

Not necessarily so, said Davies at British Petroleum. He said oil executives now start out with much higher estimates for the amount of crude they can get from a new field.

Since the mid-1980s, three-dimensional seismic studies have helped the seven biggest oil companies — Exxon, Shell, British Petroleum, Mobil, Texaco, Amoco and Chevron — reduce the number of dry holes, or wells that produce no oil, by 28 percent, according to Leo Drollas, chief economist at the Center for Global Energy Studies in London.

Daughtry is SDN winner

Marc Daughtry of 3509 40th St. is the March winner of a year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News.

Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who either subscribe or renew for six months or more.

Canada gets Who's Who

SAN ANGELO — Shannon Canada of Snyder has been included in the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Canada, a senior majoring in computer science at Angelo State University, was among 82 ASU students to be honored in this year's edition of the annual volume.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership attributes in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Shannon is the daughter of Britt and Tanya Canada.

Mother faces charges in shooting

CAMERON (AP) — The mother of a 13-year-old boy who was accidentally shot in the eye by his 12-year-old brother has been charged with child endangerment.

Wanda Ann Herrera, 30, of Austin, was arrested Tuesday in connection with the Monday shooting incident at Davilla.

A nurse at Scott and White Memorial Hospital called officers after the boy was brought to the hospital.

The boys and two other siblings, ages 4 and 6, were at their home without their parents at the time of the shooting, officers said. Officers do not know where the parents were at the time of the shooting.

Officers said they found several guns in addition to the .22-caliber rifle used in the shooting at the home. The children were placed in the custody of a relative following an investigation by Child Protective Services.

The mother was being held in the Milam County Jail on Tuesday in lieu of $50,000 bond. She faces a jail term of 180 days to two years and a maximum fine of $10,000 if she is convicted. She could get probation, officials said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, April 2, 1998

Diversity and change will be major factors in your life in the year ahead. Things look exciting for you socially as well as businesswise. Make these opportunities count.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conditions in general should be rather pleasant for you most of the day. However, that which is most enticing and fun might not occur until towards evening. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In this present cycle it's to your benefit to practice "giving-living." The more you do for others, the more you're likely to receive in return.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your charming smile, quick wit and warm humor make powerful impressions that can spell success for you today. Put them to the test and you'll see.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Cupid might select you for his principle target today. Conditions look promising in the romance department for you and your special someone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An alliance that is already of great significance might be strengthened even further today. Events over which you have no control will orchestrate the movement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Lead by example today, because this will encourage those who are involved with you to help achieve your purposes. Their support is essential.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Pursue your rainbows today, because you won't be looking at life through tinted glasses. The bright spots you perceive do indeed exist.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Persons who are close to your heart will benefit from your presence and efforts today. You'll help them do what they will be unable to do on their own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Others will need you today more than you will need them. When you enter into an arrangement, you'll increase its possibilities and winning potential.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a good day to focus your efforts on labors of love. Doing things you enjoy will provide an additional dimension of fulfillment and pride.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Being able to manage or direct others and have them like it is that extra special something you possess today. Instinctively, you'll know how to lead and inspire.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If your intuition whispers that your involvements will have a good bottom line today, don't ignore the voice. It knows a lot more than you do.

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Fourth grader says touch therapy quackary

CHICAGO (AP) — It was as simple as a test could be.

Since healers who practice therapeutic touch claim they can manipulate a patient's "energy field" to treat everything from burns to cancer, they were asked to prove it.

The 11-year-old girl who devised the test for her fourth-grade science fair two years ago concluded that 21 practitioners of the widely taught practice were unable to detect the "energy field." Emily Rosa's study was published today in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"I thought it was interesting because it was practiced in hospitals and private clinics all around this country and they were getting paid from 30 to 70 dollars a treatment," Emily said this morning on the NBC "Today" show.

It immediately drew fire from supporters of the practice, who say it is respected worldwide.

Therapeutic touch is practiced in at least 80 North American hospitals and taught in more than 100 colleges and universities in 75 countries, said the study written by the Loveland, Colo., girl, her parents and a Pennsylvania doctor who works to uncover quackery.

Those who practice the technique say an energy field emanates from every person and is detectable above the skin through a tingling sensation or a feeling of hot or cold.

The healer moves his or her hands over the patient's body to modify the field. Touching the patient isn't necessary.

More than 100,000 people worldwide have been taught the technique, including at least 43,000 health-care professionals, the study said.

Emily set up a cardboard screen through which practitioners put their hands. With their sight blocked, she asked them to identify which of their hands was near one of hers.

The 21 practitioners chose the correct hand 44 percent of the time. That was less than the 50 percent chance they would have had of choosing the correct hand by guessing.

"To our knowledge, no other objective, quantitative study involving more than a few therapeutic touch practitioners has been published, and no well-designed study demonstrates any health benefit from therapeutic touch," the study concluded.

Emily's mother, Linda Rosa, acknowledged that she is a long-time skeptic of the practice. Emily, who wants to be a veterinarian or an astronaut, "or even both," said she conducted her study for a school science fair because she was a bit skeptical herself.

There were no winners in the fair. She got a blue ribbon like everyone else.'

The research was never intended to be published, Rosa said. But word spread, and the PBS show "Scientific American Frontiers" featured Emily's tests Nov. 19. Dr. Stephen Barrett of Quackwatch Inc., based in Allentown, Pa., suggested submitting the findings to JAMA.

Dolores Krieger, retired professor of nursing science at New York University and a founder of the therapeutic touch movement in the '70s, scoffed at Emily's findings and said she was "astounded" JAMA published the study.

Democrats propose legislation to overhaul policies on HMOs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats in Congress are pushing for patient protections from a managed care system that rewards health maintenance organizations for providing less medical care.

A bill introduced Tuesday would guarantee patients emergency room care, require access to specialists and prevent "inappropriate interferences by insurance companies in the doctor-patient relationship," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

It's one of several managed care bills being considered by Congress. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., has predicted Congress will approve some sort of bill by the end of the year.

"I'm co-sponsoring this legislation because, right now, we have a system where HMOs make more money when they deliver less care," said Rep. Sam Gejdenson, D-Conn. "To stop the abuses that HMOs inflict on their patients and to make health care affordable, we have to ensure that patients and their doctors, not accountants, have control of the health care system."

President Clinton endorsed the bill in a letter to Gephardt and Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

"The bill you are introducing today provides a critical step towards developing bipartisan legislation that will pass the Congress," Clinton said. "I look forward to working with the Congress to enact a 'Patients' Bill of Rights' act that I can sign into law this year."

A trade group representing managed care plans objected to the legislation.

The bill "moves in the wrong direction" and would subject health plans to too much government regulation, said Susan Pisano, spokeswoman for the American Association of Health Plans.

"We think that it will increase costs, particularly through a high level of government micromanagement, but will not increase the quality of care," she said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

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3 NT!!	Pass	Pass	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Who cares?

This is no joke — honest!

By Phillip Alder

How many different deals are played each year? Whatever your guesstimate, most years we seem to get a report of each player holding a 13-card suit. But how often should this happen? By my calculation, it should be once every several lifespans of the Earth!

Last year, I was telephoned about the South hand in the diagram. Doris Taylor of Berlin, Md., picked it up in September during a social game. True, this was the first claim of 37 points I'd ever heard. Yet it was hard not to be skeptical. The odds are 158,753,389,899 to 1 against picking up one of the four 37-point hands.

To give you a better idea of these odds, if you play twice a week, you should have one of these hands about every 60 million years — and Doris' exact hand every 240 million years! However, Doris, who is 93 years young and wonderful to talk with, assures me the deck was shuffled properly by Myrtle Burbage (North). Then it was dealt by Virginia Lee Dennis (West). East was Kay Bromley. (Unfortunately, they didn't record the whole deal. I used a computer program to fill in the other three hands.)

Doris could not believe her eyes. So, after three passes, "still in shock," as she told me, she opened only three no-trump, not seven. The play began and Doris said to the others, "You won't believe the hand I have." She repeated that once or twice as she cashed a few tricks before placing her remaining cards face-up on the table.

Give Doris a place in the Guinness Book of Records.

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Datebook

April 1, 1998

Today is April Fools' Day, the 91st day of 1998 and the 13th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1929, the yo-yo was introduced by Louie Marx.

On this day in 1963, "General Hospital" aired for the first time.

On this day in 1984, Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father in Los Angeles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nikolai Gogol (1809-1852), writer; Edmond Rostand (1868-1918), dramatist; Lon Chaney (1883-1930), actor; William Manchester (1922-), writer, is 76; Jane Powell (1929-), actress-singer, is 69; Ali MacGraw (1939-), actress, is 59; Annette O'Toole (1952-), actress, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1931, Jackie Mitchell, a pitcher in Chattanooga, Tenn., became the first woman to be signed by an all-male baseball team.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is no use to blame the looking glass if your face is awry." — Nikolai Gogol

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1946, the Scotch Cap Lighthouse on Unimak Island, Alaska, was shaken by two earthquakes in 27 minutes.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 27) and first quarter (April 3).

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Butterflies" program by Gertrude League; Betty Wood and Marie Armstrong, hostesses; 9:30 a.m.

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; 3 p.m.

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180, potluck supper; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

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is pleased to announce that
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Open House will follow at 10:30 a.m. until
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1912	*	1.90	.77	.72	1.68	2.54	1.30	.76	.80	2.80	*	1.12	14.39
1913	.25	.58	1.57	2.48	1.52	2.44	2.58	.24	2.44	3.45	3.79	3.05	24.39
1914	.22	.04	1.04	4.06	2.59	4.78	3.03	5.54	1.22	3.58	1.59	1.27	28.96
1915	.22	.83	1.00	8.03	2.25	2.70	.50	4.48	5.40	3.77	**	.82	30.09
1916	.15	*	.34	3.58	1.67	.65	1.40	.49	1.52	2.00	.76	.05	12.61
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1918	.32	.57	.21	.45	2.46	1.14	**	.34	1.20	3.73	.62	1.28	12.32
1919	.99	.21	3.43	3.45	2.19	3.72	1.82	2.93	3.20	5.63	1.13	**	28.70
1920	1.08	.25	**	**	4.66	4.01	.50	11.27	2.37	1.55	.22	*	25.91
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1922	.58	.02	1.20	7.43	5.19	4.48	.05	1.75	**	.93	1.66	**	23.28
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1937	.17	.25	1.36	.06	4.25	1.55	1.45	2.38	1.76	.44	.68	1.03	15.40
1938	1.55	3.51	1.73	1.00	3.35	2.76	3.51	.12	.94	1.22	.84	.06	20.59
1939	2.42	.20	1.00	.29	6.38	7.46	.65	2.28	*	1.66	1.09	.71	24.14
1940	.22	1.50	.32	1.44	1.37	2.61	.30	3.51	.78	.49	2.69	.29	15.66
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1943	.15	**	1.30	.60	4.37	2.17	.19	.05	.37	.25	1.31	1.49	12.25
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1945	1.20	.36	1.25	1.03	1.45	2.51	5.44	3.00	2.60	4.02	.34	.48	23.68
1946	1.53	*	.53	.41	3.49	2.42	.04	1.52	.97	2.71	.75	2.60	16.97
1947	.30	*	.92	.36	6.64	2.19	.80	1.06	1.77	.97	1.81	1.60	17.76
1948	.21	1.98	.06	.29	4.38	1.67	7.30	*	*	2.55	*	*	18.44
1949	2.30	.47	.23	3.22	3.69	3.70	1.04	1.94	2.92	1.62	*	.55	21.28
1950	.40	.66	*	2.55	7.37	2.00	3.03	.98	4.20	**	*	**	21.19
1951	.14	.67	.30	1.06	1.42	1.57	.80	1.42	2.36	.48	**	.04	10.26
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Average	.64	.84	.86	1.92	3.21	2.58	2.14	2.22	2.55	2.31	.97	.83	21.05

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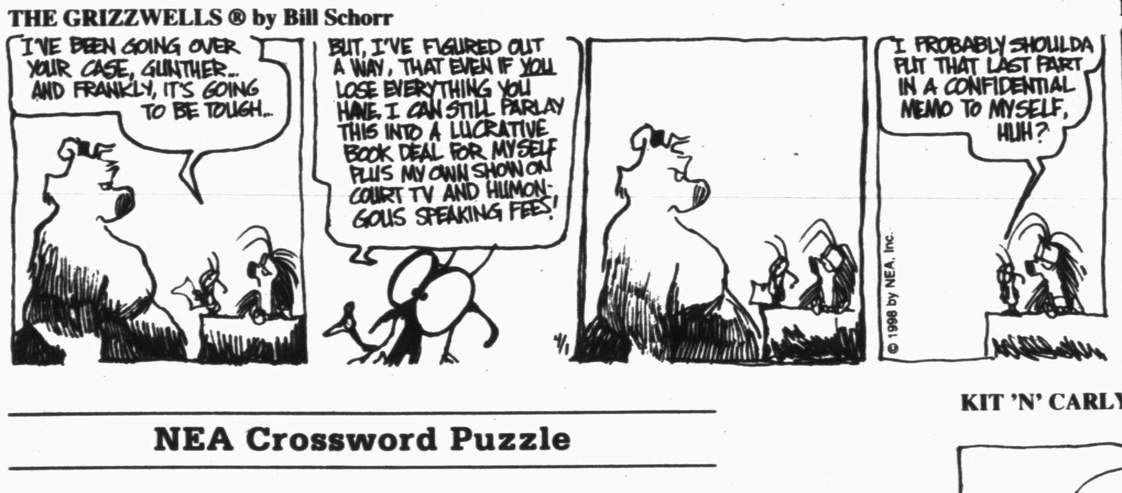

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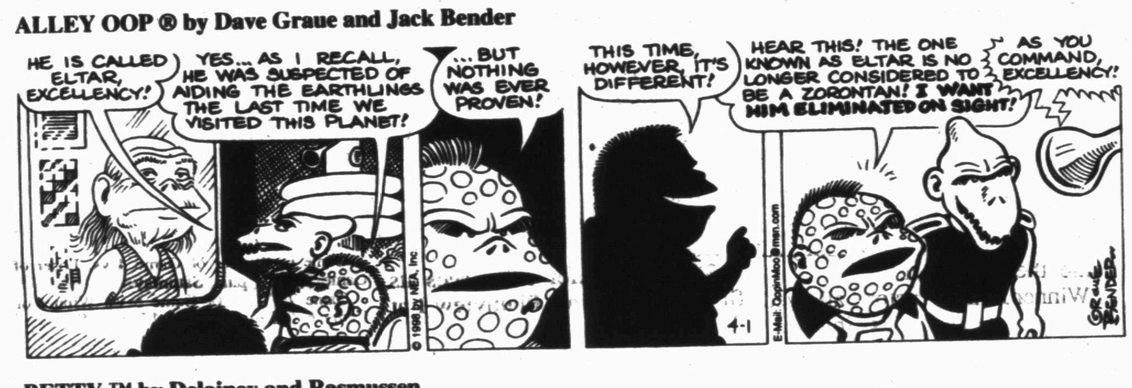

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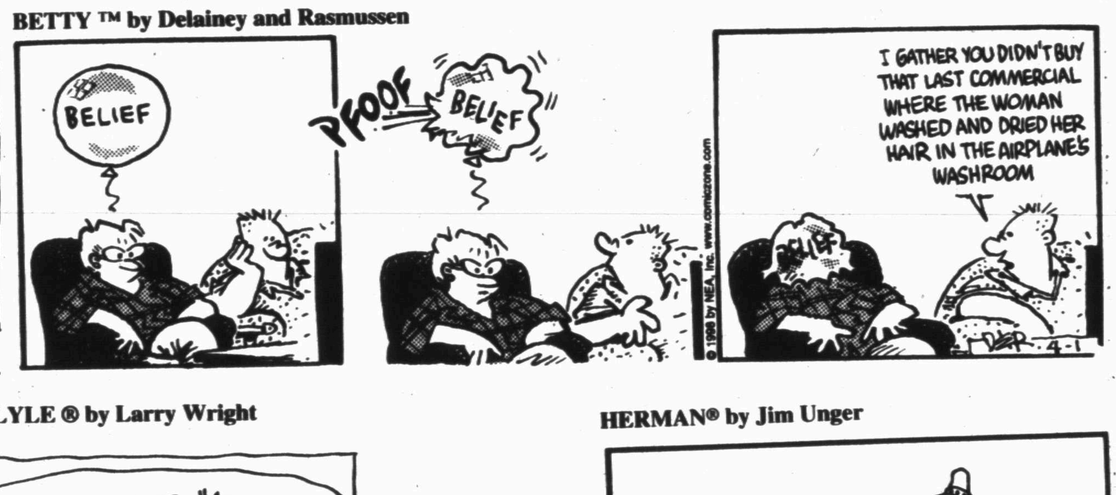

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Chatters
7 Introduced slowly
13 Tenant
14 Rough shed
15 Belong
16 Extreme
17 Wide shoe size
18 Prefix for pod
20 Dance step
21 — Gandhi
25 Decorated the walls
28 Highway to the far north
32 Forward
33 Type of mat
34 Pronouncements
35 Cat sounds
36 Bar chair
37 Topple
39 Kind of leather
41 Status —
44 Term of endearment
45 Wire measure
48 Make current
51 Functionless
54 Certain compound
55 Not performed
56 Fool's gold
57 Begins

DOWN

1 Ballet movement
2 Philosopher Descartes
3 Tennis player Arthur —
4 Mao — -tung
5 Ending for auction
6 Show anger
7 Braid
8 That girl
9 Swiss river
10 Ginger cookie
11 Sicilian
12 Specks
19 Radiation measure
21 Certain instructor
22 Type of stork
23 — out (planned in detail)
24 Charm
25 Cushions
26 Landed
27 Somewhat (mus.)
29 Sedans
30 Farm measure
31 Robin's home
37 Cry of surprise
38 Of wine
40 In what place?
41 Jest
42 — -daisy
43 Aroma
45 Anchor
46 — It Romantic?
47 Peggy and Spike
49 French friend
50 Southeast Asian holiday
52 Explosive inits.
53 Actress Lupino

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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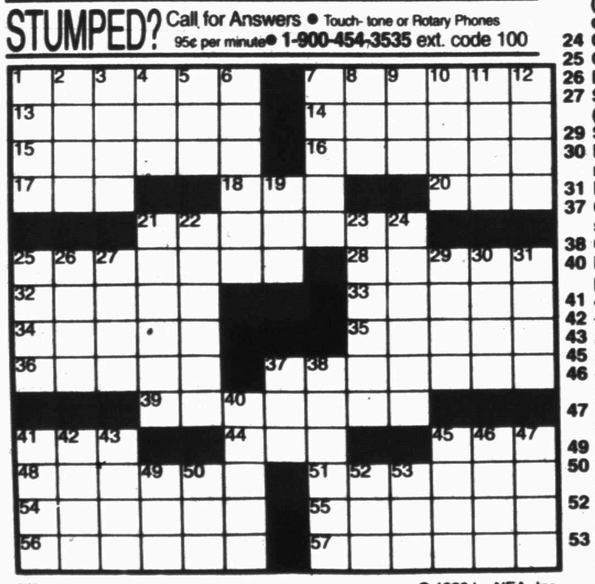

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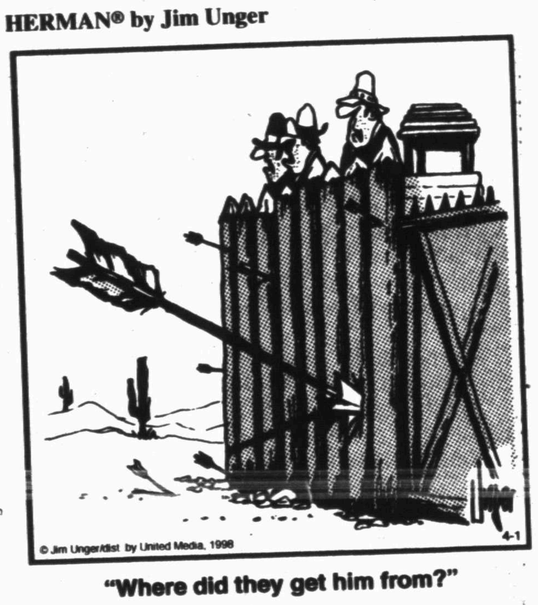

"Where did they get him from?"

"DON'T YOU BELIEVE IN ANYTHING? YOUR T-SHIRT DOESN'T HAVE ANY WRITING ON IT."

SPORTS

Tigers trounce Tors in 2-4A opener, 11-1

LAMESA — After cruising through non-district play, the Tigers didn't skip a beat when it came to the 2-4A opener.

Behind a stellar pitching performance from ace Clay Berryman, Snyder trounced Lamesa, 11-1, Tuesday at Joe Spikes Field.

In the innaugural contest at the new complex, Berryman took a no-hitter into the final inning before giving up three hits and a run.

The Tigers led only 1-0, after three innings thanks to a solo home run by Dustin Fish in the second.

Kyle Beck and David Smith both scored in the fouth for a three-run cushion, before the Tiger offense got rolling in the fifth.

Chris Hernandez belted a double to left field, followed by a walk by John Border.

Berryman then knocked a single to bring Hernandez home and advance Border to second.

Two batters later, David Smith crushed a double to score Berryman.

The Tigers sent five more men home in the seventh, before the Tors posted their only run in the bottom of the inning.

In other action around the district, Levelland edged Plainview, 8-7, and Frenship routed Estacado, 10-1.

Snyder hosts the Lobos at 5:30 Friday in a battle for 2-4A's top spot.

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Snyder: Fish, home run; Lang, two doubles and single; Smith, double and two singles; Hernandez, double; Berryman, three singles; Alexander and Cumbie, single. Berryman (WP), 7 innings, 3 H, 2 BB, 11 SO.

DRIVING IT — Snyder's Daysha Weaver looks on as teammate Lacey Kidd tees off during 2-4A golf action Monday in Lamesa. The Lady Tigers currently lead the district race by 109 strokes. (Contributed Photo)

Lady Tigers dominating district race

LAMESA — With another strong showing at Lamesa, the Lady Tigers tightened their stranglehold on the 2-4A golf crown.

Daysha Weaver, Keisha Gafford and Randi Reed, the top three medalists in the district, powered the Snyder girls to a first-place finish Monday at Lamesa Country Club.

The Lady Tigers fired a team-total of 331, stretching their lead to 109 strokes.

The Snyder B girls remain in second place after a 369 Monday, with Lamesa A only two shots back in the standings.

In the boys race, Landon Day's 73 kept him in the runner-up spot in the meadlist standings, but the Tigers' 336 total dropped them to fifth in the battle for the two regional tourney berths.

DISTRICT 2-4A GOLF RESULTS

Girls at Lamesa CC

Team totals: 1. Snyder A 331; 2. Lamesa A 365; 3. Snyder B 369; 4. Plainview A 377; 5. Lamesa B 405; 6. Levelland A 447; 7. Plainview B 461.

Snyder A: Daysha Weaver, 75; Keisha Gafford, 83; Randi Reed, 85; Lacey Kidd, 88; Jenny Chandler, 127.

Snyder B: Adrienne McJimsey, 88; Sally Barham, 90; Leslie Mitchell, 94; Stephanie Alderete, 97; Amber Rich, 99.

District Standings: Snyder A, 820; Snyder B, 929; Lamesa A, 931; Plainview A, 974; Lamesa B, 1,070; Levelland A, 1,110; Plainview B, 1,156.

Boys at Plains Fairway GC

Team totals: 1. Lamesa A 291; 2. Plainview A 321; 3. Levelland A 322; 4. Lamesa B 324; 5. Frenship A 328; 6. Levelland B 332; 7. Plainview B 335; 8. Snyder A 336; 9. Frenship B 347.

Snyder A: Landon Day, 73; Levi Mandrell, 79; Patrick McKamie, 90; Nick Long, 94; Andrew Vinson, 94.

Snyder individuals: Jason French, 91; David Beard, 105.

District Standings: Lamesa A, 752; Plainview A, 800; Lamesa B, 814; Frenship A, 814; Snyder A, 820; Levelland A, 828; Levelland B, 843; Frenship B, 868; Plainview B, 890.

In extra innings...

Giants outlast Astros, 9-4

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Kent had a career-high five hits, including a three-run homer, as the San Francisco Giants outlasted the Houston Astros 9-4 in 13 innings to win their first opener since 1994.

With the score 4-all, loser C.J. Nitkowski walked Charlie Hayes leading off the 13th, and Hayes took third on Rey Sanchez's single. Darryl Hamilton's grounded to shortstop Tim Bogar, who threw out Hayes as the plate and Sanchez took third.

Pinch-hitter Alex Diaz then singled off Bogar's glove to score the go-ahead run. Kent followed with an RBI double for a 6-4 lead, and J.T. Snow hit a two-run double. Stan Javier's singled home the final run.

Winner John Johnstone allowed one hits in two scoreless innings .

Kent previously had four four-hit games, the last on Sept. 20, 1995, against Atlanta. It was the most hits in a game for a Giant since Mike Benjamin had six on June 14, 1995 at Chicago.

Craig Biggio made a costly double error and also grounded into a double play for the first time since Sept. 19, 1996, ending a streak of 658 at-bats without one.

Giants starter Shawn Estes allowed four runs — two earned — and eight hits in 3 2-3 innings. Astros starter Shane Reynolds, who became the ace when Darryl Kile signed with Colorado as a free agent, gave up four runs — three earned — and seven hits in six innings.

Houston went ahead on Derek Bell's RBI double in the first, but Kent homered in the third for a 3-1 lead.

Rangers fall to White Sox, 9-2

ARLINGTON (AP) — Optimistic as he may be, Jerry Manuel couldn't have expected his debut as manager of the Chicago White Sox to go this well.

The heart of his lineup — Frank Thomas, Albert Belle and Robin Ventura — each drove in two runs. outfielder Mike Cameron and rookie shortstop Mike Caruso made run-saving defensive plays. And starter Jaime Navarro finally looked worthy of his big contract.

The result was a 9-2 victory over the Texas Rangers in Tuesday's season opener that left Manuel with a big smile and a celebratory bottle of champagne courtesy of the Florida Marlins' Jim Leyland and Dave Dombrowski, his bosses last year.

"I'm satisfied," said Manuel, who replaced Terry Bevington following a disappointing 80-81 season. "The first game is behind me and we played well."

Manuel admitted he was "nervous, excited nervous" when the game began, probably even more so after Chicago's first 12 batters went down in order against John Burkett, bringing dreams of a perfect game to a crowd of 45,909, the second-largest for a Rangers opener.

Then, in the fifth, the heart of Manuel's lineup came through.

Belle got Chicago's first hit with a squib shot just over the glove of first baseman Will Clark. Three pitches later, Ventura hit a high drive that just cleared the center-field fence.

"He went 2-0 on me and I just hit it," Ventura said. "I wasn't trying to do anything with it."

Cameron hit a two-run single with two outs, Thomas followed with an RBI double, and then Belle drove in two runs with his second single, knocking out Burkett.

Thomas' second RBI came in the seventh on another double. Chicago scored again in the ninth to go up 9-0 as Charlie O'Brien singled home Magglio Ordonez. O'Brien and Ordonez each had three hits.

Navarro, the winner, opened his second season with the White Sox with one of his best games since joining the club. He scattered five hits over six innings, walked just one and struck out two — the last two he faced.

Texas rallied in the eighth with RBI singles by Juan Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez off Keith Foulke. With two outs and the bases loaded, Manuel brought in closer Matt Karchner. Kevin Elster hit a hard grounder up the middle that would've easily driven in two runs, but Caruso made a nice diving stop and flipped the ball to second for the forceout.

Texas' Fernando Tatis opened the ninth by driving a Karchner pitch over the wall in left-center, but Cameron leaped and got his glove above the eight-foot fence to snare it. Manuel as impressed to see a player giving that much effort in the last inning of a blowout.

Three Snyder teams ready for regional little dribblers

PLAINVIEW — Snyder takes three teams to the Region I Boys Little Dribblers Tournament, which gets underway here today.

Snyder Senior Division squad is pitted against Plainview I at 4:45 p.m. The Snyder Major Division team plays Plainview I at 6 o'clock.

Snyder's Junior team sees its first action against Plainview I at 7:15 p.m. Friday.

Here's a look at each division:

Majors

Game 1: Plainview I vs. Snyder, 6 p.m. Wednesday.
Game 2: Lamesa vs. Andrews II, 7:15 p.m. Wednesday.
Game 3: Andrews I vs. Plainview II, 6 p.m. Thursday.
Game 4: Winners of Games 1 & 2, 7:15 p.m. Thursday.
Game 5: Losers of Games 1 & 2, 6 p.m. Friday.
Game 6: Losers of Games 3 & 4, 7:15 p.m. Friday.
Game 7: Winners of Games 4 & 3 in Championship, 9:15 a.m. Saturday.
Game 8: Winners of Games 5 & 6, 2:15 p.m. Saturday.
Game 9: Loser of Game 7 vs. Winner of Game 8 for runner-up, 7:15 p.m. Saturday.

Juniors

Game 1: Plainview II vs. Lamesa, 6 p.m. Friday.
Game 2: Snyder vs Plainview I, 7:15 p.m. Friday.
Game 3: Winner of Game 1 vs. Andrews, 8 a.m. Saturday.
Game 4: Losers of Games 1 & 2, 9:15 a.m. Saturday.
Game 5: Winners of Games 1 & 3 in Championship, 1 p.m. Saturday.
Game 6: Winner of Game 4 vs. Loser of Game 3, 3:15 p.m. Saturday.
Game 7: Loser of Game 5 vs. Winner of Game 6 for runner-up, 7:15 p.m. Saturday.

Seniors

Game 1: Plainview I vs. Snyder, 4:45 p.m. Wednesday.
Game 2: Plainview II vs. Andrews, 4:45 p.m. Wednesday.
Game 3: Andrews II vs. Lamesa, 7:15 p.m. Wednesday.
Game 4: Winners of Games 1 & 2, 7:15 p.m. Wednesday.
Game 5: Losers of Games 1 & 2, 4:45 p.m. Thursday.
Game 6: Losers of Games 3 and 4, 6 p.m. Thursday.
Game 7: Winners of Games 3 & 4, 7:15 p.m. Thursday.
Game 8: Winners of Games 5 & 6, 8 a.m. Saturday.
Game 9: Loser of Game 7 vs. Winner of Game 8, 1 p.m. Saturday.
Game 10: Winners of Games 7 and 9 in Championship, 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Sports Briefs

Women's Golf Association

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

Donkey basketball

Bob Crosby's Donkey Basketball will be held at the Hermleigh gym at 8 p.m. Monday.

Advanced tickets are $5 for high schoolers and up, and $3 for youngsters. They can be purchased at the Hermleigh school. Tickets at the door will be $7 and $5. All proceeds benefit Hermleigh Booster Club.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the National Little Dribblers Tournament to be held in Snyder April 15-18.

Anyone wishing to help should contact the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

Cowboys to face Patriots in Mexico

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys will play a preseason game in Mexico City for the sixth year since 1992, the team said Tuesday in releasing its 1998 exhibition schedule.

The Cowboys will play the New England Patriots in Mexico City at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. The game will be televised on ABC.

The Cowboys will play the first two exhibitions at Texas Stadium — against the Seattle Seahawks on Saturday, Aug.1, and against the Oakland Raiders on Saturday, Aug. 8.

The 1998 preseason schedule:

— Aug. 1, Seattle, 8 p.m. (local television)

— Aug 8, Oakland, 8 p.m. (local television)

— Aug. 17, New England at Mexico City, 7 p.m. (ABC)

— Aug. 22, at St. Louis, 7 p.m. (local television)

— Aug 27, at Jacksonville, 7 p.m. (CBS)

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
z-NewJersey	45	19	9	99	203	140
z-Philadelphia	38	24	11	87	216	173
Washington	34	28	11	79	195	186
N.Y.Rangers	22	34	18	62	182	209
N.Y.Islanders	24	38	10	58	187	209
Florida	21	39	12	54	174	225
TampaBay	17	46	9	43	142	229

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
z-Pittsburgh	36	20	17	89	202	168
Boston	33	26	13	79	190	168
Montreal	34	29	10	78	215	186
Buffalo	31	26	15	77	183	165
Ottawa	28	31	13	69	168	179
Carolina	29	35	8	66	178	196

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	43	18	11	97	214	143
z-Detroit	39	20	15	93	225	179
z-St.Louis	39	26	8	86	217	174
Chicago	29	33	12	70	180	181
Phoenix	28	32	12	68	193	202
Toronto	26	38	9	61	167	208

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Colorado	37	21	16	90	215	184
LosAngeles	34	27	11	79	208	194
Edmonton	29	35	10	68	186	203
SanJose	29	37	7	65	179	197
Calgary	24	36	13	61	194	218
Anaheim	24	38	11	59	180	227
Vancouver	22	39	13	57	203	253

x-clinched playoff berth

Monday's Games

Boston 4, Colorado 1
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Los Angeles 3, Toronto 2
St. Louis 6, San Jose 2
Edmonton 3, Calgary 1

Tuesday's Games

Washington 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2
Montreal 3, Carolina 3, tie

Wednesday's Games

San Jose at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	-
Florida	1	0	1.000	-
NewYork	1	0	1.000	-
Montreal	0	0	.000	½
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St.Louis	1	0	1.000	-
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	½
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	1
Houston	0	1	.000	1
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	1	0	1.000	-
SanDiego	1	0	1.000	-
SanFrancisco	1	0	1.000	-
Arizona	0	1	.000	1
LosAngeles	0	1	.000	1

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 1, Philadelphia 0, 14 innings
San Diego 10, Cincinnati 2
Atlanta 2, Milwaukee 1
St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 0
Florida 11, Chicago Cubs 6
San Francisco 9, Houston 4, 13 innings
Colorado 9, Arizona 2

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Cordova 11-8) at Montreal (Perez 12-13), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clark 14-8) at Florida (Heredia 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hamilton 12-7) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hershiser 14-6) at Houston (Hampton 15-10), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 7-9) at Arizona (Blair 16-8), 9:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh (Schmidt 10-9) at Montreal (Hermanson 8-8), 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 14-8) at St. Louis (Politte 0-0), 1:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 11-9) at Florida (Medina 0-0), 4:30 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 9-11) at Cincinnati (Cooke 9-15), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Portugal 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 11-9), 7:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 10-13) at Atlanta (Glavine 14-7), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 13-6) at Houston (Halama 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 12-10) at Arizona (Anderson 4-2), 9:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Montreal at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Milwaukee at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets, 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.
Colorado at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
San Diego at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	0	0	.000	-
NewYork	0	0	.000	-
Toronto	0	0	.000	-
Baltimore	0	1	.000	½
TampaBay	0	1	.000	½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000	-
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	-
Detroit	1	0	1.000	-
KansasCity	1	0	1.000	-
Minnesota	0	0	.000	½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	0	0	.000	-
Oakland	0	0	.000	-
Seattle	0	1	.000	½
Texas	0	1	.000	½

Tuesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 9, Texas 2
Kansas City 4, Baltimore 1
Detroit 11, Tampa Bay 6
Cleveland 10, Seattle 9

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota (Tewksbury 8-13) at Toronto (Clemens 21-5), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 11-12) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rusch 6-9) at Baltimore (Erickson 16-7), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 18-7) at Anaheim (Finley 13-6), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 8-3) at Seattle (Moyer 17-5), 10:35 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 17-8) at Oakland (Candiotti 10-7), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Boston (Wakefield 12-15) at Oakland (Rogers 6-7), 3:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Hawkins 6-12) at Toronto (Hentgen 15-10), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Worrell 4-8) at Tampa Bay (Saunders 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rapp 5-8) at Baltimore (Key 16-10), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 12-15) at Texas (Sele 13-12), 8:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 16-10) at Anaheim (Hill 9-12), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Texas at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 8:05 p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 10:35 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	52	21	.712	-
NewYork	40	33	.548	12
NewJersey	37	35	.514	14½
Orlando	37	36	.507	15
Washington	36	36	.500	15½
Boston	31	41	.431	20½
Philadelphia	26	46	.361	25½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	56	17	.767	-
y-Indiana	50	22	.694	5½
Charlotte	46	26	.639	9½
Atlanta	42	29	.592	13
Cleveland	41	31	.569	14½
Detroit	34	39	.466	22
Milwaukee	31	41	.431	24½
Toronto	15	56	.211	40

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Utah	53	18	.746	-
y-SanAntonio	50	23	.685	4
y-Minnesota	38	34	.528	15½
y-Houston	37	35	.514	16½
Dallas	19	54	.260	35
Vancouver	16	56	.222	37½
Denver	9	63	.125	44½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Seattle	54	18	.750	-
y-L.A.Lakers	52	20	.722	2
y-Phoenix	48	25	.658	6½
y-Portland	40	31	.563	13½
Sacramento	26	47	.356	28½
L.A.Clippers	16	56	.222	38
GoldenState	15	58	.205	39½

x-clinched division.
y-clinched playoff berth.

Tuesday's Games

L.A. Lakers 114, Toronto 105
Indiana 128, L.A. Clippers 106
San Antonio 95, New York 78
New Jersey 105, Atlanta 90
Charlotte 101, Philadelphia 93
Cleveland 93, Orlando 86
Miami 121, Boston 95
Chicago 106, Detroit 101, OT
Phoenix 97, Houston 86
Dallas 104, Vancouver 101
Seattle 88, Utah 86
Milwaukee 94, Golden State 89

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 10 p.m.

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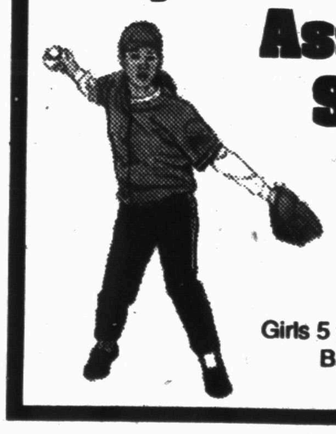

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ELLIS EDWARD SUMERLIN

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the **ESTATE OF ELLIS EDWARD SUMERLIN** were issued on **MARCH 31, 1998**, in **CAUSE NO. 5421**, pending in the **COUNTY COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS** to **WILLIE S. SUMERLIN.**

The residence address of such **Executrix is 3608 Sumerlin Road, Snyder, TX 79549**, and she receives her mail at **3608 Sumerlin Road, Snyder, TX 79549.**

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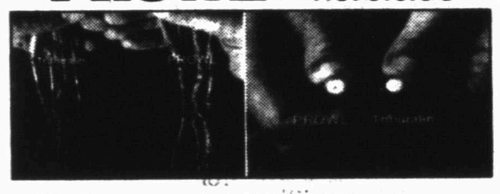

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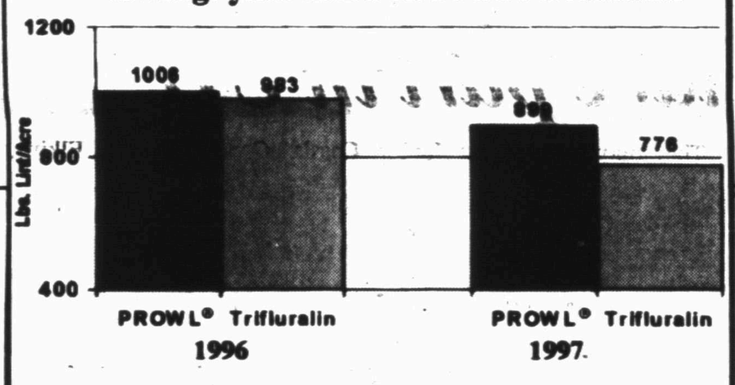

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13-year-old convicted in sex-ring case

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — A 13-year-old boy who told police he was known around school as "Mr. Pimp" was convicted of attempting to arrange sex-for-pay between girls and boys at his middle school.

The boy said he had a list of girls who paid to be part of a sex club at the school, but the seventh-grader confessed to police before he arranged any sexual encounters, prosecutor John Murphy said Tuesday.

"He was to be their pimp. They had to ante up $10 apiece," he said.

The boy then approached other boys in his class at Langston Hughes Middle School in Reston and told them he could arrange sex with as many as three girls at once, the prosecutor said.

In all, the youngster collected about $80 and spent the money on three Eddie Bauer T-shirts.

He was charged with two felony counts of "receiving money for soliciting other juveniles to perform sexual acts," but a Juvenile Court judge threw out one charge and reduced the other after hearing from two girls who testified they didn't intend to have sex.

The boy, who has a previous conviction for petty larceny, has been in juvenile jail since his arrest March 13 and will remain in custody until his sentencing April 20.

His parents sat in the front row of the courtroom, his mother sobbing quietly when the slight boy entered the courtroom handcuffed. He sat quietly beside his lawyer, while a bailiff twice his size sat behind him with one foot holding down the boy's chair.

The judge heard from a 13-year-old girl who testified she paid the boy $10 after he threatened her in a school hallway. The boy and his alleged accomplice then "called me up and said 'Are you going to be my (prostitute) and stuff?' and I said, 'I guess so,'" the girl testified.

Despite the girls' denials, Murphy said they understood they were signing up for a sex ring and that they would pay the boy a percentage for protecting them.

A 12-year-old girl also is charged with helping recruit girls. Her trial is set for next month.

The judge ordered that the names of the underage participants will remain secret.

The boy confessed in the principal's office, when police were questioning him about an unrelated theft. He said he had collected money from about six girls the week before.

The youngster could be held until his 21st birthday, but defense lawyer John Keats said he believes the judge will choose a lesser punishment.

"I certainly don't expect him to be incarcerated. I don't think this is a young man who needs that," said Keats, who said the boy needs counseling.

"This is a fantasy," he said. "I think these kids watch too much television."

Tobacco bill headed for quick committee OK

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans predict quick committee passage of Congress' leading tobacco bill despite dozens of changes lawmakers are proposing.

"My guess is that it will pass the Commerce Committee this week," bringing it a step closer to a Senate vote before the June 1 deadline set by senior Republicans, said Assistant Majority Leader Don Nickles.

Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain will consider some of the 52 amendments submitted to his panel as of Tuesday night, mostly from Democrats who say his bill is too soft on the tobacco industry. He and other lawmakers have said that if the bill is to survive, it must pass the committee before the Easter recess begins Friday.

McCain's committee was taking up the bill today.

Much tougher on tobacco companies than the $368 billion agreement the industry and states reached last June, McCain's bill would cost companies $506 billion over 25 years, raise the price of cigarettes $1.10 by 2003 and cap the industry's punitive damages at $6.5 billion a year. The bill also would force the industry to pay up to $3.5 billion extra a year if teen-age smoking rates do not drop to prescribed levels.

Committee Democrats, the White House and health groups have said the price increases and the cap on fines for teen-age smoking rates won't accomplish the one goal on which everyone agrees: discouraging kids from smoking.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., told reporters Tuesday that he planned three amendments to toughen financial terms of the bill and impose spending restrictions on money raised from the companies.

Though most amendments are from Democrats, Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., planned a provision that would apply legal protections to other, "wholesome" companies outside the tobacco industry.

Their amendments reflect negative reaction to the terms of McCain's bill, which he released earlier this week. On Tuesday, as the prospects for McCain's bill rose, tobacco stocks plunged.

"The tobacco stocks got hammered, and the reason they got hammered is because unless something magical happens in the next 24 hours, the deal is now dead," said Gary Black, a stock analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein.

GOP sets own course on Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Launching Republican plans to promote Social Security changes, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said today he supports proposals to use federal budget surpluses to set up private retirement accounts for Americans this year.

Less than a week before President Clinton begins a series of town hall meetings on overhauling the nation's public retirement system, Gingrich, R-Ga., said he agrees with the president that Social Security should take priority as lawmakers decide how to use any of the federal surpluses resulting from last year's balanced budget deal.

The so-called Social Security Plus accounts that he supports would be an add-on to Social Security and not replace any part of the current system, Gingrich said.

"The safety net would be strong and unbroken. But this plan would also give every American the opportunity to rise above the status quo," Gingrich said at a House Ways and Means Committee hearing.

The accounts would not solve Social Security's money problem, which Gingrich said Republicans want to work out with the Clinton administration next year. The speaker said the accounts could "provide the framework for a new modern personal retirement system."

Many in the GOP eventually want to see part of the payroll taxes that finance Social Security diverted into private accounts.

Earlier, Gingrich told GOP lawmakers at a caucus, "We're exploring a way to give your children a better system.".

SJHS students will take part in UIL

The following Snyder Junior High School students will participate in next Thursday's UIL academic meet in Sweetwater, where they will compete against Sweetwater and Lamesa middle schools.

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Calculator applications: Taylor Cotton, Tyler Kerr, Matthew Stokes, Clark Reed, alternate. Stewart Long is the sponsor.

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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Should blood type influence diet?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have recently been reading the book, "Eat Right 4 Your Type." This book talks about how our blood type represents a key to our genetic history and provides an important clue to the best type of diet. What is your opinion of this? — P.C., Newark, N.J.

DEAR P.C.: According to the book "Eat Right 4 Your Type" (Putnam, 1997) by Peter J. D'Adamo, your blood type is a genetic fingerprint that is more powerful than race, culture or geography. It all has to do with lectins, a diverse group of proteins that are present in certain foods.

D'Adamo, who is a naturopathic physician, believes that negative reactions between food lectins and our blood are responsible for many of the ailments we suffer. His answer? Avoid the foods that contain all those bad lectins. The list of what's good and what's bad, however, is extensive, and it differs dramatically according to your blood type. I have problems with this book.

D'Adamo writes that if your blood type is O (46 percent of the population), you are a member of the oldest genetic group and you need to eat meat virtually every day to satisfy your ancient, hunter-gatherer genes. Type Os also have to avoid oats, wheat and most grains because these foods are all products of agriculture, which didn't exist when Os came into being. If you are type A (40 percent of the population), you evolved after the start of agrarian society and are best off being a vegetarian. Type Bs (10 percent of the population) emerged as humans migrated toward colder, harsher climates. Bs can have the most varied diet, including meat, and theirs is the only blood type that does well with dairy products. Finally, type AB (4 percent of the population) is a relatively modern adaptation that arose from the intermingling of — you guessed it — the As and the Bs. If AB is your blood type, you have inherited the benefits and intolerances of types A and B.

The concept of blood type originated in the early years of this century with Austrian pathologist Karl Landsteiner. He identified two proteins, or antigens, that he found on the surface of the red blood cell. Calling these antigens A and B, Landsteiner proceeded to describe four blood groupings — A, B, AB and O — according to whether they had one or the other, both or neither. Since then we've learned that type As can have either AA genes or AO genes; Bs can be BB or BO; ABs have to be AB; and Os have to be OO. The genes for these proteins are passed to us from each of our parents.

Landsteiner didn't know it at the time, but the ABO identification system was only the start. In the years since his pioneering work, 276 discrete red cell antigens have been discovered.

In D'Adamo's defense, it helps to appreciate that blood type is not totally benign. One of the unsolved mysteries of medical science was why blood type Os were more likely to develop stomach ulcers or stomach cancer than other blood types. In 1993 scientists found that ulcers were caused by a particular bacteria, Helicobacter pylori, that had a special affinity for one of the proteins unique to blood type O.

In checking for other statistically significant associations between the ABO blood types and the incidence of disease, a geneticist at Oxford University reported that there were only seven and the relationships were often weak. Most, like ulcers, originated somewhere along the digestive tract. If the ABO blood type were as much of a key as D'Adamo posits, these relationships would be strong and plentiful.

It may well turn out that there are important interactions between certain foods and one's blood type. We have to consider, though, that there are over 50,000 to 100,000 genes contained in human DNA. The passing of genes from one generation to the next is tantamount to a roll of the genetic dice. Granted, what's on those dice is determined by one's parents, and there are some factors that do seem to dominate; but over the millennia there has been an infinite variety of genetic mixing. It is a bit of a stretch to say, for example, that a type O today has the same genetic imperatives as a type O roaming the savanna with spear in hand.

D'Adamo, unfortunately, offers little in the way of scientific evidence, relying instead on a collection of anecdotal reports and case histories. His speculation that the one gene responsible for the ABO blood type could exert such a dominant influence over everything else is unable to stand on its own merits. In the end, D'Adamo adds the caveat that individual variations still occur within blood types, so you shouldn't expect all of his recommendations to apply to you. It's nice to have it both ways — especially when book sales are involved.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is the author of the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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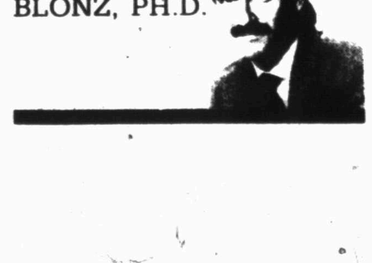

ED BLONZ, PH.D.

Study: Most who took Redux weren't harmed

ATLANTA (AP) — Most of the 2 million Americans who took the diet pill Redux were probably not harmed by it, despite the scare over possible heart valve damage that forced it to be pulled from the market last year.

The first carefully controlled study of Redux's effects on the heart found no sign that it caused leaky valves in those who took it for a couple of months. Three-quarters of users took it no longer than this.

"These results should be reassuring for the majority of patients who have been on Redux," said Dr. Neil J. Weissman, who directed the Georgetown University study released Tuesday.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration pointed out that the study says nothing about what the prescription appetite suppressant might have done to those who took it for many months. It also did not examine whether the chemically similar phen-fen, which was pulled from drugstores at the same time as Redux, is bad for the heart valves.

"We believe there is a significant rate of valvular abnormalities," said Dr. Janet Woodcock of the FDA. "The data suggest it is related to the duration of exposure."

Since 1995, 14 million prescriptions have been written for fenfluramine or Redux, most of them for women. The government estimates between 1 million and 5 million Americans have taken the drugs.

The FDA has estimated that one-third of people taking the diet pills could have suffered significant heart valve damage as a result.

"This leaves the false impression that these drugs are safe," said Guerry Thornton, an Atlanta attorney who filed lawsuits for women who used the drugs. Hundreds have sued the drug manufacturer.

Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, which made Redux, said 76 percent of patients used it for two months or less and 86 percent took it for no more than 90 days.

Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories took both Redux and fenfluramine — the fen of phen-fen — off the market at the request of the FDA. The government acted after a Mayo Clinic team reported 24 cases of heart valve problems among people taking phen-fen.

Government agencies eventually gathered several hundred cases of damaged heart valves among people taking phen-fen and Redux. Such reports cannot prove that the diet pills actually caused the valve damage.

Dr. Curt Furberg of Wake Forest University, a member of an expert panel assembled by Wyeth-Ayerst to help design studies of the drugs' effects, said the Georgetown study "meets the highest scientific standards we have."

Dr. Philip J. de Vane of Wyeth-Ayerst said that despite the favorable new findings, the company has decided not to reintroduce Redux.

Vampire cult member will plead guilty

TAVARES, Fla. (AP) — A member of a vampire cult has agreed to plead guilty for his role in the slayings of another cult member's parents in exchange for two life sentences.

The deal Monday would ensure that Howard Scott Anderson would not follow cult leader Rod Ferrell to the electric chair for the 1996 killings.

Anderson, 17, was to be sentenced Wednesday for the murders of Richard Wendorf and Naoma Queen.

Ferrell, 17, pleaded guilty and was sentenced in February to the electric chairy. Ferrell's attorneys have filed a motion to reduce his sentence.

Prosecutors say Anderson watched as Ferrell pummeled the couple with a crowbar in their Eustis home, located 30 miles northwest of Orlando.

The teen-agers, of Kentucky, intended to rob the couple but "Rod went crazy," Anderson told investigators. Ferrell was in Florida to help the victims' daughter, Heather Wendorf, run away.

Lawyers for cult members Charity Lynn Keesee, 17, and Dana Cooper, 20, refused to accept a plea that would send their clients to prison for 40 years. Both are charged with being principals to murder.

According to investigators, members of the cult took drugs, engaged in group sex and drank one another's blood.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Grieving Sister of Suicide Feels Guilty as Charged

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter signed "Lesson Learned." You told the sister who wrote it that it is normal for survivors of suicide to experience guilt.

Abby, she didn't have time for a cup of tea because she "didn't have money" to go to a cafe! I'll bet the suicidal sister would have been grateful for a friendly cup of tea at her sister's. Her twin nieces would have distracted her from her own problems. The suicidal sister asked for one Saturday night. Again, the sister refused. I'll bet every Saturday night she spends with her husband will be haunted by her sister's request. I should hope she feels guilt — not for what she did, but for what she didn't do!

Even though I agree that the suicidal sister was responsible for her own life, she obviously felt very estranged from her family. Perhaps an outstretched hand could have made a difference. Her dead sister made no unreasonable demands. The sister who wrote is feeling guilty because she is!

Abby, you were far too easy on this lady. I'll bet you got a lot of flak on this.

SANDY IN STUYVESANT, N.Y.

DEAR SANDY: "Lesson Learned" was courageous enough to publicly admit her insensitivity and lack of understanding of her sister's needs. She is clearly suffering, and I saw no need to further chastise her for something that cannot be changed.

Yes, I did receive some flak for my answer. However, I also received some mail that was very helpful. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I saw the letter about the poor young woman who suffered from depression and chronic fatigue syndrome. I feel deeply for the sister who ignored her sister's call for help. When "Lesson Learned" told her sister that the younger woman didn't know what "chronic-living-life-fatigue is," it was clear that she did not understand that chronic fatigue syndrome is a real disease, for which diagnostic criteria were established by the Centers for Disease Control in 1988. The disease is insidious, leaving the patient constantly exhausted, depressed, and burdened with a myriad of problems.

Many medical professionals do not believe that the disease is caused by a virus, an enzyme deficiency, or any of the other scientific reasons that validate this as a physical disease. They believe it to be "mental" or nonexistent. Because of this, a vast majority of those who have it go undiagnosed. Many patients do not receive the proper medical care because of their physician's lack of interest in a disease with no known cause or cure, so it's passed off as hypochrondria or a mental disorder.

Suicide among those afflicted with chronic fatigue and immune dysfunction syndrome (CFIDS) is high. "Lesson Learned" was devastated by the death of her sister, but it is doubtful she could have done anything to prevent it.

Readers who want more information should write to the Arizona CFIDS and Advocacy Institute, 1125 W. Baseline, No. 212, Mesa, Ariz. 85210.

THOMAS E. SMITH, PH.D.,
MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR READERS: You can also contact the CFIDS Association of America Inc., P.O. Box 220398, Charlotte, N.C. 28222-0398 (enclose a self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) envelope) or call toll-free: 1-800-442-3437.

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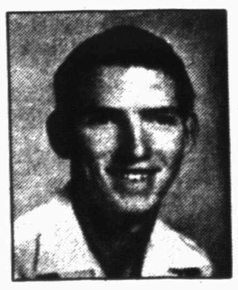
4. 
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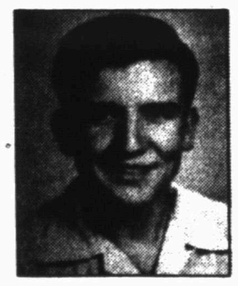
8. 
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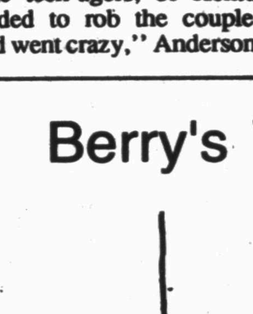
9. 
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Manhunt is second mixup for Denver police

DENVER (AP) — It's already been a long week for Denver police.

An officer apparently misread the license plate number on a truck that sped away during a traffic stop Tuesday night, leading to a frantic manhunt by police who thought they were on the heels of the suspect in January's fatal bombing at an Alabama abortion clinic.

After the FBI revealed that the suspect's truck has been impounded in Alabama for weeks, the manhunt was called off after two hours.

Just two days ago, a Denver police dispatcher withheld crucial information from officers who searched for an hour before finding a slain cab driver in the trunk of his taxi.

Now department officials who have watched colleagues in nearby Boulder criticized for their handling of the JonBenet Ramsey slaying case are sorting through the second major mix-up to capture national attention in a week.

The latest confusion began when a gray Nissan pickup truck was pulled over for speeding in east Denver and its North Carolina license plate number was checked, Detective David Metzler said.

"Sometimes you read a plate different from what it said," Metzler said.

The truck's driver sped away and turned his lights off to evade police. The driver was still being sought early today.

The plate number released by police was North Carolina KND1117, which is registered to Eric Robert Rudolph, 31. He is charged in the Jan. 29 bombing of the New Woman All Women clinic in Birmingham, Ala. A security guard was killed, the first fatality in a U.S. abortion clinic bombing.

Investigators are still trying to learn whether Rudolph was in Atlanta when bombs exploded at Centennial Olympic Park in July 1996, at an abortion clinic in January 1997 and at a gay nightclub in February 1997. He is not charged in those cases.

Rudolph's gray 1989 Nissan pickup was found in February in the North Carolina mountains. But as of Tuesday, the federal government had failed to remove North Carolina KND1117 from its list of plates being sought, compounding the problem for Denver police.

"Obviously the plate that the FBI had that is wanted, that is in custody, should have been taken off the computer," Metzler said. "If it hadn't been on the computer we wouldn't have this."

What the Denver police had was a manhunt involving dozens of officers, centered in the rural fields northeast of Denver. Helicopters whirled overhead and officers on the ground handed out fliers carrying Rudolph's picture and reward information.

FBI spokesman Gary Gomez said the warrant for the license plate was entered in law enforcement databases by bombing investigators in Birmingham and by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

He said that after Rudolph's truck was found in Murphy, N.C., it was removed in Birmingham, "but not in Washington."

Denver police were already reeling from a mistake over the weekend.

On Sunday, Denver police reported that several people had watched — without calling 911 — while attackers fatally beat taxi driver Moustapha Marouf, a 27-year-old Moroccan immigrant, and dumped him in his car.

Galveston, Texas, was struck in 1900 by a hurricane that killed about 6,000 people.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	143⅜	141⅛	142	13-16— ⅜
AT&T Corp	66	9-16	65⅝	66⅛+ ⅛
AirTouch	49	5-16	48⅛	49⅛+ 5-16
Albertsons	53		51⅛	52⅛— ⅛
AlldSignal s	42		41⅛	41 13-16— 3-16
Alltel	43	13-16	43⅛	43⅜— 3-16
AmOnline s	71⅛	69	3-16	71 +2 11-16
AmStores	26⅛		25⅜	26 1-16+ 1-16
Ameritech s	49⅜		48⅜	49 3-16— ⅛
Amoco	86⅛		85⅜	86 3-16— 3-16
AndrxPtr	70	13-16	69⅛	70⅜+ 1⅛
Amoeinc	5	15-16	5	13-16— 1-16
AtlRichfld s	78⅛		77	11-16 78⅛— ⅜
ATMOS Egy	29⅜		29⅛	29⅜+ ⅛
Aviall	15⅛		15⅛	15 3-16+ 3-16
BakerHughes	40⅜		39	15-16 40⅜
BellAtl	102	7-16	101	9-16 102 1-16— 3-16
BellSouth	68		67⅞	67 15-16+ ⅛
BethSteel	13	15-16	13⅜	13⅝+ 5-16
BritPet s	86⅛		86⅛	86⅜+ 9-16
BudNoSFe	104⅛		103⅛	104 3-16+ 3-16
CBS Corp	33⅞		33⅜	33⅝— 5-16
Caterpillar s	55	1-16	53⅜	54 1-16— 1
CenSoWst	26	15-16	26⅛	26 15-16+ 3-16
Chevron	81⅞		81⅛	81⅜+1 7-16
Chrysler	41	15-16	41	5-16 41 11-16+ 1-16
Coastal	65⅜	64	11-16	65 9-16+ 7-16
CocaCola	79	1-16	77	7-16 79 +1 9-16
ColgatePalm s	87⅞		86	3-16 87⅛+ ⅜
ComclMetals	35		34	13-16 34⅜— ⅛
Cooperin	59⅜	58	11-16	59 5-16— ⅛
CyprusAmax	16⅞		16⅛	16⅜— ⅛
DallSemicn	34⅜		34	1-16 34⅛+ ⅛
DeltaAirl	119	1-16	117⅛	117⅜— ⅜
DigitalEq	52	3-16	51	13-16 52⅛— ⅛
Dillards Inc	37⅛		36⅜	36⅝— 1-16
DowChem	98		96⅛	98 + ⅜
Dresserind	49	5-16	47	15-16 49 5-16+ 1¼
DuPont s	68	5-16	67⅞	68 5-16+ 5-16
EastmanChem	67	5-16	67	1-16 67⅛— 5-16
EstKodak	65⅜		64⅜	65⅛+ ⅜
EDS Corp	45⅞		44⅛	44⅜— 1⅛
Entergy	29⅝		29	5-16 29⅜— ⅜
Exxon	68	3-16	67⅜	68 1-16+ 7-16
Flowers s	23	11-16	23⅛	23 9-16+ ⅛
FordMotor	65	1-16	64⅜	64 13-16
GTE Cp	59⅝		59⅜	59⅝— ⅛
GenDynam	87		85⅛	86⅛+ ⅛
GenElecs	85	15-16	85	5-16 85⅜— 5-16
GenMills	75⅜		74⅜	75 3-16—13-16
GenMotors	68		67⅛	67 11-16— 1-16
GaPacGP s	64	11-16	64	1-16 64 9-16— 3-16
GlobalMar	25	11-16	25	25 11-16+13-16
Goodrich	51	7-16	51	1-16 51⅛+ 5-16
Goodyear s	75	11-16	74⅜	74 9-16— 1-16
GrAtPac	30⅛		30	30 1-16+ 1-16
Halliburtn s	51⅛		50	5-16 51⅛+ 1⅛
Hanson ADS	29	11-16	29⅛	29⅜+ ⅛
HarteHanks s	24⅛		23	11-16 24⅛+ ⅜
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K mart	17	7-16	16⅜	17⅜+11-16
Kroger Co	46	15-16	45	15-16 46 11-16+ ⅛
Litton	58⅛		57	15-16 58 + 5-16
LockhdMart	114		111⅜	114 + 1⅛
Lowes Cos	70	7-16	69⅜	70 — 3-16
Lubys	19	1-16	18⅜	18 15-16— 1-16
LucentTech	129⅜		128	129 9-16+1 11-16
LucentTch wi	64	15-16	64⅛	64⅜+ ⅜
MayDeptStrs	63⅜		62⅛	62⅝— ⅜
Medtronic s	52	7-16	51⅜	52 3-16+ 5-16
Mobils	77	9-16	76⅜	77 9-16+15-16
Monsanto	52		51	5-16 51 11-16— 5-16
MorganJP	134⅛		131⅛	132 7-16— 1⅜
Motorola	60	3-16	58⅜	58 13-16—1 15-16
NCR Corp	33¼		32⅛	33⅜+ 1-16
NationsBk	73		72	1-16 72⅝— 3-16
Navistar	35		34⅛	34⅜— ⅜
Norwests	41⅜		40	11-16 41⅛— 5-16
OryxEngy	26		25⅞	26
Penney JC	76⅜		74⅜	76 5-16+ ⅜
Pennzoil	65	1-16	64	64 15-16+ 5-16
PepBoys	23⅜		22	15-16 22 15-16— ⅛
PepsiCo	42	11-16	42⅛	42 9-16— ⅛
PhelpDodge	64	15-16	64⅜	64⅝— 3-16
PhilipPet	50⅛		49⅜	50 1-16+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd	14⅛		14	3-16 14 3-16— ⅜
Polaroid	44	1-16	44	44 1-16+ 1-16
Praxair	51	9-16	51⅛	51⅜— 5-16
ProctGamb s	84⅞		83	1-16 84⅜+ ⅜
PubSNwMx	24	7-16	24	24 3-16— ⅛
RoyalDut s	57⅞		57⅜	57⅝+15-16
SBC Comm s	43	3-16	42⅜	43 1-16—79-256
SaraLee	61	13-16	61	7-16 61 13-16+ 1-16
Scripps EW	55	5-16	54⅜	54⅝— 7-16
SearsRoeb	57	15-16	56	13-16 57 13-16+ ⅜
SherwinW	36⅜		36	1-16 36½+ ⅜
SmthBc ADS s	63	15-16	63	7-16 63⅛+1 3-16
SouthernCo	27⅛		27	3-16 27 7-16— ⅛
SwstAirl s	30		29	11-16 29⅝+ 5-16
Sprint	68⅛		67⅛	68 + 5-16
SunCo	40⅞		40	9-16 40⅜— 3-16
TNP Ent	33	5-16	33	33⅛+ 3-16
Tandy s	46	11-16	45⅝	46 11-16— 5-16
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Tenneco	42⅞		42	42⅜— 5-16
Texaco s	61⅛		60⅜	61⅛+ 1
TexInd	60		57⅞	59 5-16+ 1⅛
TexasInst s	54	5-16	53	9-16 53⅜— ⅜
TexUtil	39	9-16	39	1-16 39⅛+ 3-16
Textron s	76	13-16	75	13-16 76⅛— ⅜
Travelers s	60	7-16	59	3-16 59 15-16— 1-16
TriconGlbR n	30⅜		30	1-16 30⅜+ 9-16
TrinityInds	55⅛		54	54 7-16— 9-16
TritonEngy	37⅛		36⅜	37⅛+ ⅛
Tyler	7	13-16	7⅛	7 13-16+ 1-16
US WestCm	54⅝		54⅛	54⅜— ⅛
USWstMda	34⅛		34	3-16 34⅛+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	38	7-16	37⅜	38 7-16+13-16
USX-USS	38		37	21-32 38 + ⅛
UnCarbde	51⅜		50	1-16 51⅛+ 1⅛
UnionPacif	56⅛		55⅜	55⅝— 9-16
UnitedTech	93⅜		91⅞	93⅛+1 7-16
Unocal	38	15-16	38⅛	38 15-16+ ⅛
WalMart	51		50⅞	50 13-16
WstnGasRs	19	7-16	19⅛	19 5-16+ 5-16
WinnDixie	46	13-16	45	9-16 45 13-16— 9-16
Woolworth	25		24	15-16 25
Xerox Corp	108		105	3-16 107⅛+1 7-16
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Cisco Sys.	68 7/16	+1/16
Dell	67 3/16	-9/16
Brinker Int'l.	22 3/8	+1/2
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Lehman Bros.	74 13/16	-1/16
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Petsmart	10 5/8	-1/16
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Police reopen homicide case into the death of ten children

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — One family. Ten babies. Not one lived past 15 months.

The mystery has remained unsolved for three decades. Now police have reopened a homicide investigation into Arthur and Marie Noe, the parents who said eight of their children died of "crib death." One was stillborn and the other died in the hospital a few hours after birth.

Police, coroners and experts in sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, have doubted the couple's story almost from the beginning. They are re-examining the case in light of new medical evidence about SIDS, which is the phenomenon of infants inexplicably and suddenly dying, often during their sleep.

The new theory argues that SIDS is sometimes homicide, and refutes an earlier theory that the syndrome runs in families.

"It's been 30 years. Now we might find something different," police spokeswoman Carmen Torres said Tuesday.

The deaths began in 1949 and ended in 1968. The father is now 76 and the wife 68.

Efforts to reach the Noes were unsuccessful Tuesday. Their telephone number is unlisted and they did not answer their door.

In their most recent interview, in January with the Philadelphia Daily News, they denied harming their children.

"The last thing we want to see is this thing brought up again," Noe said. "It brings up all the pain and troubles and heartaches. Maybe it's news to others, but it's pain to us."

Besides the two explained deaths, the other eight babies left the hospital in what appeared to be good health. The Noes took out insurance policies on six babies.

"When you have the first death, it's a tragedy. When you have the second, it's a medical mystery. But by the third, it's a homicide," said Montgomery County's coroner, Dr. Halbert Fillinger. He said city medical examiners suspected foul play from nearly the beginning but could never find proof.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Active kid may not have ADD

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 9-year-old grandson is very "busy." Although happy, he is strong-willed. His second-grade teacher told us that he has attention-deficit disorder. Eventually, without testing, he was placed on Ritalin. The medicine caused him to cry all the time and he became a very different little boy.

We stopped the Ritalin. He improved. We believe that the problem can better be handled with love and training. Are we off the mark?

DEAR READER: Not in my opinion.

According to experts who spoke at the recent annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics, ADD is being overdiagnosed: While up to 15 percent of children are treated for it, the actual prevalence is only about 5 percent. Before inattentive, hyperactive or impulsive children are labeled with the disorder, other causes have to be investigated. For instance, mood disorders, mental retardation, abuse, oppositional behavior and hearing deficits are a few of the afflictions that can masquerade as ADD.

Authorities emphasize that the following characteristics of ADD must be present for at least six months: difficulty sustaining attention, tendency to lose materials needed for tasks, forgetfulness, pattern of fidgeting, excessive talking, and the habit of interrupting others' conversations and games. Such children should be evaluated by a psychologist or other specialist.

Treatment for ADD includes stimulants, such as Ritalin and Dexedrine. Fortunately, this medication may not have to be prescribed indefinitely; about 10 percent of children can get off the medicine after a year of therapy.

From the brief description you offered, I question whether your grandson has ADD. Certainly the diagnosis should have been confirmed by an appropriate health professional. If he is better without the Ritalin, I agree that he should not take it. Can love and training help your grandson perform more effectively? Possibly. Let me know the results of your experiment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 77 and had prostate surgery for cancer in 1992. Since then, my semiannual PSA readings have been less than .02.

My last reading was .05. My urologist reassured me that as long as the PSA stays below 4.0, I don't have to worry. However, the new PSA, which is double the old value, has me concerned. Should I be?

DEAR READER: Don't worry. Your prostate specific antigen is well below the normal limit of 4.0. Although you should continue to be checked once or twice a year, you needn't be concerned unless the PSA rises well above 4.0. Your urologist is correct.

To give you more information, I am sending you my Health Report "The Prostate Gland." 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.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

GOP budget under attack in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican-written federal budget for next year is under attack in the Senate, and not just from Democrats.

The Senate planned to resume debate on a $1.73 trillion spending plan today with opposition coming from both left and right. Democrats say the measure shortchanges President Clinton's proposals to boost spending for education, child care and other domestic programs, while conservatives say it lacks sufficient tax and spending reductions.

Sens. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., and John McCain, R-Ariz., were considering an amendment calling for nearly $200 billion in tax cuts over the next five years. As written by Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., the nonbinding fiscal blueprint suggests $30 billion in tax cuts over the next five years — out of $9.3 trillion in revenue that would otherwise be collected.

In addition, Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., planned to rally with conservative groups and perhaps other senators against Domenici's budget. Ashcroft, whose likely 2000 presidential bid could be enhanced by staunchly advocating conservative principles, says the plan would let government and taxpayers' burdens grow larger.

"The values transmitted here seem to be nothing more than an inflated sense of Washington's self-importance," Ashcroft said.

Riding the buoyant economy, Domenici's budget envisions a string of budget surpluses beginning with $8 billion in black ink this year and reaching $59 billion in 2003. Federal deficits have run uninterrupted since the last surplus, in 1969.

U.S. eyes how to build on Israeli gesture

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is trying to figure out how to capitalize on an unexpected Israeli gesture that has given a slight boost to U.S. hopes of breaking a stalemate in Mideast negotiations.

"Certainly, we are going to assess whether any of the modest progress that Ambassador (Dennis) Ross detected is something we should try to build on," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said Tuesday.

"Secretary Albright will be consulting with the president and other senior officials about that right away," Rubin said.

The yearlong impasse between Israel and the Palestinians has resisted a variety of administration tactics, including separate visits here in January by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for talks with President Clinton.

On Monday, Rubin virtually ruled out a Washington summit in light of the wide gap between Israel and the Palestinian Authority on the future of the contested West Bank.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources divulged the Israeli gesture — an offer to discuss with the Palestinians a third pullback on the West Bank.

The offer by Netanyahu to American mediator Ross near the end of Ross' fourth day of shuttle diplomacy in the area prompted Albright to report "some progress."

"In some substantive form we're perhaps a little closer" to reopening negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, Rubin said.

But Albright also said the progress was not "nearly enough" to end the deadlock, while Rubin said "the peace process is not on track, and the gaps have not been bridged."

Netanyahu's gesture could provide a useful opening. On record as being willing to turn over 9 percent of the West Bank to add to the 27 percent Yasser Arafat already controls, the prime minister had insisted it would pose an unacceptable risk to Israel to give up the 12 percent to 15 percent the administration has been urging.

Republic of Texas...

Defendant interrupts court to protest victim's testimony

FORT STOCKTON (AP) — A separatist on trial for storming a neighbor's home and sparking an armed standoff lost his composure during a description of the assault and called the testimony a lie.

Gregg Paulson, a self-styled sergeant in the Republic of Texas militia, shook his head repeatedly Tuesday as Joe Rowe discussed the morning he and his wife were taken hostage by three members of the armed group.

"That's a lie," Paulson finally snapped when Rowe told jurors the defendant had fired three shots into his home.

Then, as Rowe testified about his response to the shooting, including using an expletive he had directed at Paulson, the defendant retorted: "I would have kicked your ass."

Paulson interrupted testimony one more time but finally relented after being warned several times by state District Judge Kenneth DeHart.

Paulson and his wife, Karen, are being tried on charges of burglary with intent to commit aggravated assault for an April 27 military-style raid on Rowe's home in the Davis Mountains Resort, a remote rural community 175 miles southeast of El Paso.

The group took the Rowes hostage in retaliation for the arrest earlier that day of another Republic member and to gain control of the home because it was on a hill overlooking the only road into the resort.

The raid touched off an armed standoff between the group and some 300 state troopers and Texas Rangers. It ended when Republic leader Richard McLaren and most of his group agreed to surrender May 3.

Rowe testified that Paulson appeared to be in charge of the raiding party, giving orders to the other two. Paulson nodded as if to agree.

Rowe also said Paulson had admitted "he had been ordered to come to my house and take me out."

Earlier during opening statements, Paulson's attorney said his client had believed he was a soldier operating under wartime conditions.

"He believed as a citizen that war had been declared and as a soldier in the Republic of Texas, he did what any soldier is supposed to do. He took the high ground," attorney Anthony Foster said.

Foster told jurors Paulson had acted under a "mistake of fact," believing Texas was actually an independent nation as the Republic group claims.

Clinton praises Senegal

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — Welcomed by thousands of people cheering and dancing in the street, President Clinton today praised this West African nation for its role in peacekeeping and said it shows that people here "can solve a lot of their own problems."

At a joint review of Senegalese troops being trained by Americans at a hot, dusty military compound outside the capital, Clinton praised Senegal for its peacekeeping record.

"Amid chaos and ruin, these soldiers and others like them can bring security, hope and a future," Clinton said. "I thank Senegalese troops for their commitment to peace, and I thank American troops for their work here."

Senegalese President Abdou Diouf thanked Clinton for the effort to enhance African peacekeeping skills, saying it revealed "the generosity of the great American people."

"Africa is presenting a forward-looking image to the world," Diouf said.

Clinton said the United States was committed to helping Africa improve its own security and well being. "Our purpose is not to dominate security matters in Africa or to abandon America's role in Africa's security, but instead to build on exisiting efforts," he said.

Later the president announced he would send three of his Cabinet secretaries back to Africa later this year for talks on financial, trade and transportation issues.

Although no dates were given, Clinton said Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin would meet with African finance ministers, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater would organize regional conferences on air safety, and Commerce Secretary Richard Daley would head a trade mission.

This morning Diouf, who has been Senegal's leader since 1981, greeted Clinton at the presidential palace in Dakar, set behind tall iron gates overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. It was built at the dawn of the century as the residence for the governor general of French West Africa.

Activity light for law officers

Activity was relatively quiet for local law enforcement personnel Tuesday, but a deputy was called to Cogdell Hospital's emergency room around 1 a.m. today in reference to an assault victim.

The 24-year-old male said he was assaulted at his home on Round Top Road, but he did not wish to file charges.

Also this morning, officers were called to the 3700 block of Avenue U in reference to a possible prowler. Officers were seeking a heavy-set white male dressed in dark clothing.

Officers were notified of a missing lawn mower at 10:57 a.m. Tuesday and filed an offense report for Class B theft. However, the owner notified officers around 4 p.m. that he had located the mower.

An offense report for theft of telecommunication services was submitted at 2:45 p.m. as Sylvia Carpenter reported someone charging calls on her account.

A woman requested to speak to an officer at 4 p.m. in Towle Park as subjects had driven by and made obscene gestures to her children.

Officers were called to IGA #400 shortly before 8 p.m. as two shoplifters were in custody. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

The fire department responded to a grass fire at 6 p.m. on CR 3115 and at 6:30 p.m. on North Highway 208.

Obituaries

James Floyd

1923-1998

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for James Floyd, 74, of Snyder.

Mr. Floyd, born on Aug. 18, 1923, died at 6 a.m. Tuesday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by three sisters, Eddie Lee Cobb and Dorothy Hunter, both of Snyder, and Susie Bell of Riverside, Calif.; one stepbrother, Ennis Powell of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

Chris Wofford

1962-1998

LOVINGTON, N.M. — Funeral service for Christopher Wofford of Carlsbad is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Lovington Cemetery under the direction of Smith-Rogers Funeral Home.

His brother, Anthony Wofford, pastor of Snyder's Word is Life Deliverance Church, will officiate.

Mr. Wofford, 35, died Monday, March 30, in an automobile accident southwest of Hobbs in Lea County, N.M.

Born on Dec. 25, 1962 in Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. Wofford was employed by Nabors Drilling Co. as an evening-tower driller.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Ruby Wofford.

Survivors include two sons, Christopher Wofford Jr. of Fort Stockton and Christopher De Shawn Wofford of Seymour; a daughter, Mariahlah Ruby Wofford of Carlsbad; a stepdaughter, Mariah Silvas of Carlsbad; a sister-in-law, Kathy Wofford of Snyder; another brother and sister-in-law, T.R. and Ella Wofford of Carlsbad; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Theresa and James Wofford of Lubbock and Tanya Scott Johnson of Hobbs; and his fiancee, Jo Ann Silvas of Carlsbad.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Register to vote

Thursday is the final day to register to vote in the May 2 city council and school board elections. Voter registration takes place at the county clerk's office.

Model plane club

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Winston Field. Visitors are welcome.

Nursing home financial planning

Snyder Oaks Care Center and Senior Information Services of America are co-sponsoring "Nursing Home Financial Planning," a workshop dealing with financing long-term care, at 7 p.m. Thursday. The workshop will be held at Snyder Oaks. RSVP by calling Tracey Williamson at 573-9377.

'Always, Patsy Cline'

"Always, Patsy Cline" plays at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Ritz Theatre. Tickets are $7. Group rates are available. The Ritz Theatre box office is taking reservations from 2-5 p.m. weekdays for the musical.

Snyder Healthcare bake sale

Snyder Healthcare Center Family Council will have a bake sale beginning at 9 a.m. Friday in the administration hall.

Special education rodeo

Western Texas College rodeo students will be holding their annual rodeo for special education students at 9 a.m. Friday in the coliseum. There is no admission charge.

Heart walk planned

The Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Association will sponsor a five-mile walk starting at 8 a.m. Saturday in Towle Park. Walkers are needed. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Fish Fry will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Center. Tickets are $6, and children under age 6 eat free. Carryout plates are available.

Planetarium show

A planetarium show, "Through The Eyes of Hubble," will be held at 2 p.m. each Sunday through April on the WTC campus.

Special showings for school classes (best suited for grade 4 and above) can be arranged for any Friday in April by calling the WTC science department. Admission is free.

WTC Booster Club

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

Jews for Jesus presentation

Stan Myer, speaking on behalf of Jews for Jesus, will speak on what the Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in common in a presentation set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

SJHS shop students holding raffle

Snyder junior high 8th grade shop students are selling raffle tickets for a chest of drawers. Tickets are $1 and proceeds help pay for trips to regional and state contests. For tickets, call 573-6356. 573-5993.

Alzheimers forum

Snyder Healthcare Center social service director James Rhodes has arranged for Sue Davis to address the community on Alzheimers on Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. at the Center.

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival

St. Elizabeth will hold its annual Sausage Festival on Sunday, April 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center, 30th Street and Avenue A. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under. Sausage will also be sold by the pound. There were be raffles, game booths and a country store.

SNS needs assistance

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is needing donations and volunteer help for its annual workday, set for Saturday, April 25. Twelve homes will be repaired. Donations can be mailed to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541 or dropped off at West Elementary or Sam Robertson Insurance office. Groups or individuals wishing to volunteer can contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at WTC for those seeking their GEDs. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

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

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

9-13-25-27-29

(nine, thirteen, twenty-five, twenty-seven, twenty-nine)

Pick 3

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

4-3-8

(four, three, eight)