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Home Of Tyler Warren

VISIT FOLLOWING PROGRAM — Ed Ainsworth thanks Kristel Fitts for helping him with his talk to seventh graders this morning at Snyder Junior High School. Principal Kellye Starnes is pictured center. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Lewinsky's videotaped questioning underway

WASHINGTON (AP) — House prosecutors and the White House legal team questioned Monica Lewinsky under oath today in a deposition for President Clinton's impeachment trial. The questioning, conducted privately at a hotel, continued into the afternoon.

Clinton's lawyer renewed complaints in court that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr was violating grand jury secrecy laws on a separate matter.

Rep. Ed Bryant, R-Tenn., and presidential lawyers Cheryl Mills, Nicole Seligman and David Kendall were at the Mayflower Hotel for the videotaped deposition of the former intern.

The doors closed at 9 a.m. EST for the questioning that could last as long as eight hours. After a short midmorning break the deposition resumed and was continuing past noon. Dozens of reporters and camera crews were outside on a chilly, sunny day. Police closed off a side street running past one of the hotel's doors.

Before turning to the extraordinary question-and-answer session, Kendall announced he was taking legal action against Starr concerning a weekend story in The New York Times that the independent counsel had concluded that a grand jury could indict Clinton while he was still in office.

Kendall said he was filing a motion in U.S. District Court asking that Starr be required to show why he and his staff "should not be held in contempt for improper violations of grand jury secrecy."

The story, coming at the time the Senate is trying to find a way to end Clinton's impeachment trial, drew criticism from senators from both parties.

"I thought that the timing was extremely unfortunate and that it was inappropriate to come out while the Senate is concluding the president's trial," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

Starr spokesman Charles Bakaly today denied Starr's office was the source of the story. "We have no interest in interposing ourselves in the Senate's business," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Starr, asked outside his home if he planned to seek an indictment of the president, said, "It is premature for us to be commenting at all on this, so we're not going to comment."

132nd District...

Commissioners approve courtroom renovations

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Scurry County Commissioners approved unanimously this morning a request from District Court Judge Ernie Armstrong to use money from the courthouse security fund to renovate the 132nd district courtroom.

Armstrong expressed concern that the jury must walk past the defendant's table when entering and exiting the courtroom.

"This has always been a concern of mine, especially in a criminal trial when the jury is separated only by a moveable, very light table," Armstrong said.

Using a rough sketch of the current courtroom, Armstrong outlined the security problem as well as other problems and "nuisances."

One legal problem, Armstrong said, is currently the jury box does not meet ADA requirements as it is not wheelchair accessable.

One "nuisance" he pointed out is the location of court offices behind the courtroom.

"The court reporter and anyone in these offices are pretty much hostages when the courtroom is in use," Armstrong said.

The renovations, which are estimated at $12,500, will include adding a hallway between the courtroom and the court officers that will allow the jury to enter the courtroom at the point of the jury box.

It will also allow access out of those offices without having to go through the courtroom.

Everything, including the existing rail that divides the courtroom, will be moved forward.

The jury box will be moved down even with the rail. This will eliminate the current problem of some jurors being seated where they see the back of witnesses.

Armstrong said the main objective is to protect the jury.

"The renovations are to provide security for the jury from someone who might be dangerous and have a reason to lash out."

He said there have not been any problems thus far, but recently the sheriff's office was concerned about a subject brought in for a pre-trial hearing.

"The sheriff's office had such a concern over the defendant they requested he be shackled. We cannot do that in court unless he does something in court because it would violate his civil rights."

Money in the security fund comes from fees paid by criminal defendants, so no tax money will be used for the renovations.

In other business, County Treasurer Charlie Bell presented the county's fourth-quarter financial report.

The cash balance for the quarter ending Dec. 31 was listed as $8,144,800.81, an increase of $1.68 million from Dec. 31, 1997.

Bell said Cogdell Memorial Hospital accounts for $1.2 million of that increase.

Also, earning on the county's investments was 5.0987 percent, which was higher than U.S. Treasury Bills at 4.4015 percent.

"We are beating them by a little bit. That's good," Bell said.

Pre-paid taxes for 1999 total $1,862,333.

In other action, commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Katie McHaney to the Child Welfare Board and granted permission for the Scurry County Historical Commission to place a historical marker on the courthouse square for the Santa Fe Depot.

The court also approved three resolutions.

The first requests more money be allocated from the state to support a county road system.

The second resolution requests the state provide assistance to limit county liability for the costs of capital murder trials.

Fritz said as the system is now, the state sets up the rules and regulations for a murder trial, but the expense falls back on the county.

The court will also consider a joint resolution with the sheriff's office to develop and support accident prevention plans for county employees.

Fritz presided and all commissioners were present to include Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom, Howard Limmer and Chloanne Lindsey.

SHS Choir students do well in solo/ensemble competition

Fourteen Snyder High School students won berths in the state solo/ensemble contest in May by receiving a I rating in competition held Saturday in Lubbock.

In addition, two ensembles and a quartet received the I ranking and will compete in the state contest as well.

Individuals receiving a rating of I on a Class I solo were Kara Gowin, Josh Burney, Erica Arellano, Matt Coronado, Cara Best, Brady Cobb, Allison Bowden, Reid Johnson, Kimberly McClain, Renae Hall, Michael Compton, Alesha Miller, Starla Davis and Laurie Kerley.

An ensemble consisting of Coronado, Johnson, Burney and Tony Arispe received a I rating on a Class I quartet and will advance to state competition.

Also advancing to state will be a quartet consisting of Compton, Patrick Vantine, Lance Beaver and Dallas Jones.

A quartet made up of Bowden, Miller, Kerley and Gowin will also advance to state competition after receiving a I on a Class I ensemble in the competition Saturday.

Students receiving a rating of I on Class II solos were Joanna Burk, Carrie Hernandez, Jennifer Bryan, Shannon Chambers, Kristen Early, Amber Burt and Shimrith Shlezinger.

Students receiving a rating of II on solos were Amy Reynolds, Charli Boone, Haley Holmes, Tony Arispe, Alma Estrada, Leslie English, Leslye Starnes, Lisa Hall, Brady Hackfeld, Jodi Dennis, Angela Sanchez, Jeremy Bowden, Kelli Henderson, Josh Ortegon, Dallas Jones, Michaelin Huckabee, Lance Beaver and Patrick Vantine.

Receiving a rating of III on solos were Shahala Massingill, R.J. Sanders and Lane Whitefield.

A trio consisting of Kristen Early, Shannon Chambers and Haley Holmes received a rating of I on a Class III ensemble.

Other ensembles which competed and received ratings of III included a quartet with Jodi Dennis, Leslye Starnes, Cara Best and Jessica Dea; a quartet with T.J. Capps, Lane Whitefield, Josh Ortegon and Jeremy Miller; a small ensemble with Amber Burt, Rebecca Davis, Angela Sanchez, Adriane Williams, Kelli Henderson and Shimrith Shlezinger; and a trio with Lexi Bear., Carrie Hernandez and Jennifer Bryan.

Tiger Jazz, the Snyder High School show choir, received a I on its performance. However, there is not a show choir category in state competition for it to advance.

Tiger Jazz members are Crissida Tyler, Tara Price, Laurie Kerley, Renae Hall, Angela Sanchez, Leslie English, Matt Coronado, Michael Compton, Reid Johnson, Brady Cobb, Tony Arispe and Dallas Jones.

Ronda Haire is the choir director.

SJHS students hearing message on abstinence

An "abstinence only" message is being presented this week to Snyder Junior High and Ira students.

Ed Ainsworth, a teenage camp director and national speaker, will also speak to parents at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Junior High School auditorium.

In the last three years, Ainsworth has taken his "abstinence only" message to more than a quarter of a million students in junior highs, high schools and colleges.

"Just say no is a great slogan," said junior high principal Kellye Starnes. "But Mr. Ainsworth believes that is not enough to cause the American teenager to want to live a sexually pure life."

Starnes said Ainsworth's presentation is done in a tasteful, yet very direct manner that causes students to be very open to the principles that he teaches.

Jury selection resumes in dragging death case

JASPER (AP) — Jury selection in the capital murder trial of John William King resumes this afternoon at the Jasper County courthouse.

Six more residents were to be interviewed by prosecutors and defense attorneys to determine whether they are eligible jurors. So far, 22 Jasper County residents, five of them black, have been placed in the jury pool.

King, 24, is charged with the June 7 dragging death of James Byrd Jr. Investigators say King and two other white men killed Byrd by chaining him to a pickup truck and dragging him to death.

At 11 a.m. today, members of Byrd's family will erect a new headstone in the Jasper city cemetery to replace one that was stolen.

Lawyers need a jury pool of 46 before they start making their eliminations and reduce the pool to 14 — 12 jurors and two alternates.

Testimony in King's trial is expected to begin Feb. 16.

"I think we had a good week overall," said District Attorney Guy James Gray, last Friday "We got 22 jurors out of 46. That's four days work on the jury. That's a good week."

Among the potential jurors selected for King's panel are the former Department of Public Safety partner of Jasper County Sheriff Billy Rowles. Also, a man who knew both King and his co-defendant Shawn Allen Berry is among the 22.

A woman whose ex-husband was a white supremacist and whose current husband is in prison for murder was selected last Thursday to be considered.

Reneau wins top prize in SDN contest

Over 150 people entered the Snyder Daily News Super Bowl Trivia Contest. The following three winners were picked from the entries with all the correct answers.

Walter Reneau of PO Box 272 won the $50 first prize. Terri Swinney of 1635 CR 151 won the $25 second prize. Inez Wells of 2505 Ave. M won the $10 third prize.

Winners will be mailed their checks.

Public hearing is set Tuesday

A public hearing concerning a possible $250,000 grant for constructing an overhead water storage tank in Hermleigh will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday

The hearing is part of the requirements for the grant application to the Texas Community Development Program and will be held in the county courtroom at the Scurry County courthouse.

Citizens who cannot attend the meeting may give input on the proposed grant to the county judge's office.

ASK US

Q—Is the Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace position full-time or part-time?

A—It is a full-time position. Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 is considered part-time based on the salary.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 43 degrees; low, 32; high Sunday, 60 degrees; low, 30; 7 a.m. Monday, 43; no precipitation; total for 1999, .95 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, breezy. Low, upper 20s. W-NW wind 15-25 mph, gusty. Caution advised on area lakes. Tuesday, partly cloudy, cooler. High 55-60. NW wind 5-15 mph; then SW by afternoon.

Martha Smith
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:18 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:36 a.m.
Of 31 days in 1999, the sun has shone 30 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes."

Oscar Wilde

N.Y.'s emergency call system crashes

NEW YORK (AP) — A man died of a heart attack after his girlfriend made a frantic run to her neighborhood police station because the city's 911 system crashed for an hour, authorities said.

The emergency call system failed when a generator test cut off power at the call center and a backup system didn't kick in Sunday. Technicians shut off electricity at the main emergency call center in the city's Brooklyn borough as part of the routine test of emergency generators.

The generators didn't work, and employees couldn't restart the system, said Matt Higgins, a spokesman for Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

John Audy, 41, of East Wallingford, Vt., was visiting his girlfriend in the Queens borough for the weekend when he suffered a heart attack at her house during the 911 outage.

"He was sitting on the couch. His eyes rolled up," his girlfriend, Susan Ungvary, 39, told The New York Times. "I was holding him, talking to him and calling 911. I was calling 911, and I was getting a busy signal."

Ms. Ungvary, after at least three futile 911 calls, ran two blocks to her nearest police station for help, she said. Two officers and an ambulance responded. Audy died soon after at a hospital.

City officials were reviewing the case to determine whether the 911 outage played a role in the death.

A backup system which is supposed to transfer emergency calls to police headquarters in Manhattan as soon as the 911 center is off line took an hour to work, said Deputy Chief Patrick Devlin.

"It did not work as planned," he told reporters. "It's supposed to take less than a minute for that to occur. Instead it took about an hour."

Radio and television stations broadcast alternate emergency numbers, and by 11:35 a.m., the system kicked in and 911 calls were being answered "at least on a sporadic basis," Giuliani said. The system was running normally by 4:45 p.m.

On an average Sunday morning, about 500 calls come in to 911, "a very low volume," Devlin said. On a busy day, as many as 30,000 calls can come in over 24 hours, he added.

The 500 calls usually include about 100 reports of medical emergencies, Giuliani said, adding that workers responded to 75 medical emergencies in the hour the system was down.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir said it wasn't clear why the backup didn't work. "It took an hour, and we'll have to find out from Bell Atlantic why," he said.

John Bonomo, a Bell Atlantic spokesman, said the system worked well but officials at the 911 center tried to fix the problems there before deciding to forward calls to police headquarters.

Calls can't be forwarded automatically, he said, explaining that it takes a few minutes for workers to reprogram lines.

"It is not a flip of a light switch, so to speak, it does take some time," he said. "It's something that we have to wait for the go-ahead to get done."

Body of girl swept into storm drain found

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Searchers have found the body of a 4-year-old girl who fell into a storm drain full of surging floodwaters and was swept through a sewer system into a rain-swollen creek.

Jasmine Moore's body was found by searchers using boats Sunday on a small island in Valley Creek. High runoff from a heavy rain had swept her more than five miles down the creek that winds through southwest Birmingham.

"She's gone. That's all. My baby's gone," said Laverne Steele, Jasmine's grandmother.

Relatives said Jasmine fell into the storm drain Friday evening after arriving at her aunt's apartment in Birmingham. Shortly after getting out of the car, she was walking near the 8-inch-high curb and fell into the drain, which some residents said was not securely covered.

Water rushes down the sloped street into an opening along the curb about 2 feet wide and 8 inches high. Well-wishers left flowers and stuffed animals atop the drain Sunday.

Hundreds of people joined the search for the little girl, described by family members as an outgoing, talkative child who loved to sing and clap at church.

The only sign of the child until Sunday was her brown coat, which caught in a tree branch along the creek less than a mile from where she disappeared. Family members had clung to hope that she might be found alive.

The sheriff's department said rescuers in boats found the body about 200 yards below a train trestle as the flooding began to recede.

"Our prayers are with members of the family during the difficult time," Birmingham Fire and Rescue Chief Raymond Brooks said.

The city planned to review records of complaints about the loose drain covering, city spokeswoman Felyicia Jerald said. But based on an initial review, "we don't believe that the lid was actually out of place."

She said there is a 6-inch space between the 200-pound lid and the edge of the drain, enough space for someone to slide into, especially in wet conditions.

Mrs. Steele listened Sunday to an answering machine message Jasmine had left Thursday night.

"I'm just calling to leave you a message. I want to see where you at," the child said on the recording.

"That's the last voice of her I have," Mrs. Steele said.

Two praise Missouri governor for commuting death sentence

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Louis DeFeo and Samuel Lee rank among the top critics of Gov. Mel Carnahan's support for abortion rights, including the Democrat's veto of a late-term abortion ban.

Yet on Sunday, the governor received unusual public praise from both men for his politically risky commutation of a death sentence for triple murderer Darrell Mease.

The "act of mercy," as Carnahan put it, was prompted by a face-to-face appeal from Pope John Paul II after a St. Louis worship service last week. John Paul declared that capital punishment, abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are part of a "culture of death."

DeFeo and Lee, both devout and activist Roman Catholics, are in total agreement with the pope and with the response from Carnahan, a deacon at First Baptist Church in his hometown of Rolla.

DeFeo, the statehouse voice of Missouri's Catholic bishops, said he was surprised during a weekend wedding and several other events that "everyone I talked to was impressed by the governor's act of mercy."

"I'm not sure I expected that," DeFeo said. "I've seen the polls showing 75 percent of Missourians support capital punishment."

Critics of the commutation have been angry, amazed and troubled about the precedents and philosophical debates triggered by Carnahan's decision to overturn the death sentence.

By Sunday, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch had accumulated plenty of anti-Carnahan blasts from visitors to its World Wide Web chat forum. In a weekend editorial, Columbia Daily Tribune publisher Hank Waters said Carnahan, whom he frequently supports, should have ignored the pope.

The governor, added Waters, "surprises by playing life-and-death games."

But Lee, a statehouse lobbyist for the anti-abortion organization Campaign Life Missouri, said Carnahan's decision to spare Mease so impressed him that he wrote a personal note to the governor on Friday. Lee said he knew Carnahan "would be subject to criticism, but that I admire his courage. And I'm not a fan of his."

Lee noted that many of his allies in the struggle against abortion favor capital punishment. Those activists, no matter their faith, "might be more persuasive" by wrapping themselves in a philosophical "seamless garment."

"That means opposing unnecessary death," Lee said, "and means being truly pro-life, toward a triple murderer and toward an innocent unborn."

Despite obvious broad support for the death penalty in Missouri, DeFeo and Lee said they consider capital punishment a matter of societal morality, not popularity.

A politician's popularity, or lack of it, undeniably translates into votes. But Lee said: "What the governor has done should transcend politics."

Indeed, Carnahan, a lawyer who has allowed 26 executions in six years, said the decision came from his heart, not the merits of Mease's "heinous" case.

Some call Mease's commutation a miracle. Others believe it was a strange coincidence of the calendar, since Missouri had executed another triple murderer just days earlier.

Still others said it indicated Carnahan valued a 52-year-old multiple murderer's life more than the unlived life of an unborn fetus.

For Lee and DeFeo, the governor has earned praise.

Girl dies of advanced meningitis

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 14-year-old Burleson girl has died of advanced meningitis three days after being hospitalized for the mildly infectious disease.

Burleson school district parents have been alerted by the Texas Department of Health to be alert about their children's health but not overreact.

Meningitis is contagious, but it requires close contact with a stricken person's saliva to spread, said Brad Walsh, a Health Department epidemiologist.

He said the disease can be successfully treated with antibiotics, but deaths occur in 10 percent of the cases.

Personnel at Cook Children's Medical Center, where she was treated, would not discuss the case. Hospital spokeswoman Beth Solomon said the family had requested that no information be released.

The disease primarily attacks the spinal cord but in the girl's case had progressed to a stage called meningococemia, in which the blood is infected, causing capillaries to break down and bleed into surrounding tissues, Walsh said.

Meningitis commonly affects young people. The bacteria are found in the noses and throats of 15 to 20 percent of young people, but most develop antibodies and never get sick, Walsh said.

The girl was hospitalized Thursday night after becoming ill earlier in the day, Burleson school Superintendent Jeff Turner said on Friday.

A&M student dies in fatal fall

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A Texas A&M freshman from the Houston area has died from massive head injuries sustained in a fall.

University Police Director Bob Wiatt said the accident happened just before dawn Saturday when Barry Joseph Vail II and some friends parked on the fourth level of a parking garage on campus and began walking downstairs.

Wiatt told Bryan television station KBTX that the 18-year-old fell down three flights of stairs after apparently attempting to slide down a handrail.

Berry's World

"Help! There's a monster bug in my closet."

Happy 18th Tyler

Oil Patch News

Nolan County

Ben J. Taylor will drill the No. 1 Pior, a 5,500-foot wildcat located eight miles southeast of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 74, Block 21, T&P survey.

R.L. Adkins has completed the No. 179 Dickson in the Nolan field, six miles northwest of Maryneal. The well was finaled to produce 15 barrels of oil and 155 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,176-200 feet, and location is in Section 79, Block X, T&P survey.

Wisconsin is also known as the badger state.

March 1 is Share a Smile day.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mother's Materialism Sparks Spirited Protest From Readers

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Please tell me the letter from "A Loving Mom" was an old one, dredged up from the 1950s. This woman needs a reality check if she's concerned with her daughter, at age 19, marrying a man who can keep her in the lifestyle to which her parents have accustomed her. She should be more concerned with her daughter's choice of a career path as a schoolteacher if she's worried about her daughter's ability to maintain her extravagant lifestyle. This is 1999, for crying out loud.

I had hoped that we had evolved beyond women expecting men to support them in this day and age when women are just as capable of generating their own wealth. Are we still applying this obsolete double standard where men are still expected to be the primary provider for the family, while we are competing with women for jobs?

CHRISTOPHER, AN EQUAL PARTNER IN MY MARRIAGE, GLEN ALLEN, VA.

DEAR CHRISTOPHER: The mother's thinking may have been from the '50s, but the letter was current. I received an armload of letters criticizing me for failing to come down hard on the mother, who may be perceived as being a "U.S. Grade A snob." My thinking was that having raised her, the mother had a pretty good insight into the daughter's adaptability — and the time to discuss her feelings about the boy's "prospects" was before a serious commitment was made. Now, let's hear it from the readers:

DEAR ABBY: My advice to "Arnie," the boyfriend, is to run like the wind away from that family, especially the mother. The values the girl was raised with will surely surface to make his life miserable.

LINDA IN WASHINGTON

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DEAR ABBY: "Loving Mom" described how successful her husband is, and listed the material things they have enjoyed over the years. But, Abby, she never once mentioned any terms of endearment about her marriage. Life and happiness are not about storing up material things; they're about mutual caring and having a soul mate to share your life with. We as a society need to care about people, not "things."

A LOVING HUSBAND, HULMEVILLE, PA.

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DEAR ABBY: In an age where infidelity and sexual violence rule the headlines, it angers me that this mother feels that "'Arnie,' a fine young man who loves my daughter," and who admirably attends college part-time while working, is not making the grade.

So Mom is concerned that her daughter might have to forgo the new cars and nice vacations she has grown up with, and live with a more average income? Please! Yet the letter is signed "A Loving Mom." How about "A Materialistic Mom"? If daughter was as concerned as mother about living on Easy Street, my guess is that she would have dumped Arnie long ago.

I vehemently disagree with your advice to the mother to have a talk with her daughter. Abby, it's the *mom* who needs a talking-to. Well-meaning she may be, but I wish she'd wake up to the idea that love and wealth do not go hand-in-hand.

RANKLED IN ROCHESTER, N.Y. (A MALE READER)

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Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 per booklet ($4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Monday, Feb. 8, 1999

In the year ahead, any venture or enterprise you personally create or promote has excellent chances for success, as long as you have a good money manager to assist in your efforts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) When in the presence of individuals who are in a position to exert some influence over your ambitions, be extra mindful of your behavior, because it will be critically evaluated. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone who likes to gossip might think you're an easy mark today. He or she might try to probe into your confidential affairs in order to dig up some dirt. Keep this individual at arm's length.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Research all important matters yourself instead of relying on information fed to you by some well-intentioned people today. Their facts could be erroneous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Joint endeavors with persons whose aims are not in accord with your has little chance for survival today. Harmony of purpose is essential if you hope to achieve success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Size up people or situations realistically today. This is especially important if they affect any future plans. If your assessments are wishful rather than logical, problems will ensue.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) What appears to be insignificant today could later prove to be a thorn in the lion's paw, so do not take anything for granted. Be cognizant of the smallest details.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Because you're not apt to reason too well when placed under pressure today, do not let anyone push you into to making an immediate decision. Take all the time you need to render an opinion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be sure to promptly acknowledge efforts made on your behalf by someone who goes out of his or her way to do something special for you today. Ingratitude could leave a lasting impression.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Manage your resources logically, not emotionally today. If your spending habits are capricious, small extravagances could add up to a significant sum.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Although you normally have an aptitude for detail work, you could be careless today in overlooking essential facts. This might be especially true with matters you're anxious to conclude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Any thoughtless remarks could be grossly misinterpreted today, so weigh your words and comments carefully before you speak, especially when in the company of a sensitive friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Pals who are penny pinchers or freeloaders will test your tolerance to the brink today. Thus, it would be wise to seek companionship only with those who are as generous as you.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 pm.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Beautiful Sunflowersf—Past and Present," by Billie Jean Sterling; hostesses, Pam Browning and Betty Wood.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

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

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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 appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Three killed in accident

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — A traffic accident on a highway in northern Mexico claimed the lives of two members of a Tejano music group and their manager, according to Mexican police.

The victims were associated with the music group Intocable.

Jesus Garcia Flores, regional commander of the Federal Highway Police, told reporters here the crash occurred on the highway from the border city of Reynosa to Monterrey, the capital of northern Nuevo Leon state.

Those killed were Jose Angel "Pepe" Farias, 23, of Monterrey, the band's on-stage master of ceremonies; Jose Angel Gonzalez of Houston, Texas, the band's road manager; and Silvestre Rodriguez Jr., 28, of McAllen, Texas, the bass player, according to the band's business manager, Nikki Sandoval of Zapata, Texas.

Garcia had said earlier two victims he identified only as Luis Garcia Delgado, 25, and Silvestre Rodriguez, 26, died instantly. A third, Jose Angel Gonzalez, died in an ambulance on the way to hospital, he said. Ms. Sandoval said she had "no idea" where police got the name of Luis Garcia Delgado.

In Washington state Legislature...

Women asserting growing control

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — It was the ideal photo-op to illustrate just how far women have come as powerbrokers in the Washington state Legislature.

The 60 female senators and representatives recently posed next to a photo montage of the House membership of a century earlier.

"There is a lot of facial hair there," Rep. Mary Lou Dickerson said of the older picture. "All men. What a difference a century makes."

Today, women hold 41 percent of the 147 seats in the state's House and Senate — giving Washington the country's highest percentage of female lawmakers.

The Senate, a male bastion for most of the state's history, is closing in on an even split with 23 women among the 49 members. The House has 37 women among the 98 seats.

One of the surest signs of their newfound power came when women senators took over the biggest bathroom off the Senate chamber.

The women are still chuckling over that little power play, made possible by their 2-to-1 majority in the Democratic caucus. They've also nailed down just about every Senate leadership and committee post.

Senate Majority Leader Sid Snyder jokes about being one of the token males in the Democratic caucus, which has 18 women and nine men.

The female legislators say they'll improve the tone of debate and produce more family-centered legislation, dealing with schools and traffic jams and other down-home concerns.

No more good ol' boys and talking issues to death, they say.

"We're just nervier," says state Rep. Ida Ballasiotes.

The national average for female legislators is 22 percent, according to the Center for the American Woman and Politics at Rutgers University. Other states in the top 10, with women making up roughly a third of their lawmakers, are Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maryland and Minnesota.

Alabama, which has less than 8 percent female legislators, is at the other end of the scale with Oklahoma, Kentucky, South Carolina and Louisiana.

Besides installing the nation's highest percentage of female legislators, Washington voters in November re-elected Patty Murray to the U.S. Senate — over a female opponent — and gave the state three female Supreme Court justices, a third of the bench.

The state's executive branch has women as attorney general, school chief, land commissioner and insurance commissioner — all elected posts. Attorney General Christine Gregoire was the broker of last year's multibillion-dollar settlement between the states and the tobacco industry.

Blue Moon rose on Sunday and another due in March

MIAMI (AP) — A blue moon rose Sunday, but don't worry if you missed it.

Another blue moon will be coming on the night of March 31.

Two blue moons in one year happens every 20 to 40 years. The last time was in 1961.

The term "blue moon" refers to the occasional occurrence of two full moons in the same month, which usually happens roughly once every 33 months. The last full moon was Jan. 2.

The second full moon in a month is called a blue moon, regardless of tint.

"Having two full moons in two months in one year is really kind of nifty, no matter what you call them," said Jack Horkheimer of the Miami Space Transit Planetarium.

Astronomers predict the next occurrence of two blue moons in one year will be in 2018, on Jan. 31 and March 31, and again on the same dates in 2037.

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North 02-01-99
♠ 7
♥ A 10 8 5 4 3
♦ ---
♣ K J 10 9 8 4

West
♠ A Q 10 2
♥ 2
♦ A Q 3
♣ A Q 6 3 2

East
♠ K 8 6 5
♥ J
♦ 10 8 6 5 4 2
♣ 7 5

South
♠ J 9 4 3
♥ K Q 9 7 6
♦ K J 9 7
♣ ---

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♥	Dbl.	4 ♥	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	5 ♥	Dbl.
Pass	5 ♠	6 ♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♥ 2

From her to him to me

By Phillip Alder

My Christmas competition was inspired by one of Robert Sheehan's articles in The Times. Apparently the deal was shown to him by Sally Brock. She has won two world championships, the Venice Cup in 1981 and '85. Here is an excellent piece of declarer-play by Brock during the 1984 Women's World Team Olympiad in Seattle, where Britain lost to the United States in a nail-biting final.

How would you have tried to make six hearts doubled after a trump lead?

The bidding was... well, supply your own adjective! North, Sandra Landy, decided to bid tactically, apparently being pushed higher and higher. The Swedish East's four-spade bid was something, as was West's decision to pass at that juncture.

The textbooks recommend leading a trump when the opponents are sacrificing. That is usually good advice (because normally declarer gets tricks only from a crossruff), but it wasn't best here.

Planning to establish dummy's club suit, Brock (or Horton, as she was then) carefully won the first trick with dummy's heart ace. She followed with a club ruff, a diamond ruff, a club ruff, a diamond ruff, and a club ruff, getting the bad news. However, the third diamond ruff brought forth the ace from West. So declarer trumped another club in hand, cashed the diamond king, discarding dummy's spade, ruffed a spade in the dummy, and conceded a club trick to West's ace for a juicy plus 1210.

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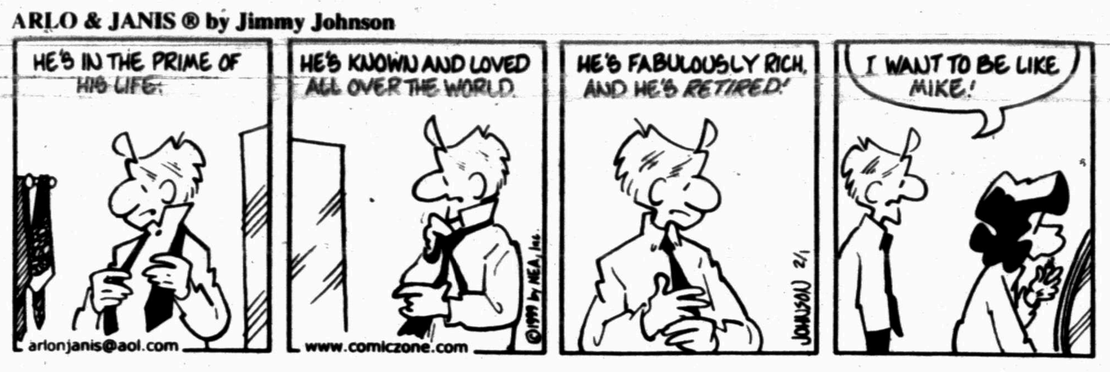

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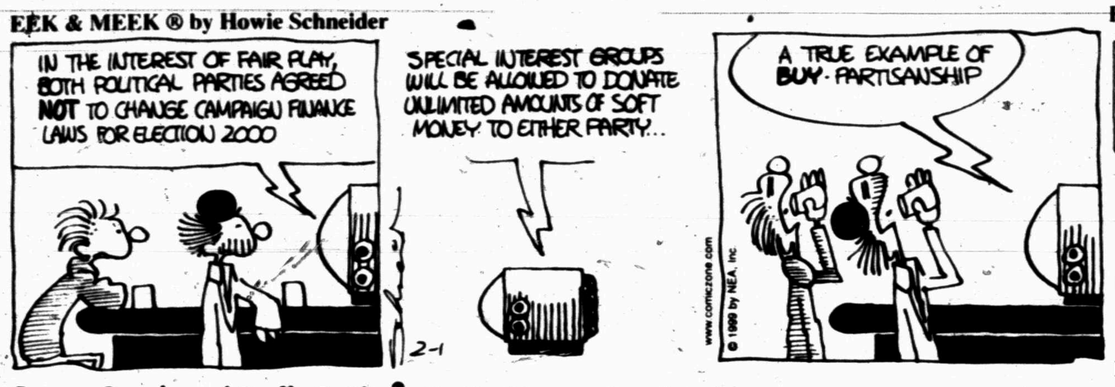

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ACROSS

1 Sailing ship
6 Thick cord
10 Des —, Iowa
12 Whirl
14 Garland
15 Antenna
16 Draft agcy.
17 Dawn goddess
19 Without purpose
20 Fortuneteller
23 Loosen
26 Infant
27 Anger
30 — C. Scott
32 Distant planet
34 In a row
35 Smooth
36 Bit of land in the Seine
37 Earth (pref.)
39 Bonnie's crime partner
40 Gossip tidbits
42 Architect Mies
45 Prefix for plane or angle
46 Actress Charlotte —
49 Tennis player — Goolagong
51 Coarse, as humor
54 Disordered
55 Dodged
56 Clarinet part
57 School composition

DOWN

1 Dec. holiday
2 Vast ages
3 Prejudice
4 Conclude
5 Fair grade
6 Grain
7 Iris with fragrant roots
8 Reimbursed
9 And others (2 wds.)
11 Diving duck
12 Vaporous
13 Bridge expert — Culbertson
18 Dinner scrap
20 Royal address
21 Hire
22 Rigorous
23 Citrus fruit
24 Astronaut — Armstrong
25 Southern bread
27 Black
28 Regretted
29 Anglo-Saxon slave
31 Built
33 — Well That Ends Well
38 Hockey great Bobby —
40 Meaning
41 The Auld Sod
42 Steep stage
43 Finished
44 Gardener's need
46 Radiation measures
47 Title for Athena
48 Whirlpool
50 Actor Sparks
52 — Got a Secret
53 College degs.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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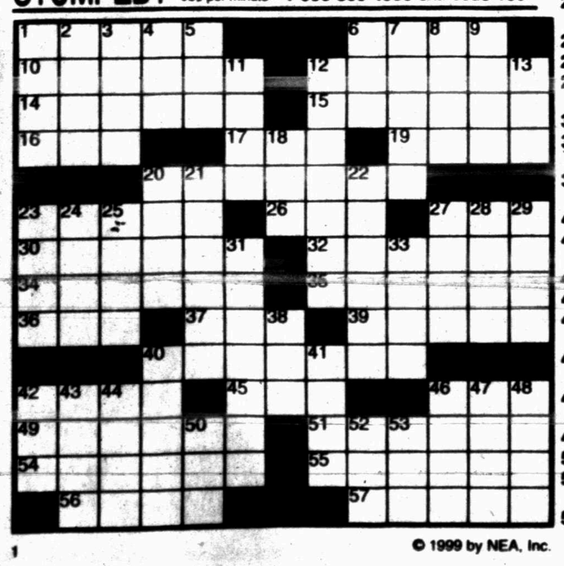

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SPORTS

SUPER BOWL XXXIII

Elway, Denver capture second Super Bowl title

MIAMI (AP) — It was the perfect ending for John Elway. Now, is it the end?

Elway's not saying. But if you judge by his performance in Sunday's Super Bowl, hanging around might seem like a great idea.

"I am just thrilled to death that we won," Elway said after winning his second straight NFL title — and the Super Bowl MVP award, to boot — in a 34-19 victory over the Atlanta Falcons. "I am thrilled to death to be a part of this team, thrilled to death I can help them win.

"This is what we play for. To be able to do it two years in a row is unbelievable."

Which makes some people think it would be unbelievable for Elway to walk away. After 16 seasons, at age 38, to say he's had enough would be understandable. But to leave a "dynasty," as receiver Rod Smith dubbed the Broncos, could be too challenging for even Elway.

"If he leaves, God bless him," said Smith, who caught an 80-yard touchdown pass and had five receptions for 152 yards. "I'm all for it, if that's what he decides. But hopefully he will be back, because we need him. We want to make this a habit."

Losing the Super Bowl was Denver's habit for too long. The Broncos were 0-4 before they upset Green Bay last year. With Sunday's romp, they became the first AFC team to win consecutive league crowns since the Steelers won the 1979 and '80 Super Bowls.

No team has won three in a row. Nor has any quarterback. Sound tempting, John?

"Definitely, this will go into the thinking and throw a kink into the thinking on what I decide to do next year," Elway said. "But I am going to enjoy this win, because that is what I have been working for. That is what I came back for."

While Elway has erased all those painful losses with his consecutive championships, Dan Reeves remains winless as a head coach in the big game. He has been to an incredible nine, but the only victories came as a player or assistant coach in Dallas. That was before he took over the Broncos and failed in the 1987, '88 and '90 games. And long before he guided Atlanta's amazing turnaround from 3-13 two years ago to the franchise's first Super Bowl appearance.

The Falcons' sloppy showing Sunday should not obliterate their achievements this season. That is surely realized by Reeves, who underwent quadruple bypass surgery in December, but returned to lead the team to playoff wins over San Francisco and Green Bay.

"They all hurt," he said. "It's a huge disappointment. You get to this game for one reason, to win. I told them two weeks ago how difficult it was going to be and how bad you are going to feel if you lose it.

"They have an awful lot of things to be proud of. We've come an awful long ways."

But they forced themselves to have to go much too far against much too good a team on Sunday. The Falcons, who led the league with a plus-20 turnover differential, yielded three interceptions, two by Darrien Gordon, and a fumble. They also saw usually reliable Morten Andersen miss a 26-yard field goal and Jamal Anderson, the powerhouse runner, fall short on a fourth-and-1.

Safety Eugene Robinson, arrested Saturday on a charge of soliciting an undercover police officer for sex, was beaten on Smith's 80-yard bomb and had a rough night.

All of that is devastating against an attack like Denver's, which got 102 yards rushing from league MVP Terrell Davis; did not allow Elway to be sacked — he barely was threatened; and enjoyed a vintage performance from the quarterback, who went 18-for-29 for 336 yards.

"I feel pretty great right now," Elway said. "It was unbelievable (to be the MVP). It's something that I had never done before, and winning the award definitely hit my heart."

YOU CAN'T SHARE IT — Western Texas forward April Walker (25) tries to dislodge the ball from a South Plains player during conference action Thursday. The Lady Dusters put their 3-3 WJCAC mark on the line tonight when they host sixth-ranked Midland at 7:30 at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC set to take on No. 6 MJC

Although their postseason hopes are still alive and kicking, the Lady Dusters' playoff aspirations took a hit last Thursday.

Tonight, Western Texas will be looking to repair the damage while under fire from the nation's sixth-ranked team.

The Midland Lady Chaparrals, ranked No. 6 in the JUCO poll with a 19-2 mark, visit Scurry County Coliseum tonight at 7:30 for a match-up with the Lady Dusters.

Following Thursday's setback to South Plains, WTC enters this evening's contest with a 3-3 conference record and a 16-7 tally overall. Midland currently sits atop the WJCAC standings at a perfect 6-0.

Tonight's contest will close out the first half of league play. At the moment, Western Texas is sharing the fourth spot with New Mexico. The top four teams at season's end will advance to the regional tourney in early March at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

The biggest reason for Midland's success this season has been its size. Four Lady Chaps stand over 6-2, with the tallest being 6-5 freshman Rosana Barbosa from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Lady Dusters must counter with a line-up featuring only one player over 6-feet. At 6-2, sophomore Pam Odhuong'o will have to shoulder much of the load on the inside for Western Texas.

Tonight's contest is the second in a three-game home stand for the Lady Dusters. New Mexico comes to town on Thursday, before WTC hits the road to face Howard next Monday.

WJCAC Women

	Conference		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Midland	6	0	19	2
Howard	5	1	20	2
South Plains	4	2	13	9
WTC	3	3	16	7
New Mexico	3	3	15	6
Odessa	2	4	13	6
Clarendon	1	5	7	7
FPC	0	6	5	16

Tonight's games: Midland at Western Texas; Clarendon at South Plains; Howard at Frank Phillips; New Mexico at Odessa.

8th girls second at Andrews

ANDREWS — Snyder Junior High 8th grade A-team captured second while the 7th grade A-team won the consolation crown of the Andrews tournament on Saturday.

After defeating Big Spring, 33-25, Coach Frances White's 8th graders faced the hosts in a tight championship game, bowing 35-25.

"These girls played a solid four quarters with great intensity," White said. "Both teams were very well matched ability-wise and the game was based on small mistakes and officiating."

The Lady Tigers face Andrews again next Monday. "This game will be one not to miss since Andrews is undefeated and our only losses are to Andrews," White added.

Tonight, the 8th grade girls host Big Spring at 6:15.

Against Andrews, Chaelyn Robinson put in eight points while Zipporah Peoples canned seven and Dara Chambers added four. Afton Schwertner, Hailey Putnam and Rachel Cave each added two.

In Snyder's 33-25 win over Big Spring, Putnam and Peoples set the pace with nine points each. Robinson dropped in six while Chambers, Schwertner and Cave each contributed three.

In Thursday's opening game, Snyder popped Lamesa, 32-28. Putnam scored 13, Schwertner 10 and Robinson four. Shelley Fisk added three and Chambers two.

En route to the consolation victory, the 7th grade girls lost to Lamesa 20-18. Erin Burleson led with seven points while Pricilla Ybarra added five and Misha Wofford four. Gretchen Hollis was good for two.

In Saturday's first game against Fort Stockton, Kelby Drum sank 12 points to pace the 35-21 victory. Burleson put in nine and Wofford seven. Hollis put in four while Andra Dunham and Laura Arellano each posted two while Beth Clements added one.

The consolation game against Monahans was an easy win, 55-20.

Hollis set the pace with 12 points while Wofford was also in double digits with 10. Ybarra canned eight while Diane Morin added five. Dunham, Arellano and Burleson each accounted for four while Drum pitched in three. Desiree Braziel and Clements each posted two while Whittney Criswell added one.

The 7th grade hosts Big Spring at 5 p.m. today.

SHS freshmen drop contests to Abilene High

ABILENE — If not for the third quarter, Snyder Gold would be bragging about an upset.

Snyder Gold tried to rally late but couldn't overcome a third-quarter outburst from a much taller Abilene High squad, suffering a 72-67 setback Saturday in Abilene.

The Tigers, now 13-8 on the season, took the early lead and held a 32-31 advantage at halftime.

The Eagles answered in the third period, outscoring Snyder 24-13 to jump on top as the final quarter opened.

Paced by Jamaal Pruitt, who poured in a game-high 25 points, the Tigers mounted a late comeback, before falling short.

Shay Franks also finished in double digits for Snyder with 11 points.

Tate Thompson and Wade Pinson posted seven points apiece, while Brandon McGuire and Nick Landes notched six each. Chris McLeod added five points.

In other freshman action, Snyder Black fell to Abilene High, 42-34.

Snyder trailed by 18 points entering the final period, before slashing the margin with a 13-3 run down the stretch.

Craig Bowen led the Tigers with 10 points, while Tito Alaniz registered six.

Jay Scott and Rudy Martinez accounted for five points each, with Colter Bedell and Bradley Spells chipping in four apiece.

Both Tiger squads will be in action again tonight when they host Big Spring. Snyder Black tips off at 5 o'clock, with the Gold game starting at 6:30.

TECH NO. 10

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders were ranked No. 10 in the weekly poll of major women's NCAA teams. Tech has a 19-2 season record.

No. 1 in the poll was Tennessee followed by No. 2 Purdue.

NCAA Basketball Scores

College Basketball Scores

EAST

Army 77, Lehigh 69
Canisius 75, Iona 73
Cent. Connecticut St. 81, Wagner 69
Colgate 71, Holy Cross 59
Connecticut 78, St. John's 74
Dartmouth 70, Brown 46
Drexel 82, Maine 73
Harvard 76, Yale 58
Hofstra 77, New Hampshire 64
Md.-Baltimore County 68, Quinnipiac 58
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 50, Fairleigh Dickinson 47
Penn 67, Columbia 51
Pittsburgh 60, Miami 54
Princeton 56, Cornell 46
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Texas 76, Massachusetts 65

Sports Briefs

Irwin skins seniors

KOHALA COAST, Hawaii (AP) — Golfers usually win by making putts. Hale Irwin won the Senior Skins Game title by missing one.

In a peculiar situation caused by the skins' unique format, when Irwin's 18-foot birdie try drifted by the cup Sunday, it essentially clinched his first Senior Skins title with $230,000.

Irwin actually wanted to make the putt. If he had, he would have tied Raymond Floyd for the hole and kept $160,000 on the table for a playoff.

But if the tournament had gone into overtime, Jim Colbert, who already had earned $150,000, could have edged past Irwin for the Senior Skins Championship if he were the one to win the $160,000 on a playoff hole.

Irwin obviously would rather have forced a playoff and had a shot at the extra money, tournament title or not, but he still felt compelled to make sure nobody got the wrong idea.

First win in six years

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The Phoenix Open always provides Rocco Mediate with some memorable moments.

Three years ago, he returned to the tour under a medical extension after back surgery and tied for sixth to regain full playing privileges. Last year, he began a streak of 13 straight tournaments in the money by making the cut at Phoenix.

But the rollicking and unsettling 1999 event surpassed anything in the 14-year veteran's experience. He not only won for the first time in six years with a par-71 on Sunday, but he ran afoul of two fans — one who fired him up with an insult, and one who was carrying a handgun and heckling Tiger Woods.

"How many weird things have gone on?" Mediate said while pondering his 72-hole score of 11-under-par 273, good for a two-stroke margin over Justin Leonard.

17th hole pays off

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Karrie Webb solved the 17th hole on her final trip around the Ibis Country Club course, and it paid off.

"I'm just emotionally exhausted," said a victorious Webb, who birdied the 16th and 17th holes to capture the LPGA's Office Depot golf tournament with a 10-under-par 278 — just one stroke ahead of the tightly bunched field.

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Snyder 7th and 8th grade girls at Big Spring, 5 p.m., 6:15.

Hermleigh Jr. High hosts Trent, 6 p.m.

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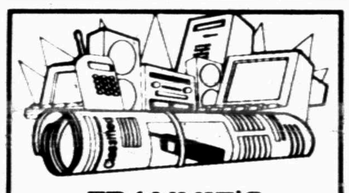

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Lives wrecked as mayday call ignored

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — In the black, rolling Atlantic lashed by a winter gale, Michael Cornett struggled to bring the Morning Dew, with his two sons and a nephew on board, into the safety of Charleston Harbor.

But before dawn on Dec. 29, 1997, the 34-foot sailboat slammed into one of the harbor's rocky, protective jetties, which extend 2½ miles from shore, and tore a gaping hole in its fiberglass hull.

"Mayday. U.S. Coast Guard. Come in," a desperate voice crackled above the static.

But no search was launched. The Coast Guard says it couldn't tell where the call came from; the family's lawyer says they could have approximated the location.

Cornett's body and that of his 16-year-old son, Michael Paul, were later found in the water. His 13-year-old son, Daniel, and nephew Bobby Lee Hurd Jr., 14, were found unconscious the next morning on a nearby beach, and died a short time later; the two younger boys may have stayed on the wrecked boat or on the rocks until the rising tide sent them swimming for shore.

The National Transportation Safety Board wonders why help was not sent and will open a hearing here Wednesday. It also will examine the Coast Guard's response to a distress call from the clamming boat Adriatic that sank Jan. 18 off Barnegat Light, N.J. The crew of four is presumed dead.

Libby Cornett of Hiltons, Va., also wants to know why no search was launched for her husband and the boys, and wonders if they could have been saved.

In the days after the wreck, she accepted it as a simple accident. It wasn't until later that she learned of the distress call.

"Before, it was easier to accept that perhaps it was an accident that happened so very quickly," she says. "Now I know that's not what happened — that they spent hours out there on those rocks seeing all the lights of Charleston ... hoping for help to come."

The Cornett family filed a $35 million negligence claim; the Coast Guard rejected it, saying it was not legally required to launch a search. Family lawyer Gedney Howe plans to file suit.

"It is purely speculative that a search, even if launched, would have located the crew of the Morning Dew in time to save them from the frigid water," wrote Lt. Cmdr. J.C. Good, chief of the Coast Guard's claims and litigation branch.

Howe says the Coast Guard could have approximated the area where the radio call came from and a helicopter could have been there within minutes.

Coast Guard Commandant James Loy ordered a review of how the service responds to distress calls. A report released just last week said that while many calls are unfounded, all should be considered legitimate until proved otherwise.

Cornett, 49, was a musician, music producer and doting father. Michael Paul wanted to study marine biology, Daniel wanted to study law. Bobby Lee, who lived in Mountain City, Tenn., loved baseball.

"They loved hiking, rock climbing and cave spelunking. They raised emus, ostriches, pigmy goats and ferrets," Mrs. Cornett recalled. "They were always going from one project to another."

Her husband and sons were strong swimmers, she said, and the family had sailed extensively around Florida and the Bahamas.

On the day of the incident, Cornett had headed into the open ocean at Georgetown, about 60 miles northeast of Charleston. A storm was forecast, but small craft advisories for 6 feet seas were not expected until the following afternoon.

The blue-hulled Morning Dew, a Cal-34, was designed for short hops close to the coast in good weather. Without a deep-water boat, sailors should "stay off the ocean off Charleston in winter," said marina owner Ted Smith, who also has a Cal-34.

The weather quickly turned nasty, with 25 mph wind, and at 2:17 a.m. a distress call sounded in the radio room of the Charleston Coast Guard Station. Mrs. Cornett later identified the voice as Daniel's.

A Coast Guard petty officer returned the call but got no reply.

Five minutes later, another call. The petty officer couldn't make out a message, and got no answer to his response.

At 6:10 a.m., a crew member on a freighter heading into the harbor heard a cry for help from the water. The harbor pilots' boat was sent to look, but found no one.

The Morning Dew was dragged across the rocks and may have foundered for several hours before sinking, the Coast Guard said.

Rear Adm. Norman T. Saunders, commander of the 7th Coast Guard District in Miami who released the agency's report in June, refused to discuss responsibility.

However, the petty officer was temporarily suspended and required to requalify as a radio operator. The Coast Guard said it has installed $45,000 worth of new equipment at Charleston, making it easier for officers to replay unclear messages.

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CenSoWst	26¾	26 1-16	26 1-16	— ⅜
Chevron	75 9-16	74⅝	75	+ ½
Citigroup	56 9-16	55¾	55⅞	— 7-16
Coastal s	29 13-16	29½	29 9-16	— 7-16
CocaCola	65⅝	64 13-16	65	5-16
ColgatePalm	81	79⅝	80⅝	+ 5-16
ComclMetals	24¼	24½	24¾	
Cooperln	41½	41 5-16	41⅜	— 1-16
CyprusAmax	9	13-16	9¾	9¾ + 3-16
DaimlrChry a	104⅝	103¾	104⅛	+ ⅛
DallSemicn	37¾	36 13-16	37¾	+ 7-16
DeltaAirl s	58	55 9-16	55¾	+1 5-16
Dillards Inc	25 1-16	24 13-16	24¼	+ 1-16
DowChem	88 13-16	87 13-16	88⅜	+11-16
DuPont	52 3-16	51½	51⅝	+ 7-16
EastmanChem	41	40¾	40 11-16	+ 1-16
EstKodak	66 5-16	65 9-16	65¾	+ ⅛
EDS Corp	53 1-16	52 3-16	52⅝	+ 5-16
Entergy	29¾	29¾	29¾	— 1-16
Exxon	70⅝	69 15-16	70 1-16	— 3-16
FstBksAm	20¼	20	20⅛	+ ⅛
Flowers	24¼	24	24¼	+ 1-16
FordMotor s	61¾	60 11-16	61 3-16	— ¼
GTE Cp	67⅞	66 1-16	66⅛	— ⅜
GenDynam s	59 1-16	57 15-16	58¼	— ⅛
GenElec	104 15-16	102 13-16	103 3-16	—1 11-16
GenMills	84½	83 5-16	83¾	— 5-16
GenMotors	92¼	90¼	91 5-16	+1 9-16
GaPacGP	66 7-16	65¼	66 1-16	+1 9-16
GlobalMar	8 7-16	8⅛	8¼	— ¼
Goodrich	34¼	33¾	33 15-16	
Goodyear s	50	49 7-16	49⅝	+ ½
GtAtlPac	33½	33 1-16	33¼	— ¼
Halliburtn	30 3-16	29 1-16	29⅝	— 5-16
Hanson ADS	33¾	33 11-16	33¾	+ 1
HarteHanks s	25 9-16	25 7-16	25½	+ 3-16
HomeDepot	60½	59¾	59 5-16	—1 3-16
HoustonInds	30¼	29 9-16	29 9-16	—11-16
IBM	184¼	179¾	181½	— 2
IntlPaper	41	40 1-16	40 9-16	+ 1
JohnsonJn	84	15-16	84	— 1
K mart	17 9-16	17 3-16	17 5-16	— ⅛
Kroger Co	65 15-16	63 7-16	65⅝	+ 2¼
Litton	58	56 13-16	57 11-16	+13-16
LockheedM s	37 1-16	36	37 1-16	+1 13-16
Lowes Cos s	58 9-16	57 7-16	57 13-16	— ½
Lubys	15 11-16	15¼	15⅝	+ 3-16
LucentTech s	113¾	110 13-16	111 11-16	— ¼
MayDeptStrs	60¼	59 1-16	59 11-16	—11-16
MediaOne	57 9-16	56¾	57⅝	+1 5-16
Medtronic	80 3-16	79⅞	79⅞	— 3-16
Mobil	87⅝	86¼	86¾	— ⅞
Monsanto	48 15-16	47¾	48 15-16	+ 1¾
MorganJP	106¼	104¼	105 9-16	+ 1-16
Motorola	72 9-16	71 13-16	71¼	— ⅞
NCR Corp	48 15-16	47¼	47 13-16	—15-16
Navistar	35	34¾	34 11-16	+ ⅜
OryxEngy	12 13-16	12 3-16	12 9-16	+ ¼
Penney JC	38 15-16	38¼	38⅛	— ⅛
PennzEnrgy s	12¼	11¾	12 1-16	+ ½
PepBoys	16	15 11-16	15 11-16	— 1-16
PepsiCo	38 13-16	38¼	38 9-16	— 7-16
PhelpDodge	43¾	43 5-16	43½	+ 1-16
PhilipPet	39¼	38 9-16	38 9-16	— 1-16
PilgrmPrd B	23¾	23 5-16	23¾	
Polaroid	17¾	17 1-16	17 3-16	+ ⅛
Praxair	32¾	32½	32 9-16	+ ¼
ProctGamb	90¾	89¾	89¼	— 1¾
PubSNwMx	18 11-16	18 5-16	18⅜	— 7-16
RoyalDut	40 15-16	40 9-16	40⅞	+13-16
SBC Comm s	54 1-16	52¾	53 1-16	—15-16
SaraLee s	25¼	24¾	24⅞	— ⅜
Scripps EW	44½	44⅛	44 7-16	+ ⅛
SearsRoeb	40 13-16	40 5-16	40⅝	+ ¼
SherwinW	25 9-16	25	25	— ⅜
SmithklBchm	69½	68½	69⅛	+1 11-16
SouthernCo	26¼	26⅛	26 9-16	— ⅜
SwstAirl s	27¾	26 15-16	27 11-16	+ ¼
SprintFON n	84¼	83¾	84	+ ⅛
SprintPCS n	32½	31¾	31¾	— ¼
Sunoco Inc	36 3-16	35¼	35 11-16	+ 9-16
TNP Ent	35¾	35¼	35 5-16	— ¼
Tandy	53¾	52 5-16	52¾	— 1¼
TempleInland	58¾	58¼	58 9-16	+ 1½
Tenneco	30 15-16	30½	30½	— ⅞
Texaco	47½	46¾	47¼	— ¼
TexInd	26¾	26½	26 9-16	+ 1-16
TexasInst	100	97¼	98¾	— ¼
TexUtil	44¼	43¾	44¼	+ 3-16
Textron	75	74¼	75	+ 9-16
TriconGlbR	47 1-16	46½	46½	—1 1-16
TrinityInds	35 13-16	35 1-16	35 1-16	—11-16
TritonEngy	6 11-16	6½	6	9-16 + ⅛
Tyler	5	4 15-16	4 15-16	— 1-16
US West Inc	61¾	60 13-16	61 3-16	— 9-16
USX-Marathn	23¼	22 13-16	23	+ ¼
USX-USS	26 3-16	25 15-16	26 3-16	+ ⅛
UnCarbide	39½	38¾	39⅛	— 7-16
UnionPacif	51½	51¼	51½	+ 1-16
UnitedTech	121¼	119¾	121	+1 9-16
Unocal	29	28¾	28 11-16	+ 3-16
Venator Grp	5¾	5 3-16	5¼	+ ¼
WalMart	85¾	84¾	85 5-16	—11-16
WellsFargo	34¼	34	34⅛	— ⅛
WstnGasRs	5¼	5¼	5¼	— ¼
WinnDixie	46	45¼	45 11-16	
Xerox Corp	123	120 13-16	121⅛	— 2½

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'She's All That' beats 'Varsity Blues' as top movie of the weekend

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A "My Fair Lady"-style romance about a high school hunk who takes a bet to turn an art geek into the prom queen, knocked the other teen favorite, "Varsity Blues," out of the top spot at the weekend box office.

"She's All That," starring Freddie Prinze Jr. and Rachael Leigh Cook, earned $16.8 million over the weekend, industry estimates showed Sunday. It was the only new film in wide release.

The opening total was slightly below the $17.5 million that "Varsity Blues" pulled in when it opened in wide release two weeks ago. That movie fell to third place with $6.2 million in ticket sales.

"Patch Adams" held the No. 2 spot with $6.8 million after a brief dip several weeks ago. "A Civil Action" was in fourth place with $4.8 million, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

Buoyed by major wins at last week's Golden Globes, "Shakespeare in Love" jumped three spots to No. 5 on just 759 screens. The film grossed $4 million for a per-screen average of $5,270, second only to the $7,561 for "She's All That."

"Shakespeare In Love" won for best comedy or musical film and best screenplay while Gwyneth Paltrow was named best actress in a comedy at the 56th annual awards.

"The Thin Red Line" dropped to sixth place with $3.8 million, followed by "Stepmom" at $3.7 million. "The Prince of Egypt" and "You've Got Mail" tied at eighth with $3 million. "At First Sight" rounded out the top 10 in its third week with $2.8 million.

Success comes with heavy cost, Hamilton says

NEW YORK (AP) — Success for actors is nice, but it comes with a heavy cost, says Linda Hamilton.

"Never create a legend, my dear, because either you have to live up to it or you have to live it down," Hamilton tells the Feb. 6 edition of TV Guide.

Either way, she said, the actor never wins.

Hamilton's past roles include Catherine Chandler, tragic heroine of the television series "Beauty and the Beast," and Sarah Connor, the pumped-up mother in the "Terminator" films.

Of the recent breakup of her marriage to "Titanic" director James Cameron, Hamilton said, "There's no contact between us at all, and I'm extremely well and happy with my life. I am not destroyed. Actually, I was delivered by God when he left."

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Can calcium supplements contain lead?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am concerned about taking calcium supplements because I have heard that many of them contain lead. How serious is this danger? — L.F., Nashville, Tenn.

DEAR R.S.: Calcium supplements from certain natural sources are the ones where lead contamination is a possibility. These include bone meal, oyster shells and dolomite.

Bone meal makes sense as a calcium supplement because, in addition to calcium, it contains other trace elements used to make bones. The problem is that bones are often a storage tissue for heavy metal contaminants — such as lead. Animals allowed to graze near sources of industrial pollution can end up with higher-than-normal levels of these contaminants in their bones, and when these bones are used to make meal... well, you get the picture.

The same argument can be made for oyster-shell calcium if the oysters live in contaminated waters. Dolomite — also called dolmitic limestone — is a mined mineral that's composed primarily of calcium carbonate and magnesium carbonate plus some other elements. If the mineral happens to be in areas that contain elevated amounts of lead, this "natural source" will also contain a natural contaminant.

This information doesn't mean that all natural sources are contaminated; it is just to let you know that if you choose a calcium supplement made from any of these materials, you should opt for brands that state that their product is low-lead or lead free.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am mainly a whole-wheat eater, and I don't care for white bread. I have learned from experience that just because the bread label reads, "wheat bread," it ain't necessarily so. It could be just a little food coloring added to make the bread look brown, and somehow this is perfectly legal. I recall an earlier article of yours that said the label should read "100-percent whole wheat flour" or "stone-ground whole wheat flour." I bought a product labeled "stone ground wheat bread," but found it to be a white bread with molasses added for coloring. Is this misleading and false labeling? — G.P., Alpine, Calif.

DEAR G.P.: A wheat bread is made with wheat flour, and it can be white, whole grain or a combination of the two. A 100 percent whole grain wheat bread will show "100-percent whole wheat" or "whole wheat flour" as the first item on the ingredient statement, and there should be no other flours listed. The phrase "stone ground" says nothing about the character of the bread. It is somewhat deceptive to have a bread that is not whole grain be colored to appear as though it is, but it's perfectly legal — so long as the manufacturers do not claim to be selling whole grain bread when they are not.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I've heard that there are certain vitamins and minerals that can help a woman become pregnant. My doctors are talking about putting me on fertility drugs, but I would like to try a natural approach first. Do you have any suggestions about nutrients I should be sure to include in my diet? — D.A., Pleasanton, Calif.

DEAR D.A.: You want your body to be in good health both before and after conception. My first recommendation is to consume a healthful diet containing the recommended dietary allowances (RDA) for all the essential vitamins and minerals. As for nutrients to provide some extra assistance, there is some preliminary evidence that the antioxidant nutrients, which include vitamins E and C, selenium and zinc, might help — but these are to be taken by your partner. The theory behind this is that the presence of these and other antioxidants might be able to limit the potential for oxidative damage in the semen that could shorten the life span and viability of the sperm.

One study published in the journal Fertility and Sterility reported increases in fertility when men participating in an in vitro fertilization program took vitamin E (200 milligrams per day). Another preliminary report — given at the American Society for Reproductive Medicine's annual meeting in November — reported a decreased number of deformed sperm when the volunteers had taken supplements containing proanthocyanidin, an antioxidant found in pine bark and grape seed extracts. More work is currently underway. To play it safe, be sure you discuss all your decisions with your health professional. Good luck!

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

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Low prices jeopardize tobacco farmers' future

NEW HOLLAND, Pa. (AP) — After 20 years, Dennis Hess is about ready to kick the tobacco habit.

Looking to rebound from a disastrous 1998, Hess and more than 500 Pennsylvania tobacco growers formed a cooperative. They hoped their collective strength would gain them better prices at Lancaster County's first-ever farmer-owned auction.

Instead, prices have gotten worse as demand for tobacco drops. That is making growers like Hess, 47, of New Holland, think twice about planting a new crop next year. His 10 acres of tobacco already have dwindled to four over the past several years and now he is considering planting sweet corn and pumpkins.

"I will not sell at this price," said Hess, who also helps run the auction at a warehouse in New Holland.

A pound of tobacco sold for about 55 cents on Friday; a pound sold for about $1.04 when the auction first opened Jan. 13. Hess and other members of the Pennsylvania Tobacco Marketing Association had hoped to get at least $1.25 a pound when they formed the cooperative.

"I've got bales sitting at home already from last year's crop," Hess said. "If this keeps up, I'm not going to grow tobacco next year."

As auction manager, Hess goes around with the auctioneer and the tobacco buyers as they sift through rows of tobacco bales stacked three and four high. Those that get bid on are given a white tag. If a farmer rejects the bid, he replaces the white tag with a red tag.

During the first two weeks of this nearly seven-week auction, there have been a lot of red tags.

That means growers will either take a chance that prices will go up the next auction day or pull their crop off the block and hope their luck changes next year.

"They can't afford to do that, but they can't afford to take these prices either," said co-op organizer Jane Balmer, who helped get 3 million pounds pledged to the auction.

She grows 10 acres of tobacco at her Mount Joy farm, much of which is waiting to be sold.

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The last 3 years, Tommy has videoed the Western Swing Music Fest in Snyder. Those tapes plus special interest videos have been sent all over the United States and the world-including Spain, Japan, Australia, and Canada.

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Teddy bear may provide leads in case

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A Denver woman's teddy bear closely resembling a toy that was in JonBenet Ramsey's room around the time she was killed could provide a lead in the two-year murder mystery, the Boulder District Attorney's Office said.

"It appears it will give us some information," spokeswoman Suzanne Laurion said Saturday.

The toy was turned in to authorities Friday, the day after District Attorney Alex Hunter sought help from the public in tracking down information about a foot-long stuffed teddy bear dressed in a Santa suit.

The stuffed animal in the photo was reportedly among toys found in JonBenet's room, but family members said it did not belong to the little girl. The teddy bear is now apparently missing.

Hunter posted a fuzzy snapshot of the white, furry bear on an Internet site, hoping that someone would be able to identify the toy's manufacturer and retailers where it was sold in 1996 or earlier.

The site logged 10,000 hits within 24 hours, 100 voice mails, two faxes and two "personal contacts," the District Attorney's Office said.

The photo was also published and shown on television, and a Denver woman who saw the photo of the bear on TV turned over her similar toy to officials on Friday. No information was disclosed on where that bear was purchased or whether it had any identifying detail.

"We find ourselves emotionally moved by the caring people have shown and how much people want to help," said Laurion, adding that an announcement will be made when prosecutors are confident they have found what they needed.

Laurion confirmed that the Coldwater police department in Michigan had been quietly working to find the maker of the stuffed bear since "late last year."

JonBenet, 6, was found beaten and strangled in her family's home on the day after Christmas 1996.

Human AIDS traced to chimpanzees

CHICAGO (AP) — Mystery solved: The AIDS virus came from chimps.

Experts have wondered about the origin of HIV ever since the epidemic emerged almost two decades ago. The uncertainty launched a variety of conspiracy theories, some suggesting that AIDS was a government plot, created purposely to kill.

Now, research presented at an AIDS conference Sunday provides what scientists say is convincing proof to the contrary: The virus got its start in the forests of Africa when humans caught it from chimpanzees. In fact, they say the virus has spread at least three times from chimps to people.

"This is absolutely evidence to put (conspiracy theories) to rest," Dr. Constance Benson of the University of Colorado said.

Even scientists who scorned those theories have been unsure where AIDS actually arose. Some suspected chimps, while others thought monkeys or other primates could have been the source.

The latest discovery was made by Dr. Beatrice Hahn of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, who tracked HIV's ancestor to a virus that has long infected one of the four subspecies of chimp that live in Africa.

She said, "We conclude that this subspecies is the source of the human AIDS virus," which now infects about 35 million people worldwide.

Experts believe that HIV — the virus that causes AIDS — is a recent affliction of people. At last year's Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, Dr. David Ho and others from the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center at Rockefeller University presented evidence that the virus probably first infected humans in the 1940s or early '50s.

At the opening of this year's meeting, Hahn made the case that this event almost certainly occurred in west equatorial Africa. It could have happened when someone was bitten by a chimp, or a hunter was exposed to contaminated blood while field dressing an animal.

Hahn said her team nailed down the connection by analyzing frozen tissue saved from a chimp named Marilyn that died from complications of childbirth at a U.S. Air Force primate center in New Mexico 14 years ago.

The chimp version of the AIDS virus is called SIVcpz. It is extremely rare among chimps in U.S. labs, perhaps because these animals are removed from the wilds as babies and so are never exposed to the virus sexually. Until recently, it had been isolated only three times.

Hahn's discovery of the fourth began when a colleague cleaning out a lab freezer ran across Marilyn's specimens and sent them to her. The researchers performed various kinds of genetic analyses that were unavailable at the time the chimp died.

Marilyn's tissue was found to harbor SIVcpz. The Alabama team used molecular analysis techniques to study Marilyn's virus plus the other three examples discovered earlier.

They found that three of the four are about as genetically similar to the human AIDS virus as they are to each other. They include one gene, called vpu, that is also part of HIV but not the other AIDS-like viruses that infect monkeys.

All three samples were found to have come from Pan troglodytes troglodytes, which is one of the four subspecies of chimp in Africa. These animals lives in Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Congo and Central African Republic, the region where AIDS is thought to have started.

Abandoned babies called 'anomaly'

HOUSTON (AP) — Last week, a woman on her way to work found a newborn boy wrapped in a bedsheet beneath a shrub.

The next day, a hospital security guard discovered a baby girl, still covered with placenta and blood, in a knapsack outside the emergency room.

The babies are among five found abandoned in the Houston area in slightly more than a month — a situation that local officials insist is not a trend but an alarming anomaly.

Harris County Children's Protective Services usually handles about 15 cases a month of abandoned children of all ages and about 15 cases monthly in which teen-agers have been forced from their homes, said spokeswoman Judy Hay.

"But with newborns (left) laying out like this in very dangerous situations, we are used to one, maybe two a month," Ms. Hay said.

"It's an anomaly," she said, adding that she has contacted children's agencies around the country and found no other regions experiencing an increase in abandonments.

Some mothers who abandon children have told child welfare officials that they considered the baby a burden and not a living human being, Ms. Hay said. They also underestimated the amount of support they would have gotten from their families, she added.

"It can involve homelessness with women in their 20s, with women that have other children. It can involve poverty, drugs," Ms. Hay said. "Somehow they can't cope with the pregnancy or they don't want their family to know because the family will insist they raise the child."

Sylvia Franzmeier, program manager for adoption services at Delpelchin Children's Center, said women who have contemplated abandoning their children feel helpless and hopeless.

"They don't have any resources to be parent of the baby," she said. "I think that anybody who follows through with abandonment must feel like there are no choices. They are pretty desperate."

However, Ms. Franzmeier noted that Depelchin and other adoption agencies can give them advice and help, and that all adoptions are confidential, even if the mother is a minor.

The baby girl found Thursday outside Rosewood Hospital is expected to be released from the hospital Monday.

Two-thirds of Americans oppose Clinton conviction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three new polls suggest a majority of Americans haven't changed their minds about impeachment.

Even as House prosecutors ready their interviews with Monica Lewinsky, and the Senate ponders how to end President Clinton's trial, weekend surveys by Newsweek, the Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post found that nearly two-thirds of Americans don't want the president removed from office.

And a majority said they disapprove of the Senate's decision to hear new testimony from Ms. Lewinsky, presidential friend and adviser Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal.

Sixty-five percent of those polled by the Los Angeles Times opposed a Senate vote to convict Clinton and remove him from office, against 29 percent who favored his removal. Newsweek, with 65 percent to 28 percent, and The Washington Post, 64 percent to 33 percent, mirrored the findings.

Polls have consistently found that roughly six in 10 Americans want Clinton to stay in office despite accusations that he tried to cover up an affair with Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern.

Despite the Senate's party-line vote last week to let impeachment prosecutors from the House take new testimony from the three witnesses, the Los Angeles Times said Americans, by a margin of 60 percent to 37 percent, felt that is unnecessary. Newsweek and the Post had similar, if less authoritative, findings of 48 percent to 47 percent, and 52 percent to 47 percent respectively.

The Los Angeles Times survey also reported that by 59 percent to 36 percent, Americans think congressional Republicans have put Clinton on trial primarily to hurt the Democratic president rather than in the interest of the nation's moral and legal well-being.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Help for panic disorder

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor diagnosed me with panic disorder. My life is a mess. Is there any help for me?

DEAR READER: Panic disorder is marked by sudden, unexpected and disabling feelings of terror, associated with palpitations, difficulty breathing, chest pressure, choking, sensations of smothering, dizziness, hot flashes, sweating and trembling. The affliction also produces a fear of dying, going crazy or losing control of one's body.

In diagnosing panic disorder, physicians must first differentiate it from heart attacks, partial seizures, drug overdoses, thyroid diseases and a host of other physical ailments that cause similar symptoms.

Treatment for panic disorder has been inconsistently successful. Recently, however, researchers reported a breakthrough in the American Journal of Psychiatry (Vol. 155, 1998). The doctors discovered that the prescription antidepressant Zoloft lessened the number of panic attacks by almost 90 percent. Ask your doctor if this therapy would be appropriate for you.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column about personal hygiene, you jokingly concluded that a person should bathe when people around him told him to do so. Please retract that advice. The elderly, who often experience a diminished sense of smell, should not have to resort to this criterion. People should bathe regularly.

DEAR READER: I concede that point. But how often is "regularly"? Some inactive seniors may not have to shower more than twice a week; other, more active older folks should certainly bathe daily.

You are correct that my conclusion was lighthearted. It would be presumptuous of me to lay down a "bathing law" for the elderly. However, my personal belief is that people should thoroughly wash every day or two. And, of course, their clothes should also be cleaned at regular intervals.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the best test for monitoring an aortic aneurysm? And at what interval? My father died suddenly at 72 of a ruptured aneurysm.

DEAR READER: Most authorities recommend ultrasound examinations to monitor aortic aneurysms. Using this test, physicians can determine the size of the stretched and ballooned portion of the artery. Once the aneurysm reaches about six centimeters in width, surgery should be considered. In stable aneurysms or in those that expand slowly, annual ultrasound exams are the rule. However, in the presence of rapidly increasing expansion, the prudent practitioner would order more frequent testing.

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Datebook

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Today is the 32nd day of 1999 and the 43rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1862, Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was published in the Atlantic Monthly.

On this day in 1893, Thomas Edison finished building the first motion picture studio, in West Orange, N.J.

On this day in 1982, "Late Night With David Letterman" debuted on NBC television.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Victor Herbert (1859-1924), cellist-conductor; John Ford (1895-1973), director; Clark Gable (1901-1960), actor; Langston Hughes (1902-1967), poet; S.J. Perelman (1904-1979), humorist; Renata Tibaldi (1922-), singer, is 76; Don Everly (1937-), singer, is 62; Sherman Hemsley (1938-), actor, is 61; Brandon Lee (1965-1993), actor; Laura Dern (1967-), actress, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1956, Hayes Jenkins won the gold medal for figure skating in the Winter Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The most difficult secret for a man to keep is his own opinion of himself." — Marcel Pagnol

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon (Jan. 31).

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Peace talks not assured in Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — U.S. and European envoys apparently failed to win a clear commitment today from Kosovo Albanian rebels to attend peace talks described as the "last chance" for the warring sides to resolve their differences.

And in another sign talks are far from assured, the government in Belgrade announced that the Serbian Parliament will decide Thursday whether the Serbs will participate.

International envoys nonetheless insisted the peace process remained on track.

"I never like to use the words 'optimism' and 'Balkans' in the same sentence, but I believe we have a very good process here," said U.S. envoy Christopher Hill after talks with Kosovo Albanian officials.

A rebel army representative, when asked after the meeting whether the Kosovo Liberation Army had agreed to attend a peace conference Saturday in France, would say only that an announcement would be made Tuesday.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, stressed that Adem Demaci had not rejected the invitation discussed with Hill and European Union representative Wolfgang Petritsch. However, sources close to the envoys had expected Demaci to announce KLA willingness to attend in a statement immediately after today's meeting.

It appeared both the rebels and the Serb-led Belgrade government were stalling, perhaps waiting for the other to make the first move. NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana has urged them to avoid delays.

Solana, speaking in Bonn, Germany, stressed today that NATO is ready to intervene militarily in the Yugoslav province whenever he, in consultation with alliance members, decides the time is right.

"This is the last chance, and I would like to make a call for negotiations in good will to solve this tragedy," Solana said after talks with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

Clinton's 2000 budget has billions for Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weapons programs made in Texas would receive billions of federal dollars under a six-year budget blueprint offered today by the Clinton administration.

The proposal, which features the biggest increase in defense spending since the end of the Cold War, would benefit North Texas defense contractors, in particular those making the F-16, F-22 and V-22 Osprey.

The Clinton plan also has billions more earmarked for Texas-related projects, including NASA, state military bases, highways, regional bus transportation and the Houston Ship Channel.

Ten F-16s, which are built in Fort Worth, would be funded next year under the plan. Purchases of the fighters manufactured by Lockheed Martin have been on the wane, with just one purchased this year. The Air Force, however, wants 30 additional F-16s over the next four years to replace older ones.

The F-22, Lockheed's next-generation stealth fighter program, would receive $3 billion next year. The company's Fort Worth plant has a share of the production of the F-22, which will go into low-rate initial production this fall.

The V-22 Osprey, manufactured by Bell Helicopter Textron in Fort Worth, would hit peak production one year earlier than anticipated under the plan, with 30 copies in 2003.

The Pentagon would purchase 10 V-22s next year, 16 in 2001 and 20 in 2002 before reaching the 30-a-year peak.

The defense budget, which proposes $261 billion in spending in fiscal 2000, also seeks to reverse an erosion in military readiness. The administration is proposing a 4.4 percent across-the-board military pay raise, improved retirement benefits, enlistment bonuses and other incentives to boost employee morale and retention rates.

The defense budget is just one piece of the $1.77 trillion spending plan for fiscal 2000 that President Clinton submitted today to Congress.

The release of the president's budget marks only the first step in Washington's annual spending ritual. Congress now begins a months-long process of setting its own spending priorities, which frequently diverge from the president's.

Republicans, for example, are insistent on using part of the budget surplus for tax cuts this year. Clinton's budget doesn't propose any across-the-board tax cuts.

Yet in key areas, such as defense, the president's wish list marks a starting point for the fiscal debate.

The budget's shaping is of keen importance to Texas, which received nearly $90 billion in direct federal payments in 1997 for everything from highway repair to Medicaid.

In other Texas-related projects, the administration is seeking:

—$2.3 billion for continued construction and development of the international space station. The program is managed at the Johnson Space Center near Houston.

—$148 million for construction at Texas military bases, including $68 million for Fort Hood in Central Texas and $50 million for El Paso's Fort Bliss.

Weekend results in four arrests

Four subjects were taken into custody Sunday night and early this morning.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male in the 1200 block of College Avenue at 9:28 p.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving under the influence by a minor.

At 11:12 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 31-year-old female for Class C assault/family violence. An offense report was also filed for Class A criminal mischief.

Department of Public Safety troopers took two subjects into custody at 12:27 a.m. today four miles south on Hwy. 208. Arrested were a 19-year-old female for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and Class C criminal mischief, and a 29-year-old female for public intoxication.

Officers filed one offense report over the weekend.

At 2:37 p.m. Sunday, an offense report for found bicycle was filed in reference to a subject finding a bicycle in the 3400 block of Avenue V.

Several accidents also occurred over the weekend.

At 11:43 a.m. Saturday, officers filed a private property hit and run accident report in the 1700 block of Avenue N in reference to an unknown vehicle running into a dumpster owned by the city.

A private property hit and run accident was reported at 1:05 p.m. Saturday in reference to an accident that occurred Friday night at the American Legion. The incident involved an unknown vehicle and a parked unoccupied 1992 Chevrolet Camero owned by Thomas Leiba of 607 34th Street.

Officers filed a private property accident report at Wal-Mart at 2:32 p.m. Saturday. Involved were a 1992 Mercury Marquis driven by Kathryn Bell Scaief of San Benito and a 1997 Chevrolet pickup driven by Eugene Charles Long of 2491 N. Business Hwy. 84.

At 11:04 a.m. Sunday, officers worked a two-vehicle accident in the 3200 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1996 Ford F-150 driven by Melvin Austin Howard of 151 Pierce and a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Michael Ray Foreman of 211 Elm.

Howard, 78, and a passenger in his vehicle, 78-year-old Coy Mebane, were transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by Snyder EMS.

Howard was treated and released while Mebane was admitted for observation. Her condition is listed as good.

Officers worked a minor accident at 3:43 p.m. Sunday in the 3600 block of Avenue V involving a 1996 Ford Mustang driven by Lisa Ann Melton of 241 North U.S. Hwy. 84 and a 1980 Ford F-150 4x4 driven by Janelle Edwards of 602 North Avenue Q.

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Obituaries

Frances Sizemore

1914-1999

Graveside service for Frances D. Sizemore of Carthage, formerly of Snyder, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Dr. Craig Curry, pastor of First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sizemore, 84, died Sunday, Jan. 31, in Carthage following a lengthy illness.

Born on June 19, 1914 in Hennipen, Okla., she was married to Paul Sizemore for almost 50 years. He died in 1983. They were both active members of the Snyder community for many years. The Sizemore Award from the Snyder Chamber of Commerce was named in their honor.

Mrs. Sizemore was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter 450, the Snyder Garden Club, and was a 40-year member of the Snyder First United Methodist Church and Crusaders Sunday School Class. She moved to Carthage in 1994 where she was a member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers.

Survivors include two sisters and brothers-in-law, Bobbie and the Rev. John Morrison of Carthage and JoEllen and Wesley Hawks of Tomball; five nephews; one niece; and numerous grandnieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Manuel Lujan

1929-1999

COLORADO CITY — Manuel Lujan, the father of Rachael Bass of Snyder, died Saturday, Jan. 30, in Mitchell County Hospital.

Funeral mass for Mr. Lujan, 69, was set for 2 p.m. today in the St. Ann Catholic Church with Fr. Ray Wilhelm officiating. Burial was to follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 8, 1929 in Colorado City, he married Eva Valdez in 1958 in Colorado City. He was a U.S. Army veteran and retired from Mitchell County as a heavy equipment operator. Mr. Lujan was a member of the St. Ann Catholic Church.

Survivors also include his wife, Eva Lujan of Colorado City; two sons, Felix Lujan of Colorado City and Samuel Lujan, also of Colorado City and an employee of Western Texas College; a brother, A.A. Lujan of Loraine; a sister, Victoria Valdez of California; and four grandchildren.

Mary Janeke

1919-1999

Mary Helen Capps Janeke, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 30, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Janeke will be held at 2 p.m. today in the Burkburnett Cemetery in Burkburnett. Lane Crowe, a family friend, was to officiate. Arrangements were under the direction of Owens and Brumley Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 14, 1919 in Ben Hur, Tex., she married Joseph A. Janeke on March 14, 1942 in Shreveport, La. He died in 1984.

Mrs. Janeke was a nurse during World War II in Marlin. Following the war, she was a housewife and secretary for her husband's law practice in Burkburnett. She attended St. Jude Catholic Church in Burkburnett.

Mrs. Janeke moved to Snyder from Burkburnett in November, 1998.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association

Mrs. Simmons

1934-1999

MENARD — Florence Simmons, the mother of James Simmons of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 29, in a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Simmons, 64, was set for 3 p.m. today in the Rest Haven Cemetery in Menard.

Born April 4, 1934 in Lamar, Colo., she had been a resident of Menard since 1953. Mrs. Simmons was a homemaker and a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Survivors include her husband, Leland Simmons of Menard; another son, Lesley Simmons of Brady; a daughter, Laura Prieto of Menard; four sisters; two brothers; and four grandchildren.

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SHS band boosters

Snyder High School band boosters will meet at 6 this evening in the band hall to discuss the annual band banquet.

Buckeye donkey basketball

Ira schools will host Buckeye donkey basketball at 7 tonight at the Ira gym. For advance tickets, call the Ira school office at 573-2628.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "Providence of God," followed by "A Mother But Not a Wife."

West science fair

The annual science fair for West Elementary will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the National Guard Armory. The public is invited.

Snyder Goldcoats

The Snyder Goldcoats will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Taco Bell.

NAACP meeting

The local chapter of the NAACP will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Allen Chapel, 3401 Ave. M.

Scholastic book fair

Snyder Head Start is having a scholastic book fair from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1-6 p.m. daily through Wednesday. For more information call 573-7403 or 573-1784.

Senior class parents

Parents of 1999 seniors at Snyder High School will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school student center. Plans will be made for the end-of-school activities. Everyone is urged to attend.

Food Drive

Boy, Cub and Girl Scouts will conduct a food drive starting Thursday to benefit the Food Cupboard. Bags will be left on doors around town and Scouts will return Saturday to pick up donated canned goods.

Girls Lil' Dribblers signup

Signup for Girls Little Dribblers will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. A parent or guardian is required along with a birth certificate and registration fee of $25

Retired teachers

The Scurry County retired teachers will meet next Monday at noon at The Shack. Mrs. Dorothy Duncan will present the program.

Hermleigh photos wanted

The Scurry County Museum is seeking photographs of buildings in Hermleigh. The photos may be donated or loaned and one will be used on the 1999 Christmas ornament. Call 573-6107 or come by the museum on the WTC campus.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak trees. Both evergreens and hardwoods are available. Call 573-6317, or come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Planetarium shows

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is available for group shows Thursday evenings and all day on Fridays. The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are three presentations available in the 59-seat auditorium, one for pre-K, another for K through 4, and one for general audiences. For reservations contact Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Road to Recovery program

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

Pick 3

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

7-7-9

(seven, seven, nine)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth $4 million.

The numbers drawn were: 9-25-27-28-30-50.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $7 million.