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2 killed in storm

KERENS (AP) — A storm packing winds up to 100 mph cut through rural North Texas Sunday, killing a father and his young daughter who were pinned beneath their overturned mobile home.

Seven others were injured and more than 100 homes were damaged by high winds as the storm made its way through Navarro County northeast to Gun Barrel City in Henderson County, said Texas Division of Emergency Management spokeswoman Jo Schweikhard Moss.

Raymond Hall, 30, and his 2-year-old daughter died when their mobile home flipped into a ditch in the farming community of Bazette, just north of Kerens and about 55 miles southeast of Dallas, said neighbor Katherine Roberts.

Authorities would not confirm the victims' identities Sunday.

Hall's wife, Nikki, managed to escape the home and ran for help.

According to Ms. Roberts, who called 911, Raymond Hall had just

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THROWING POTS — Ty Brunson, fine arts chairman at Western Texas College, was pictured as he explained the right touch to Brandon Dobbs, Merkel High School senior, during a ceramics workshop at the 5th annual West Texas High School Art Competition Saturday. Snyder High School ninth grader John Hill, right, begins his work. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Council at-large places contested

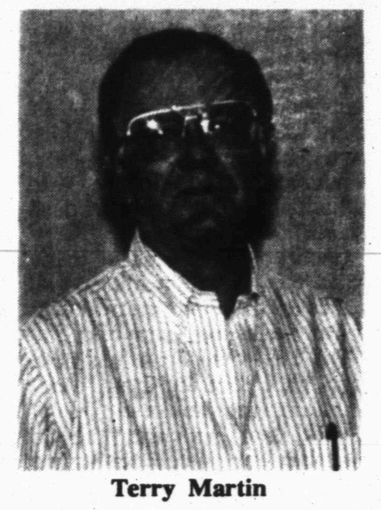
Retired Chevron USA operations supervisor Terry Jon Martin filed for city council this morning, prompting at least one contested election in May.

Martin's action makes three people who have filed now for two at-large seats up for election. Incumbent Dayton Robertson filed last week and city officials said late this morning that they received a completed filing application today from Ron Shaw, the other incumbent. Shaw, a postal employee, is out of the state, visiting an ill relative.

There is still plenty of time to file for city council or a seat on one of three public school boards that will hold May elections. The filing period ends April 2.

Martin moved to Snyder in 1972 with Chevron USA and retired in 1992. He served on the Snyder ISD board of trustees from 1988 through 1994 and was active in Little League and Boy Scouts. He is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

He and his wife, Martha, have



Terry Martin

three children. They are members of First United Methodist Church.

"I would like to assist the city to serve the citizens of Snyder," said Martin, 52. "At this point in time, due to a shrinking tax base and increased regulatory control, it's imperative to continue an aggressive program in the management of the city, optimizing operations and expenditures. It is my firm belief the existence of city government is to serve the citizens."

The two at-large seats are among four city government positions up for election. The others are vacated District 3 seat, and the office of mayor.

Mayor David Holt filed for another term and is unopposed. No one has filed for the unexpired term in District 3.

There are eight places up for election on the three school boards. Five people have filed — all but one of whom are incumbents — and all are unopposed.

Richard Chambers has filed to retain his Place 3 seat on the Snyder ISD board. Mike Levens has filed for Place 2 on the board, currently held by Geraldine Parker. Mrs. Parker has indicated she will not seek re-election.

Trustees Bo Robinson, Place 4, and Dirk Dunn, Place 5, are seeking another term on the Ira ISD board. Both are unopposed.

Four seats are up for election on the Hermleigh ISD board. The only person to file has been Tim Dacus, who was elected last year to fill out an unexpired term. He will be seeking a full term this time.

Also on the Hermleigh ballot will be terms held by John Williamson and Chip Roemisch, and the unexpired term of Jimmy Hudgins, who recently resigned from the board.

Lee named Merit scholarship finalist

Snyder High School senior LaTrisha Lee has been named a finalist in the 1997 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Only about one half of one percent of U.S. high school graduating seniors are chosen as finalists.

Lee is the daughter of Lannie and Loretta Lee. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Bryce of Snyder and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee.

Lee has earned many awards at SHS, including being named number one in the Academic Top 10 of her class for the past three years. She received the Kiwanis Sophomore of the Year award and scholarship in 1995.

She won several awards in 1996, including the national history and government award, the U.S. Student Council Award, computer science award and the first place band solo and ensemble award.

In 1992, Duke University named her a T.I.P. Scholar at both the state and national level. She also received the Scurry Masonic Lodge #706's Citizenship Award in 1993.



LaTrisha Lee

She has been a member of the KTXS Academic Challenge Team for the past three years.

Lee performs in the marching band and color guard and has competed in several UIL events including, science team, math team, computer science team, forensics team. She is a member of the Student Council.

In addition, she participated in last summer's Junior Scholar Program at Abilene Christian University for gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors.

Besides school work, Lee is active in both community and church groups. She is a member of the G-20 Social/Service Club, and East Side Church of Christ's youth group as well as children's Bible class, where she is a teacher.

She takes ballet classes and is a member of the band which performed during Western Texas College's home basketball games.

Although the nationwide academic competition is the largest of its kind, scholarship funds are limited and only about half the finalists in 1997 will receive Merit Scholarship awards.

The process of selecting some 7,000 Merit Scholarship winners from more than 14,000 finalists is now underway.

Three types of Merit Scholarships will be offered in 1997. All of the finalists are being considered for one of 2,000 National Merit $2,000 Scholarships that will be offered on a state representational basis.

Finalists who meet preferential criteria of a company or business sponsor will be considered for one of 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards.

More than 3,900 scholarships will be financed by U.S. colleges and universities that have made arrangements with National Merit Scholarship Corporation to sponsor awards.

Lawmaker says...

Minor change to amendment unlikely to make a difference

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even if Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott proposes an eleventh-hour change in the balanced-budget amendment, the measure will still probably be defeated, the Senate's top Democrat said today.

"I think it's going to take more than fringe cosmetics," Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., told reporters. "If they deal with Social Security and capital budgeting in a meaningful way, I think there's a real possibility. But I don't think that's going to happen."

Daschle spoke a day after Lott said he is prepared to change the Republican version of the amendment to gain the one additional Democratic vote needed for passage.

Lott's statement Sunday that he was willing to make "minor" changes to avert what appears to be a one-vote Senate defeat for the amendment came as Republicans attacked President Clinton's plan to balance the budget by 2002. They said his numbers do not add up.

Republicans have insisted they will not make changes in their proposed constitutional amendment. The proposal would require that federal outlays and revenues be in balance every year after 2002 unless the nation is at war or a three-fifths majority in both houses votes for a deficit.

The decision last week by Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., to vote against the plan left Republicans one vote short of the 67 votes, or two-thirds majority, needed to approve a constitutional amendment in the Senate. All 55 Republican and 11 Democratic senators have said they will vote for the measure.

A final vote is scheduled for late Tuesday. Lott, R-Miss., said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that in the closing hours "we're looking at every possibility" for ways to win the deciding vote.

"We are considering making a change perhaps in the numbers that it would take to get out of the balanced budget in a recession or a national security emergency," he said.

On Friday, Lott also suggested that Republicans would consider some form of capital budget, a system that states use that separates long-term construction projects from the general expense budget.



PANCAKE FEAST — Bobby Beard served pancakes to Otis Crumly Saturday at the Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club's fifth annual pancake feast held in the cafeteria at West Elementary. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

County OKs vehicle tags, one easement

In a brief meeting this morning, Scurry County commissioners approved an easement for a road in Precinct 4 and approved the use of "regular" exempt license tags on new vehicles for the sheriff's office.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway told the court that the road extends from CR 461 to the area of the T&K Dairy and serves five residences in the immediate vicinity.

The half-mile long road is also on a mail route and a school bus route, said Gannaway.

Gannaway said the easement is necessary in order for the county to maintain the road already in place, not construct a new one.

The court also approved a motion to have the state provide license tags that are not marked "exempt" to use on vehicles for the sheriff's department.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said the department had been using such tags in the past, but approval from the county's commissioners court is a new state requirement.

ASK US

Q—Will the committee looking into the leasing of Cogdell Hospital meet this week?

A—Yes, Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the hospital board room.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 74 degrees; low, 40; high Sunday, 61 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. Monday, 39; .05 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 4.95 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low around 45. S wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, sunny. High around 70. NW wind 10-20 mph, gusty.

Breanna Talavera
Gusty

Sunset: 6:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:07 a.m.
Of 61 days in 1997, the sun has shone 53 days in 1997.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the cornfield.

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Lincoln Bedroom tales draw mixed opinions

WASHINGTON (AP) — "He's the president. He lives there. He should have whomever he wants stay there," said Lucy Osipchic, 70, an assistant manager at a Newark, N.J., hotel gift shop.

As she speaks, airline pilot Joseph K. Brown, browsing the nearby magazine rack, can't help overhearing — and can't help disagreeing. To Brown, Bill Clinton crossed a line in offering a night in the Lincoln Bedroom and other White House hospitalities to woo Democratic donors or reward those who had already coughed up.

"It seems to me our country is being sold to the highest bidder," Brown said. "I think it would benefit this country if a lot of people in Washington would review what they learned in civics class in high school."

Maybe it's no coincidence that Ms. Osipchic voted for Bill Clinton last November, and Brown supported Republican Bob Dole.

And in this argument, Ms. Osipchic seems to reflect majority opinion outside the nation's capital. There's scant sign that disclosures of the use of presidential favors for political contributors are upsetting great numbers of ordinary Americans.

The more common reaction seems to be a grin, a shrug, a wisecrack.

It is another example of the rule that what excites Washington does not necessarily cause the country to quiver.

"It's a big yawner for most people," Ohio Democratic chairman David Leland said from his office in Columbus. In South Carolina, Democratic chairman Ronald Maxwell said, "The general perception is that it's nothing different from what's been done before."

But in Washington, Bill Kristol, Republican strategist, isn't yawning.

"For the first time this week I thought the rest of Clinton's presidency could be defined by scandal," said Kristol, former chief of staff to Vice President Dan Quayle.

Kristol said he had long been skeptical that President Clinton would be felled by Whitewater. But now, he said, "I think Clinton's statement 'The Lincoln Bedroom was never sold' could end up going down in history with Nixon's 'I am not a crook.'"

"Why aren't we outraged? And why aren't we outraged about the lack of outrage?" demanded Arianna Huffington, a conservative writer who is outraged — and then some.

Polls of people elsewhere, however, suggest something far short of outrage. A shrug is the more common reaction.

A Los Angeles Times poll finds Clinton's approval rating climbing to 62 percent. It is 57 percent in a USA Today/CNN poll, 60 percent in a Pew Research Center sounding. Pew director Andrew Kohut explains: "It's a little bit of, 'We've elected him, let's make the best of him as long as we can.'"

Quintin Vann, a shoeshine man in downtown Philadelphia, suggests the Lincoln Bedroom might be made available to folks through a lottery.

"On the one hand that's merchandising something that is a monument, has sacred value," Vann said of Clinton's inviting donors to spend a night in the Lincoln Bedroom. "But it's not against the law ..."

"Sure, send me there," laughs Ronda Danes of Dearborn Heights, Mich., who sells insurance.

Prayers requested for cancer doctor

ATLANTA (AP) — Sen. Ed Gochenour thanked fellow lawmakers for their prayers and their money when he began a controversial treatment to fight a brain tumor. Now he's asking them to pray for his doctor — who is embroiled in a battle with authorities and the medical establishment.

Gochenour has raised more than $45,000 from lawmakers and friends for the unproven treatment of Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski.

The Texas physician has been fighting the Food and Drug Administration, the Texas Board of Medical Examiners, and state and federal courts since opening his clinic for cancer patients in 1983.

Gochenour, a 44-year-old Republican from Macon, was diagnosed with a tumor shortly after winning re-election in November. He started Burzynski's treatment the next month.

Since that time, Burzynski stood trial for six weeks in federal court in Houston. A 75-count indictment charged him with dispensing his unapproved treatment across state lines after the FDA and a judge ordered him to stop.

He's also accused of filing insurance claims for treatments that he could not have performed because his out-of-state patients administered the drug themselves at home.

Jurors deliberated all last week without reaching a verdict. Burzynski faces up to 290 years in prison if convicted.

Gochenour said he'll stand by his doctor whether he broke the law or not.

"If there was a law that was wrong and I felt that it was unconstitutional, I'd probably break it, too," he said.

Gochenour said his tumor is about two inches around — about the size of a dime. He opted for the experimental treatment after doctors couldn't guarantee that conventional radiation and chemotherapy treatments would destroy it.

He's relied on donations to pay for his treatment because his state insurance doesn't cover experimental remedies.

Burzynski's drug uses antineoplastons, compounds derived from urine that he says serve as biochemical "turn-off" switches for cancer cells. Gochenour takes the drug intravenously using a computerized fanny pack.

The drug has not been proven to work, as required by federal law, in rigorous human studies.

The National Cancer Institute found evidence that tumors were reduced in seven of Burzynski's patients. But the institute last year abandoned studies of the drug, saying he wouldn't cooperate.

"The clinical trials have not been done to document its effectiveness and safety," said Terri Ades, a nurse who collects data on alternative cancer treatments for the American Cancer Society.

"We do not believe that anecdotal reports are adequate to determine a drug's safety and effectiveness."

Burzynski's defenders, including Gochenour, insist the doctor is saving lives despite a medical bureaucracy that insists on fighting his treatment.

"I have no concerns," Gochenour said. "The only people opposed to him are the oncologists who stand to lose a lot of money if he's successful."

Burzynski's treatment doesn't come cheap. When Gochenour learned it would cost him $14,000 up front, plus $5,000 for the first treatment and $9,000 per month thereafter, he enlisted the help of Lt. Gov. Pierre Howard and Sen. Pam Glanton, R-Riverdale.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 4, 1997

Success won't be handed to you on a silver platter in the year ahead, but you should have plenty of opportunities to fulfill your expectations. It will be up to you to bring them into being.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Respect and consideration will be showered on you today by almost everyone you encounter; it is a marvelous day to promote your newest interest. 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) An well-placed associate is in the mood to cooperate today with something you're interested in. Success is indicated if this matter is handled properly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone or something you believe in might be put to the test today. Fortunately, neither the issue nor the individual will come up short.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even though partners aren't necessary to accomplish a project today, there will be certain advantages. It may be for reasons others find hard to understand.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your mental faculties could be a bit keener than usual today, so focus your attention on any matters that should be studied carefully.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Things should run smoothly for you today, enabling you to make more progress than usual. Keep persisting until you've crossed the finish line.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you are in an amicable mood today, you shouldn't have any trouble finding desirable companions with whom you can share some fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you tie down the loose ends you've left hanging, you should be able to enjoy the remainder of the week better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your plans should begin to jell today, enabling you to start a project you've been anxious to launch.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This could be a very good day to go shopping, especially if you're looking for good buys on domestic items.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Conditions favor you today. This is a good time to seek support from others for an endeavor you are interested in. The result could be rather impressive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Keep a low profile today and let things come to you. Your ship has a greater chance of coming in over calm seas than it will over rough waters.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Abraxas Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 5-C Huddleston in the Sharon Ridge field, six miles northwest of Ira. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 161, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Abraxas Petroleum will drill the No. 5-E Huddleston in the Sharon Ridge field, six miles northwest of Ira. Contracted for 3,400 feet, location is in Section 161, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Abraxas Petroleum will drill the No. 6-E Huddleston in the Sharon Ridge field, six miles northwest of Ira. Also planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, drill site is in Section 161, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

J.M. Huber Corp. will drill the No.6-6 Post Estate in the Aljenda field, eight miles northeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 8,400 feet, drill site is in Section 6, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Wheeler Operating Corp. will drill the No. 3-20 Post-Montgomery in the Arlene field, eight miles northeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Wheeler Operating will drill the No. 3W-20 Post-Montgomery in the Arlene field, eight miles northeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Wheeler Operating will drill the No. 4W-20 Post-Montgomery in the Arlene field, eight miles northeast of Post. Also scheduled for 4,000 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Wheeler Operating will drill the No. 5W-20 Post-Montgomery in the Arlene field, eight miles northeast of Post. Scheduled for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Wheeler Operating will drill the No. 6W-20 in the Arlene field, eight miles northeast of Post. Also planned for 4,000 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Wheeler Operating has completed the No. 1-20 Post-Montgomery in the Arlene field, eight miles northeast of Post. The well was finaled to produce 15 barrels of 35 gravity oil and 95 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,450-464 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Kent County

Apache Corp. has completed the No. 3 Spires in the Cogdell field, 18 miles north of Snyder. The venture was finaled to produce 18 barrels of oil and 109 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,900-953 feet, and location is in Section 769, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Baytech Inc. has completed the No. 2 Lloyd in the Varel field, three miles northwest of Fairview. The well was finaled to produce 10 barrels of oil and 185 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,100-122 feet, and location is in Section 45, Block 33, T2N, T&P survey.

Cobra Oil and Gas Corp. has plugged and abandoned the No. 1-17 Blagrave in the Alfalfa field, three miles southwest of Big Sping. Drilled to a depth of 11,000 feet, location was in Section 17, Block 33, T1S, T&P survey.

Marathon Oil Co. has plugged and abandoned the No. 1 R.C. Scott in the Howard-Glasscock field, 10 miles south of Coahoma. Drilled to a depth of 2,900 feet, location was in Section 86, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Marathon Oil has plugged and abandoned the No. 3 R.C. Scott in the Howard-Glasscock field, seven miles northeast of Forsan. Drilled to 2,854 feet, location is in Section 86, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Rasmussen Operating has completed the No. 1 Doobie Good in the Vealmoor field, three miles southeast of Vealmoor. The well was finaled to produce 133 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 6,370 barrels of water. Peforations were from 7,947-952 feet, and location is in Section 33, Block 32, T3N, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 15-A Dodge Estate in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 11, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 24-A Dodge Estate in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. Scheduled for a depth of 3,200 feet, drill site is in Section 3, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 45-A Dodge Estate in the Iatan East Howard field six miles east of Coahoma. Also set for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 3, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 66-A Dodge Estate in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. Planned for 3,200 feet, drill site is in Section 1, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 95-A Dodge estate in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 11, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 12-A Kloh in the Howard-Glasscock field, five miles southwest of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 13, Block 33, T2S, T&P survey.

Santa Fe Energy will drill the No. 2-36 Powell Ranch, an 8,000-foot wildcat located six miles south of Coahoma. Location is in Section 36, Block 31, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Hallwood Petroleum will drill the No. 1 Meeks, a 7,000-foot wildcat located 15 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 59, Block 5, T&P survey.

Hallwood Petroleum will drill the No. 1 Guthrie, a 5,700-foot wildcat located 15 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 59, Block 5, T&P survey.

Hallwood Petroleum will drill the No. 2 Guthrie, a 5,600-foot wildcat located 15 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Drill site is in Section 73, Block 5, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 3520 Southwest Nena Lucia field unit, 11 miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 51, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Robertson Resources Inc. has completed the No. 11-A Cochran in the Suggs field, six miles southeat of Maryneal. The well was finaled to produce 15 barrels of 46 gravity oil and 15 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,675-693 feet, and location is in Section 72, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Enrich Oil Corp. will drill the No. 1 Stewman-Hrbacek, a 7,800-foot wildcat located three miles west of Maryneal. Location is in Section 176, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 115 North Nena Lucia field unit, four miles west of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 152, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

Great Texas Crude Inc. has completed the No. 1 Reed in the Rough Ride field, five miles southwest of Longworth. The well was finaled to produce 41 barrels of 48 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 6,035-055 feet, and location is in in the Jordan and Edwards survey.

'Empire' still strong but 'Brasco' beats 'Star Wars'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mob movie "Donnie Brasco" knocked off "Star Wars" but couldn't touch "The Empire Strikes Back," which again had the top box office earnings for the weekend with $12.6 million in ticket sales.

"Donnie Brasco," starring Al Pacino and Johnny Depp, grossed $11.2 million in its opening to knock "Star Wars" out of second place, according to estimates released Sunday.

The first episode of the George Lucas space trilogy earned $7 million, according to Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc.

"Donnie Brasco" had the best per-screen average of the top 10 films at $7,452.

Audiences for "Empire" and "Star Wars" dropped 43 percent and 37 percent respectively over the previous weekend. Those dips are within the range expected for new films, let alone re-releases.

The perils of Luke Skywalker and friends have aged well — and lucratively. "Star Wars," first released in 1977, has grossed $447.9 million domestically when its refurbished re-release is counted.

"Empire" has taken in $262.4 million theatrically since it debuted in 1980.

The weekend's only other major film debut was "Booty Call," a raunchy dating comedy that finished fourth with $6.4 million.

Clint Eastwood's White House murder thriller, "Absolute Power," was fifth with $5.7 million, followed by "Dante's Peak." The volcano disaster film had $5.1 million.

Next in line were "Vegas Vacation" with $4.5 million, "Fools Rush In" at $3.7 million and "Marvin's Room," which grossed $3.5 million.

"Rosewood," in 10th place, grossed $2.8 million, a drop of just 11 percent from the previous weekend. The movie about the destruction of a black Florida town in the 1920s has had generally good reviews.

Though out of the top 10, "Jerry Maguire" continued to amass cash with $2.6 million for a 12-week take of $135.1 million. Two Oscar-nominated independents, "The English Patient" and "Shine," grossed $2.2 million and $2.1 million, respectively.

Several films opened in limited release. "Smilla's Sense of Snow," a thriller with Julia Ormond, had $100,000 in ticket sales and the gambling drama "Hard Eight" had $61,000.

Final weekend box office figures were to be released today.

The top 10 films from Friday through Sunday:

1. "The Empire Strikes Back," $12.6 million.
2. "Donnie Brasco," $11.2 million.
3. "Star Wars," $7 million.
4. "Booty Call," $6.4 million.
5. "Absolute Power," $5.7 million.
6. "Dante's Peak," $5.1 million.
7. "Vegas Vacation," $4.5 million.
8. "Fools Rush In," $3.7 million.
9. "Marvin's Room," $3.5 million.
10. "Rosewood," $2.8 million.

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Effort to recover stolen gold defended

WASHINGTON (AP) — At 92, Morton Bach calls himself and 82-year-old Seymour Rubin "the last crumbs from the original" batch of U.S. diplomats who negotiated the Swiss surrender of looted Nazi gold in 1946.

A half-century later, with their hard-fought agreement under fresh scrutiny, the only American negotiators still alive acknowledge the deal was flawed. But they insist it was the best they could do with a secretive and unyielding Switzerland and reluctant Allies at the table.

"We didn't get all of the looted gold back," said Rubin, the lead negotiator for the State Department at the time. "But a lot of it was already transferred to other countries like Portugal. I don't think the Swiss had that much Nazi gold left in the vaults.

"The problem is, we had very little proof."

Indeed, Bach said Switzerland at first would not acknowledge it violated a 1943 Allied pact with neutral nations by accepting gold the Nazis plundered from central banks across Europe. Confronted with evidence that Germany deposited stolen Belgian bars, the Swiss finally "conceded they might have Nazi gold, but they wouldn't necessarily admit it was looted," he said.

"The Swiss were being Swiss," said Bach, an economics officer who had been called to Washington from Bern for the talks. "They weren't very easy to negotiate with. They weren't very forthcoming. They were tough."

Representatives of the United States, Britain and France — operating as the Tripartite Commission for the Restitution of Monetary Gold — believed the Nazis put at least $400 million in gold in Swiss banks during World War II.

How much was looted was not clear and Switzerland's bank secrecy laws prevented a full outside accounting. Still, a 1943 U.S. report to the commission, now declassified and found in the National Archives, said Germany had only $70 million in gold at the beginning of the war.

"The record is pretty clear about what the Swiss were doing," Rubin said in an interview last week. "But they said they didn't believe it was looted as long as it had a Reichsbank stamp on it."

After months of postwar negotiations, the Swiss agreed in May 1946 to turn over to the tripartite panel $58 million in Nazi gold deposits, to be distributed back to 10 countries whose banks were looted.

Negotiating the country claims proved difficult, too; the central banks got 60 percent of their requests. The commission was getting ready to finish its job this year when the United States, Britain and France agreed in January to freeze the account — now valued at $68 million because of rising gold prices — pending outcome of new U.S. and Swiss investigations.

"Maybe the Swiss are finally going to have to face up to what they did during and after the war," said Bach, who lives in Washington.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, the New York Republican who has led the call for full restitution, has suggested tripartite negotiations be reopened if evidence shows Swiss banks withheld looted Nazi gold.

On a related matter, D'Amato and Jewish groups also are pressing for an assessment of whether the banks are holding up to $7 billion in assets from Holocaust victims who opened secret accounts before and during the war.

Switzerland's ruling cabinet last Wednesday established a humanitarian fund for restitution, without saying how much the Swiss would contribute.

Regarding Jewish assets, Rubin does not believe Switzerland lived up to the tripartite pact, which called for identifying "heirless" accounts.

"Swiss banks have been very stuffy about Jewish claims," said Rubin, an international law specialist who remains active from his American University office here. "They've told people to produce death certificates, account numbers. They've done everything but help these people."

But Bach believes Jewish survivors and heirs also failed to do enough to pressure Swiss banks through diplomatic channels.

He said the U.S. legation in Bern — a step below a full embassy — did not receive one Jewish complaint about Swiss banks during the time he served as economics officer there from 1944 through 1948.

"Very frankly, I don't recall a specific Jewish individual coming to the legation to ask for assistance in locating the assets of relatives and otherwise," Bach said. He noted the legation was scattered in four or five private residences, from which U.S. diplomats worked, "so it's conceivable some people couldn't find us. But we were there to help."

Most disturbing to the World Jewish Congress is the possibility that some Nazi gold in Swiss banks might have come from 6 million Jews exterminated in concentration camps. The so-called nonmonetary gold would be in the form of melted-down wedding rings, dental fillings and other items.

Rubin believes most of the nonmonetary gold was found when Germany surrendered in 1945 and Allied troops stumbled upon millions of dollars worth of it in piles of loot and bags of gold ingots hidden in salt mines.

"Germany could have melted it down and put a Reichsbank stamp on it," he said. "But I think most of it was found right in Germany."

One other major factor that hindered tripartite talks was the British focus on moving past restitution and onto rebuilding, Bach said. Central banks were desperate for gold. England was devastated and the French — whose loyalties were divided in the war — sat on the sidelines, Bach said.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Wife Is Ready to Leave Man Who Has Made Her Miserable

DEAR ABBY: After 13 years of being with an abusive man, I finally figured out what a jerk he really is. I am leaving him very soon, although it is easier said than done. I have my "Dear John" letter ready. I sat down one day and wrote down all of the things he has put me through, and titled it "Love Isn't ..."

Perhaps if other women read it, they will know they aren't alone and everything isn't their fault, which I was led to believe so many times.

Guys: If you see yourself in this, be prepared to see your wife and kids walk out someday. It's just a matter of time.

LOVE ISN'T ...

- Raising your hand with intent to scare or harm your wife.
- Making yourself absent when your wife is sick.
- Coming home half-drunk.
- Standing her up on an important occasion, like the celebration dinner at the hospital for the birth of your child.
- Screaming, "You're fine" when your wife feels sick or scared.
- Calling her a liar when she's never lied to you.
- Being nice only when you want something — like sex.
- Calling her stupid, ignorant or a bitch.
- Saying, "You think you're always right," after asking her opinion.
- Thinking always of what will make you happy, not your wife or your child.
- Criticizing your wife in front of other people, or even worse — your children.
- Saying you're going to inflict physical harm because you don't like what she's saying.
- Ordering her to "Stop crying," or insisting, "That didn't hurt; you exaggerate everything."
- Saying, "If you don't like it, *leave*!"
- Shoving, hitting, or even pretending to do so.
- Making her life miserable when you're at home.

And that's why I ain't here!

THE GOODBYE WIFE
IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR GOODBYE WIFE: Your description of your marriage is chilling. I have said this before, but it bears repeating: Life is filled with choices. Sometimes it's necessary to ask yourself, "Am I better off with him — or without him?" I wish you better luck in your next relationship. Fortunately, not all men are like the one you married.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 74 years old and have attended many funerals and memorial services in my lifetime, and I have decided that I do not want one.

When I tell my children this, they just smile and say, "Of course we will have a service for you."

Sometimes the music and sermon are comforting, but for the most part funerals are dreary affairs. Most people attend out of respect for the family. The deceased certainly doesn't know who is there.

Since I feel so strongly about having no service of any kind, don't you think my family should abide by my wishes?

ANONYMOUS IN OREGON

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Yes, but let's face the facts. Funerals are for the living, and the "star of the show" has no voice in the matter. As Lord Beaverbrook once said, "The only reason I might go to a funeral is to make absolutely sure that person is dead!"

If you are adamant about not wanting a funeral, suggest to your children that instead you would prefer a "celebration of life." These services are increasingly popular, and are usually more cheerful than traditional funerals.

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Date Book

March 3, 1997



Today is the 62nd day of 1997 and the 73rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1845, Florida became the 27th state in the union.

On this day in 1913, police made no attempt to intervene when women's suffrage marchers were attacked in Washington.

On this day in 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the U.S. national anthem.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George M. Pullman (1831-1897), manufacturer; Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922), inventor; Matthew B. Ridgway (1895-1993), U.S. Army general; Jean Harlow (1911-1937), actress; Julius Boros (1920-), golfer, is 77; Herschel Walker (1962-), football player, is 35; Jackie Joyner-Kersee (1962-), athlete, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Wayne Gretzky broke the old NHL single-season goal scoring record when he notched numbers 77, 78 and 79.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave / O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?" — Francis Scott Key

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1959, two men were killed when high winds caused 8-foot waves on Lake Utah, capsizing their boat.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	03-03-97
	♠ K 9 8 3	
	♥ Q 9 6 5 3	
	♦ A 9 4	
	♣ 10	
West		**East**
♠ J 7 2		♠ Q
♥ J 7		♥ 8 2
♦ 8 7 6 5 3		♦ K Q J 2
♣ A 6 4		♣ K J 9 7 5 3
	South	
	♠ A 10 6 5 4	
	♥ A K 10 4	
	♦ 10	
	♣ Q 8 2	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 8

To first at last

By Phillip Alder

There are several sayings along the lines of "it isn't over until the fat lady sings." In a bridge tournament, the winners cannot be announced until all the boards have been played.

In the Life Master Pairs at the Summer Nationals in Miami Beach last August, the winners were David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen. They never led until after the final board, which is in today's diagram.

Cohen wasn't worried about missing a slam when he jumped to four spades. As they use the Precision Club system, Berkowitz was known to have at most 15 high-card points. And with his singleton, it was possible that game would be laydown opposite a minimum opening. Also, it made life tough for East.

After winning the first trick with dummy's diamond ace, declarer played a trump to East's queen and his ace. Now Berkowitz led a spade to dummy's eight. When East discarded, declarer drew the last trump and claimed 12 tricks: five spades, five hearts, one diamond and a club ruff in the dummy.

Why did Berkowitz get the trump suit right? Well, over North's four-spade jump East paused for longer than the 10 seconds required by law. (This skip-bid procedure, as it is called, attempts to eliminate ethical problems based on the speed of East's action.) If he was thinking of bidding, he was probably short in spades.

This result gave Berkowitz and Cohen 17 matchpoints out of 25 — and first place. Just in case you're wondering, I didn't put first *prize*, because there are no prizes. Is bridge the only game in the United States where you collect nothing tangible for winning a national title?

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

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

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; program will be "Colors In Your Yard," by Brenda Aquillon, president of the Colorado City Garden Club; 9:30 a.m.

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

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; Golden Corral; 6:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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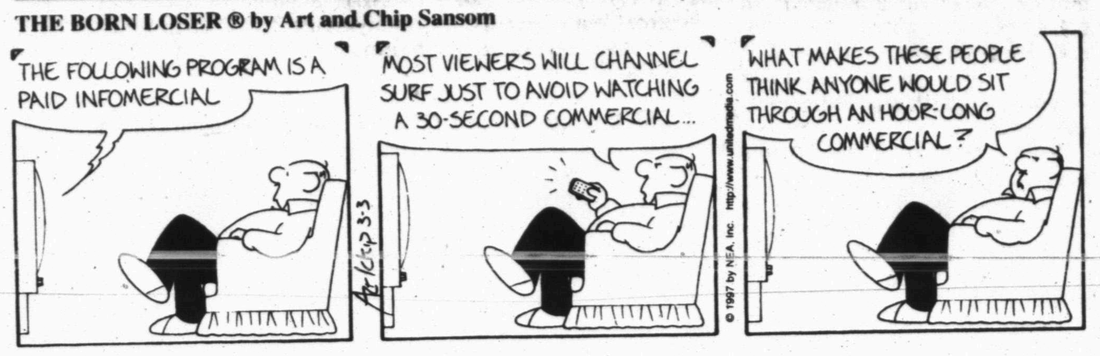
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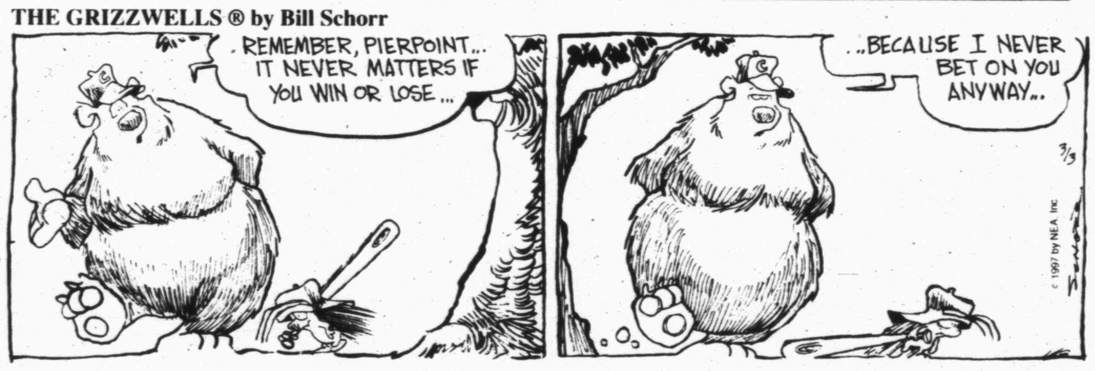
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Mayonnaise containers
5 Dec. holiday
9 Light beam
12 Concert halls
13 Merest bit
14 Bar brew
15 Same
17 — Hammarskjold
18 Glacial ridge
19 Being aware of
21 Ready to be picked
23 Gun grp.
24 Crude
27 Sprouts
29 Of hearing organs
32 Treats maliciously
34 Superficial covering
36 Go into thin air?
37 Improves
38 Type of school
39 Abominable Snowman
41 Obtained
42 Mail center abbr.
44 Bright colors
46 Fish-eating bird
49 Eats a lollipop
53 River inlet
54 Handling
56 Letters of the alphabet
57 Other
58 To the sheltered side
59 Intermediate (pref.)
60 Small children
61 Ball of yarn

DOWN

1 — de vivre
2 Puts 2 and 2 together
3 Give off fumes
4 More sensible
5 Roman dozen
6 Made fun of
7 — — angle
8 Beauty shop
9 Aglow
10 Actor Ladd
11 Safecracker (sl.)
16 Familial groups
20 Penned
22 Aggressive
24 Invitation inits.
25 On — — with (equal)
26 Merlot holder
28 Deluge
30 — -China
31 Acting group
33 Actress Hedren
35 Among
40 Author Hemingway
43 Group of eight
45 Poison —
46 Baby buggy
47 Emerald Isle
48 Folksinger Guthrie
50 Prisoner's room
51 Kind of jerk?
52 Hearty dish
55 Roman bronze

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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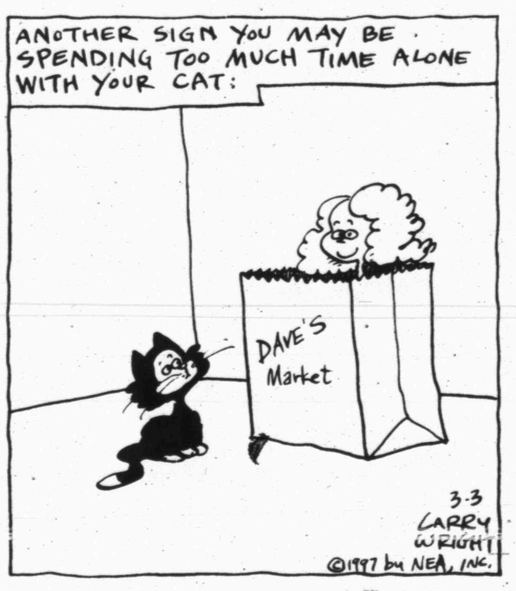
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Lady J win six

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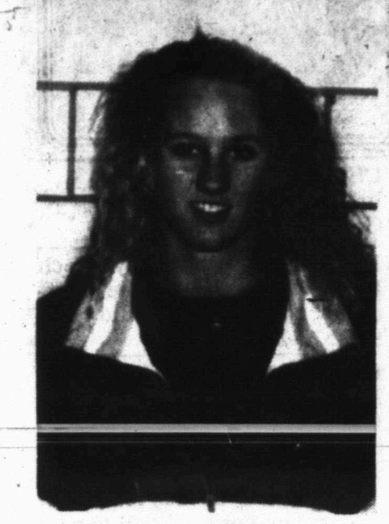
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SPORTS



Daysha Weaver

Netters bring home medals

The Snyder Tiger tennis team competed in the Sweetwater Tournament Friday and Saturday and brought home three medals.

"Considering we haven't been able to practice very much, we played as good as can be expected," said coach Chad Redwine.

Jaime Juarez won the second place medal in the second flight. Juarez defeated Yuri Mendoza of Plainview 6-0, 6-0, but lost in the semifinals to David Kowalski of San Angelo Central 6-4, 6-2.

Juarez played one of the most exciting matches of the tournament in a three-set win over Sweetwater's Daniel Howard 5-7, 7-6, 6-4.

Brett Gibson also finished third place in the third flight. Gibson defeated Courtney Wilkinson of Sweetwater 6-2, 6-2 to advance to the semifinals. Gibson was defeated by Midland Lee's Brian Brithaupt 6-4, 6-1. Gibson rebounded in his third match, taking a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Andrews' Jeff George.

Laura Gonzales brought home the second place medal in the first flight in girl's singles.

Gonzales scored two big wins over Plainview's Lindsey Mack 6-4, 6-1, and Midland Lee's Deborah Ho 6-4, 6-2. Gonzales could not string together her third win, falling 6-4, 6-4 to Sweetwater's Sarah Pennington 6-4, 6-4.

The tennis team will travel to Carlsbad this Friday and Saturday to compete in the Carlsbad Tournament.

Girls singles: Cailey Coffee defeated Lisa Sanchez 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; defeated Annie Hoffman 7-6, 6-0; lost to Lili Vo 6-2, 6-3; Vicki Vargas defeated Robbie Offill 6-1, 6-1; lost to Georgia Stein 6-0, 6-1; lost to Amanda Kreigshauser 6-1, 6-1; Natalie Hill lost to Katy Dority 6-1, 6-0; lost to Amber Gage 6-0, 6-1; Andrea Pavlik defeated Elizabeth Harrell 6-4, 6-4; lost to Rebecca Williamson 6-0, 6-2; lost to Holly McVay 6-3, 7-6; Veronica Carrisales lost to Mana Cavera 6-4, 6-2; lost to Bryane Bryant 6-4, 6-2.

Boys singles: Adrian Gonzales defeated Dustin Blankenship 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; lost to John Armstrong 6-2, 6-3; lost to Conner Austin 6-3, 6-3; Todd Hall lost to Bryan Walker 6-0, 6-1; lost to Dallas Weaver 6-1, 6-4; Ty Jones defeated Mark May 6-3, 6-3; defeated Bryan Wheeler 6-0, 6-4; lost to Patrick Whitfill 6-1, 6-2; Spanky Levens defeated Robert Vega 6-2, 6-1; defeated Matt Driggs 6-2, 7-5; lost to Shaun Shepperd 6-0, 6-0.

Boys doubles: Juarez/Gonzales defeated Gonzales/Guerra 6-4, 7-5; defeated Armstrong/Findley 7-5, 0-6, 6-2; lost to Reinhauer/Carr 6-3, 6-2; Hall/Gibson defeated Wilkinson/Davis 6-3, 6-1; lost to Waller/Bendixson 6-1, 6-3; lost to Brithhaupt/Broach 6-4, 6-4; Jones/Levens defeated Patel/Hill 6-4, 6-0; defeated Wheeler/Driggs 6-1, 6-4; lost to Fisher/Foster 6-4, 6-2.

Girls doubles: Gonzales/Vargas lost to Weishaar/Detten 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; lost to Williams/Dority 7-5, 6-2; Pavlik/Coffee defeated Dawson/Romero 6-2, 6-2; lost to Williams/Neff 7-5, 6-2; Carrisales/Hill lost to Lannon/Wiggens 6-0, 6-1; lost to Bryant/Riley 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Lady JV Tigers win six straight

The SHS JV softball squad upped its season record to an unblemished 6-0 with a 16-3 romp over Midland Christian Saturday.

"We pretty much had it won from the beginning," said coach Carmen Bohannon. "It wasn't much competition."

The Lady Tigers rocked Midland for 19 hits in the game, led by Miranda Hackford who had a triple and a single.

Courtney Rinehart scored the win on the mound by giving up only five hits and fanning eight. Rinehart is 3-0 for the season.

Brady Johnson belted two singles and a double as did K.K. McClain. Randi Haggard hit a single and a double.

The Lady Tigers will continue their season Tuesday when they face the Odessa High Lady Bronchos at 5 p.m. at Cates Field.

Weaver medalist as Snyder garners second at Midland

MIDLAND — Snyder High School girls golf team vaulted from fifth to second place Saturday in the Midland Invitational played at Hogan Park.

Daysha Weaver shot a 41 on Saturday to finish with a 124, tied for medalist honors with Lubbock Coronado's Suzanne Sowers.

After 18 holes on Friday, Snyder was fifth in the standings. Eighteen holes were scheduled Saturday, but sleet resulted in the action being called after nine holes.

Abilene High captured the tournament crown with a 529 total (351-178) while Snyder was two shots back a 531, including an impressive 164 on Saturday. The Tigers' team total after Friday was 367.

The 164 was the day's best round. Pacing the Snyder action Saturday was Keisha Gafford's card of 40. She had a 97 in the first round for a 137 total.

Randi Reed also had a 41 on Saturday, combined with a 96 Friday, for a two-day total of 137. Julie Doolittle fired a 42 on Saturday after a 98 on Saturday for a 140 finish.

Alissa Wells, who shot a 44 on Saturday, finished second in the Snyder standings with a 135 after carding a 91 on Friday.

San Angelo Central was third with a 535 and Midland Lee finished fourth with a 546. Another Class 4A school, Fort Stockton, finished fifth with a 647. Midland High was next with a 555 and El Paso Hanks picked up seventh with a 558. Pampa was eighth with a 567 and Andrews finished ninth with a 581. Hereford rounded out the top 10 with a 583.

Tigers rip Mustangs in 13-hit barrage

The Tiger baseball squad continued its success at the plate Saturday as Snyder banged 13 hits in a 15-6 victory over the Sweetwater Mustangs to go 2-1 for the season.

"If we keep hitting the ball like this," said coach Roland Herrera, "we can rack up some wins."

The first inning ended with the contest locked in a 3-3 tie, but the tie was soon broken in the second when Chris Hernandez hit a single to score Eric Lang, giving the Tigers the lead at 4-3.

The Tigers scored only one run in the third while the Mustangs went scoreless, but the Tigers exploded for six runs in the fourth to Sweetwater's none.

The Tigers smacked five hits in the inning, including doubles from Clay Berryman and Patrick Cumbie to give the Tigers an 11-3 lead.

Sweetwater was able to produce some offense in the fifth, scoring three runs on two hits, but they were the last runs the Mustangs would score.

With Richard Canas and Clay Berryman on base, David Smith stepped to the plate and belted a 2-1 pitch over the wall to give the Tigers a 15-6 lead. It was Smith's second homer in as many games.

Neither team scored in the sixth or seventh innings to preserve the win for Snyder.

Hernandez marked the win for Snyder on the mound to score his first win of the season.

Canas hit two for four with a double and a stolen base and Berryman went three for four with with two doubles and a triple. Kyle Beck went one for four with a single. Cumbie hit two for three with a double. Hernandez went one for two with two walks and Sonny Cumbie hit one for three.

The JV team was not as successful, falling 6-1 to San Angelo Central on Saturday.

"Our pitchers did a good job," said coach Charles Bollinger, "but the six errors we had really hurt us."

James Shields knocked in Snyder's only run on a double and Cory Mandrell banged a single as did Wesley Wilson.

Josh Ward took the loss for Snyder on the mound. Ward pitched 3⅓ innings, giving up only one hit and fanning six.

The varsity squad will travel to Big Spring today at 5 p.m. to face the Steers while the JV squad will face the Lubbock High Westerners at 5 p.m. at Moffett Field.

Lady Tigers win fourth place in Brownwood

BROWNWOOD — Snyder High School Lady Tigers whalloped Liberty Hill, 14-4, Saturday before falling to Class 5A Abilene Cooper, 3-2, and finishing fourth in the Brownwood softball tournament.

Finishing fourth out of 12 teams, Coach Billy Hicks was pleased with his team's effort. "I thought we did a good job in this tournament. We were able to get some of the kinks out of our system by playing outside, since we've been practicing for so long inside the gym.

"The girls finally have come together as a team...if we continue working together, we will continue to improve."

Starla Davis banged a double with two outs in the bottom of the sixth to score CeCe Valadez to end the game against Liberty Hill on the 10-run rule.

Amanda Huff posted her first mound victory of the season. In six innings, she fanned four and issued three walks.

For Snyder, Valadez cracked two doubles and other two-baggers came off the bats of Huff, Brittany Drummond, Davis and Shawn Purcell. Huff and Amy Ricks each connected for a single.

Abilene Cooper (9-4), came from behind to edge Snyder, 3-2. The Lady Tigers led 1-0 going into the fourth inning, but Cooper knotted the score. Snyder held Cooper scoreless in the fourth and led 2-1 at the end of the fifth. But in the sixth, Cooper pushed in two runs to garner the victory.

Kristin Martinez, who smacked a single, suffered the mound loss. Amy Ricks also got a single while Purcell slamed a triple.

The Lady Tigers will host Odessa High at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Cates field. The varsity game will be preceded by a JV contest starting at 5 p.m.

College scores

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Illinois 70, Michigan 51
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SOUTHWEST
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In 36-33 win...

Dean Weese, Levelland take Class 4A state championship

AUSTIN (AP) — Five new champions were crowned at the girls' state basketball tournament, but most of the teams were no strangers to the annual Final Four in Austin.

Duncanville in Class 5A, Levelland in Class 4A, Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill in Class 3A, all had won titles in previous years, and Poth in Class 2A, while not having won before, was playing in its third straight state tournament.

Only Class A champion Whiteface won it all while making its debut in Austin.

It was one of the most lopsided tournaments in recent history. There were no overtime games as blowouts dominated.

The average margin of victory through the tournament's 10 semifinal games was 23 points. The highest margin was 45 (Whiteface 82, Henrietta Midway 37).

Three of the five finals on Saturday were close, including the 5A championship between Duncanville and Alief Elsik.

Led by Tennessee signee Tamika Catchings, who had 19 points and 12 rebounds, Duncanville used its pressure man-to-man defense and an error-free offense down the stretch to defeat Elsik 44-33.

The Pantherettes made history, matching South Oak Cliff in 1980, as the only teams to go 40-0. But it was an emotional footnote that was on the mind of coach Sara Hackerott after the title game.

It was Duncanville's fifth state title, but first since legendary coach Sandra Meadows died of cancer in 1994. Meadows guided the school to state titles in 1976 and 1988-90.

"Every time I've been here, with the exception of 1995 and 1997, it was with her. I'd like to think all the things she passed on and was willing to share with me is part of the reason we won," Hackerott said.

Alief Elsik (37-2) left the state tournament as a disappointed runner-up for the second straight year. The Rams were the favorite to win it all last year with a record of 39-0 but lost in the finals in double overtime to Austin Westlake.

In Class 4A, Levelland won its seventh state title in 10 tourney appearances by slowing the pace of the championship to a crawl and wiping out Cedar Hill's running game in a 36-33 victory.

Levelland (32-3), which gobbles up the clock by turning each offensive possession into an event with up to a dozen passes before a shot, replaced its own record for lowest point total by a 4A title winner. The previous mark was 38, set by the Loboettes in 1988.

Levelland disposed of Canyon, the state's top-ranked 4A team, in the playoffs by the score of 24-22 and never considered itself an underdog against Cedar Hill (34-4), which featured Texas signee Jo Ruth Woods.

"They thought all along we were going to win," said Levelland coach Dean Weese, who collected his 10th state title, including three at Spearman. "We had a mountain to climb when we beat Canyon. We had to convince these people we had bigger games ahead."

Tech finishes season with 77-66 victory

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech ended the regular season once again showing its tendency to play down to a subpar opponent. The good news for the Red Raiders, who often play up to above-average opponents, is that very soon there won't be any more bad teams left on the schedule.

Cory Carr's 24 points and eight rebounds and a teamwide banner free throw performance helped Tech overcome a sloppy start and beat Texas A&M 77-66 Sunday.

"They controlled the momentum of the game," Tech coach James Dickey said. "We missed too many shots in the first half, and we really missed too many shots in the game."

The Raiders (18-8, 10-6 Big 12) wrapped up league play with a three-game winning streak going into Thursday's conference tournament opener against Kansas State. The Aggies (9-17, 3-13) face Oklahoma.

After trailing most of the first half, Tech used a 12-0 streak in the second half to go ahead 50-41.

"There was about a five-minute span in the second half from about the 13-minute mark down that our shot selection was not good," A&M coach Tony Barone said.

The Raiders pushed their lead to 63-49 before A&M made one last charge, closing within 66-62 on a layup by Tracey Anderson, the Aggies' leading scorer with 24 points.

Tech pulled away after that from familiar digs: the foul line. The Raiders made 7-of-8 free throws in the final 1:26, capping a 35-for-43 game. Conversely, the Aggies were 8-for-14.

Barone measured his words about the 30-18 foul differential.

"I'd be concerned about that," he said. "I'd have to look at the tape. I'm sure we fouled, but I think the disparity is a little bit much."

Tony Battie and Stan Bonewitz each scored 13 for Tech, and Bonewitz had eight assists. Calvin Davis scored 14 for Texas A&M, which finished tied with Kansas State for the league's worst record.

The Aggies outrebounded Tech 33-30 in an all-around physical game.

"The disappointing thing is that as much as we dominated the boards in College Station, we didn't rebound as well here," Dickey said, referring to Tech's 80-65 victory over A&M last month. "But, we got some big rebounds late."

The Raiders tied Texas for the Big 12 South title, but the Longhorns get a first-round bye in the conference tournament on a tiebreaker. Tech goes into the tournament as the fifth seed.

A&M is the 11th seed because it beat Kansas State, knocking the Wildcats into the 12th spot. Oklahoma is seeded sixth.

Faldo wins Nissan Open

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Call his golf game mechanical and boring.

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Nick Faldo made four trips around Riviera Country Club in typical craftsman-like fashion, with only four bogeys and a double bogey. The other 67 holes, he either birdied or parred.

And at the end of the Nissan Open on Sunday, the 39-year-old Englishman did a little celebratory hop, skip and jump as he walked onto the 18th green.

NBA at glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	43	15	.741	—
NewYork	43	16	.729	½
Orlando	30	26	.536	12
Washington	26	31	.456	16½
NewJersey	17	39	.304	25
Philadelphia	15	42	.263	27½
Boston	11	46	.193	31½
Central Division				
Chicago	50	7	.877	—
Detroit	43	14	.754	7
Atlanta	38	19	.667	12
Charlotte	37	22	.627	14
Cleveland	32	25	.561	18
Indiana	28	29	.491	22
Milwaukee	25	32	.439	25
Toronto	20	37	.351	30
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	41	16	.719	—
Houston	38	20	.655	3½
Minnesota	29	28	.509	12
Dallas	19	37	.339	21½
Denver	18	41	.305	24
SanAntonio	13	44	.228	28
Vancouver	11	50	.180	32
Pacific Division				
Seattle	41	16	.719	—
L.A.Lakers	39	19	.672	2½
Portland	31	28	.525	11
L.A.Clippers	25	30	.455	15
Sacramento	26	32	.448	15½
Phoenix	22	36	.379	19¼
GoldenState	21	35	.375	19½

Sunday's Games
Indiana 101, L.A. Lakers 85
Utah 93, Vancouver 86
Seattle 109, Orlando 101
Miami 79, San Antonio 72
Charlotte 108, Minnesota 96
Detroit 82, Atlanta 75
New York 90, Cleveland 82
Phoenix 109, Dallas 108, OT
Denver 109, L.A. Clippers 107, OT
Portland 112, Philadelphia 95

Monday's Games
Boston at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
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Orlando at Seattle, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Portland, 10 p.m.

Track squads run to victories

Matthew Fambro and Devon Reed brought home three first place medals from the Andrews Relays last week.

Matthew Fambro finished in the top three in two events. Fambro took first place in the high jump with a heigth of 6-2. Fambro also finished in second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.12 behind Andrews' Shaud Williams who ran a time of 14.49.

Devon Reed won two first place medals for her efforts in the long jump and the 100-meter dash.

Reed jumped a total of 15-3 to garner first in the long jump. Reed and ran a time of 13.07 in the 100 meter dash.

The boys team finished sixth out of seven teams with a total of 48 points.

Chris Post took second in the discus with a toss of 133-11½. Dan Brewster of Big Spring tossed a total of 149-1, good enough for first place.

Brady Cobb walked away with third in the triple jump with a total of 39-10. Jakiki Garrett of Levelland took first with a total of 43-¾.

The girls team walked away with in fifth place with a total of 37½ points. Borger took first with 152 points.

"I'm proud of the girls performance," said coach Patty Grimmett. "This is a young bunch and we haven't been able to get any good practices in, but we did a good job."

The 800-meter relay team of Shannon Hall, Alicia Peoples, Christina Holder and Devon Reed took third with a time of 1:59.99.

Both track teams will host the Canyon Reef relays this weekend at the Tiger Stadium.

State tourney

Pairings for the University Interscholastic League's boys tournament at Austin's Frank Erwin Center on Thursday, Friday and Saturday:

Semifinals
Thursday, March 6
Class 1A
Wortham (25-2) vs. Weatherford Brock (28-8), 8:30 a.m.
Moulton (37-2) vs. Nazareth (31-4), 10 a.m.
Class 3A
Kountze (31-4) vs. Dallas Madison (26-7), 2 p.m.
Tulia (34-2) vs. Sinton (23-14), 3:30 p.m.
Class 4A
SA Fox Tech (34-3) vs. Sweetwater (25-11), 7 p.m.
Dallas Lincoln (30-7) vs. Houston Wheatley (23-9), 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7
Class 2A
Vanderbilt Industrial (32-4) vs. Tahoka (29-6), 9:30 a.m.
Woden (34-2) vs. Italy (25-4), 11 a.m.
Class 5A
Galena Park North Shore (33-3) vs. SA Taft (33-5), 3 p.m.
Dallas Kimball (36-2) vs. Duncanville (29-7), 7 p.m.

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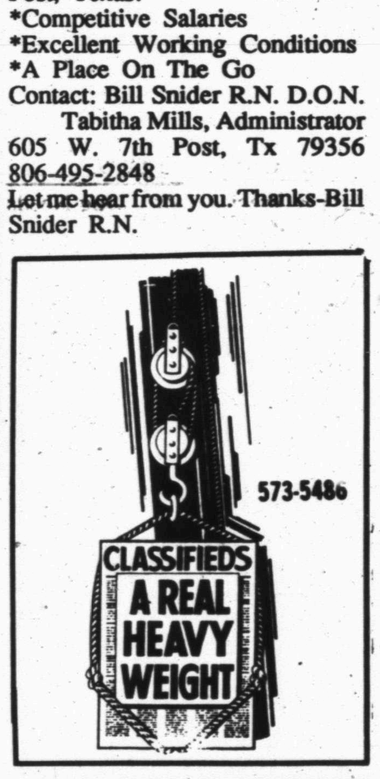
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Police arrest man for sexual assault

Seven people were arrested over the weekend, including one for sexual assault.

Officers arrested 20-year-old Torrance Leandrew Bean in the area of Winston Park at 5:41 a.m. Saturday and charged him with sexual assault.

He is suspected of assaulting a 19-year-old female early Saturday morning. The woman was taken to Cogdell Hospital as a result of the assault. Cogdell officials have refused to release any information about the victim.

Bond was set at $5,000. Bean, who resides at 315 32nd St., remained in jail this morning.

Other arrests Saturday included a 31-year-old male taken into custody at 9:24 a.m in the 1900 block of Avenue R on an outstanding city warrant for failure to appear.

At 2:56 a.m. Sunday, an officer was requested at the Purple Sage Motel in reference to an assault taking place. Officers arrested a 32-year-old male at the scene for Class C assault/family violence and for three outstanding Scurry County warrants for the issuance of bad checks.

Two people were arrested Sunday afternoon on outstanding warrants.

Officers arrested a 40-year-old male at 1 p.m. in the 1800 block of 15th Street on a city warrant for disorderly conduct. At 2:08 p.m., officers arrested a 21-year-old male in the 1200 block of 20th Street on three warrants from Municipal Court.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old male at 4:39 p.m. Sunday in the 2800 block of Avenue K for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A 25-year-old male was arrested at 11:53 p.m. Sunday in the 1100 block of 28th Street for public intoxication.

In other activity over the weekend, Rebecca Franklin notified officers at 7:31 a.m. Saturday that she had found a ring that she had reported stolen Friday.

Sylvia Martinez requested to speak to an officer at 10:35 a.m. Saturday in reference to a person being bitten by a cat while in the 1200 block of 19th Street. An offense report for cat bite was submitted.

Lupe Garcia requested to speak to an officer at 10:39 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone stealing two bicycles from 1401 Ave. I. The bicycles had previously been turned in to officers and they were returned to the owners.

At 7:14 p.m. Saturday, a person called the police department and reported hearing shots fired in the area of Central Elementary. Officers did not locate anyone with firearms in the vicinity.

Officers were called to the 4400 block of College Avenue at 11:46 p.m. Saturday in reference to possible gun shots fired at a residence. Officers determined a rock had been thrown through a window and an offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

And at 11:57 p.m., more reports of gun shots heard in the area of Central Elemetary were made. Officers did not locate anyone in the area with guns.

At 2:23 a.m. Sunday, officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 2800 block of Avenue J.

A report for criminal mischief was made at 4:35 p.m. Sunday in reference to someone throwing a rock through the drive-in window at the Dairy Queen on College Avenue.

Mike Angleton requested to speak to a deputy at 7:19 p.m. Sunday in reference to two head of cattle missing from around Ira.

A person notified officers at 9:20 p.m. Sunday that someone had taken money from his wallet. A report is expected to be filed today in the incident.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 11:18 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of 27th Street.

Officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident at 3:50 p.m. Saturday in the 200 block of 33rd Street. Involved were a 1994 Mazda driven by Jennifer Terrazas of 206 33rd St. and a 1992 Chevrolet pickup driven by Christopher Clifton of 2403 27th St. There were no injuries reported.

Markets

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	79¾	79	79¾	+1
AT&T Corps	39⅛	37⅞	37⅛	—2⅝
AirTouch	27⅞	26⅛	26⅛	— ⅜
Albertsons	35½	35⅛	35½	+ ¼
AlldSignal	71⅛	71⅛	71⅛	— ⅜
Alltel	35¾	35⅜	35¾	— ¼
AmerOnline	39⅜	38½	39⅜	+1⅞
AmStores	45	44¾	45	+ ¼
Ameritech	63¾	63¼	63½	— ¼
Amoco	83⅞	83¼	83⅜	— ⅞
AndarkPtr	56½	56¼	56⅜	+ ⅛
ArmcoInc		4¼	4	4¼
AtlRichfld	125½	124⅛	124⅜	— ⅛
ATMOS Egy	24⅛	24¼	24⅛	— ⅛
BakerHughes	35⅝	34⅜	35¼	— ⅜
BellAtl	69⅛	68⅜	68⅝	— ¼
BellSouth	46⅜	45⅞	46¼	— ⅜
BethSteel		8⅜	8¼	8¼
BritPet	132	131⅛	131⅜	— ⅞
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Caterpillar	78⅛	77⅞	78⅛	— ⅛
CenSoWst	24½	24	24⅛	— ¼
Chevron	64⅞	63⅞	64⅛	+ ⅛
Chrysler s	34¼	33⅜	33⅞	— ⅛
Coastal	45⅞	44⅞	45⅝	+ ⅛
CocaColas	60⅛	60	60⅜	— ⅛
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CooperIn	44⅛	44⅛	44⅜	+ ⅛
CyprusAmax	23¼	23	23⅛	— ⅛
DallSemicn	26⅝	26	26⅛	+ ¼
DeltaAirl	81⅛	79½	81⅛	+ ⅞
DigitalEq	33⅜	32⅜	33⅛	+ ⅛
Dillard	30⅝	30⅜	30⅝	+ ⅛
DowChem		81⅛	80⅝	81
DresserInd	30⅜	30	30⅛	— ⅛
DuPont	108⅛	107⅛	108½	+1¼
EastmanChem	55	54⅛	54⅛	— ¼
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EDS Corp	44⅞	44⅛	44⅜	— ⅜
Enserch	20⅞	20⅛	20⅜	— ⅜
Entergy	26⅜	26⅛	26⅛	— ⅛
Exxon	100⅛	98⅞	100	— ⅛
FstBksAm		10⅜	10⅜	10⅜
Flowers	23¼	22⅞	23⅛	+ ⅛
FordMotor	33⅛	32⅞	33⅛	+ ⅛
GTE Cp	47⅛	46⅝	47	+ ⅛
GenDynam	67⅛	66⅛	66⅝	— ⅜
GenElec	103⅛	102	103	+ ⅛
GenMills	65¼	64⅝	65¼	— ¼
GenMotors	57⅛	57⅛	57⅜	— ⅛
GaPacif	77⅞	76⅝	76⅝	—1⅛
GlobalMar	18⅞	18⅛	18⅛	— ⅜
Goodrichs		40⅝	40⅝	40⅝
Goodyear s	53	52⅜	52⅞	+ ⅛
GtAtlPac	30⅛	29⅝	30⅛	+ ⅛
Haliburtn	63⅛	62⅝	63⅜	—1
Hanson ADS n	22⅛	22	22⅛	— ⅛
HarteHanks	25⅛	25⅛	25⅜	— ⅛
HomeDepot		54⅛	54⅛	54⅛
HoustonInds	23⅛	23⅛	23⅜	— ⅛
IBM	145⅝	143⅞	145½	+1½
IntlPaper	41⅞	41	41⅛	— ⅜
JohnsnJn s	57⅛	56⅝	57⅛	+ ⅛
K mart	12⅜	12¼	12⅜	+ ⅛
Kroger	53⅞	53	53⅜	+ ⅛
Litton	43	42½	42⅝	— ⅛
LockhdMart	88⅜	88¼	88⅜	+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	36½	36¼	36⅜	— ⅛
Lubys		20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
LucentTech n		54¼	53¼	53¾
MayDeptStrs	47	46¼	47	+ ⅜
Medtronic	64 1-16	63¾	64	— ⅛
Mobil	124¼	122¼	124½	+1¾
Monsanto s	36⅞	36¼	36⅜	+ ⅛
Motorola	56⅜	55⅞	56⅛	+ ⅛
NCR Corp n	33¾	33	33⅜	+ ⅛
NationaBk s	59⅝	59⅜	59⅛	— ⅛
Navistar		9⅝	9⅛	9⅝
NoramEngy		15⅛	15	15
Norwest	49⅛	49⅛	49⅛	— ⅛
Nynex		51⅜	51⅛	51⅜
OryxEngy	20	19⅝	19⅝	— ⅛
PacTelesis	41	40⅛	40⅝	— ⅛
PanEnergy	42⅛	42⅛	42⅛	— ⅛
Penney JC	49⅛	48⅛	49	— ⅛
Pennzoil	57¼	56⅜	57⅛	— ⅛
PepBoys	33⅛	32⅞	33⅛	+ ⅛
PepsiCo s	33⅛	32⅞	33⅜	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	71⅛	71⅛	71	7-16—1-16
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ProctGamble	120 13-16	119	120	13-16+11-16
PubSNwMx	18¼	18⅛	18⅛	— ⅛
RoyalDutch	172½	171⅛	171⅞	—1⅛
SBC Comm	57¼	56⅛	57	3-16—5-16
SaraLee	38⅜	38⅛	38	9-16—3-16
SearsRoeb	53⅜	53	53⅜	— ⅛
SherwinW	55⅛	55⅛	55⅛	— ¼
SmthBchADS	73⅜	73⅛	73¼	—1
SouthernCo	21⅞	21⅝	21⅞	+ ⅛
SwstAirlines	23⅞	23¼	23⅜	+ ⅛
Sprint	46	45⅛	45⅞	+ ⅛
SunCo	27	26⅝	26⅝	— ⅛
TNP Ent	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	+ ⅛
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TemplInl		55¼	54⅝	55⅛
Tenneco	39⅜	39	39⅜	+ ⅛
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Travelers s	53¼	52⅛	53	3-16—7-16
TrinityInds		32¼	32	32¼
TritonEngy	41⅛	40⅜	41⅛	— ⅛
Tyler		2	2	2
US WestCm	36	35⅜	35⅝	— ⅛
USWstMda		18⅛	18¼	18⅛
USX Delhi	15	14⅜	14⅜	— ⅛
USX-Marathn	26⅛	26⅛	26½	— ⅛
USX-USS		31⅛	31⅛	31⅛
UnCarbde		47⅛	46⅞	47⅛
UnPac s	61⅛	59⅛	61¼	+1⅛
UnitedTech s	74¼	73⅞	74	5-16—15-16
Unocal	38⅛	38⅜	38½	— ⅛
WalMart	26⅜	26⅛	26⅜	+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	18⅜	18⅜	18⅝	— ⅛
WestghEl	17⅞	17⅝	17⅞	+ ⅜
WinnDixie	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	— ⅛
Woolworth	21½	20⅝	21½	+ ⅜
XeroxCp s	62¼	61½	62⅛	— ⅜
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Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Feb. 28-Pearl Cagle, 4500 Ave. U #6A; Walter Darlin, 816 SCR 253; Petra Delao, RR3 Box 341C; Margie Shelton, 2311 Ave. M; Herman Elkins, 304 34th; Susie Wishert, Rt. 2 Box 75MM; March 1-Hillorie Earnest, 2603 25th; March 2-Kaila Bethel, P.O. Box 1085; Buford Browning, 2411 27th; Patricia Scott, 2204 44th.

DISMISSALS: Feb. 28-Etta Chapman, Wyvone Davis, Michael Perales, Alfonso Ramos, Jon Kelley; March 2-None; March 3-Stacy Harwick, Ronald Pavlovsky, Margie Shelton.

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Mystery of two missing atheists still unsolved

AUSTIN (AP) — They pulled moving trucks up to the O'Hair house a couple of weeks ago, and emptied it.

They took the furniture and the appliances and all the belongings of Madalyn Murray O'Hair — America's foremost atheist — and loaded van after van. Then they put a red-white-and-blue sticker on the house, declaring it government property, and drove away.

Sometime soon, the Internal Revenue Service intends to auction it all off, to satisfy a lien for personal taxes unpaid in 1980, 1986, 1987 and 1988.

Of course, Ms. O'Hair could stop them by stepping forward to appeal the seizure. Or by paying off the debt.

But don't count on it.

It has been more than 17 months since she disappeared with her son, Jon Garth Murray, adopted daughter Robin Murray, and tons of money. They have left a trail of tantalizing clues that so far have led absolutely nowhere.

Are they alive? Are they on the lam, with more than $600,000 in funds that are missing from organizations led by Ms. O'Hair? Or has something more sinister happened to America's first family of godlessness?

Somehow, it seems fitting that the person at the center of this mystery is one of the most outrageous Americans of the half-century — a woman who tried to remove the phrase "In God We Trust" from U.S. currency, and to stop potential jurors from saying "so help me God."

Ms. O'Hair, 77, first gained fame when she took credit for a suit, already filed, which ultimately removed the Bible and sponsored-prayer from public schools.

She moved into and out of the spotlight in the decades since, challenging God in the courts and on television while creating her own empire and many enemies — atheists and Christians alike.

One day in August 1995, when employees arrived for work at the bunker-style brick building in Austin that houses American Atheists, Inc., they found a note from Ms. O'Hair posted on the door: Their jobs were on hold. They had been laid off.

Few who were close to the family were concerned. They said O'Hair and her family had just returned from a trip to Virginia where they had visited old friends and viewed Civil War sites.

Atheist leaders said the family was in contact by cellular phone; they talked about a plan to picket the Pope in New York. Staffers were told the family was handling "business" in San Antonio and would return within weeks.

Meanwhile, there was speculation. Did Ms. O'Hair, who has suffered from diabetes and dizzy spells, go somewhere to die privately so Christians could not pray over her at the end?

Then, at 4:35 p.m. on Sept. 28, all contact with the organizations ceased.

"To my knowledge nobody has talked to them since then," said Spike Tyson, who now occupies O'Hair's office at American Atheists, and lived in the family's Austin home until it was taken by the IRS.

Since then, there have been a series of intriguing disclosures. Among them:

—Jon Murray, 42, had sold his 1988 Mercedes on Sept. 4 through an ad in the San Antonio newspaper. The transaction was clandestine, done through a cellular phone and handled by a man who identified himself as Jon Murray, but did not resemble him.

Robin's Porsche 944 was found parked in a lot at Austin's Robert Mueller Municipal Airport.

—Atheists found that the family's three dogs had been left unclaimed at a kennel. The family's breakfast dishes were still on the table of their home.

Tyson moved in to housesit and dogsit — until the two young dogs that belonged to Jon and 31-year-old Robin "just disappeared" from the yard one day, he said. Ms. O'Hair's 17-year-old poodle, Gallagher, was left behind.

—The Houston Chronicle reported that as much as $1,000 a month has been charged to Robin Murray's American Express card since August, and the monthly balances have been paid. Vanity Fair reported that the three were sighted in Auckland, New Zealand.

Activist Ellen Johnson took over the presidency of American Atheist from her New Jersey home. Until late last year, she maintained that there was no evidence of foul play and no money was missing.

But money is missing — a great deal of it. Two of the five nonprofit atheists organizations headed by Ms. O'Hair and her family — American Atheists and United Secularists of America — have told the IRS they are missing $627,500 from a New Zealand trust account. Along with at least another $25,000, the cash disappeared about the same time as the trio.

"These reports are true," Ms. Johnson wrote in the American Atheist newsletter. "It was my decision to wait before making all discovered information public, in the hope that we would find the O'Hairs first — whether dead or alive."

There is no shortage of people who are looking for the family. The atheists are among them, although Ms. Johnson says her group would not press charges against the three.

"We'll never do something like that. There isn't the slightest thought in my mind that they've done something criminal. I cannot emphasize that enough," she said.

The IRS wants them. Police also want to know whether foul play was involved, although little progress has been made, according to Austin police Detective Stephen Baker.

And then there is the odd situation of William Murray — son of Madalyn, birth father of Robin, and atheist apostate.

The child involved in his mother's school prayer lawsuit, William later found God and became a minister. In so doing, he lost his mother. He has been estranged from his family for 20 years.

Nonetheless, William Murray has been frustrated by the lack of progress in the search for his mother. He has sought the help of Texas Gov. George Bush. He has tried to generate interest in the case.

"It became really apparent to me in the last six months that nobody is really interested in finding these people, except maybe the media," he said.

William Murray thinks his mother is dead: "Standing between my mother and a camera was a danger place. Just the fact that she hasn't appeared in the middle of all this is cause to believe she is dead."

But others are not so sure.

"You find the dogs, you'll find the O'Hairs," says a neighbor of Ms. O'Hair's. "They loved those animals. They never would have left them."

School district planning rooftop ads

DALLAS (AP) — A school district next to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport wants to be looked down on — literally.

By summer, corporate logos from soft drink and athletic-gear companies and others could be emblazoned on the rooftops of Grapevine-Colleyville school buildings.

District officials hope the billboards will catch the eye of the 58 million passengers who annually fly into and out of the airport and will raise money to supplement tax dollars.

"We thought maybe in the neighborhood of $100,000 a year" would be generated, said school board president Marion Brekken. "That's three beginning-teacher salaries."

School bus exteriors; football, baseball and softball fields; the district's cable television channel; and its voice-mail system are other possible venues for ads in an aggressive new campaign trustees are scheduled to vote on Monday.

Ads will cost between $1,000 and $10,000 depending on the amount of space and location.

The district's search for additional revenue led it recently to allow cellular phone companies to build antenna towers at athletic fields.

Grapevine-Colleyville officials said they need the money to compensate for revenues lost to the state's school finance program. The property-wealthy district sent more than $11 million to poorer schools last year.

The district has no plans to place ads in corridors, classrooms or other instructional spaces, superintendent Jim Thompson said.

Rooftop advertisement is especially appealing because "it clearly doesn't interfere with the educational setting at all," he said.

Janice Krueger, who owns Studio K Southwest advertising agency in suburban Richardson, said the rooftop ads would be a natural to market not just national brands but Dallas-Fort Worth area events like rodeos and car races.

"I think that would be of interest to both people living here and people who don't live here," said Ms. Krueger. "The one thing I would wonder about is how much information can you grasp as you're flying by."

Many schools in the Dallas-Fort Worth area already have deals that give corporate sponsors such as soft drink companies exclusive selling rights at the schools or to advertise at sporting events.

But the Grapevine-Colleyville district is among only a few that would allow advertising on school buses.

Officials with DD Marketing of Pueblo, Colo., with whom the district approved a contract last fall, said the placement of ads targeting airplane passengers is likely a first in the nation. The company helps school districts and universities link up with advertisers.

"It's just such a unique geographic situation where the district is located right here near one of the busiest airports in the world, so it's an opportunity that we want to take advantage of," said company president Dan DeRose. "I think there is going to be a lot of attractiveness to it."

Ms. Brekken noted that the school district will have veto power over what products are advertised.

Hells Angels' party peaceful

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Police were out in full force, setting up roadblocks and frisking bikers. But the Hells Angels just partied — peaceably.

Bikers from around the world, meeting to celebrate the opening of a Hells Angels Stockholm chapter, left without incident Sunday after a notably subdued weekend.

This peaceful city had feared becoming embroiled in feuding between the Hells Angels and a rival bike gang, the Bandidos.

The biker feud, which rages through Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, has escalated into public shootouts and attacks with anti-tank grenades. In all, 10 people have died and more than 50 have been injured in the biker war, which police say began three years ago over competition for drug markets and has now become a matter of revenge.

On Thursday police threw up a cordon around the clubhouse's industrial neighborhood as 200 bikers began arriving from as far away as the United States and Australia.

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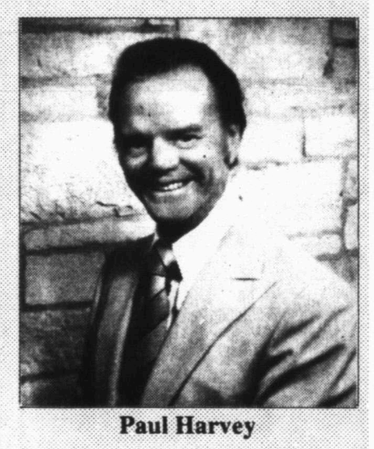
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is diabetes drug necessary?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 70-year-old husband was diagnosed last year with diabetes and placed on oral medication. Almost immediately, he began having episodes of hunger and exhaustion. When I checked his blood sugar during the attacks, it varied between 38 and 54.

Eventually, his doctor reduced the dose of medication, but my husband persists in having sensations of fatigue, associated with blood sugar levels below 50. The doctor tells him "this is the way it is, just be patient. The blood sugar will rise." Can you explain this?

DEAR READER: Sure. Your husband is over-medicated.

Blood sugar levels normally vary between about 100 and 200 milligrams per deciliter, depending on when the patient eats. (A value of 100 would be normal in a fasting state; 200 is normal after a heavy meal.)

When the blood sugar falls below about 45 mg/dL (hypoglycemia), a person will feel weak, sweaty, hungry, and exhausted. Under these circumstances, an immediate portion of a high-glucose substance (orange juice, small candies, and so forth) must be administered to increase the sugar level and prevent dangerous consequences, such as shock or coma.

Your husband may, indeed, be a mild diabetic, with fasting blood sugars in the 120 to 150 range. But I believe that this could be treated more safely and cheaply with a diet that is free of concentrated sweets, the cornerstone of therapy for all diabetics.

I suspect that the oral medication is not only unnecessary but is dangerous because it is forcing his blood sugar levels into the hypoglycemic range. I also suspect that your husband's doctor is completely incorrect in urging continued use of medicine, while reassuring you that the diabetes will somehow "catch up" to the therapy.

While it's true that diabetes (that is, the level of blood sugar) will often worsen with age, the process is usually a slow one that can be easily diagnosed by a physician, who can then administer drugs if and when they are needed. As things now stand, your husband's medicine is dangerous, in my opinion.

Therefore, I recommend that he stop the anti-diabetes pills, with or without his doctor's consent, and perform daily glucose-monitoring at home for several days. You'll learn soon enough whether he needs medication. If his blood sugar consistently runs about 200, he will need modification of his drug therapy; if the blood sugar remains more-or-less normal, he can rely on diet alone for treatment — at least for the present.

Finally, your husband might consider changing physicians to a practitioner who is more knowledgeable about diabetes and more alert to the potential hazards of anti-diabetes pills.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." 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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DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a friend who fries all her food in mineral oil because, she claims, the oil is not absorbed by the body and does not provide calories. Is this true? Is the practice safe?

DEAR READER: Mineral oil is not absorbed by the body. This is why it is such an effective laxative and is precisely the reason that it can do harm. Mineral oil passes through the intestine unchanged.

In so doing, however, it absorbs nutritional elements — notably, many vitamins — and can lead to a variety of dietary deficiencies. Therefore, your friend is correct, but her cooking habits should be refined.

First of all, she's dosing herself with a substantial amount of laxative, upon which her intestine could become dependent. Second, she risks nutritional deficiencies.

In my opinion, a more appropriate approach would be to eat less fried food, broil her meats and steam or stir-fry her vegetables using minimal fat, such as Pam spray.

Although her reasoning is sound, your friend should discontinue her practice of frying with mineral oil.

To give you more information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Calorie-Wise Cooking" and "Eating Right for a Healthy Heart." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report 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(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: Since I stopped smoking several weeks ago, I control my craving for nicotine by chewing sugar-free gum almost constantly (up to 20 sticks a day). The gum seems to work fine, but the peppermint flavor appears to give me prodigious gas, which is embarrassing and uncomfortable. What else can I use as a sugar-free crutch?

DEAR READER: Many sugar-free products contain sorbitol, an inert sugar that provides no calories. However, sorbitol can cause excessive intestinal gas, depending on the frequency with which it is consumed. Thus, it is the sorbitol, not the peppermint, that is producing your problem.

I suggest that you merely cut down on the number of sticks you chew. If you limit yourself to no more than a five-stick package a day, your gas accumulation should lessen.

I don't know of any sugar-free product that would be superior to what you are taking — except nicotine gum, which is useful in controlling nicotine craving for the initial few days of abstinence; it is not recommended for chronic use.

DEAR READERS: In describing the use of Certo in treating the pain of arthritis, I have mentioned two different dosage schedules and this has confused many readers. I apologize for this.

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New program

NEW YORK (AP) — Arsenio Hall is tired of playing second fiddle to the talk-show giants.

After playing Eddie Murphy's sidekick in various movies and losing the talk-show battle to Jay Leno and David Letterman, Hall hopes that his new sitcom, "Arsenio," will take him to the top of TV.

In the show, which debuts Wednesday on ABC, Hall plays Michael Fox, a sportscaster who is newly married to a lawyer played by Vivica Fox.

Boulder residents growing weary of spotlight

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Once known as the home of "Mork and Mindy," Boulder is stuck in a national spotlight it never wanted.

The slaying of JonBenet Ramsey, a 6-year-old beauty pageant winner, has put this quiet college town of 100,000 on the map again, nearly 15 years after "Mork and Mindy" ended its television run.

There are almost nightly updates on the case on tabloid television shows, although developments have been rare since her body was found the day after Christmas in the basement of her home. There have been no arrests and no announced suspects in the city's only official murder in 1996.

Speculation has swirled around JonBenet's parents: John, a computer products businessman whose company grossed more than $1 billion last year, and Patricia, a former Miss West Virginia.

To Diana Dummer, manager of The Total Health Store on Boulder's popular Pearl Street Mall, JonBenet's death grabbed the national spotlight because it offers glamor, glitter and money.

"The only reason people want to know about the Ramseys is because they're white and they're wealthy," she said.

And just down the mall, the owner of a bookstore that specializes in mysteries said she doesn't plan to stock an upcoming book on the slaying.

"Most people don't want to read details about the real thing," said Enid Schantz, owner of The Rue Morgue.

John Ramsey found the body of his daughter, about eight hours after a ransom note was discovered. The 1995 Little Miss Colorado had been gagged with duct tape, bound and may have been sexually assaulted.

The Ramseys, who have not been interviewed by police, have assembled a high-priced team of lawyers, a Washington-based public relations consultant and a former FBI profiler.

The crime has shaken this white-collar, highly educated, laid-back town just a half-hour drive from Denver. Home to the University of Colorado, computer firms and Celestial Seasonings, the herbal tea company, Boulder was 28th on Money magazine's list of the nation's best places to live last year.

Long known for its proximity to great skiing, rock climbing and roads for bicycle training, residents would like the town to slip back into obscurity.

Many express private hopes that one of their own is not involved and say they're willing to wait for police to complete their investigation.

On the mall, a short drive from the west Boulder neighborhood where the Ramseys lived in their 15-room home, Kay Gallegos said her 5-year-old son, Mark, wanted to know whether he should be worried about being murdered.

"I just told him that she was hurt by a bad person. It's just an isolated incident," said Gallegos, as she tended to four young children.

The haunting image of the pert, blonde, dark-eyed youngster has been on the cover of major magazines; videos of JonBenet dancing at beauty pageants are routinely shown on television news programs.

"Money talks," said Scott Moore, regional manager for The Total Health Store chain. "This only makes a mockery of what would happen to the average citizen if this had occurred."

Leslie Aaholm, a city spokeswoman, says some of the comments in the media about Boulder have made her bristle.

"Boulder's a college town. There's a certain eclectic mix, a diversity, which most people in Boulder are proud of," she said.

Wisconsin inmates report idle times

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin prison officials say they are trying to find a solution to a problem that has developed among inmates that have been sent to Texas county jails for a year at a time.

The Titus County Jail in Mount Pleasant, Texas, houses 68 Wisconsin inmates, some of whom complain they have little to keep them busy.

They get about seven hours of recreation and schooling each week.

"They treat us real nice and they do the best they can," said Tyson Dunne, 21, of Madison, who has been in prison since he was 17. "But this is punishment."

"We don't do nothing but sleep and eat," said Marcus Chavous, also of Madison, who is serving 12 years for armed robbery and battery. "This is dead time."

Dunne, convicted of second-degree murder in a shooting on the city's south side, and Chavous are the first of 700 Wisconsin inmates the state wants to send to county jails in Texas.

Critics claim the move has placed some of Wisconsin's best-behaved inmates far from their families and eliminated their opportunities for rehabilitation.

Wisconsin Department of Corrections officials say they are working on the problem, but they also say they face a far greater problem here at home: a badly crowded prison system.

Shipping inmates to Texas is part of the solution to dealing with a state prison system that already is more than 30 percent over capacity. The population is growing at a rate of about 200 inmates a month.

The Wisconsin-Texas program began last year when Wisconsin found that Texas had a lot of empty jail cells available for a reasonable price — $40 a day. It costs about $54 a day to house inmates in Wisconsin's prisons.

Texas counties agreed to house some of Wisconsin's non-violent inmates from minimum- and medium-security prisons. Wisconsin would pay rent for use of the jail cells, helping the counties cover the mortgage on their new jails.

Texas' 246 counties have about 20,000 extra jail beds available because they housed prisoners from the state's crowded prison system for many years.

In the last five years, however, Texas built 100,000 new state prison beds, leaving county jails with empty beds and big debts.

So far, 18 states have shipped 4,900 inmates to Texas county jails, with some coming from as far away as Hawaii.

Wisconsin officials have been criticized from criminology experts, social scientists and the American Civil Liberties Union for sending inmates to Texas jails.

Prisons in Wisconsin are called "correctional institutions" because they are supposed to rehabilitate criminals.

Jails, by contrast, are holding cells. They are designed to hold prisoners for short lengths of time. They don't have schools, factories, hospitals, libraries or any other features that prisons have.

Delivery of care to poor said threatened

DALLAS (AP) — Health officials fear new welfare rules could reduce medical coverage for poor pregnant women and their children.

"We're scared to death; we truly are," said Dr. Gary Cunningham, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas.

"I have no doubt that it's a massive threat to the system."

Federal welfare reform laws cutting off payment for many medical services for legal and undocumented immigrants were supposed to start in January. But not much has changed because federal regulators have yet to write specific enforcement laws.

New welfare laws will cover the delivery, whether a woman is in the United States legally or not, because labor is considered an emergency.

But prenatal care may not be considered so urgent, and health officials still don't know who will pay the expense.

Dr. Ron Anderson, Parkland's chief executive officer estimates that the added care for sick infants, along with other services that won't be covered, will cost the county hospital an extra $25 million a year.

"What we're doing is just waiting," said Steve Heartwell, director of Greater Dallas Maternal Health and Family Planning, a network of 10 clinics that provide almost all the routine prenatal care for Parkland Health and Hospital System.

Poor pregnant women and their children, and the public hospitals caring for them, may be among the most affected by changes in Medicaid, the state and federal health insurance program.

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Starr speaks at Pepperdine

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr gave Pepperdine University a preview of what it will get — some day.

Starr spoke to law school students Saturday, praising the nation's jury system for providing a hands-on lesson in democracy.

Starr agreed to become Pepperdine's law school dean this August, but after public criticism said he would first complete his investigation of President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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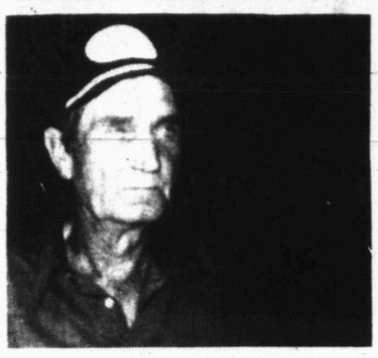
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Earl Boyd Ryan

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Graveside service for Earl Boyd Ryan is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Mr. Ryan, 68, died Saturday, March 1, in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Born on March 22, 1928 in Snyder, Mr. Ryan was a mechanic and a retired oilfield worker. He served in the United States Marine Corp during the Korean Conflict from 1948 to 1952. He received the National Defense Service Medal with a Star, for action against the enemy. He was a lifelong resident of Snyder.

Survivors include four sisters, Zelma Anderson of Snyder, Betty Jo Carey of Big Spring, Frances Dowell of Cleveland, Tex., and Ruth Walton of Big Spring; and two nieces, Nelda Colvin and Shirley Giddens, both of Snyder.

Mr. Leatherwood

1924-1997

Funeral service is set for 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel for Loyd Leatherwood, 72, who died Sunday, March 2, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a lengthy illness.

The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate, and burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mr. Leatherwood was born June 5, 1924 in Poolville, Tex. He worked as a warehouseman in the cotton industry.

Mr. Leatherwood was preceded in death by two brothers, Virgil and Bill Leatherwood.

Survivors include two brothers, Joe Leatherwood and Woodard Leatherwood, both of Snyder; three sisters, Gladys Bennett of Snyder, Myrtle Anderson of Sweetwater, Ann Rounsavillie of Golden, Okla.; and many nieces and nephews.

Troy Green

1921-1997

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Troy Green, 75. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Bob Rhodes, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, will officiate.

Mr. Green, born on Nov. 26, 1921 in Cass County, died at 11:32 a.m. Sunday, March 2, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He married Connie Loveall on Nov. 18, 1977 in Snyder. She survives.

Mr. Green had lived in Snyder since 1950. He was a drilling rig operator and worked in oilfield sales. A former teacher, he had a BA degree in education from East Texas State University in Commerce. He was a member of the VFW and was a former member of the Scurry County Sherrif's Posse and was a charter member of the Sundowner Riding Club.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Belinda Loveall, and two grandsons, Shane Rowe and Paul Williams.

Other survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen and Jerry Hodges of Clantonville and Becky Williams of Snyder; five sons and three daughters-in-law, T.R. and Barbara Green of New Mexico, Jerry and Bea Cline of Snyder, Donnie and Edie Loveall of Snyder, Zack Green, and Zane Green, both of Snyder; a sister, Sybil Arnold of Atlanta, Ga.; 18 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Noah Project in Snyder.

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3101 College Ave. 573-5454

Epifania Silva

1946-1997

ABILENE — Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel for Epifania "Eppi" Silva, 50, who died Sunday, March 2, in an Abilene hospital.

Interment will follow in the Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Silva was the mother of Roy Silva and Guadalupe Silva Jr., both of Snyder.

She was born in Sabinal and attended school there. She had moved to Abilene 12 years ago and was employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. She married Guadalupe Silva in 1962. He survives.

Survivors also include another son, Miguel Silva of Livingston; a daughter, Rosario Silva of Winters; two brothers, Eulogio Martinez of Devine and Antonio Martinez of San Antonio; five sisters, Magdalena Tapia of Wentachee, Wash., Ramona Surita of San Antonio, Florinda Surita of San Saba, Juanita Martinez of Porterville, Calif., and Lupe Lopez of Abilene; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Maxine Kolarik

1914-1997

CALDWELL, Kan. — Maxine Kolarik died Saturday, March 1, in Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kan. She was 82.

Service for Mrs. Kolarik, the grandmother of Jessica Green, Amanda Green and Justin Green, all of Snyder, was set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Caldwell Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Jan Brooks and the Rev. Judee Ramsey were to officiate, and burial was to follow in the Caldwell City Cemetery.

Born Dec. 26, 1914 in Grant County, Okla., she married Lawrence Kolarik on March 19, 1946 in Wellington, Kan. She was a retired school teacher.

Survivors include her husband, Lawrence Kolarik of Caldwell; a daughter, Deborah Maxine Green of Caldwell, formerly of Snyder; a sister, Marta Carol Kerr of Liberty, Tex.; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Cherokee Strip Museum of Caldwell, South Haven Alumni Association Scholarship Fund or the Caldwell Carnegie Library book fund.

Fatal fire kills 6

BALTIMORE (AP) — Six children from one family died in a rowhouse fire today as their father tried in vain to save them and screamed for help, authorities and witnesses said.

The children, a girl and five boys ranging in age from 2 to 12, had all been sleeping in a second-floor bedroom in the front of the house. Their parents and a 23-month-old boy sleeping with them escaped out the window of a back bedroom.

Arkansas storms claim at least 24

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Needing a place to hide from the approaching tornado, Lee Rhodes ran from the auto shop where he worked to a cinder-block grocery store instead of his trailer just a few steps away.

He was crushed when a dairy case fell on him. His trailer was untouched.

"The store blew completely away," said Gordon "Pete" Caple, Rhodes' boss at Caple's Garage on the south side of Little Rock. "The funny thing — he would have been safer in the trailer. The storm didn't even touch it."

Rhodes was one of at least 24 people killed as a series of tornadoes hit the state Saturday; several hundred others were injured. Tornadoes and floods that day also were blamed for at least 18 deaths in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Mississippi. Two others died during thunderstorms Sunday in Texas.

The destruction was so broad that a quick recovery is impossible, Gov. Mike Huckabee said today.

"While we need as much help as we can now, what folks need to do is pace their help because there's going to be a process of several weeks or months, not just days," Huckabee said while visiting hard-hit Saline County.

President Clinton authorized federal emergency aid for storm victims in a 260-mile path stretching from southwest Arkansas to its northeast corner. The president also said he would visit the state Tuesday.

"Hillary and I are deeply saddened by this tragic loss of life and property," Clinton said Sunday. "The storm hit places and people we know well, and our hearts and prayers are with everyone who lost loved ones, homes and businesses."

Fifteen people died just south of Little Rock, while downtown Arkadelphia, 75 miles away, was reduced to rubble.

School officials will utilize near-death of 14 in drug fight

WOBURN, Mass. (AP) — As school reopened today, angry officials said they planned to use the near-fatal overdoses by 14 teens as a dramatic lesson to youngsters about the dangers of drugs.

"This is an opportunity, a real-life scary opportunity, that we don't want to miss," Woburn Superintendent Carl Batchelder said outside the Kennedy Middle School as classes reopened.

Fourteen Kennedy students — 13 eighth-graders and one seventh-grader — were hospitalized after overdosing on prescription muscle relaxants at a dance late Friday in the Boys & Girls Club.

Although some swallowed as many as 35 of the pills, all were expected to fully recover. The drug, Baclofen, is often used to treat cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis.

Nine of the 14 still were hospitalized today. One at Children's Hospital in Boston was in critical condition on a respirator. The others were in fair condition.

About a dozen crisis counselors were on hand at the school this morning to speak with any of the 600 students who asked for their advice.

"We want to have a normal day here," Batchelder told the phalanx of reporters at the school. He said he hoped to turn the story into a positive way of keeping others off drugs.

Students who were not involved in the incident said they still found it hard to understand.

"They should know what's good or bad, and they're taking things and they don't even know what they are," said Stacey Sutton, 13.

Two killed

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warned his wife to take cover from the storm when the winds hit.

"We saw one (storm cloud) from the south and one from the north, and they just came together," Ms. Roberts said. "They were like line clouds. It looked like a blue norther from two directions."

Her grandfather, E.J. Arnett, said he ushered everybody into the bathroom where they watched debris fly past and against their house from barns and sheds behind it. Neatly stacked bales of hay were all that was left to mark the spot where a barn once stood.

Jim Stefkovich of the National Weather Service in Fort Worth said the storm packed straight-line winds that gusted to 100 mph.

In Powell, about 5 miles west of Kerens, David Commiato and his family were getting ready for church when the squall hit.

"It wasn't five minutes before it blew the front door open and I couldn't get it closed," he said. "I got my family into a closet. The next thing you know there was daylight (overhead)."

Winds ripped the roof off Commiato's frame home and overturned a playhouse in the back yard. Homes on four sides of his, meanwhile, lost only shingles.

Births

Todd and RexAnne Clark of Hermleigh announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Hope, on Tuesday, Feb. 18, in Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring. She weighed eight pounds, seven ounces.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chester Clark of Snyder and Dr. and Mrs. Rex Reynolds of Hermleigh.

SPRING SOCCER
LATE REGISTRATION

Tuesday, March 4, 1997
Snyder Savings And Loan
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



All Players Must Be 4 Years Old On Or Before December 31, 1996. A Birth Certificate And Social Security Card Must Be Presented On All New Players.

What's Up?

VFW-Auxiliary to meet

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. today in the post home.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The second Bible tape, "God's Eternal Plan," will air at 7 p.m. today. It will be followed by "God is My Strength."

Band boosters won't meet

Tonight's meeting of the Snyder Band Boosters has been canceled.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Canyon Reef 4-H Club

Scurry County Canyon Reef 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Snyder Bass Club

The Snyder Bass Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder National Bank.

Ira sets open house Tuesday

Ira school will hold an open house Tuesday. Activities include a Senior Pancake Supper in the cafeteria from 5:30-7 p.m. Admission is $4 for adults and $2 for children 10 and under. Teachers will be available for parent conferences from 6-7 p.m. At 7:10, there will be a general assembly in the gym, followed by the one-act play performance, "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson."

A book fair will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday and March 17-21 from 7:45 a.m. until 3;15 p.m.

Parents of seniors to meet

Parents of Snyder High School seniors are encouraged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the student center to prepare for end of the year activities.

Hermleigh community meeting

A community meeting will has been set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Hermleigh Community Center to plan for a German Festival. Everyone is invited.

Ira ISD early release day

Ira schools will release students at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday so that teachers can attend in-service.

Senior Center eye clinic

Senior citizens may have their eyes checked for glaucoma and cataracts and have their glasses cleaned and adjusted free from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Friday at the Senior Center.

Rolling Plains group to meet

Tom Thomason, president of the Texas Emu Association, will be guest speaker at the Rolling Plains Ratite Association meeting, set for 12:30 p.m. Saturday at The Shack.

Senior Swimnastics

Senior Swimnastics is held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

SNS needs financial help

Snyder Neighbors Sharing, which repairs homes of persons over 65 or disabled, is in need of donations for the April 26 workday. Donations can be mailed to SNS, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, or dropped off at Sam Robertson's Insurance or the West Elementary School office.

Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Free tax help provided

An AARP tax aide will be available on Wednesdays at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. to help middle and low income older taxpayers prepare their personal income taxes. For information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

PFP to take applications

People For Progress will be at the Park Club March 11-12 from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. to take applications for utility bills payment and weatherizations.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-3-5
(two, three, five)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-31-43-49-50.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.
Number matching six of six: 1
Winning ticket sold in: Houston.
Matching five of six: 79. Prize: $1,951.
Matching four of six: 4,719. Prize: $118.
Matching three of six: 93,812. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.