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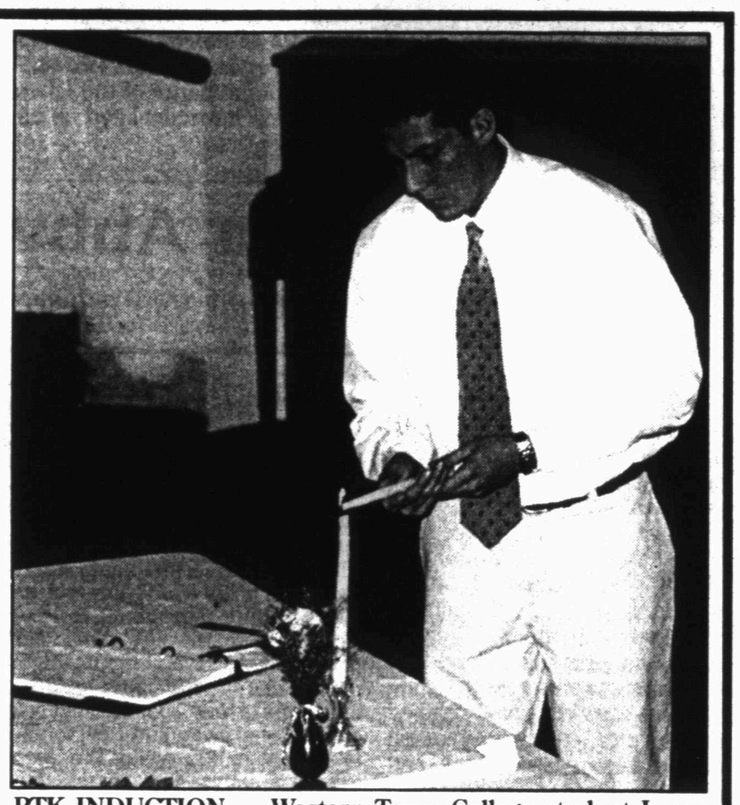
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Home Of Lana Broadwater

Students inducted into honor society at WTC



PTK INDUCTION — Western Texas College student Larry Lambaren was among 40 students inducted into the Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa in a candle-lighting ceremony Sunday afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Western Texas College's honor society, held its spring induction ceremony Sunday.

Some 40 students were inducted. To be invited into PTK, students must complete at least 12 hours and have a minimum grade point average of 3.2.

Nick Friemel, PTK District I vice president from Amarillo Junior College, was the guest speaker.

Spring 2000 inductees include Lina Alvarez, Michael Arnold, Ben Brown, Joshua Burney, Amber Chisum, Robert Clark, Melissa Coker, Amanda Compton, Brittany Drummond, Jeffery Ellis, April Fisher and Renae Hall.

Others are Evon Harbour, Joni Hembree, Ashley Herrera, Kaleb Herrley, Matthew Hughes, Marci Irvine, Bradi Johnson, Reid Johnson and Lindsy Josey.

Also inducted were Melissa Lee, Thomas Lowery, Sarah Martin, Adrienne McJimsey, Candace Meares, Heather Moon, George Oliver, Angela Riggs, Andrea Robinson, Cassie Short, Angela Syddall, Aissata Thiam and Tyler Warren.

Others were Alissa Wells, Carrmon Whitesides, Kory Williams, Brandon Williamson, Cassie Wilson and Phillip Yanez.

Local PTK advisors are Jennifer Beard, Ava Russell and Carolyn Osborn.



Spring 2000 inductees into Phi Theta Kappa at Western Texas College

Voting underway for March party primaries

Twenty-six votes cast this morning

Early voting for the March 14 primary began today at a fast pace.

"We've been very busy this morning," said County Clerk Joan Bunch.

Bunch said 26 early votes had been cast through 11 o'clock this morning.

Voting will take place Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through March 10 in the county courtroom on the third floor of the Scurry County courthouse.

Bunch added that voters need to bring their yellow registration cards with them in order to cast an early ballot.

A total of 11,038 citizens are registered to vote in the primaries, which will decide the fate of several candidates in contested races.

Voters will decide who will be running in November for Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 county commissioners.

Bill Baldwin and Cloyce Scarberry are challenging precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey in the Democratic Primary. Carl Burleson has filed for the post on the Republican ticket.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer is seeking reelection and Joe Bass is challenging him on the Republican ticket. Donna Gray is the third candidate seeking to become Precinct 3 county commissioner. Gray, wife of former commissioner C.D. Gray Jr., is the lone Democratic candidate.

Four people have filed as Republican candidates for the Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace position, left vacant with the resignation of Charlie Reynolds in January.

Deborah Boyd, Ben Smith, Dwaine Merritt and Kirby McCravey are all seeking the post.

Pat Alexander and Kirk Taylor are running on the Republican ticket for Precinct 1 constable.

In Precinct 2, Pam Bryant has filed to run as an independent for the vacant JP post and Travis Brackeen has filed for the position on the Republican ticket.

Jeff Duck is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket for Precinct 2 constable.

Others who have filed, and who will be unopposed in the primaries are District Judge Ernie Armstrong, District Attorney Dana Cooley, County Attorney Mike Hartman – all on the Republican ticket.

Sheriff Darren Jackson is unopposed on the Demo ballot as is Diana Williamson who is running for the tax assessor-collector post.

State Rep. David Counts, a Democrat, is being challenged by Big Spring businessman Tim Blackshear, a Republican.

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm is unopposed on the Demo ticket, but he has two Republican challengers.

Darrell Clements of Dallas and Shane Hunt of Granbury have filed on the GOP ticket.

Local voters will also help decide who runs for President of the United States.

Republicans can choose between George W. Bush, John McCain and Alan Keyes.

Democrats will choose between Al Gore and Bill Bradley.

Primary Candidates

Pct. 1 Commissioner
Ralph Trevey (D)
Bill Baldwin (D)
Cloyce Scarberry (D)
Carl Burleson (R)

Pct. 3 Commissioner
Howard Limmer (R)
Joe Bass (R)
Donna Gray (D)

Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace
Deborah Boyd (R)
Ben Smith (R)
Dwaine Merritt (R)
Kirby McCravey (R)

Pct. 1 Constable
Kirk Taylor (R)
Pat Alexander (R)

Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace
Pat Bryant (I)
Travis Brackeen (R)

Pct. 2 Constable
Jeff Duck (D)

132nd District Judge
Ernie Armstrong (R)

132nd District Attorney
Dana Cooley (R)

County Attorney
Mark Hartman (R)

Sheriff
Darren Jackson (D)

Tax Assessor/Collector
Diana Williamson (D)

U.S. Representatives
Charlie Stenholm (D)
Darrell Clements (R)
Shane Hunt (R)

State Representative
David Counts (D)
Tim Blackshear (R)

TEA examines school's special education classes

The Texas Education Agency will begin examination of the Snyder ISD special education program this afternoon.

Barbara Granato, who heads the district's special ed program, said the last time the district was examined was some 11 years ago.

Granato said any school district that participates in a TEA program is subject to inspection, noting the district's bilingual program was examined last year.

Granato said the TEA examining team will be looking in four basic areas:

+ The number of special education children in the district.

+ The number of special ed students who are exempted from TAAS testing.

+ Percentage of dropouts from the program.

+ Any deviation from the special ed students' individual education plan (IEP).

The week-long visit by the TEA team will include round-table discussions with special education teachers, and parents of special need students.

Cell phone is used to find mother, baby

WILMER (AP) — A disoriented woman trapped in a wrecked car with her 7-week-old baby was rescued today after she directed emergency crews to her location by listening for the sound of sirens on her cell phone.

Authorities said Katherine Stafford, 30, of Corpus Christi called 911 on her cell phone after she lost control of her car and flipped into a creek about 1:15 a.m.

"We believe she may have fallen asleep. She went into the median, over an embankment, and the car flipped and landed upside down with front end in the water," said Ed Spencer, a spokesman for the Dallas County Sheriff's Department.

Spencer said it took Stafford nearly 45 minutes after the crash to find her cell phone and call authorities. However, she was unable to tell dispatchers where she was on the dark, rural stretch of Interstate 45 near Wilmer, just south of Dallas.

"She knew that she was under a bridge and she knew that she was by a creek because some water was seeping into her car," said Spencer.

An emergency dispatcher asked her to say when she heard the noise as state and local police from Dallas to Ennis drove up and down the interstate with sirens blaring.

A Department of Public Safety trooper finally located the 1999 Acura, and Stafford was airlifted to Parkland Hospital in Dallas, where she was listed in serious condition.

The infant, Megan Flores, was rushed to Children's Medical Center in Dallas. Her condition was not immediately available.

Census testing continues here

Tests to be given at several locations

Employment testing for temporary census workers is continuing and workers will be hired through April.

Local recruiter Barbara Poulson said the census jobs pay $9.25 per hour, and 32.5 cents per mile.

Testing is done at 10 a.m. each Monday and will continue through March at the Scurry County Library, located at 1916 26th St.

Prospective workers can be tested at the Texas Workforce Commission on the campus of Western Texas College at 10 a.m. each Wednesday.

Employment tests will also be given in Room 15-A on the WTC campus every Wednesday evening (except March 8) through the end of March.

Testing will also be conducted on the WTC campus on two Saturdays, March 4 and 18.

Also, testing will be conducted at the St. Elizabeth's Hall at 30th and Ave. A every Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Testing in Hermleigh will be held Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Hall.

Employment tests will be given beginning Wednesday through March 29 at 1:30 p.m. at Towle Park Barn. On March 9, 16, and 30, tests will also be given at 6:30 p.m.

Applications and practice tests are available at the Texas Workforce Center and at the county library.

For more information, call toll-free 1-888-325-7733, or the Abilene office at 1-915-672-5108, or 672-5722.

The recruiter for the Snyder area is Barbara Paulson and she can be reached at 915-573-0443.

She reminds everyone to partiaipte in the census since federal funding to counties is based on census figures.

Area sales tax rebates

City	Feb. '00	Feb. '99	+/-	Year '00	Year '99	+/-
Abilene	$3,171,932.73	$3,142,123.98	0.94%	$4,928,227.49	$4,630,361.23	6.43%
Big Spring	$369,958.30	$454,229.42	-18.55%	$631,863.81	$685,358.82	-7.80%
Colorado City	$47,504.25	$64,878.29	-26.77%	$80,029.99	$85,510.98	-6.40%
Lamesa	$99,748.85	$129,853.79	-23.18%	$168,788.66	$176,883.73	-4.57%
Lubbock	$3,331,930.19	$3,286,094.68	1.39%	$5,315,035.98	$4,981,132.21	6.70%
Post	$25,054.39	$25,488.40	-1.70%	$43,536.93	$37,080.59	17.41%
Roby	$3,119.15	$3,939.56	-20.82%	$4,638.55	$5,182.20	-10.49%
Rotan	$13,735.80	$19,883.18	-30.91%	$21,877.08	$26,118.09	-16.23%
Snyder	$157,226.59	$157,399.95	-0.11%	$253,236.83	$265,354.57	-4.56%
Sweetwater	$217,698.91	$238,961.98	-8.89%	$353,908.61	$350,011.22	1.11%

TAX REBATES — Sales tax rebates to the City of Snyder for February were down 0.11 percent compared to the same period in 1999. Snyder received $157,226.59 this period compared to $157,399.95 in 1999. This month's payments include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December and reported to the Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November and December, and returns from annual filers for the entire year of 1999.

ASK US

Q—When is the boys state basketball tourney.

A—March 9-11 on the campus of the University of Texas.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 62; low, 38; high Sunday, 73; low, 37; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 48; total precipitation for 2000 to date, 1.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low in mid 40s. S wind 20-30 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy, high in mid 70s, SW wind 20-30 mph.



Daniel Chacon
Windy

Sunset:
6:42 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:12 a.m.
Of 58 days in 2000, the sun has shone 57 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Great deeds are usually wrought at great risk.
—Herodotus

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WINNERS — Western Texas College hosted its 8th annual West Texas High School Art Competition Saturday. Winners present included from left, front row, Billy Lambaren, Hermleigh High School, honorable mention, Division 2, 11th and 12th grades, two-dimensional category; Brooke Mullings, Jim Ned High School, best of show; Tracy Baker, Eula High School, second place, three-dimensional, Division 1, 9th and 10th grades; Laura Hall, Eula High School, first place, Division 2, 11th and 12th grades, three-dimensional category. Art teachers pictured in back are from left, Jan Pearce, Jim Ned High School; and Beatrice Garner, Eula High School. Not pictured are Jennifer Lara and Landon Day, both Snyder High School students, who each earned an honorable mention in Division 2, 11th and 12 grades, two-dimensional category. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Jim Ned's Brooke Mullings is art show champion at WTC

Brooke Mullings, Jim Ned High School student, won the Best of Show Saturday at Western Texas College's eighth annual West Texas High School Art Competition. Her "Ephebes Image II" was entered in Division 2, medium photography.

The following students won in Division 1, ninth and tenth grades.

Two-dimensional category: First place, Dusty Grun, Jim Ned High School, "Without Regret;" second, Melissa Lopez, Sudan High School, "Dragon Flies;" third, Connie Berrillo, Monterey High School, "My Friend in Class."

Merit awards were presented to Brooke Davis, Jim Ned High School; Andres Alarcon , Denver City High School; Ashley McCoy, Hawley High School.

Receiving honorable mention were Christi Arnold, Merkel High School; Dusty Grun, Jim Ned High School; Brian Loomis, Jim Ned High School.

Three-dimensional category: First place, Joshua Ramsey, Hawley High School, "Evil Evil Demon Monkey;" second, Tracey Baker, Eula High School, untitled; third, Helen Tulchinskaya, Monterey High School, "Pegasus."

Those receiving merit awards were Ashley McCoy, Hawley High School .

Honorable mention went to Wesley Morgan, Hawley High School.

Division 2, eleventh and twelfth grade winners are as follows.

Two-dimensional category: First place, Zack Watkins, Monterey High School, "Chaostriology;" second, Jake West, Lubbock High School," In Search of a Way Out;" third, Ricky Antonio, Hawley High School, "Trigger."

Those receiving merit awards were Val Madrid, Lubbock High School; Ricky Antonio, Hawley High School; Naomi Setliff, Lubbock High School; Brittany Ellison, Jim Ned High School.

Honorable mentions were presented to Amiee Johnson, Monterey High School; Jake West, Lubbock High School, Val Madrid, Lubbock High School; Clipper Strickland, Merkel High School; Sonja Garcia, Sudan High School; Sally Martin, Eula High School; Laura Hall, Eula High School; Zack Watkins, Monterey High School; Brooke Mullings, Jim Ned High School; Jennifer Lara, Snyder High School; Marrissa Allmand, Jim Ned High School; Landon Day, Snyder High School; Ricky Antonio, Hawley High School; Billy Lambaren, Hermleigh High School; Francisco Chavez, Merkel High School; Jason Haley, Monterey High School.

Three-dimensional category: First place, Laura Hall, untitled; Eula High School; second, Olivia Villa, Sudan High School, self-portrait; third, Jarred Williams, Hawley High School, "Love Hurts."

Ashley Given of Eula High School received a merit award. She and Kit Faircloth, Eula High School, received honorable mention.

Are you worried about your future health as a result of your taking

PHEN-FEN?

The diet drug Phen-fen was marketed under several names including **Redux, Pondimin, Fenfluramine,** or **Dexfenfluramine**. If you took those diet drugs, you should know that the March 30, 2000 deadline is rapidly approching for you to decide whether or not to participate in the class action settlement, or opt out of the class action and pursue a lawsuit against the drug company. According to the class plan, you or your lawyer must take the affirmative step of opting out of the class by March 30, 2000 or you will become part of it (with few exceptions). If you do nothing, you will be included in the class settlement, and your rights to pursue a lawsuit against the drug company for all of your claims and injuries will be seriously affected.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL US.

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Some FBI officials skeptical of tear gas

DALLAS (AP) — Federal strategists in advance of the fiery, fatal end to the Branch Davidian standoff were skeptical of their on-scene commander's insistence that tear gas was the only safe option for ending the ordeal, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The newspaper's copyright report in today's editions included a memo that tactics by the FBI's hostage rescue team commander, who also had a key role in the deadly 1992 standoff at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, worried a former top FBI official.

In a memo that congressional officials said they had not previously seen, the key FBI decision-maker wrote the month before the Mount Carmel compound burned that he feared bureau officials in Waco were lobbying to gas the Davidians because they were frustrated, tired and under pressure from the agency's hostage rescue team commander.

In the Ruby Ridge standoff, an FBI sniper under Richard Rogers' command killed the wife of white supremacist Randy Weaver after Rogers relaxed bureau rules of engagement and pushed for an all-out tank and tear-gas assault on the Weavers' cabin.

"A lot of pressure is coming from Rogers," deputy assistant FBI director Danny O. Coulson wrote in an internal FBI memo during the siege near Waco on March 23, 1993.

"We had similar problems in Idaho with him and he argued and convinced the SACs (local FBI special agents in charge of the incident) that Weaver would not come out. That proved to be wrong. I believe he is a significant part of the problem here."

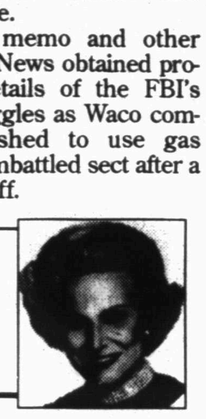
Coulson, other FBI officials and attorneys could not be reached today by The Associated Press for comment. Both Rogers and Jeffrey Jamar, the FBI's special agent in charge of the Waco operation, have declined interview requests.

In 1995, Jamar testified that he was always "99 percent certain" any gassing would provoke gunfire, ensuring that the FBI assault would escalate.

Coulson's memo and other records The News obtained provide new details of the FBI's internal struggles as Waco commanders pushed to use gas against the embattled sect after a 51-day standoff.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife is drenched in sorrow after dousing former flame

DEAR ABBY: I was a mother of two young children and a happily married woman until I got involved with a married former flame. Years ago I was crazy about him, but he didn't feel the same about me so I went on with my life. When our paths crossed several months ago, neither one of us thought we'd be unfaithful to our spouses, but we couldn't stay away, and I fell totally in love with him again. We both agreed we are soul mates, but unfortunately it wasn't meant to be.

The affair has now ended, and I am having a hard time going on with my life. I don't feel the same about my husband — who is a wonderful husband and father. I feel so lucky I didn't get caught and lose everything. I want my happiness with my life back. I know if I hadn't crossed that line I wouldn't be in this mess. I'm afraid to go to counseling, as it may draw attention from my husband — but I don't know how to cope and let go of those feelings of love for the other man.

Can people really fall back in love after having an affair? What can I do to get on with my life? I am trying to be strong one day at a time. — **SORRY NOW IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR SORRY NOW: Take the chance and get counseling. It will help you assess what made you so vulnerable to the affair, and to take stock of what's important in your marriage. Yes, it is possible for couples to "fall in love again." And one of the strongest motivators is recognizing the reasons they needed each other in the first place.

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DEAR ABBY: You advised a reader who signed herself "Stacking the Odds in Oregon" to contact Al-Anon and inquire about an intervention program for her mother. I have been an Al-Anon member for more than eight years and would like to set the record straight because Al-Anon has changed my life.

Al-Anon is NOT a referral program. Please do NOT call if you are looking for a rehabilitation center, intervention program or therapist. Al-Anon is not allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organization or institution. Al-Anon does not engage in any controversy, and neither endorses nor opposes any cause. There are no dues for membership; Al-Anon is self-supporting through its own voluntary contributions.

Al-Anon is a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics.

Because of Al-Anon, my life is filled with joy, friendship, hope and love, where once there was only sadness, loneliness, despair and anger. Please, Abby, let your readers know that if they are affected by another person's drinking, Al-Anon may help. We're in the phone book. — **AL-ANONYMOUS IN TARZANA, CALIF.**

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Thank you for writing to remind me that if people need intervention for someone with an alcohol or drug problem, it must be arranged with the institution in which the patient will be detoxed or rehabilitated — NOT Al-Anon! I needed the reminder, and I want only to steer my readers in the right direction.

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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-size, 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, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Gail Latimer Enterprises Inc. will drill the No. 2 Mary Jane unit, a 5150-foot wildcat located 11 miles northeast of Snyder. Drill site is in Section 265, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. will drill the No. 1-23 Guilliams, an 8,250-foot wildcat located 12 miles north of Gail. Location is in Section 23, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Mitchell County

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 459 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section16, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest will drill the No. 458 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Contracted for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 10, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest will drill the No. 457 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 10, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest will drill the No. 456 Mary Foster in the same field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The venture will be drilled to 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 10, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest will drill the No. 455 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The project is planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 10, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest will drill the No. 454 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Set for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section10, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Garza County

Wheeler Operating will drill the No. 1-B Carlisle in the H&L field, eight miles northeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 10, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Howard County

Santa Fe Energy Reserve Inc. will drill the No. 1-3N Cloud, an 8,300-foot wildcat located two miles southwest of Coahoma. Location is in Section 3, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Santa Fee Snyder Corp will drill the No. 2-2 Echols-Metcalf Hutto field unit, two miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 8,300 feet, location is in Section 2, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Snyder will drill the No. 1-28 Martin in the Hutto south field, six miles northwest of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 8,300 feet, location is in Section 2, Block 31, T1N, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Snyder will drill the No. 1-2 Echols Metcalf Hutto field unit, two miles south of Coahoma. Planned depth is 8,300 feet, and location is in Section 2. Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Snyder will drill the No. 1-14 Birkhead in the Hutto south field, three miles south of Coahoma. Planned depth is 8,300 feet, and location is in Section 14, Block 31, T1N, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Snyder will drill the No. 2-14N Allday in the Hutto south field, three miles south of Coahoma. Contracted for 8,300 feet, location is in Section 14, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Snyder will drill the No. 1-14N Allday in the Hutto south field, three miles south of Coahoma. The well will be drill to a depth of 8,300 feet, and loction is in Section 14, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration will drill the No. 5 Texaco Fee in the Mulberry Canyon field, five miles northeast of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 4,100 feet, location is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

Enrich Oil Corp. will drill the No. 1-A McDonald in the MFM field, three miles northwest of Maryneal. Planned depth is 7,800 feet, and location is in Section 195, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

LCS Production Co. will drill the No. 1-Tex-McReynolds in the Mulberry Canyon field, six miles northeast of Nolan. Planned depth is 4,999 feet, and drill site is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

LCS Production will drill the No. 5 McReynolds in the Mulberry Canyon field, six miles northeast of Nolan. Planned depth is 4,999 feet, and location is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

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Bush absent as governors hosted

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton reflected on his waning days in office and asked politicians who will serve after him not to waste a rare moment of national economic prosperity and promise.

"In 11 months I will be a private citizen," Clinton said as he toasted most of the nation's governors at the White House. "Most of you will still be serving. Think of that," and use the opportunity wisely.

Clinton, who claims much of the credit for the economic boom that coincided with his elevation from Arkansas governor to president, meets with the state leaders three times this week, including a discussion session scheduled today at the White House.

The president was likely to focus on the successful economy in his annual address to the National Governors' Association, but would also touch on the problem of rising oil prices, White House spokesman Jim Kennedy said.

Clinton also planned to address Democratic governors separately tonight.

He will hear ideas about how to keep the good times going, but he will likely hear a few complaints, too. Many of the 50 governors worry that the federal government will stymie states' individual innovations in a variety of areas, including health care and taxation.

Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt, a Republican and chairman of the bipartisan governors' association, said the group wants Clinton to hear its debate over governors' roles in keeping state economies prosperous.

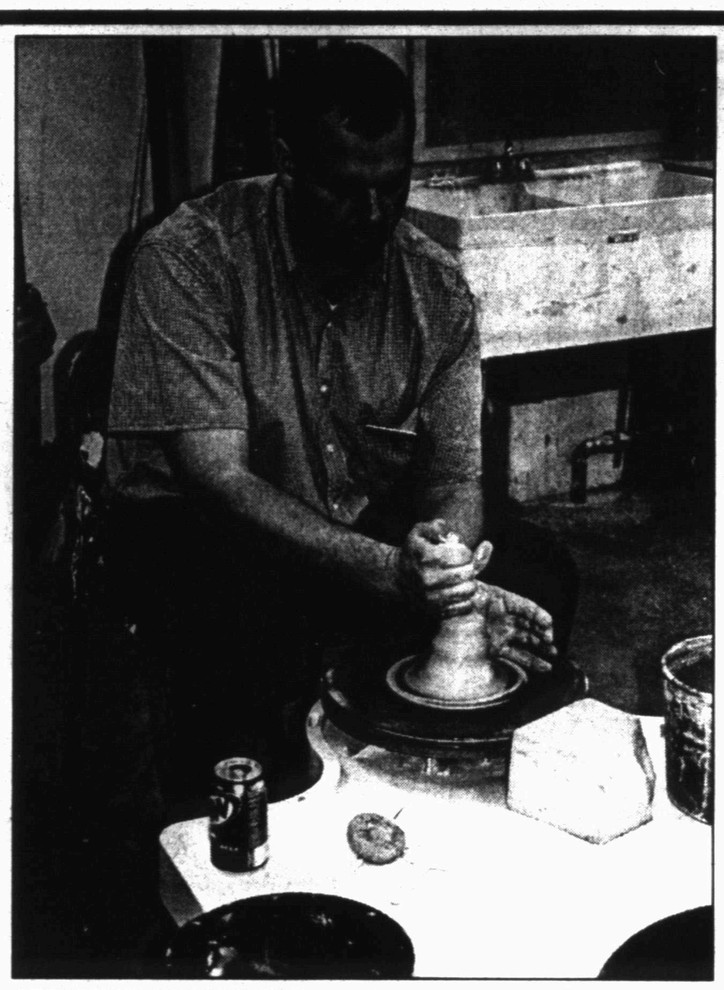
"Much of that will reflect our desire that the federal government not attempt to pre-empt our activities in that regard," Leavitt said Sunday.

The governors' four-day meeting is centered on the findings in a new economic report prepared for the group. The report, a copy of which was sent to the White House weeks ago, concluded that states must aggressively refashion their governments if they want to continue to compete.

Clinton, who rose to national prominence as governor of Arkansas in the 1980s, toasted a smaller-than-expected group of 34 governors Sunday night and noted that this is the 200th anniversary of the presidential election of another former governor, Thomas Jefferson of Virginia.

Jefferson embraced flexibility in governance, and Clinton urged governors to do the same as they contend with the challenges of unprecedented prosperity.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, who wants to follow Jefferson and Clinton into the White House, was one of those who missed the menu of grilled Arctic char and rock shrimp served on the Reagan china. Bush was campaigning for president in Seattle. His brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, was in Washington for the governors' conference but skipped the White House dinner.



CERAMICS WORKSHOP — Shane Christensen, ceramics instructor at Western Texas College, demonstrates the proper techniques during Saturday's workshop, which was part of the 8th annual West Texas High School Art Competition, hosted by the college. This is Christensen's first year at WTC. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

2 killed by stolen ambulance

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — A woman was arrested for allegedly stealing an ambulance from a hospital parking lot, running a red light and plowing into a car, killing two men.

Rose V. Failla, 52, of Fullerton was arrested and booked Sunday for investigation of felony auto theft. Bail was not immediately set and she remained in police custody, said Sgt. Mike Aquino.

Bush narrows gap in GOP delegates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush swept presidential contests in four U.S. territories over the weekend, walking away with more than two dozen Republican delegates to the national convention.

The victories increased the delegate total for Bush to 93 and narrowed the gap between him and John McCain, who has 96. A candidate needs 1,034 delegates to win the Republican nomination for president.

Bush easily defeated McCain during Sunday's primary in Puerto Rico to win all 14 delegates from the island. He also swept caucuses held a day earlier in Guam, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands, each of which had four delegates at stake.

In Puerto Rico, with 99 percent of the polling stations reporting, Bush received 89,448 votes, or 93 percent, and McCain had 5,647 votes, or about 6 percent. Former ambassador Alan Keyes and publisher Steve Forbes, who dropped out of the GOP race earlier this month, each received less than 1 percent of the vote.

While Bush picked up additional delegates, he cannot count on getting their votes in November if he wins the nomination. That's because residents of U.S. territories cannot vote in the general election, even though they may participate in presidential primaries and caucuses.

Still, Bush supporters called the victories significant, particularly after a pair of losses in primaries held in Arizona and Michigan.

"This is a tremendous triumph not only for Puerto Rico, but on the national level because it is the first group of Hispanic voters that has voted solidly with Governor Bush," said Jose Fuentes Agostini, the island's former Attorney General and co-chair of Bush's campaign.

Senior Center Menu

Scurry County Senior Center Menu
Feb. 29-March 3
TUESDAY
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Whole Kernel Corn
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Garlic Toast
WEDNESDAY
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THURSDAY
Chicken Filet w/Cream Gravy
Scalloped Potatoes
Chopped Broccoli
Tossed Salad
Fruited Gelatin Chiffon
FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Pinto Beans
Fried Okra
Creamy Slaw
Pineapple Flop Cake

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-28-00
♠ A Q 6
♥ 9 8
♦ K Q J 10
♣ A K Q 9

West
♠ 7 4 2
♥ A K J 8 7
♦ A 3
♣ J 6 4

East
♠ K 3
♥ Q 10 6 5 4
♦ 7 6 5 2
♣ 10 3

South
♠ J 10 9 8 5
♥ 3
♦ 9 8 4
♣ 8 7 5 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♥	Dbl.	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Just stop for a moment

Many times, I have stressed the importance of taking some time at trick one to plan a campaign. Once, a student retorted that his opponents always complain whenever he does that. I suggested that he ask them to be quiet, and to say that because they broke his concentration, he would have to go through his routine again.

When it was this gentleman's turn to be declarer, he played the first five tricks quicker than the shuttle leaves the launch pad. Then he stopped. He paused for fully two minutes, trying to find a way to recover a lost cause. If only he had planned at trick one, he would have seen the trap, avoided it, and made his contract — and the elapsed time would have been the same.

West made the same error in defending this deal.

Over North's takeout double, East made an aggressive jump to four hearts. When North doubled again, South might have passed and collected plus 200. But he went with his long suit, expecting partner to have four-card support — and did 420 points better.

West started with two top hearts. After ruffing, South tried the spade finesse. It lost, but a moment later he drew the remaining trumps and conceded three tricks: one spade, one heart and one diamond.

For his four-heart raise, East rated to have five hearts, not four. Also, his holding the spade king was likely. West should have switched to the ace and another diamond. Then, when East got in with the spade king, a diamond ruff would have downed the declarer.

Opponents jostle you only because then you are more likely to fail in a makable contract.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Scleroderma can affect swallowing

DEAR DR. GOTT: Over the last eight years, the skin on my wrists and forehead has become tight and shiny. After a biopsy, I was told that I had scleroderma. Now I am having trouble swallowing. Is this due to the disease?

DEAR READER: In all likelihood, yes.

Scleroderma, a chronic untreatable disease of unknown cause, is marked by progressive degenerative changes in skin, joints, intestinal tract, lungs, heart and kidneys. Therapy is directed toward relieving symptoms.

The disorder is four times more common in women than in men. It typically produces taut, shiny skin. But, as it progresses, it causes peptic disease, characterized by heartburn and difficulty in the way the esophagus propels food into the stomach. In addition, lung scarring, heart irregularities and kidney failure frequently appear during the chronic stages of the disease.

When esophageal problems develop — as they apparently have in your case — patients are often helped by eating frequent small meals with plenty of fluid, using antacids and taking medicine, such as Zantac and others, that reduce the production of gastric acid.

The course of scleroderma is variable and unpredictable. Some patients experience only skin changes for many years. However, sooner or later, internal organs become affected; this requires special and individual treatment depending on which organs are involved.

Although most of the complications of scleroderma can be addressed by physicians specializing in internal medicine, you and your doctor may feel more comfortable seeking advice from other specialists, such as rheumatologists, gastroenterologists and so forth, as the need arises. At the very least, you are entitled to a thorough description of your disease and the treatment of your symptoms. Ask your doctor about this.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How do scientists determine the caloric values of foods?

DEAR READER: The caloric value of foods is obtained by measuring the heat given off when the foods are burned.

A kilocalorie, the unit of energy commonly used in the study of metabolism, is the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one kilogram of water one degree centigrade (from 14.5 degrees Celsius to 15.5 degrees Celsius). Meticulous studies have shown that 1 gram of protein yields 4 kilocalories, 1 gram of carbohydrate 4 kilocalories, 1 gram of alcohol 6 kilocalories, and 1 gram of fat 9 kilocalories. This is why dietary fat should be avoided by diet-conscious consumers; gram for gram, it provides more than twice the calories of protein or carbohydrates. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Weight Control Through Calorie Control." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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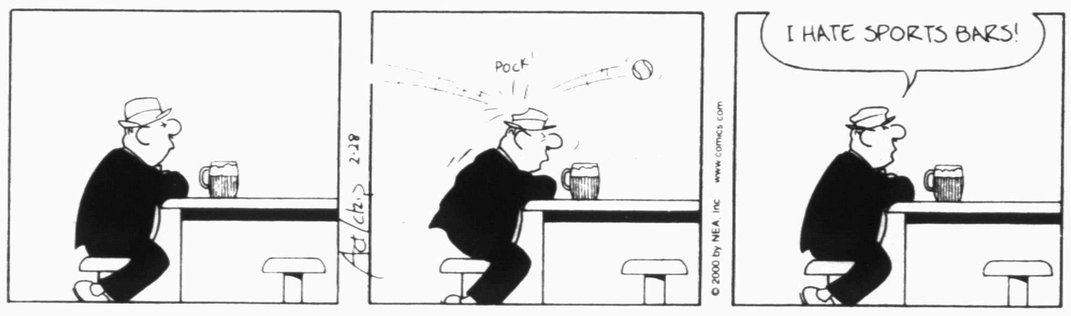
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1 Like fashion models
7 Finished second
13 Lots and lots
14 Do a pilot's job
15 Playground equipment
16 Main ingredient of glass
17 Baseball's Mel —
18 Have a snack
20 Devils' org.
21 Advice columnist Ann —
25 Realms
28 Say
32 Gold — (rich neighborhood)
33 Sawlike part
34 Sample (food)
35 Future plants
36 Fur-bearing animal
37 Shoe-repair item
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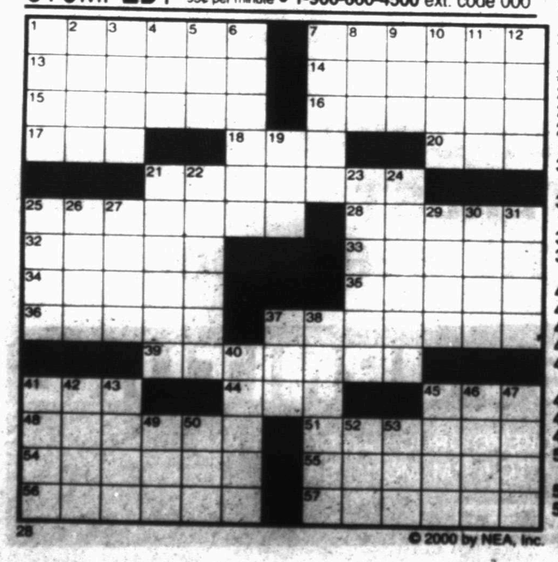
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2 Electromotive unit of force
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4 Atty.'s deg.
5 Golf peg
6 Ancient Jewish ascetic
7 Glue
8 Roman 56
9 Be under the weather
10 "Lois and Clark" star Dean —
11 Make designs on metal
12 Start a card game
19 TV spots
21 Itemized
22 Blood vessel
23 Reddish brown
24 Like a hard metal
25 Opp. of endo
26 Castle ditch
27 Gone by
29 Allowance for waste
30 Goddess of the earth
31 Carpentry tool
37 Bali —
38 Landed property
40 Nostrils
41 Burgles
42 Circular tent
43 Jacob's twin
45 Learn by — (memorize)
46 Stove part
47 Wimp
49 Tiny —
50 Sixth sense (abbr.)
52 Law (Lat.)
53 Okla. time

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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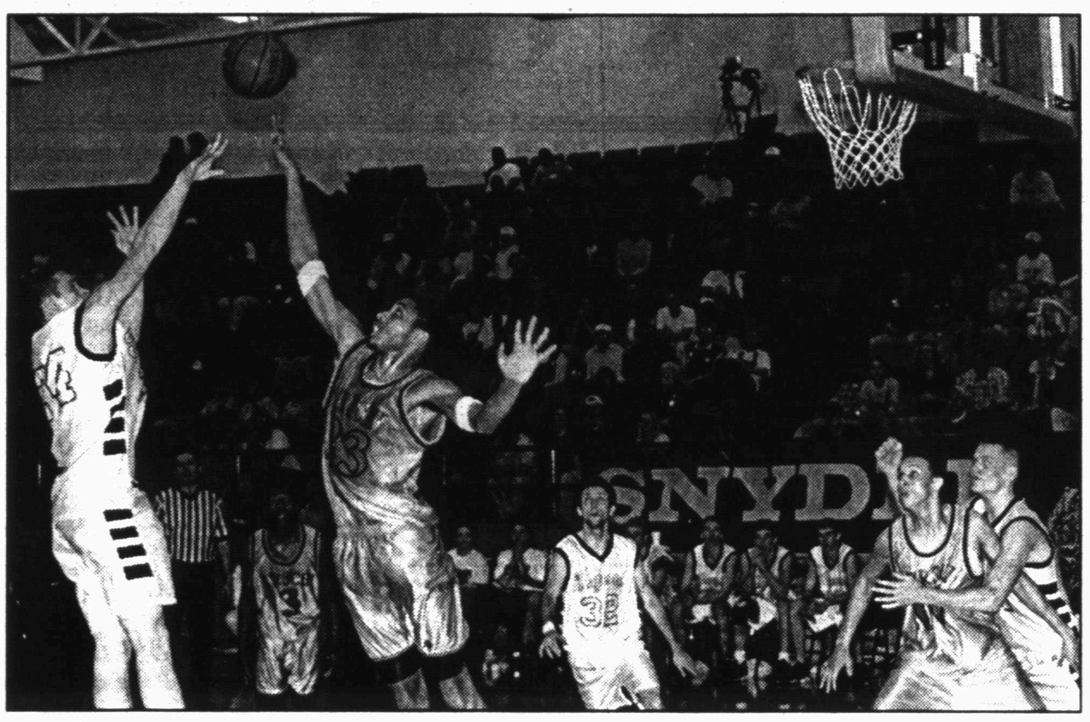




"WHAT KIND OF FLAKES WOULD YOU LIKE THIS MORNING?"

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SPORTS



FOCUSED ON THE RIM — Snyder's Heath Pinkerton puts up a shot, while teammate Sonny Cumbie battles for position during the Tigers' area playoff victory against Hirschi. Pinkerton's buzzer-beater propelled Snyder into Tuesday's regional quarterfinals where it will face Denton Ryan at 7:30 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers face defensive showdown with Ryan

After registering a last-second victory in the second round of the playoffs, the Snyder Tigers now face a defensive battle in the regional quarterfinals.

Snyder (24-10) squares off with Denton Ryan (25-5) Tuesday night at 7:30 at Tarleton State in Stephenville, with a berth in this weekend's regional tournament on the line.

The Tigers, who pride themselves on defense, will be facing a Raider squad that also like to put pressure on hits opponents.

"The main key against Ryan is breaking their press," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "That's the first thing you have to, and that's where a lot of teams have struggled against them this year."

The Raiders aren't as tall as Hirschi, the Tigers' second-round opponent, but they make up for it in speed and athleticism, the key ingredients of their 1-2-1-1 press.

"Their overall athleticism is what makes their press so good," said Birks. "And once we break it, we have to be patient on the offensive end. If you just start throwing up shots, they'll take the rebound and run the other way."

The Raiders' top scorer is 6-5 post Roy McKinney who averages 13.3 points and 10 rebounds per game. But despite McKinney's numbers, Ryan doesn't rely strictly on its inside game.

"He isn't the focal point of their offense," Birks stated. "They have so many guys that want their shots, so he doesn't get the ball as much as you'd think. But he is tenacious on the boards, and we have to do a good job of blocking him out."

Ryan's only five losses this season have come to Dallas Kimball, Tyler John Tyler, Justin Northwest, Fort Worth Arlington Heights and Flower Mound Marcus. With a resume like that, not many people outside of Snyder give the Tigers much of a chance, according to Birks.

"When you get up in the metroplex, there are a lot of people who haven't heard of us," Birks remarked. "But we were the underdogs against Hirschi also, and our guys just kept battling all night long. That's what we're going to have to do again, if we stay after somebody for all four quarters, then we always have a chance."

The winner will advance to the regional tournament where it will face a regional semifinal match-up against the Hereford-Plainview winner.

In Class A action, the Ira Bulldogs are looking to secure their second consecutive trip to the regional tournament Tuesday when they take on Munday at 7:30 p.m. in Merkel.

Both squads advanced to the tourney last year, before losing out in the first round, so everybody knows what's at stake.

"Both teams have been here before," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "So experience won't be that big of a factor. I think we're a better team than we were last year, but I'm sure Munday feels the same way. It's going to be a battle, and our guys are looking forward to the challenge."

The winner moves on the regional semifinals where it will face the winner of the Ponder-Menard contest.

Lady Tigers gain confidence, second place at Midland event

MIDLAND — The Snyder Lady Tigers didn't win the West Texas Softball Classic, but they made their statement just the same.

Snyder posted a 5-2 mark to claim the tourney's runner-up spot, with its only two setbacks coming to 5A powerhouse and tournament champion Midland Lee.

Among the Lady Tigers' five wins were victories over Coahoma and district rival Big Spring, giving Coach Robbie Dickenson reason to believe his squad is gaining confidence.

"This was a big confidence booster for us," said Dickenson. "The wins over Big Spring and Coahoma were big for us. Coahoma run-ruled us last year, so its nice to beat them, and it's always good to beat a district opponent like Big Spring."

After opening the event with a 6-4 win over Midland High, the Lady Tigers shut out El Paso Jefferson and Amarillo Caprock, behind the pitching of Courtney Rinehart.

Rinehart didn't surrender a hit in the 13-0 and 12-0 victories, which were over in four innings. Rinehart also added three hits over the course of the two games to pace Snyder at the plate.

Against Big Spring, the Lady Tigers had to go to extra frames to post the victory.

After Snyder tied the game at 3-3 in the sixth, Haarmeyer knocked in Christy Tomlinson in the first extra inning to post the 4-3 win.

In its next outing, Midland Lee handed Snyder its first loss of the tourney, 12-0, holding the Lady Tigers hitless.

To earn a berth in the finals, Snyder had to hold off Coahoma, 7-3. The Lady Tigers committed only two errors in the contest, with Rinehart still going the distance on the mound.

In the title game, Snyder hung with the Lady Rebels for the first five innings. The Lady Tigers scored three runs in the fifth to close the gap to 5-3, before Lee tallied seven runs in the sixth to end the game.

Snyder will be in action again Tuesday when it faces Eastland at 7 p.m. at Abilene's Red Bud Park.

Snyder opens baseball season with 2-2 record

SAN ANGELO — Despite a 13-4 setback to Lubbock Coronado in the third-place game, Snyder coach Roland Herrera was pleased with his squad's effort at the Best of the West baseball tournament over the weekend.

The Tigers posted a pair of wins at the event to open the season with a 2-2 mark, heading into Tuesday's first home game against Abilene High.

"I think we should be 3-1 instead of 2-2, because we could have scored a few more runs against Central," said Herrera. "But overall, I'm pleased with the way we're all right in all phases of the game. Our pitching and fielding looks good, and our hitting is starting to come around."

After the opening loss to San Angelo Central, the Tigers responded with blowout wins over El Paso Austin, 10-3, and Del Rio, 6-1.

Sophomore hurler Tito Alaniz picked up the win against El Paso, surrendering only six hits along the way. A triple by Colin Jones and a double by Adam beck paced Snyder at the plate.

Against Del Rio, Josh Ward allowed only five hits to notch the win. Bebos Martinez slapped a double and a single, with Ralph Ramon knocking a pair of singles.

"Ralph did a good job the whole tournament," Herrera said. "He pitched the first game, and threw a good game. Then he also had a couple of key hits for us in the other games."

In the third-place match-up, Coronado jumped on top, 5-3, entering the bottom of the second inning.

The Tigers answered back with a pair of runs, before the Mustangs posted eight runs over the next three innings.

Jones belted a home run and Martinez laced two singles to lead Snyder's effort at the plate.

"Coronado is a good hitting ballclub, and we just didn't keep the ball down," said Herrera. "We kept getting the ball up in the strike zone, and every time we did, they hit it hard."

The Tigers will be in action again Tuesday when it hosts Abilene High at 4 o'clock.

CLASS 4A BOYS
Region I Quarterfinals

Canyon Randall (25-4) vs. Amarillo Palo Duro (25-7), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Caprock Activity Center

Granbury (18-16) vs. Burkburnett (23-10), 7:30 Tuesday, Moody Coliseum, Abilene

Hereford (21-10) vs. Plainview (24-6), 8:30 Tuesday, Texan Dome, Levelland

Denton Ryan (25-5) vs. Snyder (24-10), 7:30 Tuesday, Tarleton State University, Stephenville

Region II Semifinals

Cedar Hill (30-4) vs. Dallas Lincoln (30-4)

Dallas Madison (29-2) vs. Coppell (25-8)

Region III Quarterfinals

Port Arthur Linclon (30-2) vs. Livingston (22-10)

Houston Forest Brook (20-8) vs. Houston Wheatley (22-8)

Beaumont Ozen (22-7) vs. Port Arthur Jefferson (21-11)

Texas City (28-3) vs. Houston Smiley (26-4)

Region IV Quarterfinals

Fredericksburg (28-5) vs. Austin LBJ (30-3)

San Antonio Lanier (25-8) vs. Kingsville (28-6)

Lampasas (21-14) vs. Pflugerville Connally (28-7)

Corpus Christi Calallen (25-8) vs. SA Sam Houston (26-7)

CLASS 1A BOYS
Region I Quarterfinals

Rankin vs. Fort Elliott
Happy vs. Meadow
Irion County vs. Gruver
Paducah vs. O'Donnell

Region II Quarterfinals

Wellman-Union vs. Chillicothe
Graford vs. Christoval
Ira vs. Munday
Ponder vs. Menard

WTC grabs fourth place at Roswell links tourney

ROSWELL — Against a stellar field, in less than perfect conditions, the Western Texas golf team held its ground in the regional standings.

On the windy New Mexico Military Institute Golf Course, the Westerners fired rounds of 286 and 300 to take fourth place at the NMMI tourney.

Western Texas finished 10 strokes off the pace of New Mexico JC, which won the event and jumped into the top spot in the regional standings. The Thunderbirds regional lead is eight shots over the second-place Westerners.

Midland finished third over the weekend, with the University of Texas edging WTC by five strokes for third place.

"There were some tough teams there, and we played well," said WTC coach Milton Ham. "The wind was blowing off those mountains, and it made it tough both days. All the teams in our region are playing good right now. We're right in the thick of things, and we probably won't know how the region finishes up until the last day of the last tournament."

Martin Gustafson paced the Westerners, carding rounds of 71 and 74 to finish sixth in the individual standings.

Jason McGrath and Scott McLauchlan tied for seventh, after turning in identical rounds of 72 and 74. Brad Nutt finished at 71-78—149, with Brandon Hicks coming in at 82-78—160.

The Westerners will be back on the links next Monday at the Galveston tourney.

SHS netters secure two titles at tennis tourney

SWEETWATER — Paced by a pair of top finishes from its boys squad, Snyder claimed the runner-up spot at the Sweetwater Tennis Invitational on Saturday.

The doubles duo of Adrian Gonzales and Ryan Gibson, and the singles play of Allen Smith, powered Snyder's effort.

The Gonzales-Gibson tandem won all four of their matches, including a 6-0, 6-0 romp in the finals, to take the doubles title.

Gonzales and Gibson never dropped a set, and lost only five out of 53 games.

Smith had a tougher road, but still came out on top in boys singles. The Snyder senior won his opening two matches 6-4, 7-5, and 6-4, 6-4. He had to hold on for a 6-4, 2-6, 7-5 victory in the semifinals, before securing the title with a 6-3, 6-4 decision over Abilene Cooper's Jorge Marquez.

In other boys' action, Justin Guy and Adam Rodgers a 2-2 record over the weekend to finish 11th in doubles, while Kris Casas went 3-1 to take fifth place in singles. Casas' only setback came to Marquez, the eventual runner-up, in the second round.

The Lady Tigers had their share of success as well.

Whitney Graham and Patricia Vargas teamed up to take fourth place in girls' doubles, while Claire Cotton and Jordan Hardin finished sixth.

The Graham-Vargas duo won its first two matches, before dropping its next two. Cotton and Hardin opened with a win, before being edged out in the second round, 5-7, 6-2, 1-6.

In girls' singles, Cozy Jones paced the Lady Tigers with a fourth-place finish.

Jones cruised through her first two matches, 6-1, 6-0, and 6-2, 6-1, before falling in the third round.

Natalie Alexander was 11th in singles competition, posting a 2-2 mark, which included a 6-2, 6-4 win in her final match.

Tigers finish strong at opening meet

WOLFFORTH — Snyder's strength and endurance paid off at the Tiger Relays over the weekend.

Snyder won both long-distance events, and registered a pair of top-three finishes in the discus, shot put and high jump, to pace its effort at the opening meet of the year in Wolfforth.

Rudy Martinez won the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs on Saturday. The sophomore posted a time of 4:45.03 to win the mile, and crossed the line in 10:32.61 to take the top spot in the two-mile event.

The Tigers also got a first-place effort came from Mark Medley who notched a throw of 157 feet, 9 inches to win the discus throw. The junior also fared well in the shot put, taking second with a distance of 48 feet, 2 inches.

Snyder's other top-three finish came in the high jump. Sophomore Wade Pinson cleared 6 feet to secure the runner-up spot.

Sports Briefs

Track volunteers needed

Snyder High School needs volunteers for the Canyon Reef Relays, to be held March 11.

Anyone interested should contact Tommy Doyle at 574-6039.

Softball umps needed

Snyder Girls' Softball Association needs umpires for the upcoming fast-pitch softball season. No previous experience is necessary. Training and certification will be provided by the league.

For more information, call Dave or LaDonna Hanes at 573-3127.

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Brock, Hill win tourney

Billy Brock and Ray Hill held off the competition Sunday to win the Groundhog Open at Snyder Country Club.

The Brock-Hill tandem fired a two-day total of 131 to edge Larry Anderson and Tommy Lay by two strokes in the championship flight. Alton Patterson and Johnny Powell were third with a 135.

Top honors in the first flight went to Shawn Ragland and Kelly Ragland who carded a 134. The Raglands finished seven shots ahead of the secon-place team of Ricky Williams and Randy Glassock. David Holt and Sam Robertson took third with a 144.

Jay Pollard and Steve Lee won the second flight, carding a 139 to top Jene Steakley and Marshal Irwin. The Steakley-Irwin duo claimed second place on a scorecard playoff, after finishing in a deadlock with Lane Beatty and Tracy Lammert at 143.

Mike Terrell and Lee Maddox also fired a 143 to win the third flight. Macky Mandrell and Gary Ketchmer took second with a 148, with David Harrell and Raymond Nichols turning in a 151 to finish third.



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Cuban diplomat forced out

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Cuban diplomat who ignored a State Department demand that he leave the country on his own was taken into custody by U.S. authorities Saturday evening and flown out of the country on a government plane.

Jose Imperatori, 46, accompanied by his lawyer, was escorted away in a late model Buick by FBI officials who turned up shortly after 8:30 p.m. at his suburban Maryland apartment.

He was not handcuffed and looked impassive as he entered the vehicle. He made no statement.

U.S. officials said he was driven to Reagan National Airport in suburban Virginia and flown aboard a U.S. government plane to Montreal.

From Canada, he was to catch a Sunday morning flight to Havana, the officials said.

"He has been expelled from the United States for not voluntarily departing by the appointed time," the State Department said.

Late Saturday morning, Imperatori announced his plan to defy the State Department expulsion order so he could contest allegations linking him with a U.S. immigration official charged with spying for Cuba.

"I declare myself in a hunger strike until I have been absolutely cleared of the accusations brought against me," Imperatori said. He spoke less than three hours before the State Department's deadline for him to depart the country.

This past week, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin had warned that Imperatori could be subject to arrest once his diplomatic immunity had expired.

His decision not to return voluntarily came as no surprise, as Cuban officials signaled all week they had no intention of willingly abiding by the deportation order.

Imperatori was introduced to reporters by Kurt Schmoke, a former mayor of Baltimore who has been retained by the Cuban government to defend the diplomat. After his remarks, Imperatori refused to take questions.

Schmoke, who said his client planned a liquids-only diet until his name is cleared, accompanied Imperatori to the airport Saturday night.

In Cuba's western town of Guane, tens of thousands of people who rallied Saturday to press for the return of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez return also denounced Imperatori's pending expulsion.

"Down with lies! Free Elian!" the protesters chanted at the gathering headed by Gen. Raul Castro, Fidel Castro's brother and Cuba's Defense Minister.

Later in Havana, Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque expressed admiration for Imperatori, saying his handling of the expulsion "is reason for Cuba and its inhabitants to be proud."

The youngster was rescued from the Atlantic Ocean in November after his mother and her boyfriend died, along with several other people, in an effort to get from Cuba to the United States.

Whether he should be returned to Cuba or stay with relatives in Miami who have taken him in has created an international furor.

The impasse over Imperatori's status underscored the palpable mistrust between the U.S. and Cuban governments, which seems to increase with time.

A gaunt man, Imperatori spoke in a loud, clear voice and with indignation about his supposed illicit links with Mariano Faget, a Cuban-born 34-year veteran of the Immigration and Naturalization Service who has been charged with spying.



FINISHED PAINTING — Sidewalk painting was featured Saturday during the 8th annual West Texas High School Art Competition. Several painters completed different parts of this picture. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Singapore executive indicted in campaign donations probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The independent counsel investigating Labor Secretary Alexis Herman has accused a Singapore business executive of illegally donating $150,000 to the Democratic Party through two people, including a close friend of Herman.

A federal grand jury charged Abdul Rahman, who is a foreign national, with a felony and seven misdemeanors regarding the donations made in the names of two sisters, businesswomen Vanessa and Caryliss Weaver, during the 1996 presidential campaign.

In addition to the $150,000 in illegal donations, Rahman also is accused of causing false reports to be filed with federal election officials regarding another $50,000 in donations by Rahman. The contributions showed up on federal records as having been made by the Weaver sisters.

Vanessa Weaver and Herman are close friends. The Feb. 16 indictment stems from the probe of Herman by Independent Counsel Ralph Lancaster.

The indictment does not refer to Herman, but identifies the Weaver sisters by name 11 times.

"In the two years that the independent counsel's investigation has been going on they have not shown me one piece of evidence nor have I found any indication they have any evidence that my clients' contributions were anything but appropriate," said Larry Barcella, the Weavers' lawyer. Herman's lawyer, Neil Eggleston, was not available for comment.

The Weaver sisters urged that the indictment be sealed, saying the references to them would harm their personal and business reputations.

U.S. District Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle refused to seal the indictment, ruling that there was no compelling reason to do so.

In applying for an independent counsel investigation in 1998, Attorney General Janet Reno stated the Justice Department had reviewed allegations that Herman was involved in soliciting $250,000 in illegal donations from a foreign businessman.

Rahman was introduced to Clinton at a 1996 fund-raiser. Laurent Yene, a former partner of Vanessa Weaver, alleged that Rahman made the donations to help obtain a Federal Communications Commission license for a company Rahman had ties to.

The company obtained an FCC license in 1997 to develop a telephone satellite system.

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AT&T Corp s	46⅞	44	5-16	46 3-16 + 1 5-16
Albertsons	25¼	24	7-16	24 15-16 + 7-16
Alltel	59½	57	9-16	59½ + 1⅛
AmerOnline s	61⅝	60	⅛	60⅞ + 1⅜
AndarkPtr	29	11-16	29⅛	29 11-16 + 9-16
AtlRichfld	68	66	15-16	67¾ — ¼
ATMOS Egy	16¼	15⅞		16¼ + 7-16
Aviall	8	7½		7⅞ + 7-16
BP Amoco s	44⅝	43	5-16	44 9-16 + 3-16
BakerHughes	25	23	13-16	24 13-16 + ¾
Bank of Amer	45	15-16	44	9-16 45⅞ + 1¾
BellAtl	50	3-16	47	11-16 49 13-16 + 2 7-16
BellSouth	38¼	36	1-16	37¾ + 2
Beth Steel	5	9-16	5½	5 9-16
BurlNoSFe	20		19½	20 — 1-16
CBS Corp	54⅝		53	53 — 3-16
Caterpillar	36	7-16	35⅜	36 7-16 + 7-16
CenSoWst	17⅜	16	15-16	17¼ + ⅜
Chevron	72	3-16	70⅞	72⅛ + 1 1-16
Citigroup s	50	3-16	49	3-16 50⅛ + 2¼
Coastal	40⅛	39	13-16	40 1-16— 3-16
CocaCola	49	11-16	47	9-16 49 5-16 + ⅝
ColgatePal s	49⅞	48		49 13-16 + 1 9-16
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DaimlrChry	65½		64¼	65⅛ + 1⅝
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Dillards Inc	17¾		17⅛	17 11-16 + 7-16
DowChem	107⅞		103	107¾ + 1 15-16
DuPont	52	7-16	50⅛	52⅛ + ⅝
EastmanChem	36	3-16	35⅞	36⅛ + 5-16
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EDS Corp	69½	66	9-16	67 15-16— 1 1-16
Entergy	20	9-16	19¾	20 9-16 + 5-16
ExxonMobil	72	15-16	69⅞	72 13-16 + 1¾
Flowers	12	11-16	12⅜	12½— 3-16
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MediaOne	75		72¾	74⅝ + 1 11-16
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MorganJP	110¼		107⅛	109⅛ + 2
Motorola	161¾	154	11-16	158 3-16—1 1-16
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Navistar	33¼	32	5-16	33⅛
Penney JC	16	3-16	15⅞	16 + 1-16
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PepsiCo	33½		32¾	33⅜ + ⅝
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PhilipPet	37½	36	5-16	37 3-16 + 5-16
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Prison inmates under 18 more than double

WASHINGTON (AP) — As states moved steadily to prosecute more young people as adults, the number of prison inmates under 18 more than doubled between 1985 and 1997.

In 1985, 3,400 youths 17 or younger were committed to adult prisons on conviction in either juvenile or adult courts. By 1997, the number of such youths had more than doubled to 7,400, the Justice Department reported Sunday.

Young inmates by no means are overrunning the prisons' adult population of 2 million, and just 5 percent of all young offenders serve sentences in adult facilities, researchers said. But data suggest that today's violent young offenders are more likely to do prison time than in years past.

That's partly because of an increasing number of state laws that take away their legal status as minors and make them more accountable, researchers say. The crackdown, fueled in part by high-profile school violence, has placed children as young as 11 on trial in criminal courts.

"Many states have increased the number of provisions that allow juveniles to be handled in the adult system," said report author Kevin J. Strom, a researcher with the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The report, based on state prison records reported annually to the Justice Department, noted that while 37 states and the District of Columbia consider 18-year-olds adults for criminal purposes, most also allow "certain categories of offenders under 18 to be incarcerated in adult prisons and housed with older inmates."

Debate continues to rage over the merits of handing out adult punishments for legally classified youth who commit crimes. Californians will vote March 7 on a ballot proposal that would make it easier to charge juveniles as young as 14 as adults for serious crimes and impose life sentences.

"There's some justification for public frustration with the juvenile system," said Vincent Schiraldi, director of the Justice Policy Institute, a think tank opposed to mandatory sentencing. "But sending them to the adult system en masse is no solution. It's hardly a resounding success for the people it's got."

Yearly youth commitments to prison climbed steadily between 1986 and 1995, then leveled off, the report said. Over the years, more youths were imprisoned relative to the number arrested. In 1997, 33 youths were sent to prison for every 1,000 arrests for violent crimes, up from the 18 per 1,000 in 1985.

Seven in 10 young offenders who received adult punishment in 1997, the latest year state prison records were available, were convicted of violent crimes. Of that total, 37 percent were jailed for robbery, 13 percent for murder and 13 percent for aggravated assault, the report said.

The inmate data do not specify whether young offenders are convicted in juvenile or adult courts, but Strom said it is known that a small percentage go from the juvenile courts to adult incarceration.

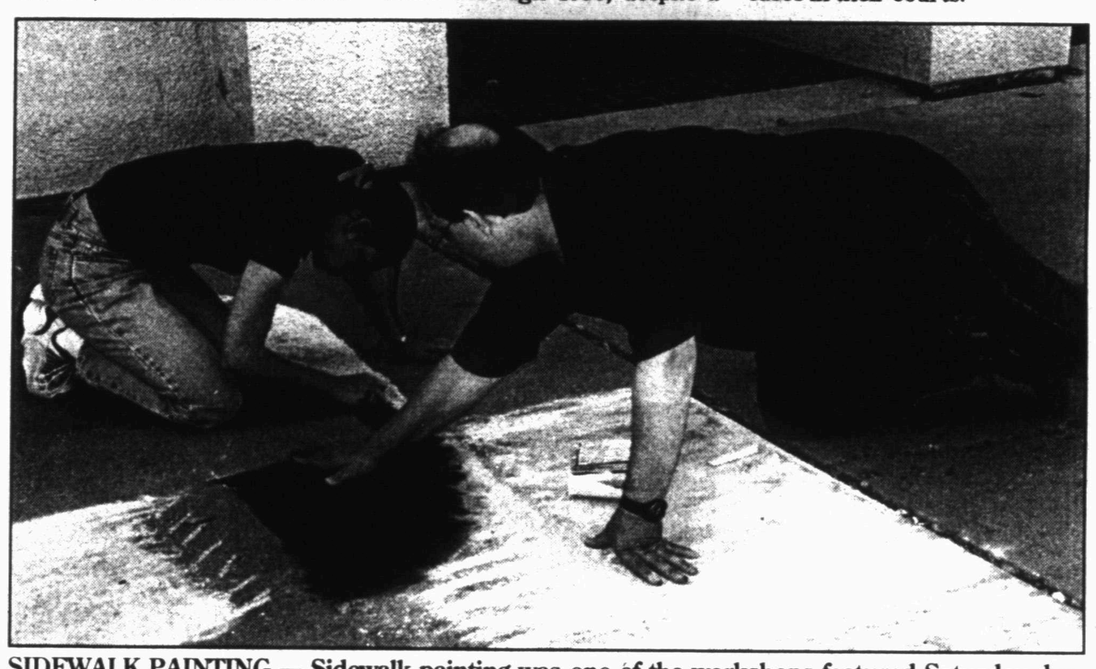
Historically, young offenders' fates were mostly decided by juvenile court judges. But after a spate of drug-gang violence and school shootings in the last decade, state lawmakers decided adult prisons could more effectively deal with violent or chronic youth offenders.

Since 1992, 30 states and the District of Columbia have passed laws that in certain instances send kids directly to criminal court. Through 1998, despite a 50 percent drop in the juvenile murder arrest rate, many states also gave criminal prosecutors increased power to bypass the century-old juvenile system or chipped away at options juvenile judges had for keeping youth cases in their courts.

Performs surgery

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — W.G. "Curly" Watson spent the morning of his 90th birthday in surgery. Not undergoing surgery. Performing it.

After 53 years in practice as an obstetrician-gynecologist at University Hospital in Augusta, Watson has delivered an estimated 15,000 babies, including the grandchildren of people he delivered decades ago.



SIDEWALK PAINTING — Sidewalk painting was one of the workshops featured Saturday during the 8th annual West Texas High School Art Competition held at Western Texas College. Gary Brown of Lubbock, right, part-time art teacher at WTC, and Cristi Arnold, Merkel High School student, are pictured working on the painting. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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Kissinger will advise Indonesia president

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Facing massive economic, social and political problems, Indonesia's reformist president today appointed former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger as a political adviser.

Kissinger said he would confer with President Abdurrahman Wahid at least once a year on political and social policy for the world's fourth most populous nation.

"I responded to the request of the president out of friendship for the Indonesian people and the importance I attach to the Indonesia nation," Kissinger told reporters after the meeting. "I would like Indonesia to be strong, unified and democratic."

Kissinger was the U.S. secretary of state under presidents Richard Nixon Gerald Ford. He was instrumental in shaping the United State's foreign policy for Southeast Asia.

Wahid, who assumed office last October, has struggled to pull Indonesia out of its worst economic crisis in a generation.

He has also worked to end years of separatist and religious violence while simultaneously reducing the power of the country's military, which propped up the 32-year dictatorship of former President Suharto.

In a move today widely seen as an effort to consolidate civilian supremacy over the powerful military, the armed forces announced that a senior general who has backed Wahid in his power struggle with military hard-liners will assume command of Indonesia's elite strategic forces.

Maj. Gen. Agus Wirahadikusumah will take over the army's Strategic Reserves Command on March 1, said armed forces spokesman Air Rear Marshall Graito Usodo.

The appointment follows the temporary ouster earlier this month of Gen. Wiranto, a former armed forces commander, from his position in Wahid's Cabinet.

U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva, said security was being tightened ahead of a landmark visit by Wahid to East Timor, which voted overwhelming in August to split with Jakarta after decades of occupation and rule by Indonesia.

Texas man charged in double slayings

DAINGERFIELD (AP) — Authorities have charged a 29-year-old man in the shooting death of his grandfather and fatal stabbing of his great-grandfather, both slain in their beds.

Rodney Dwayne Stern of Linden was arrested late Friday at a motel in Hughes Springs, said Morris County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Vernon Cope. He was being held Sunday in the Morris County Jail on two $1 million bonds, charged with two counts of capital murder.

Richard D. Stern, who would have been 96 next month, and his 72-year-old stepson, Harold L. Stern, were found dead Friday in their home north of Daingerfield by sheriff's deputies who went to the dwelling after a home-health nurse couldn't get anyone to answer the door.

Daingerfield, in northeast Texas, is home to about 2,800 residents.

"Everybody's still walking around in shock," Gloria Douglas is quoted as saying in Sunday editions of the Longview News-Journal. "You hear tell of this in larger cities, and you never think this would happen in a little community like this."

Cope said he believes the men were killed Wednesday.

Both of the men were in bed when they were slain, Cope said. Richard Stern had been stabbed, and his stepson had been shot with a shotgun. Both weapons were recovered.

He wasn't certain if the two men were killed while sleeping.

"Mr. Richard Stern, there were some defensive wounds on his hands," Cope said. "Harold, I suspect, was (asleep), but I don't know for sure."

The elder Sterns had raised Rodney Stern, who sometimes lived with them or his mother in Dallas, Cope said.

Richard Stern was a retired preacher. Harold Stern worked as a cook in Dallas before quitting his job to care for the older man.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

You may work harder in the year ahead, but it will be of your own free will, doing what you love best. Success will be yours because your heart will be in your labors.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Something good could develop for you today by working with others toward a common cause. Put your heads together and you'll come up with some good ideas. 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something you're been secretly wanting can be acquired if you make it your priority. Wishing for something gets you no place, but today you might be ready to go after it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Restrict your hopes and expectations to realistic objectives and, chances are, you'll get the support you think you need. It might help to operate along traditional guidelines, though.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If your determination is strong enough today, you should be able to overcome any obstacle that blocked your path previously. Rethink your game plan.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Philosophical thinking can help shifting conditions, and changes could work in your favor today. Flow with events, but do so with a positive stance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is a time to start mending fences where there has been recent discord, because today's conditions can generate more harmony and cooperation than usual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Instead of looking for greener pastures, spend time today enhancing current relationships. By paying a little attention to these people, you can forge greater bonds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It may be time for you to step in and apply a little more effort in cleaning up some matters that have been disruptive or disorganized in the home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You have the wherewith, talent and brains to initiate some activities that will be pleasing to all with whom you're involved. Utilize your abilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Financial conditions, in general, are starting to look more hopeful today. Envision positive results, then work like the dickens to achieve the results you desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Step in and take control of a situation that you feel has been going no place fast. You've got the leadership and the ability to guide others into a new direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It will be your faith in yourself and what you want to accomplish that will lead to financial success today. Challenges could even work to your benefit and spur you on.

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Report claims curfews help deter youth crime

WASHINGTON (AP) — A rising number of American cities are imposing curfews to deter youth violence, crime and gang activity, according to a report that says 110 cities have established them in the past five years.

The report, released Monday by the National League of Cities, said that compares with 122 curfews set up across the nation during a 15-year period between 1980 and 1995.

Nighttime youth curfews were reported by a total of 337 of some 490 cities the league surveyed; 68 had daytime curfews, the report said. Officials in another 35 cities said they're considering implementing a curfew.

Bob Knight, president of the league and mayor of Wichita, Kan., said curfews "continue to be a growing trend in the United States as city officials look for answers to ensure the safety of youth in their communities."

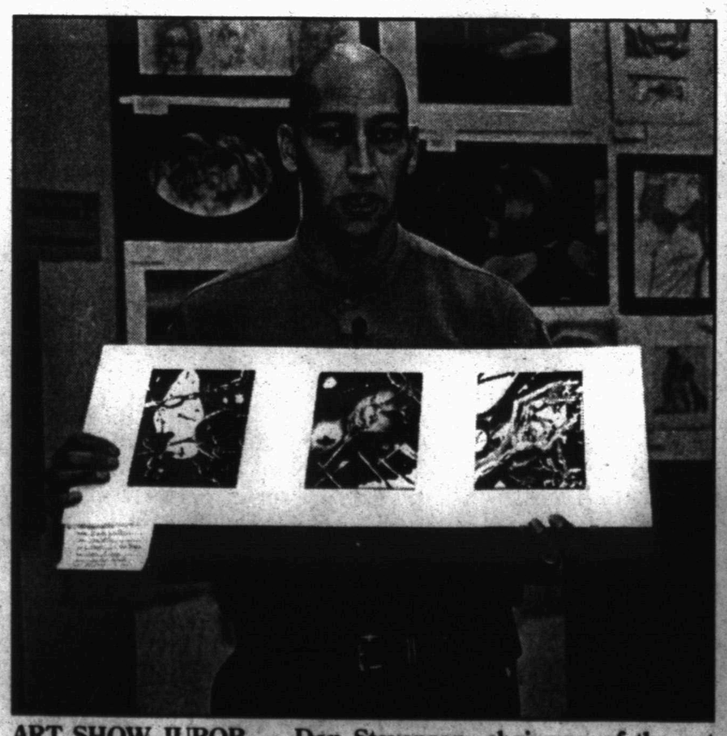
Officials in nearly three of four cities surveyed by the league said they believe a curfew can help curb gang activity, but it does little to influence the behavior of hard-core gang members. The most positive effects were found in reducing assaults, burglaries and graffiti.

The league said that in most U.S. cities, children under 18 are expected to be off the streets by 11 p.m. during the week and by midnight on weekends.

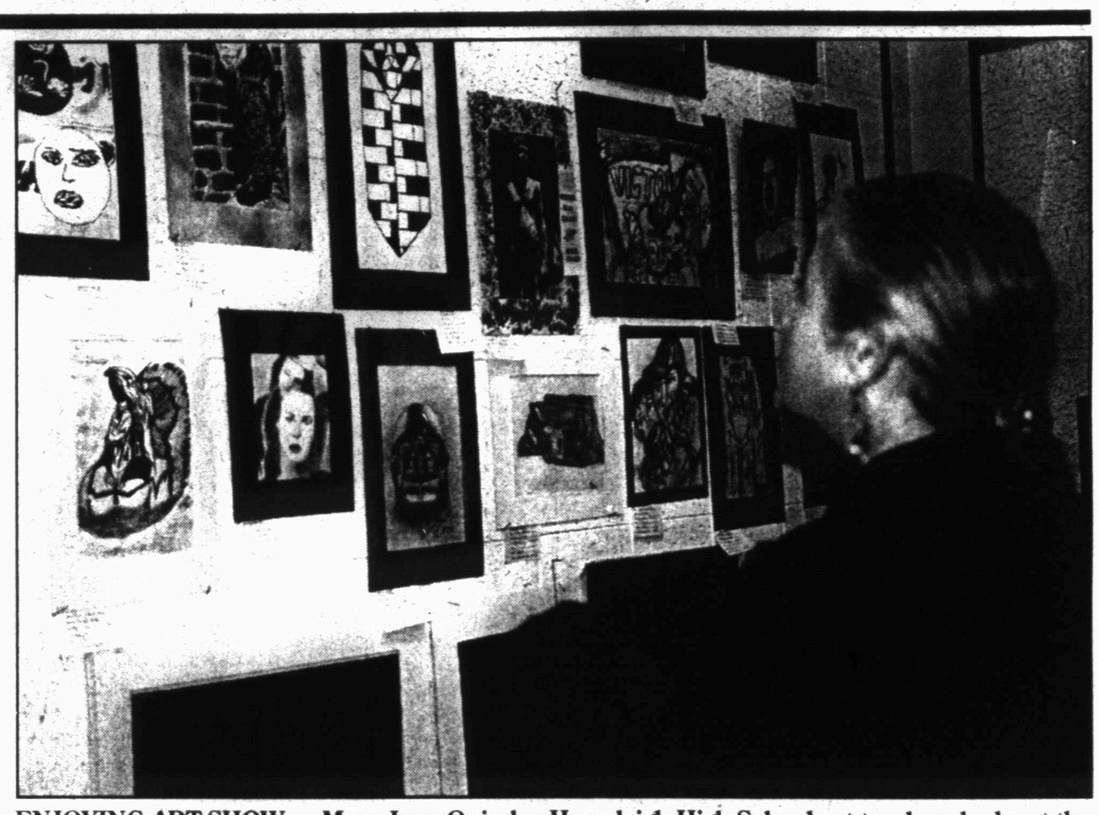
In cities with daytime curfews, young people are expected to stay off the streets during school hours.

Some teens and their parents have challenged the constitutionality of curfews, but many cities avoid having their curfews struck down by modeling their laws after curfew statutes from other cities.

Last year, the Supreme Court rejected a challenge to a Charlottesville, Va., curfew, which is similar to those adopted by many U.S. cities. While the justices did not issue a decision, they let stand a lower court ruling that said the city's curfew is a valid means of "reducing juvenile violence and crime."



ART SHOW JUROR — Don Stevenson, chairman of the art department at Hardin-Simmons University, was the juror for the 8th annual West Texas High School Art Competition held Saturday at Western Texas College. He displays one of the entries as he critiqued it. In closing remarks, he advised students to do more three-dimensional work. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



ENJOYING ART SHOW — Mary Jane Quimby, Hermleigh High School art teacher, looks at the contest art work on display Saturday at Western Texas College. The school hosted its 8th annual contest for high school students. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Price at pumps continues rise

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gasoline prices jumped 6 cents per gallon at the pump in the past two weeks, surpassing the all-time peak recorded in November 1990, an industry analyst said.

High crude oil prices and strong demand combined to drive up the national average price, including all grades and taxes, to $1.4713 as of Friday. That was an increase of 6.08 cents from Feb. 11, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide, analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday.

"The international oil community is speculating that key world oil producers may increase oil production in April, which would ease oil prices and therefore gasoline prices," Lundberg said. "But for now, gasoline prices will probably hover around their current levels or rise even further."

Before now, the highest average price for a gallon of gasoline in the nation was $1.46 in 1990, Lundberg said. But strong demand indicates the price increase has not created a crisis.

"Despite this record high level for gasoline prices, unadjusted for inflation though it may be, consumption has not flinched," Lundberg said. "This suggests that prices are not at an emergency high level at this point."

Crude oil prices are up amid uncertainty over whether the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will increase output when an agreement on lowered production expires next month.

Prices recorded Friday at self-service stations averaged $1.4239 per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline, $1.5196 for mid-grade and $1.6032 for premium.

Full-service prices were $1.7263 per gallon for regular, $1.8098 for mid-grade and $1.8840 for premium.

Senator celebrates Leap Year birthday

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — At first, it appeared to be just another other birthday party. That is, until the two cakes appeared.

Sunday's surprise birthday party for former state Sen. Tom Fitzgerald featured twin cakes — one for his 20th birthday and one for his 80th, because Fitzgerald was born in a leap year on Feb. 29.

Roughly 100 guests were gathered at the Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans' Home, named in Fitzgerald's honor for his efforts in establishing the nursing home 20 years ago.

The former state senator, Purple Heart recipient, retired mailman and survivor of heart surgery, said he was proud of his eight accomplishments.

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Court will decide drug issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today agreed to decide whether public hospitals can test pregnant patients for drug use and tell police who tested positive.

The justices said they will review a challenge to a South Carolina hospital's policy aimed at detecting pregnant women who use crack cocaine. The policy's opponents say it violates women's Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches.

The hospital discontinued its policy after a 1993 lawsuit was filed, but the court's decision, expected sometime in 2001, could determine whether it ever gets reinstated and whether other hospitals consider adopting similar policies.

In other action today, the court:

—Refused to reinstate a $10 million libel award a bank executive and his company won, and then lost, against ABC over a "20/20" news story he says made him look like a crook. The justices rejected, without comment, the appeal by Alan Levan, chairman and chief executive of BFC Financial Corp. Levan and BFC, then known as BankAtlantic Financial Corp., sued ABC and "20/20" producer William Willson over a 1991 broadcast that portrayed them as unfairly taking advantage of investors in complex financial deals.

— Refused to halt the deportation of a 78-year-old retired foundry supervisor found to have served as a guard at two Nazi concentration camps during World War II. The court rejected an appeal in which Ferdinand Hammer argued that immigration officials should have to show he actively participated in persecution of the camps' prisoners. Hammer, of Sterling Heights, Mich., admits he was a member of the German army's Waffen-SS during the war but has denied being part of a battalion that served at concentration camps.

— Turned away a bid by U S West, one of the major regional phone companies, to sell another firm's long-distance service to its local customers. The court rejected U S West's argument that the arrangement is authorized by a 1996 federal law intended to open local phone markets to full competition.

Outside the court, dozens of people were arrested during a protest seeking a new trial for a former radio journalist sentenced to death for killing a Philadelphia police officer. John Riley of the Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition said the demonstrators were opposing capital punishment and calling for a new trial for Abu-Jamal, whose jailhouse writings about the justice system attracted worldwide attention.

The South Carolina dispute stems from the state's efforts to prosecute women who use crack cocaine while pregnant under the state's child-endangerment law.

The state law makes it a crime to "refuse or neglect to provide the proper care and attention" so that a child "is endangered or is likely to be endangered." The state's Supreme Court has ruled that a viable fetus — one able to live outside the uterus — is a child under the law and has upheld its use against pregnant women.

South Carolina prosecutors have done so dozens of times since 1989.

The nation's highest court refused in 1998 to review such prosecutions. No other state's top court has allowed them. The highest courts in Florida, Kentucky, Nevada and Ohio explicitly have disallowed them.

At the Medical University of South Carolina, a public hospital in Charleston, officials decided in 1989 to help such prosecutions. If a woman's urine test indicated cocaine use, she was arrested for distributing the drug to a minor.

In early 1990, the policy was changed to give drug-using patients a choice between being arrested and enrolling for treatment.

Albright dismisses idea of presidency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is "certainly flattered" by suggestions she seek the presidency of her native Czech Republic, but she has dismissed it without serious consideration, her spokesman says.

Some Czechs are speaking of her as a possible successor to President Vaclav Havel, who must retire in 2002. Havel, a playwright-turned-politician, helped lead the "Velvet Revolution" that in 1989 persuaded communist rulers to resign, and he also has raised Albright's name.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin sought to dampen the speculation Sunday.

"From time to time, senior Czech officials have approached the secretary about this possibility," he said. "She has dismissed it, although she is certainly flattered that Czechs would consider her for the post of president of her native land. She has never given this any serious consideration."

Albright, 62, plans to be in the Czech Republic on March 5-8. The visit coincides with the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of national hero Tomas Masaryk, who served as the first president of the Czechoslovak Republic after the collapse of Austria-Hungary in 1918.

Havel's chief policy adviser, Pavel Fischer, told Time magazine "it is not impossible" that Havel and Albright will discuss the presidency during the visit. The secretary, a former professor, has not publicly discussed her plans after the Clinton administration ends next year.

Albright's visit will have some trappings of a political barnstorming tour. She will receive a gold medal from Masaryk University in Brno and will go to Masaryk's birthplace at Hodonin. She will lay a wreath at his tomb in Lany, west of Prague, and go to the capital to unveil a Masaryk statue.

McCain steps up attacks on Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the Republican presidential campaign headed to a crucial sprint, John McCain plans to sharpen his assault on religious conservatives supporting rival George W. Bush, suggesting they are no better than "union bosses" seeking to perpetuate their power.

McCain headed to Virginia Beach, Va., home of televangelist Pat Robertson, where aides said he planned a stinging critique today of Robertson and his ties to the Texas governor. The state's Republican primary is Tuesday.

The speech follows McCain's attacks on Bush for speaking at a Christian university in South Carolina criticized for spreading anti-Catholic views. After weeks of defending his decision to speak at Bob Jones University, Bush sent a letter Sunday to the leader of New York's Catholics, saying he deeply regretted "causing needless offense" by not more clearly "disassociating myself from anti-Catholic sentiments and racial prejudice."

Bush's top strategist, Karl Rove, today accused McCain of using the Bob Jones controversy to portray Bush as a bigot and divide voters by religion. "This is a reprehensible attempt to bring religion into American politics in a very ugly way," Rove said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Aides said today the Arizona senator would make the case that, in defending Bush and attacking McCain, Robertson was putting personal political ambition ahead of conservative causes.

"The union bosses who have subordinated the interests of working families to their own ambitions — to their desire to preserve their own political power at all costs — are mirror images of Pat Robertson," said an early draft of McCain's remarks, provided to The Associated Press.

In his speech, McCain offers GOP leaders a blunt choice, declaring: "I don't believe it's logical to suggest the Republican establishment is more important than to save the Republican majority."

McCain aides compared the attack to a 1992 move by President Clinton criticizing rap singer Sister Souljah, a move where Clinton cast himself as a moderate.

In California today, a poll found Bush leading McCain by 20 percentage points among the Republican voters who will choose delegates, but tied with McCain for the popular vote that includes Democrats and independents.

With the state's March 7 primary approaching, a high-profile showdown in California seemed threatened when McCain said he wouldn't appear at Thursday's scheduled debate in Los Angeles. His aides said Bush dallied in committing to the event, which caused scheduling problems.

Man is in stable condition following motorcycle wreck

A 23-year-old man was listed in stable condition this morning at Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a motorcycle wreck Sunday afternoon.

Jeremie Randall Price of 1387 North Avenue O was transported by Snyder EMS to CMH shortly after the 5:45 p.m. mishap.

According to police reports, Price was traveling westbound on 28th Street when he lost control of the motorcycle and struck a center divider, causing him to be ejected.

The accident occurred in the 1900 block of 28th Street.

Officers worked a minor two-vehicle mishap at 7:10 p.m. Sunday at the traffic circle. Involved were a 1992 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Effie Moore Hicks, 72, of Colorado City and a 1995 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Suzanna Maria Epperson, 37, of 1900 East Hwy. 180.

Alcohol-related charges sent three people to jail over the weekend, while a fourth was arrested on assault charges.

Officers took a 51-year-old male into custody at 8:57 p.m. Saturday at the Travel Inn for public intoxication.

An 18-year-old male was arrested by deputies for public intoxication at 10:18 p.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of Stuart Lane.

At 4:38 a.m. Sunday, officers took a 23-year-old male into custody in the 400 block of 30th Street. He was charged with assault/family violence.

Public intoxication sent a 21-year-old man to jail at 4:06 p.m. Sunday. Officers arrested him in the 600 block of 29th Street.

In other activity over the weekend, Linda Gomez contacted officers at 7:42 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone damaging a window on her vehicle in the 2100 block of 40th Street. An offense report was taken for criminal mischief.

Deputies were notified at 11:14 a.m. Saturday of the theft of several road construction signs from F.M. 1606 and F.M.1607. An offense report for state jail felony theft was filed. At 3:24 p.m. Saturday, deputies advised that several of the signs had been located.

An offense report for dog bite was filed at 2:41 p.m. Saturday.

At 4:10 p.m. Saturday, officers submitted an offense report for Class C assault.

A caller contacted officers at 5:20 p.m. Saturday in reference to a subject discharging a handgun towards a field in the 600 block of Avenue Q. Officers were unable to locate anyone in the area with firearms.

Laura Settles contacted deputies at 9:46 a.m. Sunday in reference to someone damaging her vehicle Saturday night while it was parked in the 900 block of North College. A report was taken for Class B criminal mischief.

A report was received at 2:47 p.m. Sunday of a possible gunshot fired in the area of the 3000 block of 40th Street. Officers were unable to locate anyone in the area discharging a firearm.

A report for cat bite was filed at 6:31 p.m. Sunday.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a grass fire at 1:25 p.m. Sunday nine miles north on Ennis Creek Road. Seven trucks and 27 firemen were called out and were on the scene until around 8:40 p.m.

In addition, two Scurry County maintainers were used to create guards. Nearby farmers also used tractors to assist in creating fire guards. Damage was limited to grass.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Feb. 28-Kristina Arteaza, Freddie Bedwell, Jeremie Price and Melva Sturdivant, all of Snyder.

DISMISSALS: Lisa Randolph, Rebecca Digby and baby girl, and Renee Trevino and baby girl.

CENSUS: 41 (Med./Surg.-15, Long-term Care-25 and ICU-1)

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Obituary

Albert G. Minnick

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Albert G. Minnick of Abilene died Sunday, Feb. 27, in Hendrick Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Minnick, 86, are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 this evening are "Knowing What We Must Do," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 2."

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the school library. The topic this Tuesday will be "Help for the Single Parent." Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 573-1769.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

SHS senior parents

All parents of Snyder High School seniors are invited to a meeting at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the student center to plan graduation activities for the class of 2000. Call 573-3357 for more information.

Ira booster club

The Ira booster club will meet at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon, and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

Independence Day observance

The Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus will host a Texas Independence Day observance, "Annexation – 150 Years of Statehood," from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday. There will be refreshments and door prizes and no admission will be charged. The event is co-hosted by the Scurry County Historical Commission.

WTC to present 'Odd Couple'

Western Texas College's Drama Department will present "The Odd Couple" (Unabridged) by Neil Simon as a dinner theatre at 6 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the college cafeteria. Tickets are $15 for adults; students and senior citizens 62 and older are $13. A $2 discount for prepaid tickets is also available.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak tree seedlings have arrived at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office in Snyder. If you missed the ordering deadline, there are plenty of extra trees for sale at the USDA complex, 5309 Big Spring highway.

Snyder Junior High musical

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" will be presented Thursday, Saturday and next Monday. Tickets are on sale now at the school.

Talent show

The Boys and Girls Club will present Star Search 2000, a talent show for ages 8-12 Friday. Deadline to enter is Tuesday. Call 573-3344 for more information.

Central 50th anniversary

Central Elementary will host a 50-year celebration program at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, in the school auditorium. All former central employees are invited.

Golden Apple banquet

The Snyder ISD Golden Apple awards banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at Snyder Country Club. School volunteers will be recognized, and featured speaker will be Riney Jordan of Hamilton.

WTC planetarium shows

The planetarium at WTC is available for spring offering of star shows. Presentations will be held on Fridays by special arrangements. Shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. Shows are available to fit any age group. For reservations call 573-8511, Ext. 312.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

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

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million. The ticket was sold in Palestine The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 10-12-25-32-42-48. Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.

Five are charged in Internet gambling

EL PASO (AP) — Five El Paso residents have been arrested and charged with operating a nationwide, multi-million dollar sports gambling operation that accepted bets from hundreds of people and made a $300,000 profit on this year's Super Bowl, the FBI said.

The organization, which investigators say began operations in 1993, used the Internet and mail-outs to accept bets from hundreds of people, said Al Cruz, FBI spokesman.