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Snyder High to see old rivals in new district

It's so long South Plains and hello West Texas for Snyder High School.

The University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment, released this morning, changed the landscape for athletic, academic and other UIL competitions for many local schools.

Beginning with the 1998-99 school year, Snyder will be a member of District 5-4A, along with Andrews, Big Spring, Fort Stockton, San Angelo Lake View and Sweetwater.

"It is somewhat of a surprise," Snyder High School principal Larry Scott said. "There were rumors about a little bit of everything.

"The biggest obstacle facing us is to find non-district opponents. Andrews, Big Spring, Lake View and Sweetwater were four of our non-district games in football as well as other sports."

Snyder head football coach/athletic director David Baugh was attending a district meeting in Lubbock this morning and was unavailable for comment regarding scheduling possibilities.

As for the other current 2-4A schools, Levelland, Estacado, Plainview and Frenship will join Canyon High and Canyon Randall in District 4-4A.

Lamesa dropped in classification, joining Brownfield, Colorado City, Denver City, Seminole and Slaton in District 3-3A.

The Golden Tornadoes easily undercut the new 4A minimum enrollment number of 780 students. The top end of the classification rose this year to 1,779.

"I think the new numbers might support an argument for the formation of a 6A classification," Scott remarked. "Just as an example, this year Frenship had as many male students as Lamesa had total enrollment."

Also around the area, Ira, Hermleigh and Borden County weren't left out of the changes.

Although the name remains the same for football's District 6 Six-Man, gone are the schools of Loraine and Highland. They are replaced by Grady and Sands.

Basketball districts also got a facelift, as Ira and Hermleigh will no longer be in four-team leagues.

The Bulldogs move to 18-A with Sands, Borden County, Grady and Westbrook.

The Cardinals will be members of 19-A with Blackwell, Loraine, Highland and Trent.

Among other changes around the state, Abilene Wylie remained in Class 3A, despite rumors of a possible jump in classification.

Amarillo Palo Duro moved down to 4A, as did Roscoe to 1A.

But perhaps the biggest surprise came in District 4-5A, nicknamed for years as "the little Southwest Conference."

The towns of Abilene, Odessa and Midland will keep both of their schools where they're at for a six-team league, while San Angelo Central gets shipped out.

The Bobcats become a member of District 3-5A with Amarillo High, Amarillo Tascosa, Lubbock High, Lubbock Monterey and Lubbock Coronado.

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Budget proposal promises $9.5 billion surplus

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, declaring an end to "an era of exploding deficits," today sent Congress a $1.73 trillion budget proposal that promises a history-making achievement — the first surplus in three decades.

Helped by a booming economy, the president proposed a budget under which the government would collect $9.5 billion more than it spends in 1999, advancing by three years the balanced-budget deadline set in last summer's agreement with Congress.

"This budget marks the end of an era, an end to decades of deficits that have shackled our economy, paralyzed our politics and held our people back," Clinton said in a budget ceremony in the East Room of the White House.

To underscore his achievement, Clinton drew a gigantic zero on a chart labeled 1999 budget deficit, drawing applause from the crowd of administration officials and congressional Democrats.

Clinton's spending plan came under immediate fire from Republicans, who accused the White House of embarking on an old-fashioned liberal spending spree to expand the reach of the federal government.

"It looks like the president wants to eliminate state and local government. He wants to run everything out of Washington," complained House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio.

In addition to holding out the prospect of the first federal budget surplus since 1969, Clinton's ambitious plan calls for expanding the federal government's role in providing child care, increasing medical research, lowering the age limits for Medicare and helping to hire 100,000 new teachers to reduce class sizes in the nation's schools. Overall, Clinton's 1999 budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 proposes a 3.9 percent increase from this year's spending levels.

Republicans want to use the revenue windfall from the strong economy to provide billions of dollars in tax relief, including eliminating the "marriage penalty" on two-earner couples.

Clinton argued in his budget message, "We should not spend a surplus that we don't yet have."

Clinton stressed that his budget projects surpluses "as far as the eye can see" — a total of $1.1 trillion in excess revenues over spending for the next decade.

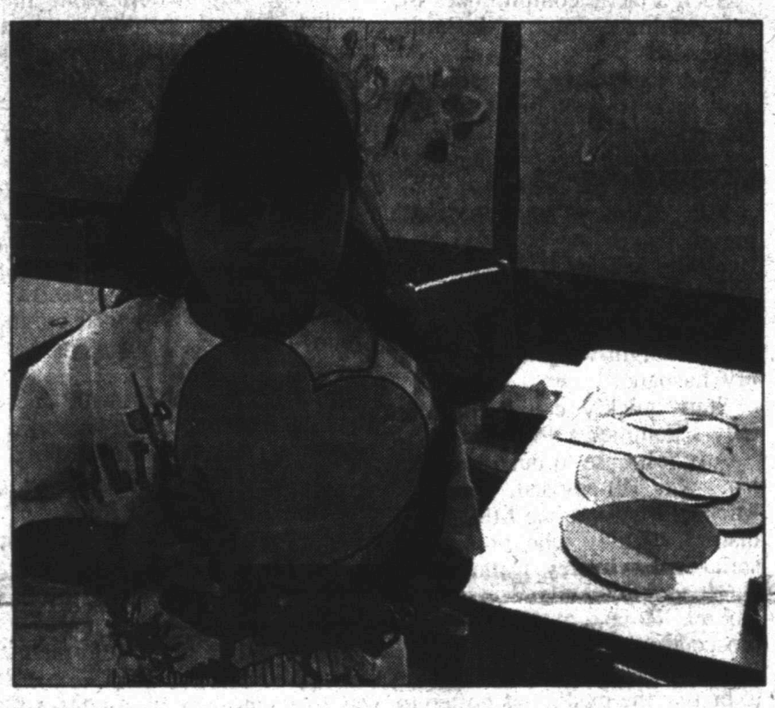
Thus, after more than two decades in which ballooning deficits dominated the political scene in Washington, the debate has now turned to fights over what to do with the surpluses.

Clinton today repeated his challenge to Congress to "Save Social Security first," earmarking any budget surpluses to the giant government trust fund now projected to go broke in 2029 under the weight of baby-boomer retirements.

"Those of us in the Baby Boom generation" have the chance "to tell our own children that when we retire and start drawing Social Security, it isn't going to bankrupt them to take care of us and undermine their own ability to take care of their own children," he said.

The president's prescription of more spending would be paid for in part by $105.6 billion in tax increases and user fees, chiefly on tobacco, corporations and investors over five years.

His budget calls for $24.2 billion in tax cuts.



DEOCRATES ROOM — Five-year-old Jessica Ibarra shows her heart cut from construction paper to be used to decorate her room at King's Kids as Valentine's Day approaches. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Air Force training range meeting set at 6:30 tonight

An Air Force scoping meeting on the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI) is set for 6:30 this evening at Snyder Savings & Loan.

The public is invited to comment on the proposal and the environmental analysis process.

According to the Air Force, the intent of the RBTI is to provide realistic, integrated training, primarily for aircrews flying B-1 aircraft from Dyess AFB and B-52s from Barksdale AFB in Louisiana.

An approved plan would mean increased B-1 and B-52 bomber training flights over Texas or New Mexico and decreased flights over Arkansas and Colorado. It would also call for the building of 12 electronic scoring sites on 15-acre parcels in Texas and New Mexico and the closing of sites in Arkansas and Colorado.

At least one organization, the Trans-Pecos Protection Group headquartered in Alpine, is opposed to the RBTI. The group believes low-level, high-speed flights are detrimental to humans, animal life and the environment.

Meetings on the RBTI are being held in Arkansas, New Mexico, Colorado and Texas. Other meetings in Texas are scheduled in Pecos on Tuesday, Van Horn on Wednesday, Alpine on Thursday and Big Lake on Friday, all at 6:30 p.m.

Eradication meeting set for coliseum

Cotton farmers and landowners with cotton production in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone are invited to participate in an educational meeting here Tuesday.

The meeting, which concerns the March 11 referendum, is set for 11 a.m. in the county coliseum.

Growers in the zone approved an eradication program in 1994. Unlike that referendum, in which two-thirds of the voters were required to approve the program, only a majority will be needed when a vote is held March 11 to continue the measure. An assessment of $10 per land acre was approved in 1994 to fund the program and if the referendum to continue the program passes, that assessment will not change.

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

In addition, voters will elect a board member from the zone to serve on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and who have grown cotton for at least seven years may place their names on the ballot for the board member position. To be placed on the ballot, producers must fill out a form, available at the local county extension service office. Sunday is the deadline for a nomination form to be postmarked.

Counties in the Rolling Plains Central Zone are Scurry, Baylor, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, King, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Young and parts of Archer, Borden, Brown and Taylor.

2nd TU-related ordinance to surface

An ordinance proposed by the Council of Cities may prompt Snyder City Council to take a closer look at another ordinance it passed on first reading last month.

On the agenda tonight is the second reading of a TU Electric-proposed ordinance which provides for a four-percent reduction in residential rates for customers this year and an additional 5.4 percent decrease in 1999.

However, an organization of cities served by TU Electric is saying that ordinance strongly favors the utility company over the communites it serves, and has drafted an ordinance that is also on tonight's agenda. The new ordinance will be up for its first reading.

Tonight's meeting is set for 6:30 in council chambers at City Hall.

The City of Snyder is a member of the Council of Cities (COC) and that organization claims that TU's proposed decrease is modest in light of the utility company's $4.2 billion in annual revenues.

The proposed ordinance states that the $263 million reduction in costs is less than what was justified by an analysis performed by the staff of the Public Utility Commission.

TU's ordinance calls for depreciation shifting — which the COC calls "inequitable and anti-competitive."

While the COC ordinance calls for the same four percent reduction this year and 5.4 percent next year, it also preserves the City of Snyder's options regarding larger rate reductions later and keeps other options open.

The COC says that TU's ordinance freezes rates, irrespective of future overearnings of the utility company and that the company is trying to recover billions of dollars in uneconomic investment from ratepayers through depreciation shifting.

Opponents of TU's ordinance say it would shift depreciation of electric generation facilities — such as the Comanche Peak Nuclear Plant — onto transmission and distribution facilities, thus having ratepayers pay one hundred percent of the stranded investment costs for these power plants.

The new ordinance being proposed also states that the rates charged Snyder residents shall not exceed the lowest rates available

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Jail to get new phone system

Scurry County's jail will have a new telephone system for the use of inmates as a result of action this morning by the commissioners' court.

Acting on a recommendation from Sheriff Darren Jackson, the court voted to accept the bid of Alliance-Telcom/International Communications Solutions.

The contract with the joint bid of two companies calls for a 37-percent commission being paid to the county and up to $10,000 for the installation of surveillance cameras at the jail.

Information provided by the company projects the county will reap up to $999 per month when the jail population averages 41 inmates and $1,517 per month when the jail's average daily population is 64.

Sheriff Jackson said the bid also calls for a monitoring and recording system of calls made by inmates.

"This will allow the sheriff's office to use the telephone system as an investigative tool," said Jackson.

The contract with the company is for three years.

The court also approved the county's fourth-quarter treasurer's report as presented by county treasurer Charlie Bell.

Bell said the county ended the fiscal year with $6,464,687 as a cash balance. The report also indicated the county had earned $340,735 in interest in 1997 — up some $24,000 over 1996 figures.

Commissioners also approved a recommendation from adult probation supervisor Sy Tabor to make payments to professional sex offender counselors exempt from the county's purchasing act. Tabor said the expenditures could exceed $15,000 annually. The funds are provided by the state, added Tabor and the exemption would allow his office to contract with the counselors for professional services.

Also approved was a line-item transfer in the STAR Program's budget and a budget amendment of $28,152 in the juvenile probation office's budget.

The county is having to refund that amount in state funds from 1996.

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided and all commissioners were in attendance to include Jerry Gannaway, Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom and Howard Limmer.

ASK US

Q—When did plans begin for the city industrial park?

A—The land was purchased in May of 1995 and the Development Corporation of Snyder board approved a development plan for the site in August of that year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 66 degrees; low, 39; high Sunday, 66; low, 33; 7 a.m. Monday, 34; no precipitation; total for 1998, 1.20 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, mid 30s. Wind becoming NW 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High near 65. NE-E wind 5-15 mph.

Marleah Akins
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 6:20 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:35 a.m.
Of 32 days in 1998, the sun has shone 32 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Happiness is a direction, not a place.

Sydney J. Harris

Independent counsel's reputation on the line

WASHINGTON (AP) — He has spent more than $30 million over 3½ years to investigate the president, with no end in sight. Four times, his reach has expanded. It now extends into Bill Clinton's private life.

If anyone's credibility is on the line besides the president's, it is that of the man investigating him: 51-year-old Kenneth W. Starr.

Until the final chapter is written, it will be difficult to evaluate the Whitewater independent counsel's performance.

And unless this circumspect Republican lawyer and former federal appeals court judge uncharacteristically blurts out an intense dislike of the president, the public may never know whether the White House correctly painted him as a member of an anti-Clinton right-wing conspiracy.

Nonetheless, Starr has generated more than enough controversy to be portrayed as either a legal pariah making unholy use of his unlimited budget and discretion; or as a prosecutor who "wires" witnesses and calls people before grand juries just like his Justice Department counterparts do all the time.

Recent polls indicate that an increasing number of people think Starr has overstepped his bounds and that he has a partisan agenda; more than half disapprove of his methods and think he has gone too far in his investigation of Clinton.

"I have the feeling that Ken Starr has the same kind of Teflon as special prosecutor as Clinton seems to have as president," said Monroe Freedman, professor of legal ethics at Hofstra University School of Law.

"I have no sense Starr personally is going to be hurt" by political attacks against him unless he runs for office, Freedman said. "Law firms like Kirkland and Ellis (Starr's firm), which can afford to pay him $1 million, are going to be no less interested; the Republican Party and a Republican president will be no less grateful."

John Bates, the former chief deputy in Starr's Washington office, said, "I hope that his reputation as an independent counsel is on the line, to the extent it will be assessed based on his professionalism." He said Starr and his lawyers "are not on a partisan mission."

Starr's Republican background, his role as the government's top lawyer in Ronald Reagan's Justice Department, the continuation of his private practice and his tactics as independent counsel have contributed mightily to make him controversial.

His record since his appointment in August 1994 shows convictions of former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and former Clinton Whitewater business partners James and Susan McDougal. Former Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell is among 10 defendants who pleaded guilty. Starr lost a case against two Arkansas bankers who were accused of using their institution's money to contribute illegally to Clinton while he was governor.

As of last Oct. 1, the investigation cost $30 million. Starr is gaining swiftly on Lawrence Walsh's Iran-Contra probe that lasted six years and cost nearly $40 million — before ending with 10 convictions, two of them overturned, and six pardons by President Bush.

The $87,385 that Starr earned from the government in 1996 is dwarfed by the $1.12 million he made that year from his private law practice.

As for his tactics, Starr is not afraid to play hardball.

Susan McDougal has spent 17 months in jail for refusing to testify about Clinton despite a grant of immunity.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was forced to go before a grand jury two years ago, when Starr decided against simply interviewing her in the White House.

Last summer, Starr's lawyers and agents questioned Arkansas state troopers about their knowledge of any Clinton extramarital affairs.

"Things changed with Iran-Contra, with the independent counsel himself becoming a partisan target," said Katy Harriger, professor of politics at Wake Forest University and author of a book on independent counsels. "By the end of (Iran-Contra), Bob Dole and others were attacking (Walsh) as conducting a partisan witch hunt. Now it has played out here."

Walsh, who bore the brunt of criticism from Republicans for his investigation of the Reagan administration, said "I honestly discount" the similar allegations that Democrats have aimed at Starr.

"I haven't seen him do anything that seems out of line with what a prosecutor would be expected to do" until recently, when Starr sought to "intrude" into a civil case: Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton.

As part of the Monica Lewinsky matter, Starr has been investigating whether Clinton and the former White House intern lied — or asked others to lie — in sworn statements in the Jones case. But the legal issue appears lost on much of the public, which views the Lewinsky matter as sexual, not possibly criminal conduct.

Starr began by investigating the Clintons' pre-White House involvement in the Whitewater land development company and the failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan in Arkansas; and the death of former deputy White House counsel Vincent Foster.

ABA finds much to criticize in Lewinsky case

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Monica Lewinsky's attorney never should have talked publicly about seeking a deal for the former White House intern's testimony on how well she knows President Clinton.

Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr never should have responded to criticism by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

And the news media are doing a simply awful job in reporting the whole thing.

That is what lawyers, judges and journalists at the American Bar Association's national convention seemed to agree on Sunday during a lively discussion of the challenges they face in high-profile cases.

Famed Nashville trial lawyer James Neal, whose clients include Vice President Al Gore, aimed sharp criticism at Ms. Lewinsky's lawyer, William Ginsburg.

"If you're making a deal with the prosecutor, you don't go out and talk about it," Neal said.

Terence McCarthy, executive director of the Federal Defender Program in Chicago, agreed. "I cannot think of a competent criminal defense lawyer who would lead the public to believe he's negotiating for the testimony of his client," he said.

Such a tactic compromises the value of that testimony, McCarthy contended.

Two experienced prosecutors took Starr to task for defending himself against Mrs. Clinton's accusation that his judgment has been tainted by politics.

Mrs. Clinton suggested the president is being hounded by a "vast right-wing conspiracy" and that Starr is a "politically motivated prosecutor who is allied with the right-wing opponents of my husband."

Starr quickly called the first lady's comments "nonsense."

Any response to outside criticism was ill-advised, said E. Michael McCann, the Milwaukee district attorney who prosecuted serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer.

"It's unseemly," agreed Andrea Zopp, a former state prosecutor in Chicago.

And the news media? "It seems to be that the media has gotten to the place that if they say 'alleged' they can say anything," said John C. Thomas, a former Virginia Supreme Court justice.

Rikki Klieman, a Court TV commentator, took some of her broadcast colleagues to task for not bothering to learn much about the case they are asked to expound on. "There ought to be some ethical standards for commentators," she said.

The ABA panel also had little good to say about any lawyers who may have participated in releasing information from the sealed pretrial proceedings in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against the president.

But Hiller Zobel, the Massachusetts judge who presided over the murder trial of British nanny Louise Woodward, said most leaks go unpunished.

"Leaks are not subject to direct, or even vivid, evidence," he said. "How do you know who the villain is? Leaks may well be, in some situations, things judges have to live with."

In a session filled with one-liners, a member of the audience may have come up with the topper.

University of Arkansas law professor Robert Wright told the panel his wife would have enjoyed the enlightening discussion but could not leave Little Rock. She is Susan Webber Wright, the federal trial judge presiding over the Jones case.

"I'd like to comment, but I think I'm under a gag order," the professor said.

Other panelists were John Siegenthaler, former publisher of the Tennessean newspaper in Nashville; Joseph Hartzler, a federal prosecutor who helped convict Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing; U.S. District Judge William Hoeveler of Miami; Vanderbilt University law professor Thomas McCoy, Associated Press special correspondent Linda Deutsch and victims' rights advocate Anne Seymour.

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Stephen King's first script rejected

NEW YORK (AP) — Dear Mr. King, thank you for your interest in "The X-Files." You may be the dean of horror fiction, but we regret that we cannot use your script at this time. Good luck with it elsewhere.

The rejection didn't quite happen that way, but Stephen King did work up a script for an episode of the creepy Fox television show that was first sent back by producer Chris Carter for revisions, then was rewritten completely.

Datebook

Feb. 2, 1998

Today is the 33rd day of 1998 and the 44th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1893, the first motion-picture close-up was filmed by William Dickson.

On this day in 1915, an Alaskan husky named Balto led a dog-sled team and its snow-blind driver across 600 miles of ice to deliver diphtheria serum to Nome, Alaska.

On this day in 1940, Frank Sinatra made his singing debut in Indianapolis with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Joyce (1882-1941), writer; George Halas (1895-1983), football coach; Jascha Heifetz (1901-1987), violinist; James Dickey (1923-1997), poet; Liz Smith (1923-), columnist, is 75; Tom Smothers (1937-), comedian, is 61; Farrah Fawcett (1947-), actress, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1949, golfer Ben Hogan had a near-fatal car accident, but would recover and win the U.S. Open 17 months later.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Myths are clues to the spiritual potentialities of human life." — Joseph Campbell

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1976, an extremely low-pressure storm raked New England; winds in Cutler, Maine, reached speeds of 104 mph.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter.

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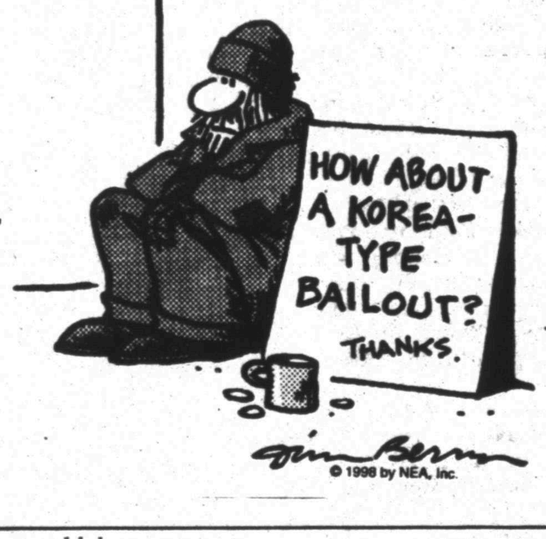

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 9-B McLaughlin in the Sharon Ridge field, 12 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 179, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Apache Corporation will drill the No. 245 Fuller, a 6,861-foot wildcat located 14 miles northeast of Snyder. Drill site is in Section 648, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Phillips Petroleum will drill the No. 921 Jo-Mill field unit, 16 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,700 feet, location is in Section 21, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Phillips will drill the No. 922 Jo-Mill field unit, 16 miles southwest of Gail. Also set for a depth of 7,700 feet, location is in Section 21, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Phillips will drill the No. 920 Jo-Mill field unit, 16 miles southwest of Gail. Planned depth is 7,700 feet, and location is in Section 21, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Sharp Image Energy has completed the No. 1 Rafter Cross, six miles northeast of Gail. The well was finaled to produce 97 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 8,273-276 feet, and location is in Section 15, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Mitchell County

Merit Energy Co. has completed the No. 1-C McCabe in the Jameson north field, four miles north of Silver. The well was finaled to produce eight barrels of oil and 34 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,966-974 feet, and location is in Section 12, Block 12, H&TC survey.

Merit Energy has completed the No. 34-B McCabe in the Jameson north field, four miles north of Silver. The venture was finaled to produce 55 barrels of oil and 55 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,094-244 feet, and location is in Section 226, Block A, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Oryx Energy has completed the No. 4112 Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glasscock field, one mile southeast of Forsan. The venture was completed to produce 19 barrels of oil and 174 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,380-690 feet, and location is in Section 136, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Vista Resources Inc. will drill the No. 12-A Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, three miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 4,300 feet, location is in Section 125, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Fisher County

ACT Operating Co. will plug and abandon the No. 190 Shefield, five miles southwest of Longworth. Drilled to a depth of 5,965 feet, location was in Lot 90, Gillispie CSL survey.

San Antonio Gas and Oil will drill the No. 1 Scherwitz in the Sweetwater north field, eight miles south of Roby. Planned for a depth of 6,650 feet, location is in Block 51, Gillispie CSL survey.

Nolan County

Pecos Valley Management will drill the No. 6 Lorenzo Monroe in the Lake Trammell south field, 10 miles south of Roscoe. Planned for a depth of 5,700 feet, drill site is in Section 22, Block X, T&P survey.

Brothers Operating Co. has completed the No. 108 Lake Trammell field unit, six miles southwest of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce 102 barrels of oil and six barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,267-291 feet, and location is in Section 79, Block 22, T&P survey.

Sinclair Oil Corp. will drill the No. 1-H Billie Jean in the Burkes Reef field, four miles east of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 169, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

First Presbyterian Church Women's Group; MAWC; 12:30 p.m.

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; program "Gardening on the Internet," by Bullard's Computers; hostesses, Wyvone Davis and Lanette Patterson; noon.

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.

"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.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

U.S. Marines return to Rio Grande

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For the first time since a corporal killed a teen-ager who was tending to his family's goat herd, Marines have returned to Presidio County along the Rio Grande in far West Texas.

However, their camouflage netting, M-16s and secret missions to track drug traffickers are gone. Military vehicles rumbled in the shadow of the Sierra Madre late last week in southern Presidio County to build and improve about 40 miles of road along the river to help the U.S. Border Patrol catch drug traffickers.

The shooting last May of Esequiel Hernandez Jr., 18, by a four-man anti-drug patrol at Redford triggered a national debate about troops on the border.

His death led the Pentagon to suspend use of armed troops in anti-drug patrols along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The road construction site near Candelaria is about 175 miles southeast of El Paso and about 70 miles northwest of Redford.

"I realize things are dangerous, and you never know what can happen, but this has been smooth as glass," Presidio County Judge Jake Brisbin Jr. commented to the San Antonio Express-News about the project, which began last month and could wrap up by June.

"What happened was a horrible confluence of events. It could happen anytime, anywhere," he said of the Hernandez killing.

Marine Cpl. Clemente Banuelos said he shot Hernandez to save the life of another Marine after Hernandez fired at the patrol with a .22-caliber rifle and raised his weapon as if to fire again.

A Presidio County grand jury decided Banuelos shouldn't face criminal charges and didn't return an indictment in the shooting, but officials said they realized the dangers of mixing combat-ready troops with civilian populations.

"We've learned, and we'll go forward," said Brisbin, an ex-Marine who was injured three times in Vietnam.

As many as 250 unarmed Marines will be working along the border in Presidio County. They are active-duty personnel from Camp Pendleton, Calif., and reservists from Minnesota and Wisconsin.

A tent city is set up on the grounds of the only school in Candelaria, a tiny impoverished community of dirt roads and cinder-block shacks on Farm Road 170.

British tabloid publishes picture of white Citroen

LONDON (AP) — A British tabloid published photographs Monday of a white car the newspaper said pursued the Mercedes Princess Diana was riding in before her fatal accident.

The Mirror said the Citroen AX could be the mystery white car that French police have been looking for since the Aug. 31 crash in Paris that killed Diana, her friend Dodi Fayed and chauffeur Henri Paul.

Investigators have been hunting for a white Fiat Uno, which the Mirror says may now be the wrong car.

An Australian couple on vacation videotaped the Citroen outside the Ritz Hotel, the newspaper said. The tourists were unaware of the videotape's importance until they returned home.

The Mirror said the couple went to the Ritz to have a drink on the night of Aug. 31. When they arrived, they found a crowd of photographers outside waiting for Diana.

When the photographers realized that a black Mercedes outside the front entrance of the hotel was a decoy and that Diana and Dodi had left by a back exit, several cars, including the white Citroen, sped away in pursuit.

A 400-page confidential French police report submitted in late December includes testimony that bolsters the theory that Diana's Mercedes sideswiped a small, white car just before losing control and crashing into a pillar in the Pont de l'Alma traffic tunnel.

Weekend take for 'Titanic' now advances it to No. 7 on all-time moneymakers list

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Titanic" stayed leagues ahead of the box office competition for a seventh weekend.

Ticket sales for the sinking-ship romance rose 2 percent for an estimated $26 million weekend take. It now has earned $308.2 million domestically, beating out "Independence Day" for the No. 7 slot on the list of all-time best-sellers in North America, Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. said Sunday.

It took James Cameron's $200 million-plus feature only 44 days to break the $300 million mark, compared to 67 days for Steven Spielberg's "Jurassic Park."

Some analysts predict its record-setting pace may surpass the No. 2 film on the top-grossing list, "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial," which earned $399.8 million, and all-time winner, "Star 'Wars," which earned $461 million.

Paramount spokesman Blaise Noto attributed continuing interest in "Titanic" to repeat business, mostly from women, and to new viewers brought in by word of mouth.

"People are fascinated by the story of the movie and the story of what actually happened to the Titanic," Noto said.

Debuting at No. 2 was "Great Expectations," starring Ethan Hawke and Gwyneth Paltrow in a loose retelling of the Charles Dickens story. It earned $9.9 million.

Two other new films also made the top 10. "Desperate Measures," a poorly reviewed thriller about a serial killer played by Michael Keaton, had $5.8 million for the No. 6 slot while "Deep Rising," a grisly sci-fi drama about a cruise ship terrorized by a monster, was eighth with $4.6 million.

"Good Will Hunting" earned $8.5 million for the No. 3 spot, edging out "Spice World," which earned $7 million.

Jack Nicholson's "As Good As It Gets" earned an additional $6.6 million for fifth place.

Final figures were to be released today.

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

1. "Titanic," $26 million.
2. "Great Expectations," $9.9 million.
3. "Good Will Hunting," $8.5 million.
4. "Spice World," $7 million.
5. "As Good As It Gets," $6.6 million.
6. "Desperate Measures," $5.8 million.
7. "Wag the Dog," $5 million.
8. "Deep Rising," $4.6 million.
9. "Fallen," $2.7 million.
9. "Hard Rain," $2.7 million.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	02-02-98
	♠ A 7 6	
	♥ A J 8 5 4	
	♦ K 9 2	
	♣ K 7	
West		East
♠ J 10 4		♠ K 9 5 3 2
♥ Q		♥ K 7
♦ Q J 8 7		♦ 10 5 3
♣ 10 9 8 6 3		♣ A Q 5
	South	
	♠ Q 8	
	♥ 10 9 6 3 2	
	♦ A 6 4	
	♣ J 4 2	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Dbl.	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

East eventually being endplayed with his heart king to open up clubs. But suppose East ducks at trick one. I thought that, at trick two, South would return the spade eight, which West must cover with the 10 (else South runs it to East and ends up with the same trump endplay). After dummy's spade ace wins, the spade seven goes to East's nine, declarer discarding a low diamond. South looks safe, but East leads a fourth spade, which West ruffs with the heart queen. Suddenly the contract is dead! Dummy must overruff, but when declarer leads a trump, East wins with the king and exits safely with his low trump. He must collect two club tricks at the end.

However, just before this column was sent out to the newspapers, I was checking the first batch of readers' answers. William Perel, from Pawnee, Okla., pointed out that South always gets home. After winning with the spade queen, he plays a club to dummy's king. East wins and switches to a diamond, but declarer wins in the dummy and leads another club, establishing his jack, on which he discards dummy's diamond loser. South loses only one heart and two clubs.

Well done, Mr. Perel! Full information about the prize-winners will be printed on March 23.

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The answers at long last

By Phillip Alder

The main question in the Christmas competition concerned this deal. West leads the spade jack against four hearts. Given that you know the positions of all 52 cards, would you prefer to defend or declare?

I had intended the answer to be to defend. If East wins the first trick with the spade king, the contract makes,

'Little Tramp' has postage stamp

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charlie Chaplin's "Little Tramp" has his very own postage stamp.

A 32-cent stamp immortalizing the silent film legend's best-known character was unveiled Saturday at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Undersized and shabbily dressed, the mustachioed comic character was created in 1914. The tramp's flimsy bamboo cane and signature tottering penguin walk helped make Chaplin an early cinematic icon.

"The museum is proud to host an event that pays tribute to this great film artist and reminds the American public of his talent and comedic genius," said Ian Birnie, film programs director at the art museum.

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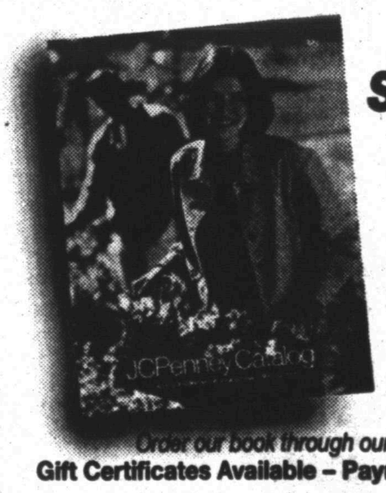

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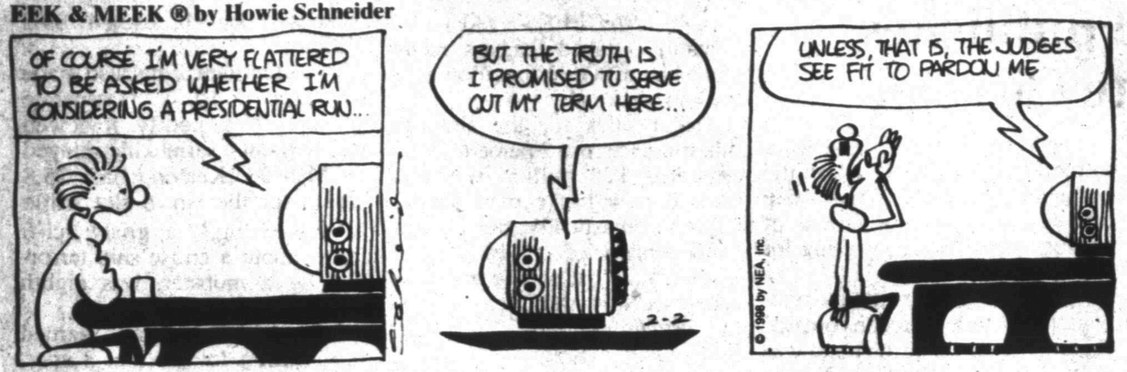

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Sets loose
6 City vehicles
10 Of an artery
12 Camelot's magician
14 Tomorrow, in Mexico
15 Spookily
16 Compass pt.
17 Scottish beret
19 Poker stake
20 Of no value
23 Poet Robert —
26 Explosive inits.
27 Actor Brynner
30 Wild sheep
32 Gum tree
34 Whirl
35 Atlantic and Pacific
36 Alps, e.g. (abbr.)
37 — de France
39 Gem weight
40 Andes country
42 Singer Vikki —
45 Actress Joanne —
46 Bandleader Brown
49 Disinclined
51 Least
54 Relocation helpers
55 Polite word
56 Rorem and Beatty
57 Donkeys

DOWN

1 Renown
2 Horse color
3 Eagle
4 Airline info
5 — Remo
6 Fair grade
7 Tapestry
8 Thin pancake
9 Soil deposit
11 Tardy
12 Souvenir
13 Louis —, the Science Guy
18 Map abbr.
20 Govt. farm agency
21 Type of electricity
22 Building material
23 Raise crops
24 Part of a plant
25 Umpires' calls
27 Calendar period
28 Forearm bone
29 Mislaid
31 Takes in
33 Compote ingredient
38 Part of a corn plant
40 Goofed
41 Trash pile
42 Moving part of a machine
43 Shake-speare's river
44 French dream
46 Meadows
47 Actual being
48 Fr. holy women
50 12th-graders (abbr.)
52 Guido's high note
53 Legal matter

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	A	D	G	E	R		C	A	D	D	I	E
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"If I've gotta do typing and stuff like that, I want more money!"

"No, Henderson, I said I want to see a *profit* around here."

SPORTS

Lady Westerners visit first-place Lady Chaps

Western Texas College plays its second contest of a three-game road trip this evening, when the Lady Westerners visit Midland's Chaparral Center at 5:50.

WTC carries a 6-16 record overall and a 1-5 mark in conference play into the match-up, while Midland is holding the top spot in the WJCAC standings at 17-5, 6-0.

The main weapon for the Lady Chaps thus far has been Autumn Johnson. The 6'2" freshman can be force in the paint, controlling the lane against her opponents.

The Lady Westerners will need another good performance out of 6'2" Pamela Odhuoug'o. The freshman from Nairobi, Kenya has improved with each conference outing.

The play of Odhuoug'o could open up the perimeter for the likes of Christy Wells and Jennifer Shuttlesworth.

Wells leads the Lady Westerners in scoring, while Shuttlesworth can bury the long-range jumper.

The 5'11" sophomore out of Lubbock Cooper drained three buckets from behind the arc to set the tone for WTC's victory last week over Odessa.

In other action around the conference, South Plains visits Clarendon, Howard hosts Frank Phillips and Odessa travels to New Mexico.

Following the match-up with Midland, the Lady Westerners conclude their road trip Thursday with a visit to New Mexico JC in Hobbs.

WTC returns home next Monday to battle Howard at 7:30 in Scurry County Coliseum.

Enrollment shifts fuel realignment

By The Associated Press

A big jump in the state's top high school competition class, fueled by growth in the suburbs, was announced today in Austin in the University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment.

Charles Breithaupt, UIL athletic director, said, "We found this year there is a lot of growth in metropolitan areas but we had some losses in the inner-city schools. We have to try to stay balanced."

The new requirement for membership in Class 5A increased by 130 students this year, meaning suburban schools moved up, while some city schools dropped down to Class 4A.

"We've never had as big a jump for membership in Class 5A," said Peter Contreras, UIL media relations director. "The line went from 1650 to 1780 this year. That's a lot of growth out there. It's a very big jump. We've never had one that significant."

Some areas gained districts and others lost.

For example, the Rio Grande Valley got three districts in Class 5A instead of two while Dallas-Fort Worth lost a district.

Such fast-growing schools as McKinney and Garland in the Dallas area, and Friendswood Clear Brook in the Houston area were elevated to Class 5A.

Schools dropping from 5A to 4A included Amarillo Palo Duro, Austin Johnston, Fort Worth Dunbar, Southwest and Wyatt, Houston Smiley, Port Arthur Jefferson, San Antonio Edison, and Wichita Falls Rider.

Other schools in 4A making the big jump in classification included Austin Lake Travis and Dripping Springs in the Austin area, Medina Valley near San Antonio, and Fort Worth's Diamond Hill-Jarvis.

There were some surprising drops in 4A to 3A including Texarkana Liberty-Eylau, Waco Connally, South San Antonio, Sweeny and Lamesa.

Meanwhile Dublin, Marion, Shallowater, and Vanderbilt Industrial went from 2A to 3A.

Moving to 2A from Class A were Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill, Thrall, Weatherford, Brock, Ben Colt and Colmesneil.

Down in the Valley where there had been unrest over crowded District 31, the UIL came up with this realigment:

District 30 — La Joya, McAllen, McAllen Memorial, Mission, Rio Grande City, and MCAllen Rowe.

District 31 — Donna, Edinburg North, Harlingen, Harlingen South, and Pharr-San Juan-Alamo.

District 32 — Brownsville Hanna, Brownsville Pace, Brownsville Porter, Brownsville Rivera, San Benito and Weslaco.

The UIL ended up with 222 schools in Class 5A, 217 in Class 4A, 212 in Class 3A, 224 in Class 2a, and 159 in Class A.

It also named 299 basketball schools only and 88 six-man football schools.

These changes stand from the 1998 through 1999 school years.

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are the new schools and schools changing classes in the UIL realignment announced Monday:

CLASS 5A

New — San Antonio O'Connor.

4A to 5A — Dallas Molina; Friendswood Clear Brook; Houston Worthing; McKinney.

Elevated by request — Dallas Carter; Garland Lakeview Centennial; Houston Sterling; Houston Washington; Laredo Cigarroa; Laredo United; San Antonio McCollum; Zapata.

CLASS 4A

New — Beaumont Ozen.

5A to 4A — Amarillo Palo Duro; Austin Johnston; Belton; Crowley; Denton Ryan; Fort Worth Dunbar; Fort Worth Southwest; Fort Worth Wyatt; Houston Smiley; Keller; Pharr-San Juan-Alamo; Port Arthur Jefferson; San Antonio Edison; San Marcos; Wichita Falls Rider.

3A to 4A — Austin Lake Travis; Castroville Medina Valley; Clint; Clint Mountain View; Dallas Madison; Dripping Springs; Fort Worth Diamond Hill-Jarvis.

Elevated by request — Fabens; San Elizario.

CLASS 3A

New — Crowley North Crowley.

4A to 3A — Alvarado; Brownsboro; Cleveland; Gilmer; Gonzales; Graham; Lamesa; Lindale; Mabank; Needville; Quinlan Ford; Raymondville; San Antonio South San Antonio West; Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson; Sweeny; Taylor; Texarkana Liberty-Eylau; Waco Connally.

2A to 3A — Dublin; Grape Creek; Marion; Shallowater; Vanderbilt Industrial.

CLASS 2A

3A to 2A — Big Lake Reagan County; Boyd, Brookshire Royal; Coleman; Farmersville; Floydada; Jacksboro; Jourdanton; Kenedy; Malakoff; Omaha Pewitt; San Antonio Cole; San Augustine; Sonora; Troy; Warren.

1A to 2A — Ben Bolt; Colmesneil; Farwell; Port Aransas; Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill; Thrall; Weatherford Brock.

Elevated by request — McLeod; Santa Maria.

CLASS 1A

2A to 1A — Axtell; Charlotte; Chico; Crosbyton; Flatonia; Hart; Iola; Jarrell; Memphis; Pettus; Ranger; Roscoe; Simms Bowie; Valley View.

AUSTIN (AP) — The size of schools and the number of each in the five classes as determined Monday by the University Interscholastic League:

5A — 1,780 and above; 222 schools.
4A — 780 to 1,779; 217 schools.
3A — 345 to 779; 212 schools.
2A — 160 to 344; 224 schools.
1A — 159 and below; 299 basketball schools, 128 11-man football schools, 88 six-man football schools.

Jones expects to make decision by Wednesday

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Sunday he expects to name a new head coach by Wednesday from a field of four contenders.

"I'm not going to give his name tonight, but I am very close," Jones said during a visit to Springfield, where he was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Jones said he wants someone who will inspire the fans as well as the players.

"I'm looking for something that, for the players and the fans, would give you that spark that would have you up on your seat," Jones said. He added he would like someone who could be the same kind of inspiration to his team that his late father, Springfield entrepreneur J.W. "Pat" Jones, was to him.

Jones said the list of contenders includes three whose names have already surfaced in news reports: Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis, former UCLA head coach Terry Donahue and former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert. He declined to name the fourth.

"It doesn't benefit him and it doesn't benefit us, either, frankly," he said.

He laughed at suggestions he has dragged out the selection process to hype the team, adding, "I've worked harder at this than anything else I've done in a long time."

Jones added he's been surprised by the publicity the Cowboys coaching dilemma has generated since Barry Switzer resigned after the team that won Super Bowls in 1992, '93 and '95 finished last season with a 6-10 record and failed to make the playoffs.

"When Barry quit that made a half a page in The New York Times," Jones said, shaking his head.

Moon lifts AFC to 29-24 win

HONOLULU (AP) — The 1997 NFL season was a redemption year for Warren Moon.

The 41-year-old Seattle Seahawks quarterback, by four years the senior player in the Pro Bowl and almost two decades older than some of the all-stars, finished his season on a high note, earning the game's MVP award.

"It's been a good year for me as far as my proving things to myself," Moon said Sunday after he rallied the AFC to 15 fourth-quarter points and a 29-24 victory over the NFC.

"I proved to myself that I could still play the game. I got hurt last year, and a lot of people gave up on me. I was able to come back and have a decent year, and I got a chance to play here again. Good things happened."

Moon's ninth Pro Bowl appearance was a bit of a fluke. He got a call last week asking if he would replace John Elway on the AFC squad.

While many quarterbacks over the years have passed up the Pro Bowl, Moon jumped at the chance.

He was at quarterback when the AFC scored two TDs in the final two minutes, including his scoring run.

"They called my number and asked if I could do a quarterback sneak," he said. "I said, 'Sure.' I've done a lot of them in my career."

Moon punched the ball in easily.

Moon said of Elway's absence at the all-star game: "He did everything he wanted to do as far as the season was concerned. He won the Super Bowl, and I'm sure he's still just basking in that glory. It doesn't bother me, because I got an opportunity because of it."

Favre's replacement, Chris Chandler of Atlanta, didn't fare as well. He lost two fumbles in the final two minutes, one of which set up Moon's short TD run.

The AFC came back from a 21-7 halftime deficit. San Francisco's Steve Young threw a pair of first-half touchdown passes to become the career leader in Pro Bowl scoring passes with four.

Young felt sorry for Chandler.

"Poor Chris Chandler showed up on Friday. That's not fair," Young said. "He hadn't played in a month."

The AFC cashed in on a pair of fourth-quarter fumbles, by Tampa Bay's Warrick Dunn and Chandler, for the two touchdowns.

Seattle's Darryl Williams recovered Dunn's fumble at the AFC 49. Moon engineered a 51-yard scoring drive that pulled the AFC to 24-23 with 2:31 remaining. After Tennessee's Eddie George scored on a 4-yard run, Moon threw incomplete on the two-point conversion try.

But the AFC got the ball back 12 seconds later when Seattle's Michael Sinclair recovered Chandler's fumble at the NFC 16.

After George netted 15 yards on three carries, Moon scored to put the AFC ahead for the only time in the game.

Walker left paralyzed by skiing mishap

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Football legend Doak Walker remains in serious condition from injuries suffered last Friday in a ski accident that left him paralyzed.

A Swedish Medical Center statement said Walker, 71, was awake and alert Sunday evening and responding to family members with him. However, they said it could be six months before the permanent extent of his injuries would be known.

Walker had a little movement in his limbs Sunday but doctors did not know if it was reflex action or voluntary.

Walker fell while skiing an intermediate trail at Steamboat Springs and was in critical condition and a coma when he was airlifted to the Denver-area hospital.

"He's not moving his arms or legs," Dr. Jay Law, neurosurgeon at Columbia Swedish Medical Center, said earlier. "There's some spontaneous movements now and then but we're not certain if they're reflexes."

Walker, a resident of Steamboat Springs, won the Heisman Trophy at Southern Methodist University in 1948. An award in his name is given every year to college football's top running back.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	17	.614	-
NewYork	25	19	.568	2
NewJersey	26	20	.565	2
Washington	23	23	.500	5
Boston	21	24	.467	6½
Orlando	21	25	.457	7
Philadelphia	14	29	.326	12½
Central Division				
Indiana	32	12	.727	-
Chicago	33	14	.702	½
Atlanta	28	18	.609	5
Charlotte	27	18	.600	5½
Cleveland	26	18	.591	6
Milwaukee	23	22	.511	9½
Detroit	21	24	.467	11½
Toronto	10	35	.222	22½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
SanAntonio	33	14	.702	-
Utah	30	14	.682	1½
Minnesota	25	19	.568	6½
Houston	21	23	.477	10½
Vancouver	13	33	.283	19½
Dallas	8	36	.182	23½
Denver	4	40	.091	27½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	36	10	.783	-
L.A.Lakers	33	11	.750	2
Phoenix	29	14	.674	5½
Portland	25	19	.568	10
Sacramento	19	27	.413	17
L.A.Clippers	10	37	.213	26½
GoldenState	8	36	.182	27

Saturday's Games

Atlanta 103, Charlotte 83
Cleveland 90, Detroit 88
Houston 102, Philadelphia 86
Phoenix 96, Orlando 94
Denver 110, Dallas 98
New Jersey 116, Vancouver 106

Sunday's Games

New York 89, Miami 83
Milwaukee 118, Minnesota 110
L.A. Lakers 112, Chicago 87
Boston 107, Houston 96
Utah 115, Golden State 88
San Antonio 103, Sacramento 97
Portland 97, Toronto 90
Indiana 99, L.A. Clippers 92
Seattle 97, New Jersey 87

Monday's Games

Detroit at Washington, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Boston at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Portland, 9 p.m.
Utah vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 9:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Indiana at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

KU struggles to top Huskers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Pure shooters can desert you, so it doesn't hurt to have a couple of pretty good players around as a backstop.

Billy Thomas' 3-point efforts mostly went clang, clang, clang off the rim Sunday as No. 5 Kansas (24-3, 8-1 Big 12) struggled to win on the road at Nebraska. So Paul Pierce and Raef LaFrentz kept Kansas in the game as the Jayhawks suffered through that uneasy feeling Thomas gives them when he's off the mark.

It looked bad for Kansas as the Huskers' Troy Piatkowski tossed in five 3-pointers in the second half to keep Nebraska in the game while Thomas was missing six of seven.

But his second 3-pointer was classic Thomas: he was open, took a good look at the basket, centered himself, and then the quick release.

The next time down the court with the clock ticking to two minutes, Thomas did the unusual — for him — and drove the lane for a jumper just inside the free-throw line and the Jayhawks were in command at 72-65.

For this game, at least, 27 points from Pierce and 25 points and 13 rebounds from LaFrentz were just enough to keep Kansas around until Thomas took over.

"They just never crumbled," Nebraska coach Danny Nee said. "I think we banged on the door a few times. They're a team that doesn't melt."

In other weekend Big 12 games, Texas Tech surprised Baylor 90-78, Oklahoma defeated Texas A&M 88-71, Missouri stopped Iowa State 63-56, Texas defeated Oklahoma State 87-73 and Colorado dealt another road loss to Kansas State 77-66.

Nebraska (13-8, 4-4) lost for the first time in 11 games at home this season, mainly because the Huskers could not make their free throws in the second half. The Huskers were 6-of-15 from the line in the second half.

With Nebraska forced to foul after Thomas put Kansas ahead by seven, the Jayhawks were nearly letter perfect on their free throws.

"We did things that can hurt you on the road," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "We did things that can help you lose. Lucky we have two All-Americans who can get the job done."

And a Thomas.

Injuries have hit Oklahoma hard, but the Sooners played through them to beat A&M in Norman.

Oklahoma was without Eduardo Najera, who is recuperating from a stress fracture in his foot. In about the first two minutes in Norman, the Sooners lost Ryan Humphrey to a sprained ankle, and swingman Eric Martin's bad back flared up.

Humphrey made it back for the second half, but Martin did not return. Sampson was left with six scholarship players while the two were out.

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Duke 90, Georgia Tech 69
Florida 86, Kentucky 78
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Maryland 77, Virginia 70
South Carolina 67, Cincinnati 65

MIDWEST

Bradley 79, Drake 53
Kansas 82, Nebraska 71
Michigan 80, Iowa 66

SOUTHWEST

Texas Christian 102, Tulsa 100, OT
Texas Tech 80, Baylor 71

FAR WEST

New Mexico 77, Utah 74

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Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
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Philadelphia	28	15	9	65	152	117
Washington	26	18	10	62	151	137
Florida	18	26	11	47	135	156
N.Y.Rangers	16	22	15	47	133	145
N.Y.Islanders	18	28	8	44	138	151
TampaBay	9	35	8	26	90	167
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	29	15	10	68	152	122
Montreal	28	19	7	63	165	133
Boston	23	20	10	56	136	130
Ottawa	22	23	9	53	125	133
Buffalo	20	21	10	50	128	130
Carolina	20	29	6	46	133	157

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	33	13	8	74	165	113
Detroit	30	14	11	71	170	127
St.Louis	28	20	8	64	164	140
Phoenix	24	20	10	58	157	148
Chicago	21	23	9	51	127	124
Toronto	17	27	7	41	120	150
Pacific Division						
Colorado	26	13	16	68	163	133
LosAngeles	23	19	9	55	147	139
SanJose	20	25	7	47	129	139
Edmonton	18	25	10	46	134	152
Anaheim	18	27	9	45	132	164
Calgary	14	29	11	39	138	168
Vancouver	14	32	8	36	141	194

Saturday's Games

Washington 3, Philadelphia 2, OT
Florida 2, Tampa Bay 0
Boston 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 2
St. Louis 6, Dallas 3
San Jose 5, Colorado 2
Los Angeles 3, Chicago 0
Ottawa 4, Montreal 3
Phoenix 5, Toronto 2
New Jersey 2, Calgary 2, tie
Vancouver 6, Edmonton 3

Sunday's Games

Detroit 4, Washington 2
Boston 2, N.Y. Islanders 2, tie
Buffalo 5, Florida 2
Montreal 6, Carolina 3
Anaheim 4, Chicago 3, OT

Monday's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

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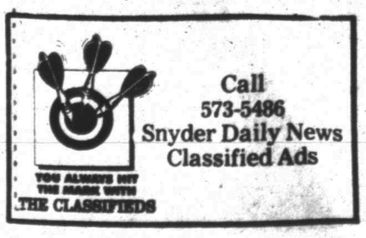

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His Rock-a-Bye Music System is just an apron with adjustable pockets to accommodate a compact disc player or tape recorder. The 69-year-old doctor has

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PD makes several arrests

Snyder area peace officers made several arrests over the weekend.

Arrested from the 500 block of 28th Street around 8:46 p.m. Saturday were three 17-year-old males and a 15-year-old male, all charged with public intoxication.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old female at 5:15 a.m. Sunday in the 3100 block of 25th Street for no driver's license. Also taken into custody was a 15-year-old female, who was released to her mother.

A 26-year-old male was arrested in the 2600 block of Avenue U at 11:30 p.m. Sunday for disorderly conduct/language.

Local law enforcement officials investigated numerous complaints over the weekend, including one Saturday morning in which a man told officers that juveniles had been shooting at him with a BB gun in the 700 block of 28th Street.

Officers were called to the water treatment plant construction area around 3:40 p.m. Saturday in reference to juveniles playing on equipment.

A report of a gas drive-off was made at 9:15 a.m. Sunday from Taylor's Food Mart.

Officers also investigated five complaints of dogs running loose over the weekend.

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Forecasters: El Nino still lurking in Pacific

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They said mud slides. They said floods. They said roof-lifting winds and torrential downpours.

The biggest El Nino ever to warm the tropical Pacific Ocean was supposed to lash California and its Southwest neighbors with some of the worst winter weather imaginable.

The predictions came true elsewhere in the world, from a tamed Atlantic hurricane season to heavy rain in central Africa. But sunny Southern California has lived through the early hype relatively rain free, raising the question there: Is El Nino a bust?

Maybe not. Forecasters warn El Nino still could deliver quite a punch in unscathed portions of the Southwest in February and March — much like the record El Nino winter of 1982-83. This year's version already has pounded Texas, Louisiana and Florida while bringing unexpected soakings to Washington, Oregon and the San Francisco Bay area.

"Some really big storms are lining up in the Pacific," said Vernon Kousky, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center in Camp Springs, Md.

Beginning last summer, the strongest-ever El Nino warming of the tropical Pacific prompted waves of warnings about potential flooding in coastal California and throughout the southern tier of states.

The White House organized a televised El Nino summit in seaside Santa Monica, dispatching Vice President Al Gore and the top federal forecaster, who predicted above-average rainfall for January, February and March.

Roofers could barely keep up with calls, and sandbags were at a premium. Television weather reporters began incessant El Nino dispatches from shore communities where pumped-up seas splintered homes and piers 15 years earlier.

Nothing — or almost nothing — happened early on. December came and went with only one damaging storm — in Orange County.

Then, rains unexpectedly fell in January to the north, dropping 125 percent of normal January precipitation in western Oregon, western Washington and Northern California, and double around southern Oregon and San Francisco.

"The wet dagger has pointed right toward the Bay Area," said Bill Mork, the California state climatologist.

To the east, January's nearly double precipitation in the Sierra Nevada mountains made up for a dry December and made skiers happy.

While there were surprises on the West Coast, many El Nino predictions have come true nationwide and worldwide.

Four times the usual December snowfall blanketed Roswell, N.M., long accustomed to alien invasions. In Texas, torrential rains kept the earth from turning into another Dust Bowl. Louisiana strawberry farmers scrambled to protect their crops.

And after El Nino tamed the hurricane season, record December rainfall damaged central Florida crops and property. The upper Midwest got a short reprieve from subzero temperatures.

Elsewhere in the world, El Nino also behaved much as expected — delivering heavy rain and floods to Kenya, Somalia, central Africa, northern Peru and southeastern South America. Drought took hold in Indonesia, eastern Australia, southern Africa and northern South America.

Although the overall dimension of the warm, weather-altering Pacific pool named for the Christ child has dwindled somewhat, the waters are still hot enough "to sustain thunderstorm development from Indonesia all the way to the South American coast," Kousky said.

"El Nino is still out there and it's strong as ever," he said.

As a result, federal forecasters still foresee an increased probability of wetter-than-normal conditions through April, he said.

Teen-ager missing for four days drags herself to safety

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — A 14-year-old girl who was raped, stabbed nearly 30 times and beaten so badly her eyes swelled shut was found staggering down a road four days after she says a family friend attacked her.

A passing motorist spotted her Saturday evening as she stumbled down the road. The girl said she had stayed hidden in the woods for nearly four days because she was terrified that her assailant would return to kill her.

She identified the attacker as 22-year-old Scott Christopher Malsky, who was arrested in Delaware on Sunday after police stopped him for speeding. Authorities believe he was heading to Massachusetts — where he was acquitted of rape last month.

The girl's family, from Punta Gorda, had been searching for her since Tuesday afternoon.

Authorities said the girl's captor took her to an abandoned subdivision site where he bludgeoned and stabbed her before leaving her to die.

"I hope he hangs," the victim's mother told the Sarasota Herald-Tribune. "I hope he gets what he deserves. I'd give him just what he gave to my daughter, only worse."

Malsky's father lives near the girl's family in Punta Gorda.

The girl was recovering at the Port Charlotte hospital where she underwent surgery for multiple stab wounds to her neck and abdomen. Doctors will perform more surgery Monday to repair a deep gash on her forehead and a shattered cheek caused by the bludgeoning, her mother said.

Malsky was arrested on charges of aggravated sexual battery and attempted murder. He is being held in Delaware awaiting extradition.

Malsky was arrested Friday on marijuana possession charges, but he was released two hours later on $1,000 bail. He left Punta Gorda, in southwestern Florida, sometime during the weekend.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1998

The year ahead could be a lot more active than usual, filled with new friends and contacts. Be sure you don't sever old relationships, however, to accommodate new pals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be certain your partner has a hand in making decisions that affect mutual interests. If you take it upon yourself to call all the shots, you'll be inviting trouble. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Give full attention today to work that affects your personal interests. If you get careless, you won't have the proper backup to catch your mistakes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) At a social gathering today, you might find yourself with someone who makes you uncomfortable. Circulate until you find a friendly face.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In your eagerness to finalize matters today, you might be willing to settle for second best instead of allowing adequate time for the issues to mature.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It is wise not to let companions speak for you today if you feel their ideas don't serve your best interests. Be on the safe side and think for yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Unless you are a careful shopper today, you may wind up paying more than is reasonable for a momentary whim you feel a need to gratify.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are a bit more indecisive than usual today, causing you to make last-minute changes to your plans that could create uncertainties for you and associates.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It will make you feel better about yourself today if you help others, but be smart and draw the line with anyone who you sense is trying to use you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A friend of yours who is a pretty strong promoter might talk you into something today where the risk is greater than the potential returns. Be careful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do one thing at a time right today, rather than attempt to do several assignments simultaneously. Give each the attention that is required.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Give your ideas a chance to work today instead of packing in everything at the first setback. In order to succeed, you must be patient and adaptable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, it's best not to involve yourself in endeavors that strain your resources. You are better off being prudent instead of impulsive.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Partner Plays Game of Love With His Eyes Wide Open

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I have never seen this mentioned in your column, but I'll bet it's an issue for others as it is for me.

I have been with my life partner for more than 15 years. When we kiss, he does not close his eyes. I have mentioned this to him several times. I told him that I feel he is cold, distant and lacking in passion when he kisses me with his eyes open. I told him it was like kissing my grandmother. While he periodically tries to close his eyes, he always seems to revert to kissing with his eyes open. He says he's more comfortable that way.

Have you or your readers run across this problem, and if so, how was it resolved?

KISSLESS IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR KISSLESS: When you kiss, close *your* eyes, then you'll spare yourself the upsetting knowledge that the person kissing you has his eyes open!

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DEAR ABBY: I would like your advice on how to handle a very difficult and tacky announcement.

I received an "elopement announcement," and I'd like to know the proper etiquette for responding to it. We are friends of the bride's parents, but neither my husband nor I has ever met the bride. This is her second elopement.

We have spoken to several friends and our own adult children, none of whom have ever heard of an "elopement announcement."

How should my husband and I respond?

FAITHFUL READER, WAYNE, N.J.

DEAR FAITHFUL READER: There is nothing "tacky" about the happy couple sending you an elopement announcement. (Just substitute the word "wedding" for "elopement.") What better way to advise family and friends of the news of their marriage?

Since an announcement is not an invitation, you are under no obligation to respond to it. However, since you know the bride's parents, it would be gracious to send a note or card to congratulate the newlyweds.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to tell you about the most touching Christmas gift I have ever received. About a month ago, you printed a wonderful piece called "The Art of Marriage." The words touched me deeply, so I showed it to my fiance. He, too, was moved by it, so we posted the clipping on our refrigerator.

On Christmas morning, he insisted I save a particularly beautifully wrapped package to open last, saying it was his favorite gift for me. Inside, I found "The Art of Marriage," written in beautiful script on fancy paper, enlarged, in a gorgeous picture frame! It brought tears to my eyes.

We are to be married in September, and I know that the dearest gift I have ever received will be with us throughout our wonderful life together. Thanks so much for printing it.

JENNY STONE, LOS ANGELES

DEAR JENNY: You're entirely welcome. Your fiance sounds like a gem. Please accept my best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

When I printed "The Art of Marriage," I didn't know who wrote it. However, many readers informed me that the author is Wilferd A. Peterson, and the essay appeared in his book, "The Art of Living Treasure Chest."

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Cigarette promotion targets former smokers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lara Coyne says she started smoking in the 10th grade for a simple reason: "It was the thing to do." Then she did something a little less cool: She quit and promised her mother she'd never touch cigarettes again.

So both mother and daughter were dismayed that Philip Morris sent Lara a smoking survey offering free lighters and promising cigarette coupons for answering the survey questions. Along with her preferred brand and purchasing practices, the survey requested names of other smokers who might appreciate cigarette coupons.

"It's kind of tempting, when you get stuff in the mail, to start up again," the Virginia teen-ager said.

Philip Morris says it got Lara's name from someone else who filled out the survey, even though it specifies names of smokers age 21 or older. Lara is a high school senior in Rocky Mount, Va., outside Roanoke.

A Philip Morris spokeswoman said the company sends surveys to people named by other smokers to verify that recipients are adult smokers.

"The mailing was our attempt to verify her age and status as a smoker," said spokeswoman Tara Carraro. "She is not an adult. We have immediately removed her name from our database, and she will not receive any mailings from us."

Still, as policy makers struggle to stop teen smoking, anti-smoking advocates say the incident shows how difficult it is to keep cigarettes away from teen-agers so long as tobacco companies market to adults.

"We do know through strong anecdotal evidence that kids receive these materials all the time all over the country. This girl is a typical example of what happens every day," said Cliff Douglas, an attorney in Ann Arbor, Mich., who has fought tobacco companies in court.

Lara's story reinforces the view that tobacco companies are marketing to teen-agers. In documents dated between 1975 and 1988 and released last month, a Philip Morris executive discussed the importance of the teen-age market. "Today's teen-ager is tomorrow's potential regular customer," one document says.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Teeth stains from tetracycline

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: When I was a child, my pediatrician often prescribed tetracycline for upper respiratory infections. Now, as an adult, I have tetracycline stains on my teeth. Why did this happen? Can the process be reversed?

DEAR READER: Tetracycline is a good antibiotic that is useful in treating many kinds of infections. However, it does have one glaring drawback: It combines with the growing portion of teeth, and can lead to a marked, yellowish discoloration of the tooth enamel. This is why tetracycline is not prescribed for children until their permanent teeth have erupted. Tooth discoloration from the drug was not recognized until several years ago, when generations of youngsters grew up with mottled teeth. Until that time, tetracycline was widely prescribed for children. Now it isn't.

Unfortunately, the discoloration is permanent and cannot be reversed. However, some dentists have had success by using special compounds to whiten the teeth or by capping them. Ask your dentist about this.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 56-year-old man who has been practicing celibacy for years. I am very concerned about the fact that when I occasionally achieve an erection, it is half the size it used to be. Is this due to the cardiac medicines I've been prescribed or is it just old age? I have met a woman I'd like to have sex with, but I don't want to make a fool of myself.

DEAR READER: One of the unavoidable consequences of the aging process in men is penile shrinkage. This happens to every man sooner or later — somewhat on a par with wrinkles, gray hair and — in women — sagging breasts. Moreover, as men become senior citizens, the strength and intensity of the orgasm diminishes. I'm afraid that you'll just have to do the best you can with what you've got. Remember the old saw: A healthy organ is an active one. Thus, you can still relish relations with your new partner, but the experience won't reach the dizzying heights that you may have enjoyed when you were 20 or 30.

As a general rule, medications that affect sexual functioning cause impotence and/or loss of libido. If such symptoms also affect you, I suggest that you raise the issue with your doctor, who may choose to change the medicines you are taking or reduce their dosages. However, I do not believe that the drugs are the cause of your disappointing erections.

Remember that penile size is not the key to giving pleasure during intercourse. Rather, other factors are more important; manual or oral stimulation is usually more satisfying. To learn more about how you can achieve more gratifying relations with your new partner, I recommend that you study one of the many available books on this subject.

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100-year old pediatrician still has his practice after 70 years

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (AP) — After seven decades of practicing medicine, 100-year-old pediatrician Leila Denmark dispenses the same advice to mothers that she always has: Don't pick them up every time they cry, don't feed them on demand, and don't raise your voice.

Also, don't neglect the child — they need to learn your way for seven years.

"Women have been brainwashed into believing don't mess around with a child, let someone else do it and go out and be lawyers, teachers, preachers, anything," Mrs. Denmark said. "And we've never had more sick children than we have today."

Mrs. Denmark, who turned 100 Sunday, is the oldest practicing physician in the country, according to the American Medical Association.

She began practicing in 1928 and still meets with patients today in a 125-year-old farmhouse nestled in the woods north of this northern Atlanta suburb.

Moms sit with their crying and fidgeting babies in an unadorned front room, waiting sometimes for hours. There's no receptionist, nurse or appointment book — just a sign-in sheet on a marble-top table.

The doctor is in her office five days a week, from early morning until the last patient leaves. And if a troubled mother calls her at home at 2 a.m., she will pull on her robe and walk across the yard to meet her at the office.

"You can't plan when a baby is going to get sick," she said.

Mrs. Denmark had planned to retire when she and her late husband, John Eustace Denmark, built a home here in 1985 from nearby Sandy Springs, where she had practiced for some 40 years. She was 87, after all.

Then, she asked a grandson to fix up the farmhouse next door. She just wanted to practice a while longer to pass the time. A dozen years later, she's still at it, seeing 15 to 25 patients a day.

"I hope I'll know the day when I can't do it right," she said. "Old people have to know when it's over. I hope my patients or my daughter will tell me."

Some doctors find her ideas old-fashioned — she doesn't believe in HMOs or cough medicine — but not all bad.

"A lot of things she did, pediatricians thought were not necessarily modern, but as years have gone by, they've turned out to be pretty darn good," says Dr. Joseph Patterson, medical director emeritus at Egleston Hospital for Children.

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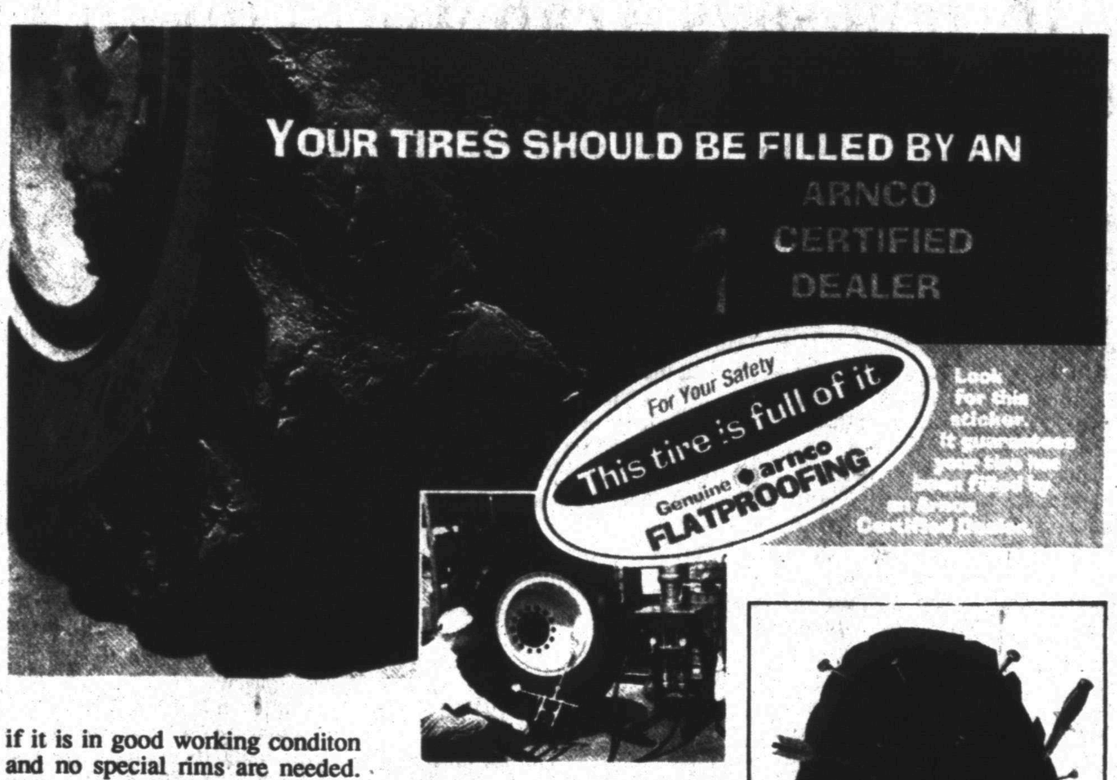

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Woman blames airline for husband's death

BOSTON (AP) — Steven Somes died of a heart attack while sitting in his first-class seat on what was supposed to be a routine flight from Boston to San Francisco.

Now the widow of the 37-year-old mutual fund manager is suing United Airlines. Jamie Somes claims her husband's life would not have ended in October 1995 if the airplane had been outfitted with certain lifesaving equipment.

"I want to make United accountable," said Mrs. Somes, 39, who filed the lawsuit Friday in U.S. District Court in Boston. "They knew before that there was a problem and a need to update their medical kits. I hope they will wake up and take charge."

The Chicago Tribune reported Sunday that the lawsuit may be the first time an airline has been accused of failing to provide life-saving medical care in flight.

At the time of Somes' death, United flights carried on-board equipment required by the Federal Aviation Administration, including a blood pressure cuff, a stethoscope and medicine for acute allergic reactions.

The lawsuit states that "although the medical emergency kit ... may have complied with certain minimum requirements, it was inadequate to treat a sudden cardiac event such as that suffered by Mr. Somes." The suit contends the plane should have been equipped with a portable defibrillator, which delivers a strong electric shock that can sometimes restore a heart rhythm.

United spokesman Tony Molinaro said Sunday that the airline is examining "what the right medical equipment for the aircraft should be." He declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Somes was with three doctors, including an expert in critical care medicine, when he suffered the heart attack.

The U.S. Army sent important secret messages in the Navaho language during World War II.

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Jury selection begins in 'vampire' trial

TAVARES, Fla. (AP) — A dozen potential jurors were dismissed this morning in the murder trial of Rod Ferrell, described by one friend as "possessed with opening the Gates to Hell," something he believed he needed to kill many people to do.

The jurors were dismissed because of hardship concerns, though defense attorney William Lackay has said he is concerned about finding impartial panelists to hear the lurid case.

Ferrell, a 17-year-old from Murray, Ky., allegedly began his quest by bludgeoning to death the parents of another member of his teen vampire cult.

Jury selection began today in the case, which sounds like it comes straight out of a horror movie — complete with accusations of animal torture and mutilations, teens drinking each other's blood and a corpse bearing occult markings.

Residents of this rural area are familiar with the case, hearing details like the statement by John Goodman of Kentucky, a cult member who didn't travel with Ferrell to Florida.

Goodman said his friend "had become possessed with opening the Gates to Hell, which meant he would have to kill a large number of people in order to consume their souls. By doing this, Ferrell believed that he would obtain super powers."

Important to the case is the testimony of Heather Wendorf, a 16-year-old cult devotee whose parents were killed in their home in November 1996.

That afternoon, Miss Wendorf and Ferrell performed a blood drinking ritual in a cemetery to induct, or "cross over," her as a fellow vampire, according to investigators.

"The person that gets crossed over is like subject to whatever the sire wants," Miss Wendorf said in a deposition. "Like the sire is boss basically. They have authority over you."

Investigators say she and Ferrell talked about their plans to leave town. Ferrell allegedly discussed killing Miss Wendorf's parents, but she told him not to harm them, investigators allege.

Ferrell and Miss Wendorf were considered misfits at Eustis High School and found solace in each other's company. When Ferrell moved to Kentucky, they stayed in touch.

They and others had plotted for seven months through letters and phone conversations to run away together. When they finally did take off, they left behind the corpses of Richard Wendorf and Naoma Queen, prosecutors say.

The bodies were discovered at their home in Eustis, about 35 miles northwest of Orlando. Wendorf was beaten severely in the face; Queen was found face-down on a bloody kitchen floor.

A "V" sign surrounded by circular marks was burned into Wendorf's body. Police said it was the sign of Ferrell's vampire clan and each circular mark represented a clan member.

Only Ferrell is charged with the actual killing, which could bring the death penalty. Howard Scott Anderson, 17, is accused of being a principal accessory to murder by being at the house but having done nothing to stop the killings. He faces the death penalty despite the reduced charge.

Charged with being accessories to murder are Dana L. Cooper, 20, and Charity Keesee, 17, both also from Murray, Ky. They do not face the death penalty and were not at the house at the time, though they later left town with the others in the Wendorfs' stolen car.

All five were caught a few days later in Louisiana. Miss Wendorf was cleared by a grand jury.

When questioned by investigators, Miss Wendorf said the only reason she went with the group was because she had no place to go and feared she would be blamed for the murders. She said she learned about the murders during the trip and was distraught to hear her parents were dead.

Parole, pardons board rejects Tucker's request for clemency

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles today refused to recommend clemency for pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker, moving her a step closer to execution Tuesday night.

The vote was 16-0, with two board members abstaining.

The 18-member panel unanimously rejected 16 similar requests from condemned inmates last year when a record 37 convicted killers were put to death in the state.

Ms. Tucker, condemned for her part in an attack that left two people dead in a Houston apartment in 1983, needed at least 10 votes for clemency to send the case to Gov. George W. Bush. Bush then could have agreed with the panel he appoints or rejected its recommendation.

The board's rejection means Bush only can issue a one-time, 30-day reprieve. Bush's office had no immediate comment on the board's decision. Neither did Ms. Tucker's lawyer, David Botsford.

The board also recommended Bush not grant either a 60- or 90-day reprieve, which Ms. Tucker also sought. Vote on the reprieve was 16-1 with one member abstaining, parole board chairman Victor Rodriguez announced.

"The horrific nature of the case carried a lot of weight in this case," Rodriguez said.

Board members faxed their votes to Rodriguez, officials said. He said he then contacted each member by telephone today to confirm those decisions.

Ms. Tucker, 38, a born-again former teen-age prostitute, drug user and rock band groupie still has an appeal before the U.S. Supreme Court, which could halt the scheduled lethal injection at the Huntsville Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Asked whether her rehabilitation was a factor, Rodriguez replied: "There's no question it was considered." The parole board chairman also said he met with Ms. Tucker at the prison in Gatesville in December.

She would be the first woman executed in Texas since 1863 and only the second in the United States since the Supreme Court in 1976 allowed capital punishment to resume. Gender was not a factor in the board's decision, Rodriguez said.

"This case was examined on its own merits, absent of sex," he said.

Albright says Arab world doesn't oppose hard-line stand with Iraq

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Meeeting with leaders of this conservative oil-rich kingdom in a lush desert retreat, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today insisted the Arab world does not oppose the hard-line U.S. stand against Iraq.

"That's not true," she said, arriving from Kuwait for talks with Crown Prince Abdallah and Prince Saud, the foreign minister. "That's really not so."

After a a two-hour, five-course luncheon in a royal tent 60 miles from the Saudi capital, Albright and the Saudi leaders conferred in a trailer about prospects for breaking Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's resistance to U.N. weapons inspections.

In Moscow, a Russian news agency reported today that Saddam is ready to receive the chief U.N. weapons inspector and name up to eight presidential sites for inspection. A spokesman for President Boris Yeltsin said Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov called Yeltsin to tell him of Saddam's offer, ITAR-Tass reported.

At the United Nations, Secretary-General Kofi Annan recommended that the Security Council more than double the amount of oil Iraq is allowed to sell. Saying he hoped to prevent a humanitarian disaster, Annan proposed Iraq be permitted to sell $5.2 billion of oil every six months, up from $2.14 billion.

If the Clinton administration decides force is the only way, Saudi Arabia, with its air bases and influence in the Arab world, could be critical to both military and psychological success.

"It's great to be here," Albright said to her wealthy hosts. "I had no idea it's so green." The green meadow, backed by red sand dunes, is one of Abdallah's retreats.

Eleven huge boxes of Saudi-grown truffles, valued in the thousands of dollars, lined a large reception area as Albright and her hosts dined at a huge, horseshoe-shaped table.

In claiming Arab support, Albright cited a letter King Hussein of Jordan wrote his brother, Crown Prince Hassan, on Saturday castigating Saddam. The king had tilted in favor of Saddam during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

"The world cannot accept anyone defying international will and U.N. resolutions," the king wrote of Iraq's refusal to permit arms inspectors from the United Nations to look for biological and chemical weapons material.

"The stubbornness in not responding to the demands of the (U.N.) Security Council is a dangerous misjudgment," the king said. "It will, God forbid, push toward an explosion."

Albright, who met with the king Friday night in London, said the letter "went way beyond our expectations."

Council

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to residents of any other municipality served by TU.

Besides the reduction to residential customers, both of the ordinances call for a decrease of two percent for commercial customers while industrial or municipalities will receive a one-percent decrease over the same period.

Other items on the agenda are:

—Presentation of the city's audit report by Davis, Kinard & Co., and the city's annual comprehensive financial report by city staff.

—Ordering of the general election for May 2.

—Consideration of changing the eligibility requirements for merit raises for 1997-98 as they apply to new employees.

—Consideration of the first reading of an ordinance making appropriations for city expenditures for the fiscal year of Oct. 1, 1997-Sept. 30, 1988.

—Consideration of contracting with a collection agency for delinquent utility bills.

—Consideration of fees for disposal of tires at the landfill.

—Consideration of bids on sanitation boxes and rental uniforms.

Apron

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patented his music apron and tested it on 10 of his pregnant patients over the last two years.

He tracked the heartbeats and movements of the fetuses and says they respond to music and sounds of their parents' voices. He also cited studies indicating that a fetus begins hearing and responding to sounds outside the womb after the 26th week of pregnancy.

One of Min's patients, Kim Konieszka, 27, used the system when she was carrying her son Connor, who often tossed and turned inside her.

"I saw I could get more sleep if I played smooth jazz to him," Konieszka said. "It would lull him to sleep."

Another patient, Cynthia Fary, recorded songs and poems with her husband to play to their future child.

"I get a different movement when the baby hears our voices on the tape," she said. "I think it recognizes us."

Obituaries

T.L. Lilly Sr.

1910-1998

Service for T.L. 'Troy' Lilly Sr. is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Chuck Sammons, pastor of Primitive Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Lilly, 88, died Sunday, Feb. 1, in Cogdell Memorial Hosptial after a lengthy illness.

He was born on Jan. 25, 1910 in Nacogdoches and married Ruby Jane Smith on Aug. 4, 1934 in Nacogdoches. She died on Nov. 20, 1985. Mr. Lilly retired as foreman at the Monsanto Plant. He was a member of the Union Baptist Church.

Mr. Lilly was also preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Troy Jr. and Triesta Lilly of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Tommy Pate of Ira; a sister, Lorine Hutchins of Victoria; five granddaughters, Peggy Pate, Penny Roberson and Patricia West, all of Snyder, and Sarah Lilly and Audra Lilly, both of Ira; and three great-grandchildren.

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events WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SHS Band Boosters to meet

Snyder High School Band Boosters will meet at 6 p.m. today at the band hall

Donations could be doubled

According to Scurry County Ministerial Alliance, millionaire Alan Feinstein has pledged to match donations of $25 or more to food banks across the country between Wednesday and Feb. 14. If you want to help the local Food Cupboard, send your check to SCMAFC, c/o Jerry Vestal, treasurer, 3011 Ave. X, Snyder 79549. Make your check to the Food Cupbard.

Bible study tapes airing

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

Tiger Pride Club

Tiger Pride Club will meet at 7 this evening in the high school student center to begin preparations for the annual banquet, which will be held in April.

VFW and Ladies Auxiliary

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 this evening at the post home.

Deadline to order SHS yearbooks

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

Women and Heart Health

"Women and Hearth Health," presented by the American Heart Association, will air at 10 a.m. each Wednesday during February on Channel 2. February is Heart Month.

Central Parent Council

Central Parent Council will meet at 8 a.m. Friday in the school library. All parents are urged to attend.

Financial aid information

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

Retired teachers

The Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon next Monday at the Senior Center. Members will be asked to turn in their volunteer hours at this meeting.

Student Valentine Dance

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

Road to Recovery program

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

Adult basic education

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

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

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

Circus Gatti

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

Support group ministry

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

Pick 3

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

1-1-7
(one-one-seven)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 9-10-14-16-26-40.
Estimated jackpot: $33 million.
Number matching six of six: 0
Matching five of six: 240. Prize: $1,661.
Matching four of six: 14,002. Prize: $102.
Matching three of six: 269,301. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $45 million.