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*One of five this week...*

# Air Force hearing set here Wednesday

The first of five public hearings on the Air Force's plans for a low-altitude training route in this part of West Texas will be held this evening in the Abilene High School west cafeteria.

On Wednesday, the four-hour public hearing will be held in Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School.

Hearings will also be held this week in Big Lake, Pecos and Alpine.

The meetings will begin with a 45-minute open-house format followed by a brief overview presentation by the Air Force on the proposal.

The public comment portion of the hearing will follow the Air Force's presentation.

Comments by individuals will be limited to three minutes each, and a court reporter will record the comments.

Computers and written comment sheets will be available for those who wish to submit a written comment on the draft environmental impact study.

The environmental study was released March 19.

A news conference is scheduled on at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association headquarters to dispute the Air Force's claims on the amount of noise the flight training will produce.

H.E.P.A. headquarters is located at 2515 College Avenue.

The Air Force claims the proposed training route over an eight-county area, including Scurry, is necessary to develop combat skills needed by air crews to train under conditions similar to combat.

The Air Force has examined four alternative flight plans, with one alternative being no action at all. Two of the flight patterns are over West Texas, while the third is in New Mexico.

The B-52 and B-1 airplanes would be be flying from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene and Barksdale AFB in Louisiana.

H.E.P.A. members are strongly opposed to establishing a flight pattern over this area.

The group is urging all those opposed to attend the Wednesday hearing.

"The proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initiative would be devastating to our economy and would harm local businesses, ranchers, farmers and hunters," said Buster Welch, president of H.E.P.A.

"Low-level bomber training will destroy our livelihoods, way of life and the environment," added Welch. "If we don't stop the Air Force now, life as we know it in West Texas today will be a thing of the past."

"People have to attend this meeting to show the Air Force that we are opposed to this plan."

The proposed RBTI covers eight counties — including Scurry, Borden, Dawson, Fisher, Garza, Kent, Lynn and Stonewall.

"The Air Force uses attendance at public hearings as a primary indicator of the opposition to its RBTI," said Welch. "We urge all residents and landowners in the eight-county area to attend."

Welch said residents of Mitchell and Howard counties are urged to attend as well as they will be affected by the low-level, high-speed access corridor in their area.

Welch said H.E.P.A. representatives will be availabe to help residents make their concerns known to the Air Force during the meeting.

"Lack of opposition to the RBTI will result in the Air Force proceeding with its plans to establish the bomber training area by the end of the year," emphasized Welch.

Founded last year, H.E.P.A., Inc. is a non-profit organization based in Snyder which works for the preservation and protection of the West Texas lifestyle, economy, environment and health of all

Membership includes business owners, residents, farmers, ranchers and general supporters of the area's lifestyle in the immediate affected counties, as well as all over Texas.

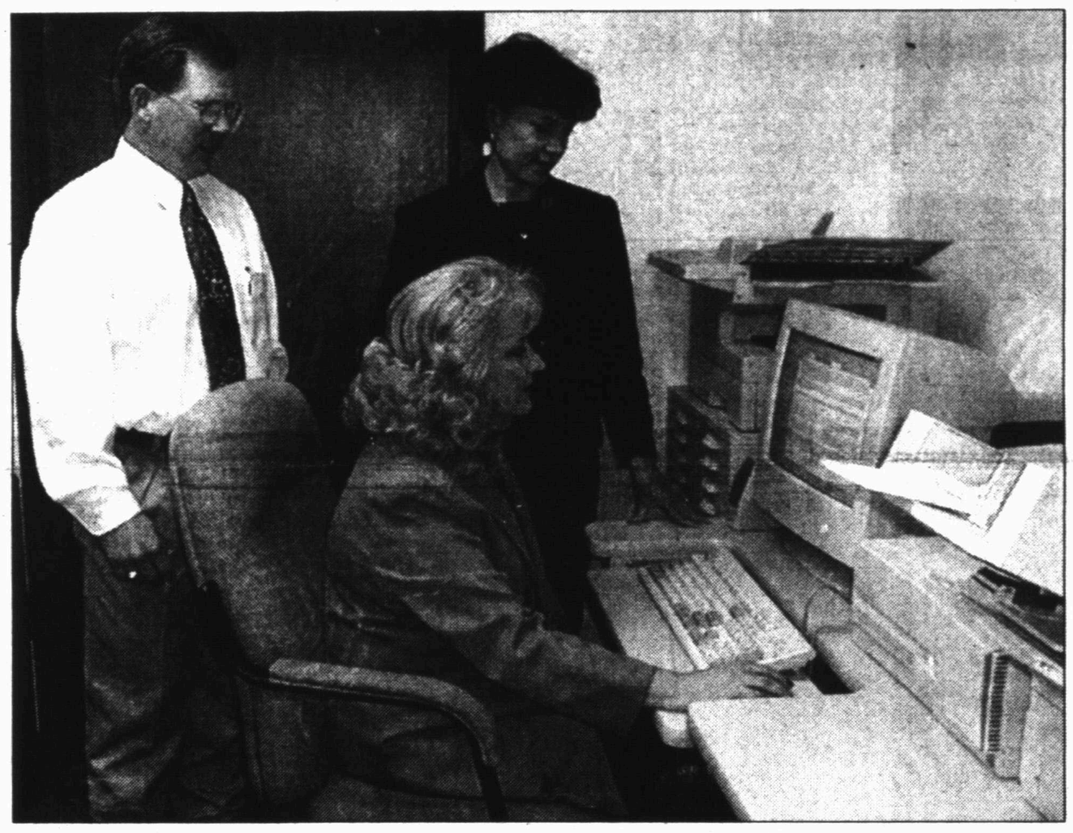
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NEW COMPUTERS — Scurry County's district and county attorney offices have each received new computer systems to assist in crime victim services and day-to-day operations. County Attorney Michael Hartman, District Attorney Dana Cooley and Crime Victim Witness Coordinator Sheila Means (seated) look over the new system in the county attorney's office. (SDN Staff Photo)

*County, district attorneys...*

# Offices receive computers

The offices of Scurry County's district and county attorneys have each received a new computer system, estimated at $5,000 apiece, to assist in crime victim services and the daily operations of each office.

The equipment, which includes a computer, printer and fax machine, is part of a $2 million technology grant that comes through Texas Attorney General John Cornyn's office.

The equipment arrived two weeks ago and is in place in District Attorney Dana Cooley's office and County Attorney Michael Hartman's office.

Hartman and Cooley both said the equipment was very much needed.

"It came at a good time," Hartman said. "We currently use a computer made in 1986."

"We needed it badly," Cooley said. "It came at a time when our old printer was having some problems. With the new printer, we have a much better product."

The technology program is funded by the Crime Victims Compensation Fund which was created in 1979 following passage of the Crime Victims Compensation Act.

The computer systems, which have a direct tie-in to the Attorney General's office, will enable crime victim's who have filed claims in Austin to check the status of their claim quicker and easier.

"It will allow us to provide better information to anyone who has filed a claim," Hartman said. "We can get on-line, type in a case number and get status updates immediately."

Before, Hartman said, his office would have to call Austin and deal with computer-automated phone systems.

The equipment did not cost the county any money.

"This is $10,000 worth of software that the county did not have to pay for," Hartman said.

Each office can also use its computer for any prosecutor's duties and any requirements of the office.

"We can use it for writing hot check letters, criminal complaints or information and misdemeanor indictments," Hartman said of his office.

Cooley added, "We can use it for any business in the district attorney's office and anything having to do with crime victim's notification. We can't share it with other offices or use it for personal business."

Cooley and Hartman agreed the new systems will speed things up in their respective offices.

"It allows us to get twice as much work done because we now have two computers," Cooley said.

The state first offered the equip-

See Computers, Page 10

# Grand jury indicts former bank teller

Scurry County grand jurors returned indictments against 11 people Monday, including a former motor bank teller at Snyder National Bank.



Stephens

Grand jurors indicted 64-year-old Naomi Cristine Stephens of 2653 North Highway 208 for theft, a state jail felony.

Stephens, who had worked at the bank for approximately 20 years, is accused of stealing $17,980 beginning in November of last year. She has paid the full amount back to the bank, according to Texas Ranger John Billings.

The range of punishment for the crime is 180 days to two years, with probation possible.

She is the second employee of the bank to be indicted by a grand jury in the past 30 days.

A former vice president and cashier of the bank was indicted by a federal grand jury last month for embezzling over $400,000 over a five-year period.

Scott Gassiott, 38, is free on a personal recognizance bond following his appearance last week in federal court in Lubbock.

Gassiott is scheduled to be arraigned next Tuesday, and a trial date is expected to be set for June 7 at that time.

Of the 10 other people indicted by the local grand jury on Monday, five have been arrested or currently in custody.

These include Gary Dewayne Jernigan Sr., for assault, a third degree felony.

Jernigan, 29, who is currently in custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, is accused of assaulting a Price Daniel Unit correctional officer on Nov. 15, 1998.

Marvin Lee Dean, 34, of 903 30th St. was indicted for the third degree felony offense of driving while intoxicated.

He was charged with DWI on March 14 of this year. He has prior DWI convictions in 1997 and 1998, both in Scurry County.

Rigoberto Torres Herrera, 42, of 1107 24th St. was indicted for retaliation, a third degree felony.

He is charged with threatening to kill a prospective witness and her family in another separate criminal case.

Mary Ann Arnold, 39, of 2210 Gilmore was indicted for possession of a controlled substance in a correctional institution, a third degree felony.

She is accused of taking heroin into the Scurry County jail on Feb. 20, 1999.

Mikki Marie Clinkinbeard, 22, of 5400 College Ave. was indicted for forgery, a state jail felony.

She is accused of forging a check in the amount of $275 on March 3, 1999.

*At 6 p.m. today...*

## Coach, principal maintenance head on SISD agenda

Personnel matters will dominate this evening's Snyder ISD school board meeting as trustees will consider filling three high-profile vacancies.

Trustees will meet in executive session to consider a new principal for Stanfield Elementary, head coach for girls' basketball, and director of maintenance and transportation.

All three positions are currently occupied by personnel who have submitted resignations effective at the end of this school year.

Lois Boles will be leaving her post as principal at Stanfield Elementary, while Rick Archer has submitted his resignation as girls' basketball coach.

In addition, Lawton Taylor has resigned as the district's maintenance and transportation director.

In other action, the board will consider appointing Sammie Jarrell, Bobbie Taylor, Francene Noah and Lee Ann Shields to serve as election judges for the May 1 election.

The trustees will also consider the first reading of several policy updates, and hear a legislative update on school financing from the district's assistant superintendent for business and finance, Lee McNair.

## THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

**The feller on Deep Creek says, "Free stuff — like advice and speech — doesn't come cheap."**

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We voted for George H. Bush twice — and we'll likey vote for his son for president.

But perhaps the best thing that ever happened to President Bush was to lose a re-election attempt to Bill Clinton. (Wish we could say the same thing for the country.)

Being an ex-president caused Bush to be in big demand as a speaker — something he wasn't particularly good at. The former President now can pick and choose his speaking assignment — and get he gets a fee in the $100,000 range.

Democrats always aid he was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but they were wrong. He has a golden tongue.

According to a report in the Wall Street Journal, the former president last year gave what likely is the highest-paid made by anyone, anywhere.

After addressing customers of Global Crossings Ltd. in Tokyo last year, President Bush agreed to take shares of stock in lieu of cash for his $80,000 fee.

At the time Global Crossings was a fledgling telecommunications company, and Bush had already agreed to knock 20 percent off his standard $100,000 fee.

At breakfast, Bush reportedly expressed interest in the future of the company. The company's co-chairman suggested that he take stock, rather than cash, in the company that wasn't publicly-traded at the time.

It was a good decision. The stock's value today is $14.4 million.

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Public speaking reminds us of the story of the politician who wasn't particularly gifted behind the podium. He asked a friend for advice.

He was told to start with a question, "Why are we all here?"

It worked fairly well, until he spoke to a group of inmates at a state hospital for the insane.

He again started by asking the question, "Why are we all here?"

There was a quick response from the rear of the room, "Because we ain't all there."

## ASK US

**Q—How often does the Health Department inspect local restaurants?**

**A—Food establishments are divided into three categories — high, medium and low risk. High risk are inspected three times a year, while medium is inspected twice and low once.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Monday, 74 degrees low, 40; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 40; no precipitation; total for 1999, 2.97 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, mid-upper 50s. SE wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High around 80. SE wind 5-10 mph becoming south 10-20 mph, gusty in the afternoon.



Josh Christensen
Warmer

**Sunset:** 8:06 p.m.
**Sunrise:** 7:25 a.m.
**Of 95 days in 1999, the sun has shone 89 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

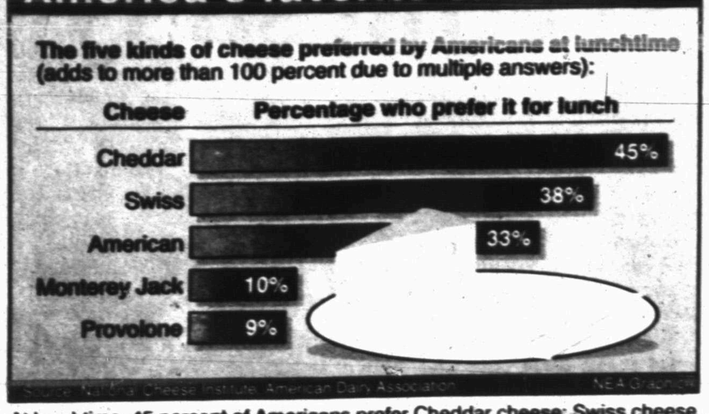
**"Always keep a window open in your mind for new ideas."**

**Author unknown**

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## America's favorite cheeses

The five kinds of cheese preferred by Americans at lunchtime (adds to more than 100 percent due to multiple answers):




At lunchtime, 45 percent of Americans prefer Cheddar cheese; Swiss cheese (38 percent) and American cheese (33 percent) are nearly as popular.

# Proposal would give board autonomy

AUSTIN (AP) — Should parents be notified when their child's teacher isn't certified to teach the class?

The State Board for Educator Certification, which is appointed by the governor, thought so and backed a rule to require written notice to parents.

But that rule was rejected by the separate, elected State Board of Education amid concerns about the certification panel's authority to pass the rule, its wording and its effect.

The certification board could revamp and resubmit the proposal, which with some exceptions would require notice when a person lacking a certificate for a particular class subject teaches for more than six weeks.

In the meantime, current rules contain so many loopholes that most Texas school districts don't give notice to parents, according to those supporting a tougher requirement. Thousands of teachers are reported to be without the target certificates for the classes they teach.

With a move afoot in the Legislature to take away the Education Board's veto power over teacher certification rules, last month's rejection of the notification proposal demonstrates the workings of the current process.

"The (certification) board unanimously felt it was important for parents to know when their children were being taught by people who were not certified. ... I was very surprised when it was rejected," said Jim Nelson, certification board chairman.

Education Board member Grace Shore of Longview said the elected panel had concerns over wording in the rule, and they also wanted to be sure that there was a distinction between unqualified and uncertified.

Some noted that a person from the private sector with great expertise but no certification would fall under the notification requirement, as would an educator lacking just a course or two for certification.

"It might unduly upset parents thinking the teacher was not qualified. Many times, this is the best person the superintendent can find to hire," Mrs. Shore said.

"We felt like they should modify that rule ... If they wanted some kind of notification, they need to make it more narrow and not so broad and more to the point of why the teacher did not have proper certification," she said.

Education Board member David Bradley of Beaumont added, "I would say that all board members want the highest standards and the best certified teachers we can get for our kids. ... But we feel SBEC overstepped its authority."

Bradley said imposing a notification requirement may be best left to the Legislature.

The Education Board currently can't change rules but can reject them with a two-thirds vote. It has rejected a rule once before last month, according to the certification agency.

Nelson said the current process, which provides for the Education Board to have 90 days to review proposed rules, is time-consuming.

"It makes it very difficult for us to move forward on some of the items the governor and our board feel are important," Nelson said. He said the certification board carefully weighs views from all interested parties before proposing a rule.

Sen. Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, said he filed legislation to eliminate Education Board oversight because it's important for the SBEC to operate independently.

The certification board includes 12 voting members — four representing teachers; two representing school administrators; a school counselor representative; and five citizen representatives. There are three non-voting members.

The SBEC bill is SB978.

## Berry's World




*"You don't suppose this is a kind of 'Wag the Dog' thing on MILOSEVIC'S part, do you?"*

# Suit against singer's dad to continue

HARLINGEN (AP) — Two investors finally have Selena's tour bus, but will continue to pursue a lawsuit filed against the slain Tejano star's father and his entertainment company for keeping the bus from them for two years.

"The lawsuit has not been resolved," Jerry J. Trevino, attorney for plaintiffs Julio Giraldo and Armando Cardenas Jr., said Monday.

Cardenas and Giraldo seek unspecified damages from Abraham Quintanilla Jr. for the money they lost while the bus was withheld. Quintanilla handed the bus over to Cardenas last Thursday, fulfilling a court-approved agreement.

"My client has been trying to get his bus back for almost two and a half years so we consider this an accomplishment," Trevino said of Cardenas, who wanted to use the bus for promotions. "He has always considered it rightfully his."

Trevino didn't rule out the possibility of ultimately losing the 1964 Silver Eagle bus nicknamed "Bertha," but said it was unlikely.

"I guess it's possible, but they've come out saying publicly that it's not worth fighting over and it's taking up space on their property," he said.

The tangled tour bus tale began in April 1995, weeks after Selena Quintanilla-Perez was shot and killed by the former president of her fan club. That's when Cardenas, owner of Latino Sound Network, and Giraldo bought the bus from Quintanilla for $12,500.

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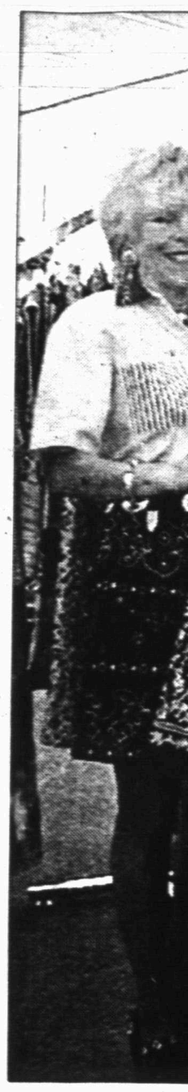
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WOMEN'S EYES ON FASHIONS — Linda Walton, left, and Margaret Dillaha made selections of spring and summer attire to model in the Martha Ann Woman's Club's "Spring Profile." Tickets are $10 and may be purchased by calling 573-6717, 573-6443 or leave a message at the MAWC 573-3427. The style show luncheon is set for 11:30 April 17. Fashion and accessories will be shown from Hackfeld's Bar-H-Bar, and two Lubbock stores, Harold's and Talbots. Board members are also selling cookbooks including 965 recipes from Scurry County women. All proceeds go to maintain the woman's club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## Community Calendar

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.

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

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

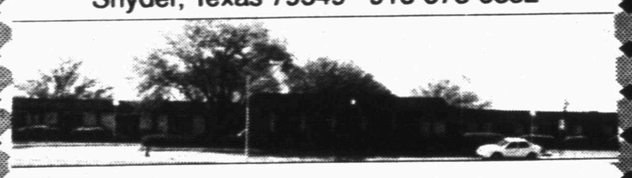
New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

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.

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By Phillip Alder

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### The king didn't live in vain

By Phillip Alder

We've all heard "The king is dead; long live the king." Well, that is a big hint on how to play today's four-spade contract. What would you do after a trump attack by West?

There seem to be 10 easy tricks via five spades, one heart, three clubs and a heart ruff in the dummy. However, if you just draw trumps and give up a heart trick, here East will win the trick and push the diamond 10 through your king. You will lose one heart and three diamonds for one down. The diamond king will have lived and died in vain.

You must fight to keep East off the lead. After extracting the trumps, you should overtake the club king with dummy's ace. Then continue with the club jack. If East covers, ruff, play a spade to dummy's jack, and discard two diamonds on the 10-nine of clubs. Here, though, East cannot cover. So, pitch a diamond. West may switch to a heart, but you win, go into dummy with a trump, and jettison two more diamonds on the established clubs. In both cases, you concede a heart trick before taking your heart ruff for the 10th trick. You lose only one heart, one diamond and one club.

The club king lived and died in an excellent cause.

As you will have noticed, an initial heart lead would have defeated the contract. East would get in for the diamond-10 switch before it is too late. Yet how does West find that lead? I don't know! I understand starting with a club, but a heart seems a shot in the dark.

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The most "successful" baseball manager of all time was Connie Mack, who achieved a total of 3,731 regular-season wins over a 53-year career. He also accumulated 3,948 losses, another record.



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH ON THE SQUARE — Snyder Beautification Committee chose The Pleasure's Mine for the business of the month on the square. Located at 2502 Ave. R, The Pleasure's Mine was chosen for its clean and attractive store front and display windows. The committee's purpose is to promote community appearance and acquaint business men and women to the community. The Snyder Garden Club serves as the selection committee. "The Pleasure's Mine has had the pleasure of serving this community and the surrounding area for 10 years," said Virginia Bloom, owner. "The business is a Hallmark Gold Crown Store, offering all Gold Crown services included honoring the Gold Crown Card," said Virginia, pictured left, with an employee, Pamela Allison. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

### *Some nugget!*

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nice rock, mate!

A 56-pound chunk of metal belonging to an Australian prospector is 80 percent to 90 percent high-purity gold, University of Southern California scientists said Monday.

"Usually, the only place you can see a piece of gold like this is in a display case behind thick glass," said Jean Morrison, an associate professor of earth sciences at USC.

The nugget was found in western Australia by a man who wants to remain anonymous, USC said in a statement Monday.

"This is what every prospector dreams about. Every man and dog jumps up and down over something like this," the prospector said in a statement.



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**Inspired** by her deep love for his music, Beethoven played on and on until dark. A small candle was lit but soon burned out. The soft glow of the moonlight crept into the room. Beethoven was deeply moved by the experience, and it is said that the famous "Moonlight Sonata" was born that night, a time when the great composer unselfishly gave of himself to a little blind girl.

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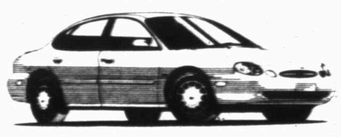
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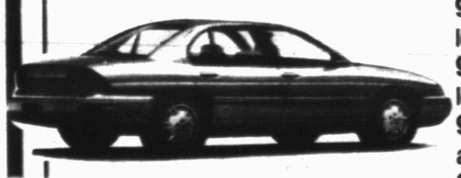
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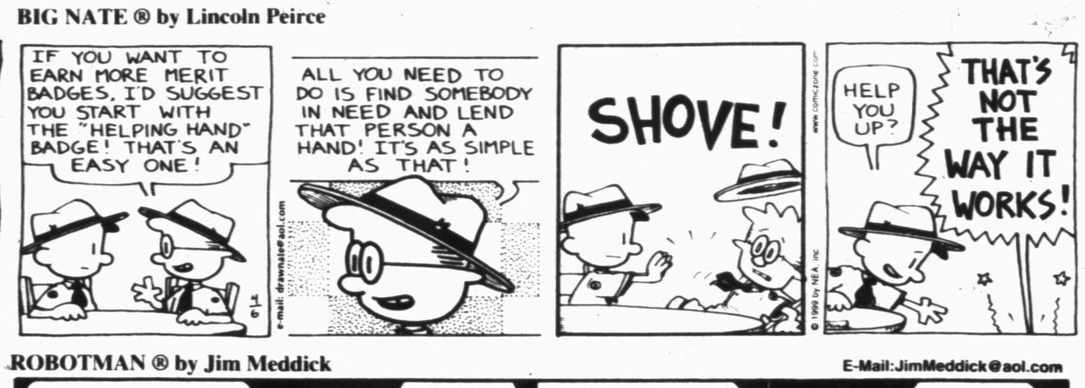

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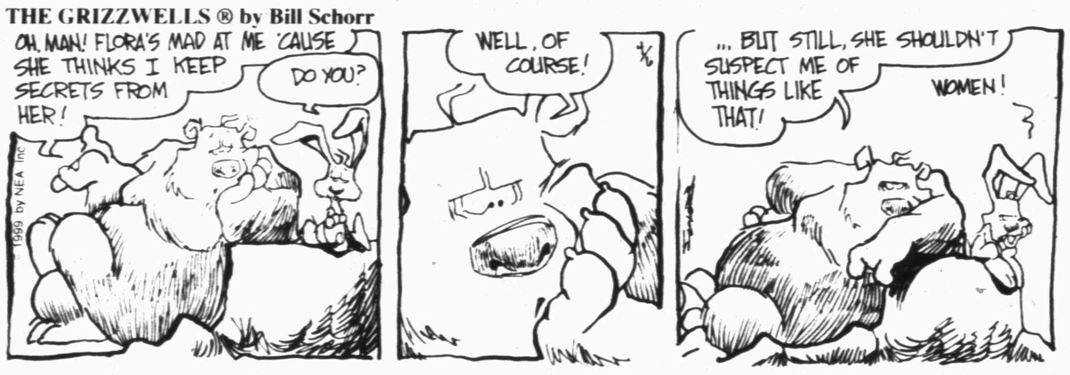

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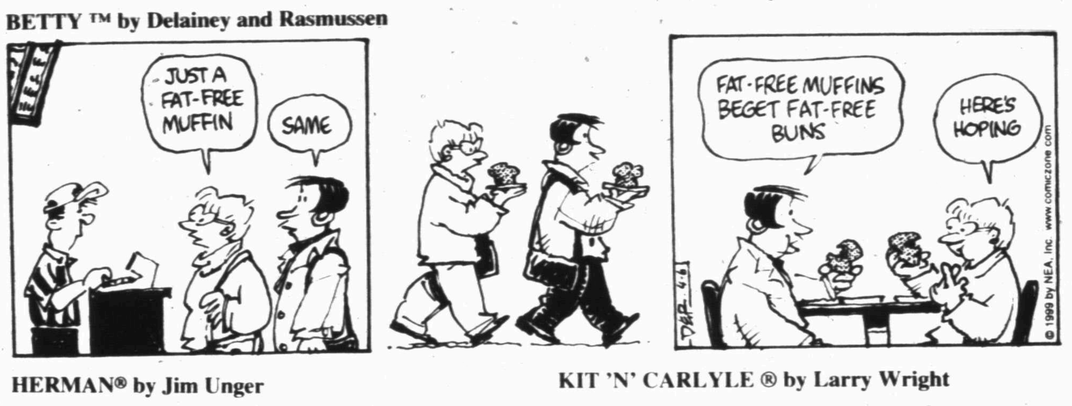

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**ACROSS**

1 Specters
7 All riled up
13 — Tower
14 Actor Cesar
15 Three-element tube
16 Ryan and Shaquille
17 Gel
18 Actor Ameche
20 Guitarist — Paul
21 Maine capital
25 Helicopter, slangily
28 Planet's path
32 Underworld of Greek myth
33 Official proclamation
34 Varnish ingredient
35 Kitchen gadget
36 Nuclear attack protection agcy.
37 Perennial candidate
39 Uranus neighbor
41 Food fish
44 Ending for cash
45 "Harper Valley —"
48 Desert rodent
51 Yankee great Lou
54 Ancient Jewish ascetic
55 Conceive
56 Book-list items
57 Skin

**DOWN**

1 Acquires
2 Rent
3 Think nothing — —
4 Calif. airline destination
5 Senator Kennedy
6 Snow vehicle
7 They may be in the fire
8 Negative prefix
9 Soul, in St-Malo
10 Toll
11 Contemporary of Agatha and Dorothy
12 Throw
19 "— Miss Brooks"
21 Tarzan, for one
22 — down (inverted)
23 Large-beaked bird
24 Sandstone
25 Joan of "The Last Emperor"
26 Angelic aura
27 German river
29 Broad stripes
30 Psychiatrist's expression
31 Gull-like bird
37 Sault — Marie
38 Bloated
40 Heaps
41 "By the Time — — to Phoenix"
42 Bandleader Arnaz
43 Formerly, formerly
45 Brit's baby buggy
46 Small monkey
47 Epochs
49 Barbara — Geddes
50 Made of: suffix
52 Dutch town
53 That girl

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Skunks eat caterpillars and insects such as beetles, crickets and grasshoppers. They also eat eggs, fruits, grains, mice, rats and other small rodents.

There are three types of skunks: the striped skunk, the hog-nosed skunk and the spotted skunk.

The striped skunk has two white stripes that form a V down its back. A thin white stripe runs down the center of its face. The hog-nosed skunk resembles the striped skunk but has a bare, protruding snout. A spotted skunk has white blotches all over its body and a triangular patch of white on its forehead.

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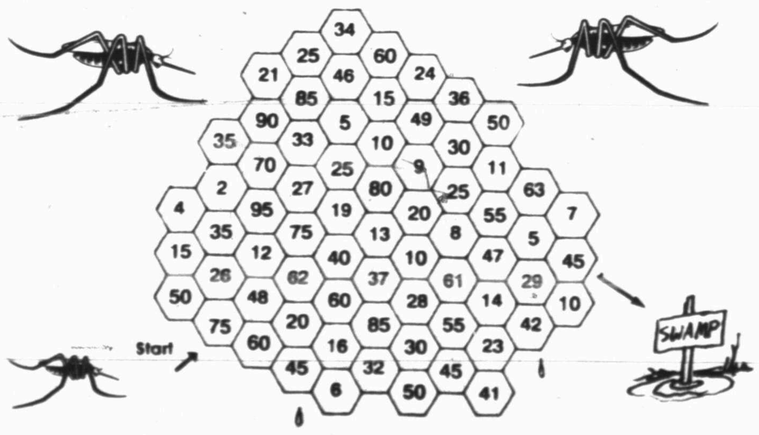
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## Do you see what I see?

Mosquitoes, like most insects, have two large compound eyes. Each eye is made up of tiny six-sided lenses that fit together like the cells of a honeycomb. Each lens admits a small part of the total picture that the mosquito sees. All the parts combine together and form the whole scene. Mosquitoes have no eyelids. Their eyes are always open.

See if you can help the mosquito find his way through these six-sided honeycomb cells to his home in the swamp. You can only get through the honeycomb by drawing a line through connecting cells that are multiples of five. (Hint: Numbers that are multiples of five end with five or zero; for example, **75, 50, 55**.)







"IF YOU CAN'T LICK 'EM, COLLECT 'EM... HUH, MR. WILSON?"

# SPORTS

## Snyder squads battle for position in district races

On the District 5-4A diamond, the battle for postseason positioning has become an all-out shoving match.

Snyder's varsity softball and baseball squads will be in action this evening as they look to take another step toward the playoffs.

The Lady Tigers host first-place Andrews at 6 at Cates Field, while the Tigers visit upset-minded Big Spring for a 5 o'clock match-up.

The Lady Tigers (15-8) currently hold second place in the league standings at 4-2, one game ahead of Big Spring and Ft. Stockton.

A victory tonight would allow the Snyder girls to keep sole possession of the runner-up spot, with three games remaining. A loss would drop the Lady Tigers into a two-way tie with either Big Spring or Ft. Stockton, which meet tonight.

The Lady Tigers are coming off back-to-back blowouts, after trouncing Sweetwater, 14-2, and cruising past Lake View, 10-0.

In the run for the 5-4A baseball crown, it's still a two-team race between Snyder and state-ranked Andrews. The Tigers and Mustangs are knotted atop the standings at 2-0, with Andrews visiting 0-2 Sweetwater tonight.

The Tigers have yet to surrender a run in district play, blanking Ft. Stockton and Sweetwater for their first two victories.

Tonight's opponents, the 1-1 Big Spring Steers, are riding a wave of momentum from their upset win over Lake View on Thursday.

The Steers were 1-14 entering the contest, but managed to knock off the heavily-favored Chiefs, 3-1.

Senior Clint Hook is expected to make his first league start on the mound for Snyder. Hook takes a 4-1 mark and 2.559 ERA to the hill for the Tigers.

Following this evening's contests, the Lady Tigers visit Ft. Stockton on Friday, while the Snyder boys host Lake View.

## Snyder JV routs Steers, 12-2

Snyder junior varsity got off to a slow start at the plate Monday night, but Glen Burk took control from the mound, until the Tiger offense got warmed up.

Burk gave up only four hits and struck out five, as the Tigers erupted for 11 runs over the final four innings to take a 12-2 victory over Big Spring at Moffett Field.

Snyder grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first innning, before adding four more runs in the third.

The Steers managed one run in the fourth and another in the fifth, while the Tigers padded their margin with one run in the fourth, three in the fifth and three in the sixth for the 12-2 final tally.

Duane Allred and Jared McMillian went 3-for-4 on the night, while Brandon McGuire belted a pair of triples.

Snyder will be in action again Saturday at 1 p.m. at San Angelo Lake View.

**Snyder 12, Big Spring 2**

**Snyder:** Brandon McGuire, two triples; R.J. Hernandez, double amd single; Billy Burleson, double; Duane Allred and Jared McMillian, three singles; Jessie Haines, two singles; John Ortegon, Brian Gordon and Josh Arizmendi, single.

## SHS girls take one-shot lead

After a rainout in their first attempt, the Snyder girls finally got in the first round of the District 5-4A golf season on Monday.

But after 18 holes at Western Texas College, the Lady Tigers hadn't put much distance between themselves and the Andrews Lady Mustangs.

Snyder fired a team total of 340 Monday to take a one-stroke lead over Andrews, heading into Saturday's round at the Lady Mustangs' home course.

Lacey Kidd paced the Lady Tigers, carding an 81 on the WTC layout.

Keisha Gafford fired an 85 for Snyder, with Randi Reed turning in an 86. Sally Barham and Stephanie Alderete both finished at 88.

With Snyder and Andrews separated by just a stroke, Ft. Stockton holds the third spot with a 352.

Snyder II is currently in sixth place overall, after coming in with a 377 on Monday.

Andra Lancaster posted a 92, while Adrienne McJimsey notched a 93. Leslie Mitchell tallied a 95, with Kara Harrison turning in a 97. Casey Blackard carded a 104.

Following Saturday's trip to Andrews on Saturday, the Lady Tigers conclude district competition April 15 at San Angelo.

Snyder's varsity boys visit Ft. Stockton on Saturday, before finishing April 17 at Sweetwater.

**District 5-4A Girls**

**Team totals:** 1. Snyder, 340; 2. Andrews, 341; 3. Ft. Stockton, 352; 4. Andrews II, 355; 5. Sweetwater, 372; 6. Snyder II, 377.

**Snyder:** Lacey Kidd, 81; Keisha Gafford, 85; Randi Reed, 86; Sally Barham and Stephanie Alderete, 88.

**Snyder II:** Andra Lancaster, 92; Adrienne McJimsey, 93; Leslie Mitchell, 95; Kara Harrison, 97; Casey Blackard, 104.

## Girls Little Dribbler Results

**MAJOR LEAGUE**

**Jazz 42, Jawbreakers 10**

**Jazz:** Sirena Medrano, 16; Breanna Talavera, 14; Kayla Guerrero, 6; Whitney Payne, 4; Heather Polk, 2. **Jawbreakers:** Ashley Villegas, 6; Jodi Stewart, 3; Erica Little, 1.

**Comets 18, Magic 12**

**Comets:** Sequoya Powell and Stacey Williamson, 9. **Magic:** Stephanie Grant and Taren Knipe, 3; Alana Culp, Jerrica Gutierrez and Emily Jones, 2.

**Rebels 20, Starzz 14**

**Rebels:** Jessica Taylor, 9; Glyn Wright, 4; Amanda Murray, 3; Christy Essery and Jessica Stansell, 2. **Starzz:** Dondi Brock and Wendy Reed, 4; Sarah Carpenter and Kaitlyn Greenlee, 3.

**Lady Raiders 25, Bullettes 15**

**Lady Raiders:** Briana Burk, 9; Aeryal Peoples, 8; Lexi Loveall, Leslie Nesmith, Christi Williams and Chelsea Wood, 2. **Bullettes:** Heather Holmes, 8; Kenetra James, 5; Brittany Dickerhoff, 2.

**Jazz 32, Magic 19**

**Jazz:** Guerrero, 12; Medrano and Talavera, 6; Polk, 4; Micaela Quiros and Khristian Torres, 2. **Magic:** JOnes, 9; Knipe, 8; Gutierrez, 2.

**Sonics 27, Comets 26**

**Sonics:** Heather Zajicek, 18; Teddi Crenwelge, 6; Kelli Wesson, 2; Amber Sanchez, 1. **Comets:** Powell, 15; Williamson, 11.

**Sonics 26, Hornets 23**

**Sonics:** Crenwelge, 10; Zajicek, 8; Sanchez and Wesson, 4. **Hornets:** Danisha Akins, 13; Rebecca Aguirre, 6; Ciara Lotta and Ashton Wall, 2.

**Fast Break 22, Bullettes 18**

**Fast Break:** Kassey Burney, 6; Shaela Thompson, 5; Leslie Jackson, 4; Stephanie Parmer, 3; Kelli Rushing and Mosheka Williams, 2. **Bullettes:** Holmes, 10; Dickerhoff, James, Ashley Bailey and Kendra Martinez, 2.

**Comets 25, Starzz 14**

**Comets:** Powell, 16; Williamson, 7; Kelsey Shaw, 2. **Starzz:** Brock and Reed, 4; Carpenter, Greenlee and Jacy Beccue, 2.

**Jazz 35, Starzz 14**

**Jazz:** Guerrero, 15; Talavera, 10; Polk, 6; Medrano and Payne, 2. **Starzz:** Beccue and Brock, 4; Reed, Bethany Burleson and Elizabeth Dominguez, 2.

**Sonics 32, Rebels 15**

**Sonics:** Zajicek, 16; Crenwelge, 12; Wesson and Victoria Martinez, 2. **Rebels:** Wright, 6; Taylor, 4; Murray and Stansell, 2; Essery, 1.

## Ira blasts Loraine for second league victory

LORAINE — Jase Olvera was in command Monday night for Ira.

Olvera fanned 16 batters and Jerek Brown blasted a grand slam home run to power the Bulldogs past Loraine, 10-4, in district baseball action.

The win keeps Ira tied atop the standings at 2-0 with Aspermont.

"It was kind of sloppy for a while and our bats didn't wake up until midway through the game," Ira coach Bubba Edwards said.

"But when we did start hitting the ball, we got some extra-base hits and Jase just got stronger as the game went along."

Olvera opened the contest by striking out the side in the first two innings.

With the score knotted at 2-2 in the fifth, Terry Jamison ripped a double, followed by consecutive singles from Jenson Gainer, Jerry Jamison and Richard Wilkins to give the Bulldogs a 6-2 lead.

Loraine answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the frame, before Brown put the game away in the top of the seventh.

With the bases loaded, the junior left-hander belted a pitch over the outfield fence for a grand slam. Drew Wall, Gainer and Wilkins scored on the homer.

Brown finished the night with a home run, a double and a pair of singles, while Terry Jamison recorded a pair of doubles and two singles.

Ira will face Abilene Christian High School in a non-district contest Friday, before returning to league play next Tuesday against Westbrook.

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| **Ira** | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | —10 | 17 | 3 |
| **Loraine** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | — 4 | 3 | 3 |

**Ira:** Jerek Brown, home run, double and two singles; Terry Jamison, two doubles and two singles; Jenson Gainer and Jase Olvera, double and single; Jerry Jamison, two singles; Drew Wall, Seth Sterling and Richard Wilkins, single.

Jase Olvera: 7 IP, 3 H, 6 BB, 16 SO.

## Sports Briefs

### Vikings sign Jeff George

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings, who were led to the NFC championship game last season by Randall Cunningham, are taking a chance on another quarterback with something to prove.

The Vikings announced they have reached a contract agreement with Jeff George to serve as Cunningham's backup. The Vikings felt compelled to find a strong backup for Cunningham after they traded Brad Johnson to Washington in February.

### Co-ed flag football tourney

Scurry County Boys and Girls Club will host flag football tournaments Saturday and Sunday. Format will be four-on-four, with five members per team, one of which must be female.

Teams will be divided into two age groups, 13-15 and 16-18. It will be double-elimination play, with individual trophies for first, second and third places.

Entry fees are $5 for club members and $10 for non-club members. For more information, call 573-3344.

### SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

### Lions Club golf tourney

The Snyder Lions Club golf tournament will be held April 24 at Western Texas College.

The format will be a four-man scramble, with each team having a minimum combined handicap of 50. All handicaps will be varified by April 17. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five finshers, with $800 going to the winning team.

Registration fee is $50 per person and includes green fee, cart rental and a hamburger lunch. The field will be limited to 20 teams. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC and Snyder Country Club pro shops.

### SCC tourney dates

Upcoming tournaments at Snyder Country Club include a three-man scramble April 17 and a pro-am event April 19.

Scramble teams must have a minimum combined handicap of 30, with a maximum of 15 strokes difference between the first and third player.

For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

**American League**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | - |
| Baltimore | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | - |
| Toronto | 0 | 0 | .000 | ½ |
| NewYork | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1 |
| TampaBay | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1 |

**Central Division**

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

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oakland | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | - |
| Anaheim | 0 | 0 | .000 | ½ |
| Seattle | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1 |
| Texas | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1 |

**Monday's Games**

Detroit 11, Texas 5
Boston 5, Kansas City 3
Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 7
Chicago 8, Seattle 2
Oakland 5, New York 3, 8 innings, rain

**Tuesday's Games**

Toronto (Hentgen 12-11) at Minnesota (Radke 12-14), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 11-15) at Texas (Sele 19-11), 8:35 p.m.
Chicago (Parque 7-5) at Seattle (Moyer 15-9), 10:05 p.m.
New York (Hernandez 12-4) at Oakland (Candiotti 11-16), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 12-10) at Anaheim (Belcher 14-14), 10:05 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**

New York (Mendoza 10-2) at Oakland (Haynes 11-9), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Saunders 6-15) at Baltimore (Guzman 10-16), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Saberhagen 15-8) at Kansas City (Rosado 8-11), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 18-4) at Minnesota (Milton 8-14), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Blair 5-16) at Texas (Clark 9-14), 8:35 p.m.
Chicago (Snyder 7-2) at Seattle (Garcia 0-0), 10:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 15-10) at Anaheim (Finley 11-9), 10:35 p.m.

**National League**

**East Division**

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

**Central Division**

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

**West Division**

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

**Sunday's Game**

Colorado 8, San Diego 2

**Monday's Games**

San Francisco 11, Cincinnati 8
Florida 6, New York 2
Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 4
Los Angeles 8, Arizona 6, 11 innings
Montreal 9, Pittsburgh 2
Milwaukee 10, St. Louis 8

**Tuesday's Games**

New York (Reed 16-11) at Florida (Hernandez 12-10), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 6-9) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 11-14), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Reuter 16-9) at Cincinnati (Bere 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Ogea 5-4) at Atlanta (Maddux 18-9), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago (Trachsel 15-8) at Houston (Reynolds 19-8), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 13-14) at San Diego (Hitchcock 9-7), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Stottlemyre 14-13) at Los Angeles (Park 15-9), 10:10 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**

San Francisco (Ortiz 4-4) at Cincinnati (Avery 10-7), 12:35 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 5-15) at Pittsburgh (Schourek 7-6), 1:35 p.m.
Colorado (Wright 9-14) at San Diego (Hitchcock 9-7), 5:05 p.m.
New York (Jones 9-9) at Florida (Sanchez 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Loewer 7-8) at Atlanta (Smoltz 17-3), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago (Tapani 19-9) at Houston (Hampton 11-7), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Abbott 5-0) at St. Louis (Mercker 11-11), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (Benes 14-13) at Los Angeles (Valdes 11-10), 10:35 p.m.

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orlando | 25 | 10 | .714 | - |
| Miami | 20 | 11 | .645 | 3 |
| NewYork | 18 | 15 | .545 | 6 |
| Philadelphia | 16 | 16 | .500 | 7½ |
| Washington | 13 | 19 | .406 | 10½ |
| Boston | 10 | 22 | .313 | 13½ |
| NewJersey | 8 | 24 | .250 | 15½ |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indiana | 23 | 11 | .676 | - |
| Atlanta | 22 | 13 | .629 | 1½ |
| Milwaukee | 19 | 13 | .594 | 3 |
| Detroit | 20 | 14 | .588 | 3 |
| Toronto | 18 | 14 | .563 | 4 |
| Cleveland | 16 | 15 | .516 | 5½ |
| Charlotte | 12 | 20 | .375 | 10 |
| Chicago | 10 | 23 | .303 | 12½ |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Midwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Utah | 23 | 8 | .742 | - |
| SanAntonio | 23 | 10 | .697 | 1 |
| Houston | 22 | 11 | .667 | 2 |
| Minnesota | 20 | 13 | .606 | 4 |
| Dallas | 11 | 23 | .324 | 13½ |
| Denver | 10 | 25 | .286 | 15 |
| Vancouver | 6 | 27 | .182 | 18 |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Portland | 26 | 6 | .813 | - |
| L.A.Lakers | 23 | 12 | .657 | 4½ |
| Seattle | 16 | 16 | .500 | 10 |
| Phoenix | 15 | 18 | .455 | 11½ |
| GoldenState | 14 | 19 | .424 | 12½ |
| Sacramento | 14 | 19 | .424 | 12½ |
| L.A.Clippers | 3 | 29 | .094 | 23 |

**Monday's Games**

Atlanta 77, Charlotte 71
Orlando 106, Boston 99
Indiana 88, Detroit 86
Minnesota 100, Dallas 93
San Antonio 93, Golden State 86
L.A. Lakers 117, Denver 104

**Tuesday's Games**

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.


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# Junior Gotti pleads guilty on eve of fed racketeering trial

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — Like father, like son — John A. "Junior" Gotti is headed for jail.

Gotti, the 35-year-old son of America's best-known Mafioso, pleaded guilty Monday night to racketeering, bribery and other charges and will spend five to seven years in prison. Jury selection in his trial was to have begun today in federal court.

Prosecutors proudly declared victory against the Gambino crime family.

"None of us are naive enough to think you don't have to remain vigilant because there are obviously other Gambino members and associates out there," U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White said. "But in terms of what it does to the leadership and the power, I think it can't be overstated."

Gotti also was fined $1 million and must forfeit $1 million in cash and property that prosecutors say are proceeds from his criminal ventures. He could have been sentenced to 15 years in prison and fined millions.

Gotti, who remains free on $10 million bail, said nothing as he exited the courthouse.

Sentencing was scheduled for July 8. Prosecutors said the term will range between five years and ten months; and seven years and two months. Defense attorneys said they will not challenge the judge's decision.

Gotti was accused of succeeding his father, John J. Gotti, at the top of the Gambino family after the elder Gotti was sent to prison for life in 1992.

Many of the charges — robbery, loansharking, gambling and bribery — stemmed from an alleged extortion scheme at the Manhattan topless club Scores. Thirty-nine other people have pleaded guilty.

For his part, Gotti admitted to bribing a union official, conspiring with others to commit extortion, supervising illegal gambling activities and filing a false income tax return.

"I conspired with a group of individuals forming an association," Gotti told Judge Barrington Parker, though he did not mention the Gambino family.

He entered the plea after learning that federal prosecutors had planned to indict him on income tax and loansharking charges, defense attorney Gerald Shargel said.

"(Gotti) found himself in a no-win situation," Shargel said. "If he was convicted, he would be sentenced to time in jail. If he was acquitted, it would be like the Old West: Every prosecutor in the area would be gunning for him."

The elder Gotti, known as the Teflon Don for avoiding conviction in three trials, was found guilty in 1992 in a racketeering case that alleged five murders — including that of his predecessor, Paul Castellano — and featured the Mafia's highest-ranking turncoat, Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano.

But in the entire indictment against "Junior," there was no mention of murder. No cement shoes, no sleeping with the fishes, no kiss on the lips followed by a bullet to the head. There wasn't even any leg-breaking.

"It's not that kind of mob case," said Ronald Goldstock, former director of the state Organized Crime Task Force. "You might not get those much anymore."

If the younger Gotti's case is less glamorous, so is the defendant himself.

## Case raises questions about privacy

BOSTON (AP) — It must have seemed like a perfect place to gripe about work: an Internet message board where employees could hide behind code names as they complained about whatever — stock prices, the chief executive.

But Raytheon Co. said the workers were also divulging company secrets by discussing such matters as rumored mergers and acquisitions, impending divestitures and possible defense contracts.

Raytheon has won subpoenas forcing Yahoo! Inc., the forum operator, to provide information on the online participants. Yahoo! complied, and two workers have reportedly resigned.

Privacy advocates said Monday the case is a clear illustration about how fragile anonymity is on the Internet.

"Companies should not disclose such information, even in response to a subpoena, without some due process," said Marc Rotenberg, director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center. He said companies should aggressively fight such subpoenas.

When Raytheon filed suit in February, it had only online handles such as "Rayman-mass" and "RaytheonVeteran" — names the chatters may have thought would protect their true identities. But armed with the subpoena, the defense contractor went to Yahoo!



FLAG LESSON — Members of American Legion Post 181 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8231 recently joined together to teach Humble Smith special education students the proper way to handle flags. The two organizations also donated a new American and Texas flag to the school. Pictured front row are Howard Bruns, Billy Haynes, Geneva Capetillo, Lela Stevens, Lu Owen and Robert Neblett. Back row are Lonnie Fisk, Josh Arguello, Marvin Butler, Lee Bailey, Brenda Ingram and James Snowden. (SDN Staff Photo)

*In Yugoslavia...*

# Stealth pilot recalls rescue

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The pilot of the U.S. stealth fighter downed in Yugoslavia last month said he started thinking about surviving behind enemy lines as soon as he began parachuting to earth.

"I knew I was fairly deep into Serbian territory," he said. "I had guessed my position was within 20 miles of Belgrade — not a happy thought, considering the risk in a combat search and rescue that deep into Serbian territory."

The pilot bailed out of the F-117A Nighthawk during a night mission over Yugoslavia on March 27 and was rescued by U.S. forces within six hours.

The military has not identified him, but excerpts of an Air Force interview with him were published in today's Albuquerque Journal. The only F-117A unit is the 49th Fighter Wing at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo.

The Air Force has not announced what brought down the fighter. The pilot described the experience of ejecting from the fighter as "violent."

"'Am I going to know when it's time to get out?' is the question on every fighter pilot's mind," he said. "The one fragment of this whole event I can't remember is pulling the (ejection seat) handles. God took my hands and pulled."

The F-117A went down near Budjenovci, 35 miles northwest of the Yugoslav capital, Belgrade.

The pilot said he was in radio contact with NATO forces as he descended, looking for landmarks and hiding places. He landed in a freshly plowed field 50 yards from a road and rail intersection.

The pilot, who suffered only cuts and bruises in the jump, said he immediately buried a life raft and other survival equipment.

He hid in a shallow culvert about 200 yards from where he had landed. Over the next several hours, he saw flashing headlights, heard barking dogs and felt anxiety. At one point, a search dog came within 30 feet of him.

He hoped, but did not know, that a rescue operation was under way.

"For the downed guy, it's very unsettling to not know what's going on," he said. "You're thinking, 'Do they know I'm here? Do they know my location? Where are the assets and who is involved? What's the plan? Are they going to try to do this tonight?'"

The pilot remained in radio contact with friendly forces but said he had to minimize transmissions for fear of being monitored by Yugoslav forces.

About six hours after the crash, helicopter-borne rescuers from the Air Force's 16th Special Operations Group picked him up.

The distinctive boomerang-shaped F-117A, which has a 43-foot wingspan, is armed with laser-guided bombs and equipped with sophisticated navigation and attack systems.

## Datebook

Tuesday, April 6, 1999

*Today is the 96th day of 1999 and the 18th day of spring.*

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1896, the first modern Olympic Games began in Athens, Greece.

On this day in 1930, James Dewar, an executive at a baked-goods company, invented the Twinkie.

On this day in 1956, Elvis Presley signed a three-film contract with Paramount Pictures five days after his first screen test.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Raphael (1483-1520), artist; Lowell Thomas (1892-1981), journalist; Andre Previn (1929-), composer-conductor, is 70; Merle Haggard (1937-), singer-songwriter, is 62; Billy Dee Williams (1937-), actor, is 62; Michelle Phillips (1944-), actress, is 55; Marilu Henner (1952-), actress, is 47.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1958, Arnold Palmer won the Masters Tournament. It was the first time he had won a major golf competition.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Bravery never goes out of fashion." — William Makepeace Thackeray

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between full moon (March 31) and last quarter (April 8).

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## Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

# Safety issues with microwaves

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are microwave ovens detrimental to health?

DEAR READER: In certain situations, they can be.

The U.S. Government has set safety standards for microwave appliances. These standards define acceptable limits for microwave "leakage" from ovens at the time they are new and after five years of use. The release of microwave radiation (which is not related to X-rays) is theoretically prevented by special seals and safety interlocks on the doors, as well as metal screens on the door windows.

Ordinarily, microwave ovens pose no health hazards when they are new and consumers follow the manufacturer's directions about proper use. Problems may develop as the units age — and after servicing by technicians who may not be adequately trained. Dangerous leakage can occur in those situations. The results may be harmful. Microwave radiation can cause potentially life-threatening interruptions in the electrical process of cardiac pacemakers; it has caused burns from dermal medicine patches containing metallic elements; it has been reported to cause cataracts.

Interestingly, Russia has set safety standards for industrial exposure that are 100 times more stringent than the U.S. limits, because of studies showing that microwave radiation can adversely affect virtually every organ in the body.

With respect to private residential use, there is a practical concern. Because of the way microwaves heat, infant formula will be considerably hotter than its container when microwaved. There have been reports that babies have suffered burned mouths from over-heated formula. More important, when heated in a closed container (such as a bottle), water heats faster than the fat and protein in the formula, can turn to steam, and has exploded in some instances, severely burning infants.

So, have your microwave oven checked periodically by a licensed professional and — if you are heating infant formula in the appliance — do what centuries of mothers have done: test the liquid on your wrist before administering it to a child.

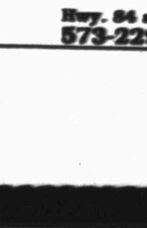
DEAR DR. GOTT: Can a woman strengthen her vaginal muscles with exercises?

DEAR READER: Yes. Known by a variety of names, these exercises can be taught by an obstetrician, a nurse mid-wife, an obstetrical nurse or a physical therapist. Such exercises are often useful in toning up the pelvic floor and may help to improve certain types of incontinence.

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

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# National plan to assess cancer care proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Too many Americans with cancer are not getting the best care, largely because there's no way to know where to turn for the best treatment, said a report today that recommended a national system to assess quality cancer care.

"We were all shocked at how little information is available on that topic," said Dr. Joseph Simone of the University of Utah, co-author of the National Cancer Policy Board report.

Until a systematic way can be developed to assess quality care, the report offered patients some advice:

—There are no data on whether most cancer patients should go to a high-volume cancer center instead of a smaller hospital near home. But for complicated and high-risk surgeries, such as for pancreatic cancer or the removal of the esophagus or pelvic organs, and for complicated chemotherapy regimens, patients should seek out hospitals that perform the highest numbers of such procedures.

Post-surgical mortality for those complex cases can be two to three times higher at hospitals that treat only a few such patients a year. Yet the report found that between one-quarter and one-half of surgeries for pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest forms, are performed at inexperienced hospitals.

—All patients should find oncologists experienced in their particular form and stage of cancer. A woman with Stage III breast cancer, for instance, should specifically ask how many Stage III breast cancer patients the doctor has treated.

—Patients should be given all treatment options before planning a clear approach to therapy. A single doctor should then coordinate and interpret the care patients will need from multiple physicians. It's typical to get radiation at one site, tests at another, for example.

The National Cancer Policy Board was created by the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council, independent organizations that advise the government. Today's report lays out the problem, and the board will meet later this year to plan solutions with agencies like the National Cancer Institute.

"This is a complex and probably formidable task, but we intend to pursue this with vigor," said Simone.

Why the difficulty? Cancer consists of 100 different diseases requiring different treatments depending on their stage of development. Programs that count cancer incidence and deaths often don't record the patient's disease stage or type of treatment.

"So if a patient has a bad outcome, is it just bad luck or is it because they got inappropriate care?" Simone asked.

There is no way to ensure that doctors implement the latest cancer guidelines. Physicians sometimes even order too few cancer screening tests, the report said.

Take breast cancer, where early detection and treatment is well-known to be lifesaving. More is known about the quality of breast cancer care than any other cancer, the report said, yet studies show some doctors don't push patients to get regular mammograms, perform inadequate biopsies and underuse radiation or chemotherapy after surgery.

Part of the problem may be financial: 7 percent of newly diagnosed cancer patients lack insurance, the report said.

Another problem is poor pain treatment, especially in terminal patients. Doctors need to be better educated in pain management, Simon said, realizing that "the vast majority of patients need not suffer."

*E. coli...*

# Outbreak linked to Minnesota plant

WASHINGTON (AP) — Authorities are investigating an outbreak of illness from E. coli-contaminated ground beef after at least six guests became ill at a Maine ski resort.

"We're looking into whether or not other states may be involved as well," said Tom Skinner, a spokesman for the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

The outbreak has been linked to meat recalled from Rochester Meats Inc. in Rochester, Minn., the Agriculture Department said Monday. Beth Gaston, spokeswoman for the food safety and inspection office, said scientists found "genetic fingerprints" linking a strain of E. coli "in samples of the meat from Rochester Meats to the patients in Maine who have become ill."

On USDA orders, Rochester Meats Inc., of Rochester, Minn., which supplies meat for restaurants and institutions, recalled 170,780 pounds of product last week. That's the equivalent of one day's production.

Company officials said Monday they were unaware of any link between their product and illnesses. "USDA has not confirmed that with us," said Rochester Meats spokeswoman Joanne Randen.

The recalled products include frozen ground-beef patties, ground chuck patties, chopped beefsteak, beef patties, meat for chili, beef patty mix and pure beef bulk.

The meat was produced Dec. 1 and sold in 10-, 15- and 20-pound packages. They are marked with the Julian code 8335 and Establishment 8999 in the inspection mark.

Maine officials had a tally of seven E. coli illnesses, but USDA has not confirmed the seventh was a genetic match to the Rochester Meats outbreak, officials said.

The people became ill while visiting the Sunday River Ski Resort in Bethel, Maine, said Dr. Kathleen Gensheimer, state epidemiologist for the Maine Department of Human Services.

The first illness was reported Feb. 11, and three people were hospitalized, Gensheimer said. Everybody in the group, which included four children, has recovered.

It is possible that other people became ill but treated themselves instead of seeking medical attention, Gensheimer said.

There are an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 cases in the United States every year of infections attributed to E. coli 0157:H7, the strain in the Maine case, according to the CDC.

Ingested by humans, E. coli bacteria can cause serious illness and sometimes death, especially in children and the elderly. Symptoms include chills and bloody diarrhea.

The incident is the second outbreak in the country related to contaminated meat in recent months.

# Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



## Woman's High School History Becomes Her Family Legacy

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My mother passed away four weeks ago. Last night, I sat my three children down and read them my mother's life story from birth through 12th grade. As a graduation requirement for Ironton High School in Ironton, Ohio, in 1940, she had to write her life story.

She wrote about kindergarten, her best friends, neighbors, favorite games she played as a child, her religious testimony, her first crush, first time wearing makeup, first date, prom, and best Thanksgiving in a horse-and-buggy carriage going to my great-grandmother's farm in Kentucky. The vivid descriptions she wrote of herself as a young girl are so rich and beautifully clear in our minds today. What a gift this has been to me, my brothers and sisters and our children. Of all the possessions she left, her story is our most meaningful and precious treasure.

Abby, I'm writing this letter to suggest that high school English teachers today consider such an assignment.

CAROL JEAN CLICK
HARDISON'S DAUGHTER "SUE"
IN GEORGIA

**DEAR SUE: Your dear mother's writing project is a priceless memento, and the idea is certainly worth mentioning. The senior year of high school is a logical time to pause and take stock before beginning the great leap forward to adulthood. Not only would the subject be something with which the writer is intensely familiar — it would offer many opportunities for creativity.**

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DEAR ABBY: You recently ran a letter about the importance of having identification. May I add a personal experience?

I had what I thought was a heart attack. I got myself to the hospital and was rushed into the emergency room. I was put on oxygen and hooked up to machines and monitored. The nurse even gave me a nitro pill. Then she asked me a question: "Is there anyone we can call for you?"

I was floored at the idea. I had ID with me; I'm never without it. But it was not current. My wife had a job that had her driving from store to store and couldn't be reached. My daughter slept days and I didn't have her telephone number. My eldest son had just moved and I didn't have his new number, either. I couldn't remember where my youngest son worked. None of my family could be reached.

At the time I was employed as a supervisor at the post office, and part of my job was to give a safety talk once a week. I used the above experience in my talk on the last day I worked. All the employees assured me that their IDs were up-to-date, but I insisted they check to make sure. I saw pencils whipped out to hurriedly erase outdated information, and one carrier piped up, "My God, I haven't been married to that witch for three years!" I know firsthand that current ID is very important.

DEX PACKARD, AURORA, ORE.

**DEAR DEX: I think you've made your point. Not only is it important to carry identification everywhere, it's equally important that the information be up-to-date. It doesn't have to be fancy — a 3-by-5 index card tucked in a purse, a wallet or a pocket will do. And for joggers and athletes who don't want to "carry" anything, marking the information in indelible ink on the tongue of an athletic shoe will accomplish the same thing.**

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# Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



## Your Birthday

Wednesday, April 7, 1999

A special project of yours that is of great importance that has already enjoyed minor success could be escalated to a significant level of achievement in the year ahead. Keep your nose to the grindstone.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Generally, if we want something badly enough, most of us will try to figure out ways to get it. This powerful motivator is what will be at work for you today, especially when involving finances. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead 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.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Because what you ask of others today is what you're willing to do yourself, it will make you a powerful leader. You're not likely to have any dissension in the ranks.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Something you thought you would have to do for yourself could actually get accomplished by another, lifting a huge burden for you. This person wants to repay a favor you did for him or her.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Keep a cool head, especially when dealing with difficult individuals today, and everything will work out pleasantly for you. Tolerance pays off big time.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you're anxious to achieve something important today, keep in mind that no one else can do things for you better than yourself. You're the best equipped to do the job.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Today might be an excellent day to call a pal who always bested you at playing your favorite sport. The odds are now tilted in your favor. You can get even!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Be optimistic about collecting a profit from a commercial dealing today. Although you might not get as much as you'd like, chances are it'll be fair.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Some sage advice offered to you by a friend might not be what you want to hear today, but it will make a difficult situation go away. Listen carefully.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** A situation you've accepted as being a probable loser could make an about-face in your favor today. However, it might require some amount of time to transpire, so be patient.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If at all possible, try to handle serious discussions in pleasant surroundings today. A cheerful and convivial atmosphere will put everyone in a good frame of mind.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Should you be confronted with a difficult family matter today, keep it confidential. Nothing is served when the frailties of kin are aired out in public.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Don't spoil your wonderful, sociable mood today by being around companions who are moody, flighty or frivolous in their behavior. Stick with those who understand your frame of mind.

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GOOD NEWS
By Wayne Horton

GRASP THE WORD - MEDITATE
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Jesus said, "If you abide in my Word, you are my disciples indeed." (John 8:31).

We've written about Hearing, Reading, Studying and Memorizing the Word of God. Now may we consider the value of MEDITATION. To meditate is to focus one's attention on one thing - in this case a portion of the Wonderful Word of the Living Lord. When God was changing the mantle of leadership, He encouraged Joshua, "Do not let this Book ... depart ... mediate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." (1:8).

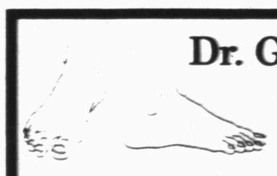
My Friends, to mediate is to enter the very presence of God. It is to enjoy His greatness and learn from His mind. When folks spend time in God's presence, they change. They become more and more like Him. Please don't be too busy to mediate on God and His Word. There are great treasures in the Bible. There is help for the stress you feel and for your relationships with your spouse and children. The Bible touches on every part of your life. It's the best book ever written for helping folks through grief, heartache, financial woes and every temptation to do wrong.

Dear Friends, please do not neglect God's Word. Your eternal life depends on staying in touch with God. Note the warning to the Hebrews in Chapter 2, verses 1-3. Please don't drift away. God loves you and wants to be in your heart.

In a question similar to the one Jesus asked in Matthew 16:26, "What shall it profit if a man or woman gains all the wealth and fame and pleasurable stuff of the whole world ... and loses his or her own soul?"

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# Study: Cancer drug also shows promise against heart disease

BOSTON (AP) — An experimental drug that has shown promise against cancer also appears to have the potential to prevent heart disease — the top killer in much of the industrialized world, researchers reported today.

The drug, endostatin, caused a sensation last year when the same Harvard team said it could wipe out cancer in lab mice by choking off the blood supply in tumors.

In today's issue of the American Heart Association journal Circulation, researchers presented evidence that endostatin may also greatly slow the development of atherosclerosis, a hardening of the arteries through the buildup of fatty deposits.

The drug has not yet been tested on people. But the research raises the possibility that a new category of drugs — blood vessel inhibitors — may be useful against both heart disease and cancer.

Heart disease, like cancer, involves unwanted tissue growth — the accumulation of cholesterol, blood cells and smooth muscle cells in lumps known as plaque. Plaque growing in the heart arteries is the chief cause of heart attacks and angina pain.

Experts have long noticed that plaque often has its own network of tiny blood vessels called capillaries.

"By blocking them, perhaps we can alter the progression of the disease," said Dr. Karen Moulton, who conducted the current study in the lab of Dr. Judah Folkman, the Harvard Medical School researcher who pioneered the study of angiogenesis, the growth of new blood vessels.

Endostatin is a natural protein that blocks blood vessel formation. Without blood, cancer in lab animals often stops growing and disappears.

In the 16-week experiment involving 73 mice, researchers tested endostatin on animals that were fed a high-cholesterol diet. They found that those on the drug averaged 85 percent less plaque buildup in their hearts' aortas than untreated animals.

"It's a very exciting concept," said Dr. Stephen Epstein of Washington Hospital Center in Washington. "If the data can be validated by other labs, it represents a whole new paradigm for strategies to prevent atherosclerosis and its complications."

However, Epstein acknowledged that the discovery also presents "a very important conundrum," because drugs that promote blood vessel growth, rather than block it, are already one of the hottest areas of heart disease research.

Epstein and others are testing the use of growth proteins that trigger the body to sprout new blood vessels. When injected into the heart, these proteins induce the growth of a new blood supply. This nourishes heart muscle that is starved by clogged arteries.

Some human testing suggests this treatment can relieve the effects of badly blocked arteries. But Epstein said the latest work raises the possibility that it could also make the underlying disease worse by promoting the growth of plaque.

However, Dr. Jeffrey Isner of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston said his own animal experiments show no evidence that stimulating the growth of blood vessels will speed up atherosclerosis or do anything else bad.

Moulton speculated that both treatments could eventually find a place in controlling heart disease.

# Magician buried alive

NEW YORK (AP) — A 25-year-old magician was buried alive Monday in a see-through coffin where he vowed to remain for a week in a stunt first dreamed up by legendary escape artist Harry Houdini.

Magician David Blaine said he prepared for the stunt by learning to put himself into a deep trancelike state. He said he also spent four days a week living in a coffin in his living room.

"It's not a trick. It's not an escape. It's not an illusion," Blaine said. "It's kind of like a test of one's own will." He said he would use the time to explore his mind. "I'm going to learn a lot about myself."

Houdini died in 1926 before he could perform the stunt.

Blaine, a goateed magician known for his levitating and sleight-of-hand tricks, has a network television special scheduled for next Monday — the day he is scheduled to be dug up from 6 feet under.

Inside the coffin, Blaine will have no food and 3 to 4 tablespoons of water a day. Fresh air will be pumped in. Blaine said he fasted for six days before being buried, and a plastic container and tube will take care of the remaining necessities of life.

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| AMR Corp s | 65 15-16 | 64¼ | 64 13-16+ 3-16 |
| AT&T Corp | 79 1-16 | 77¼ | 78 13-16+ 1¾ |
| AT&T Corp wi | 52 1-16 | 51¼ | 52 — 1-16 |
| AirTouch | 99¼ | 98 | 98 9-16+1 1-16 |
| Albertsons | 52¾ | 52¼ | 52¾— ¼ |
| AlldSignal | 52¾ | 51¾ | 51¾— 9-16 |
| Alltel | 66 | 65¼ | 65 11-16+ 7-16 |
| AmOnline s | 175¾ | 162¾ | 172¾+5 3-16 |
| AmStores | 32 11-16 | 31¾ | 31 15-16— 9-16 |
| Ameritech | 62 15-16 | 61 | 9-16 61 15-16—11-16 |
| AndarkPtr s | 38¾ | 37 | 15-16 37 15-16— 3-16 |
| ArmcoInc | 4 11-16 | 4¾ | 4¾— 1-16 |
| AtlRichfld | 74 | 73 | 5-16 74 + 5-16 |
| ATMOS Egy | 24 5-16 | 24¼ | 24 3-16— ¾ |
| Aviall | 15¾ | 15¾ | 15¾— ⅛ |
| BP Amoco | 96 15-16 | 95¼ | 96¼— 1-16 |
| BakerHughes | 23¾ | 23¼ | 23 5-16+ ¼ |
| BankAmerica | 71 3-16 | 70 | 70 13-16—13-16 |
| BellAtl s | 51 15-16 | 51 | 51½— ¾ |
| BellSouth s | 42¾ | 42 | 1-16 42 3-16+ 7-16 |
| BethSteel | 8 13-16 | 8 | 7-16 8¼— ¼ |
| BurlNoSFe s | 32 7-16 | 31¾ | 32 1-16— 3-16 |
| CBS Corp | 42 13-16 | 41¾ | 42¾+ ⅛ |
| Caterpillar | 49¾ | 48¾ | 49¼+ 1-16 |
| CenSoWst | 24 | 23¾ | 23¾— 3-16 |
| Chevron | 89 15-16 | 88 | 13-16 89 1-16—1 9-16 |
| Citigroup | 67 5-16 | 66 | 3-16 67 + ⅛ |
| Coastal s | 34¼ | 33¾ | 34 3-16— 3-16 |
| CocaCola | 60½ | 60 | 1-16 60 3-16— 5-16 |
| ColgatePalm | 94 1-16 | 93¼ | 93½— ¾ |
| ComclMetals | 20¼ | 20 | 20 1-16— 5-16 |
| CooperIn | 43 7-16 | 42¼ | 43 7-16+ ⅜ |
| CyprusAmax | 11 15-16 | 11¾ | 11¾— ¼ |
| DaimlrChry n | 91¼ | 89¼ | 90 15-16+ 2 |
| DallSemicn | 40¼ | 40 | 1-16 40 3-16+ 1-16 |
| DeltaAirl s | 70½ | 69 | 13-16 69 15-16— 1-16 |
| Dillards Inc | 25 11-16 | 25¼ | 25 11-16+ 1-16 |
| DowChem | 94 15-16 | 93¼ | 93¾— 5-16 |
| DuPont | 59 7-16 | 58 | 9-16 59 1-16— ⅜ |
| EastmanChem | 43 1-16 | 42 | 9-16 42 11-16— ½ |
| EstKodak | 64 | 63 | 7-16 63 11-16— 1-16 |
| EDS Corp | 49 15-16 | 49¼ | 49 15-16+ ½ |
| Entergy | 28¼ | 28¼ | 28 13-16— 1-16 |
| Exxon | 72 13-16 | 72 | 1-16 72¾+ 7-16 |
| FstBksAm | 18¾ | 18¼ | 18¾— ¼ |
| Flowers | 25 | 24 | 13-16 25 + 1-16 |
| FordMotor | 59¾ | 58 | 1-16 58¾+ 7-16 |
| GTE Cp | 60 3-16 | 59¼ | 59 13-16— ⅜ |
| GenDynam | 67½ | 66 | 15-16 67 — ⅜ |
| GenlElec | 114¼ | 112¼ | 113¾— 1½ |
| GenMills | 77¼ | 76 | 13-16 77 1-16— ½ |
| GenMotors | 89 1-16 | 87 | 13-16 89 +1 7-16 |
| GaPacGP | 79½ | 78 | 15-16 79 |
| GlobalMar | 11 9-16 | 11¼ | 11 7-16+ 3-16 |
| Goodrich | 35 13-16 | 35 | 1-16 35 3-16— 9-16 |
| Goodyear s | 51¾ | 51¾ | 51½— 9-16 |
| GtAtlPac | 29¾ | 29 | 5-16 29¾— ⅜ |
| Halliburtn | 38 | 37¼ | 37¾+ ⅛ |
| Hanson ADS | 42¾ | 42¾ | 42½— 5-16 |
| HarteHanks | 28¼ | 28 | 28¾+ ⅛ |
| HomeDepot | 63¾ | 62 | 7-16 62 15-16— ⅛ |
| IBM | 186¾ | 183 | 1-16 185 9-16+ 1¾ |
| IntlPaper | 43 15-16 | 43¾ | 43 7-16— 1-16 |
| JohnsonJn | 95 | 94 | 5-16 94¾— ½ |
| K mart | 16 5-16 | 16 | 1-16 16¼— 1-16 |
| Kroger Co | 59¾ | 58¼ | 59¼+ 1¾ |
| Litton | 57 | 56 | 13-16 56 13-16— ¼ |
| LockheedM s | 36¼ | 36 | 5-16 36½— ½ |
| Lowes Cos s | 64 | 62¾ | 63 1-16— ½ |
| Lubys | 16 7-16 | 16¼ | 16¼— 7-16 |
| LucentTech s | 62¼ | 59 | 7-16 61 7-16+ 2¼ |
| MayDeptStr s | 39 | 15-32 | 39 3-16 39 7-16 |
| MediaOne | 66 11-16 | 65¾ | 66¾— 3-16 |
| Medtronic | 68 15-16 | 67¼ | 68 11-16+ ¾ |
| Mobil | 91¾ | 90 | 11-16 91 1-16+ ⅛ |
| Monsanto | 46 3-16 | 45¾ | 45¾— 5-16 |
| MorganJP | 125 15-16 | 124 | 124 7-16— 1¾ |
| Motorola | 79¼ | 76¾ | 78¼+ 2 |
| NCR Corp | 51 | 50 | 1-16— 7-16 |
| Navistar | 43 11-16 | 41½ | 43½+1 3-16 |
| Penney JC | 41¼ | 40¾ | 41 3-16— 1-16 |
| PennzEnergy s | 9¾ | 9¾ | 9 13-16— 3-16 |
| PepBoys | 16¼ | 15 | 15-16 15 15-16— 3-16 |
| PepsiCo | 38 11-16 | 37 | 13-16 37¼— 1 |
| PhelpDodge | 51¼ | 50¼ | 50 9-16— ¼ |
| PhilipPet | 47¼ | 47¼ | 47½— 3-16 |
| PilgrmPrd B | 16½ | 16 | 3-16 16½ |
| Polaroid | 20 15-16 | 20 | 5-16 20¾+ ¼ |
| Praxair | 36¼ | 35¾ | 36 |
| ProctGamb | 100 5-16 | 98¼ | 99 5-16—1 9-16 |
| PubSNwMx | 17¾ | 16 | 15-16 17¾+ ¼ |
| ReliantEngy | 27¼ | 26¾ | 26½— ¼ |
| RoyalDut | 53¼ | 52 | 13-16 53 1-16— ¾ |
| SBC Comm | 50 15-16 | 50 | 1-16 50¾— 9-16 |
| SaraLee s | 24 9-16 | 23¾ | 23 15-16— ½ |
| Scripps EW | 43 13-16 | 43 | 11-16 43 11-16— 5-16 |
| SearsRoeb | 44 13-16 | 44 | 3-16 44 5-16— 5-16 |
| SherwinW | 28 15-16 | 28¼ | 28 11-16— 7-16 |
| SmithKlBchm | 74¾ | 73½ | 74 1-16+ 3-16 |
| SouthernCo | 23¾ | 23 | 1-16 23¾— ¼ |
| SwstAirl s | 31 1-16 | 30 | 7-16 30 11-16— ¼ |
| SprintFON n | 106¼ | 104 | 104¼— 1¾ |
| SprintPCS n | 52¼ | 50 | 3-16 52 1-16+1 1-16 |
| Sunoco Inc | 36¼ | 36 | 36 3-16+ 1-16 |
| TNP Ent | 28 15-16 | 28¼ | 28¼+ ⅛ |
| Tandy | 68¼ | 65 | 11-16 66¼— ⅛ |
| TempleInland | 63¾ | 63¼ | 63¾+ 1-16 |
| Tenneco | 29¼ | 28¼ | 28 11-16— ½ |
| Texaco | 57 5-16 | 56½ | 56 13-16— ¼ |
| TexInd | 24½ | 24¼ | 24¼— ⅜ |
| TexasInst | 113 | 109½ | 112 1-16+1 5-16 |
| TexUtil | 42 13-16 | 42 | 42 — 7-16 |
| Textron | 79 11-16 | 78¾ | 78 13-16—1 1-16 |
| TriconGlbR | 72¾ | 72 | 72½+ ½ |
| TrinityInds | 29 3-16 | 28 | 15-16 29 1-16— ⅛ |
| TritonEngy | 7 7-16 | 7¼ | 7 5-16— ⅛ |
| Tyler | 4¼ | 3¾ | 3 11-16— 7-16 |
| US West Inc | 56 3-16 | 55 | 13-16 56¼+ 1-16 |
| USX-Marathn | 28½ | 27¼ | 28¼+ 3-16 |
| USX-USS | 24 7-16 | 23¾ | 23 15-16— ½ |
| UnCarbde | 47¾ | 47 | 47¼+ 9-16 |
| UnionPacif | 52¾ | 51 | 11-16 52 — ¼ |
| UnitedTech | 136¼ | 134 | 9-16 134 15-16—1 1-16 |
| Unocal | 37⅜ | 36¾ | 37¼— ⅛ |
| Venator Grp | 7¼ | 7 | 7 1-16+ 1-16 |
| WalMart | 96 9-16 | 95¾ | 96½+ 1¾ |
| WalMart wi | 48¾ | 48 | 48¾+ ⅜ |
| WellsFargo | 37 11-16 | 37¼ | 37 9-16+ 3-16 |
| WstnGasRs | 8¼ | 88 | + 3-16 |
| WinnDixie | 36 11-16 | 35 | 11-16 35 11-16— 1 |
| Xerox Cp s | 55¾ | 54 | 11-16 55¾+ 1-16 |

# Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Gladys Cartwright, Beatrice Garza of Hermleigh, Johnny Irons, Kally Berkley of Hermleigh, Nicolas Bernal, Amy Murphy and Martin Zuniga.

DISMISSALS: Christi Haltom, Francis Hughes, Estella Rios, Douglas Sawyer and Betty Hartford.

CENSUS: 48 (Med., Surg.-17, Long-term Care-25, OB-4, Nursery-2).

# Births

David and Josie Yaniz of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Nicole. She was born, weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces, at 10:18 p.m. on April 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Carmen Yaniz of Snyder and Ramon Yaniz of Ozona. Maternal grandparents are Maria Galaviz of Big Spring and Joe Ladesma, also of Big Spring.

# Officers arrest three subjects

The past 24 hours resulted in officers arresting three subjects.

A 20-year-old male was taken into custody at 7:49 p.m. at the adult probation office on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for motion to adjudicate guilt on an original charge of assault/family violence.

Two subjects were arrested at 2:56 this morning in the 3900 block of Avenue V. Taken into custody were an 18-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and a 21-year-old male for public intoxication.

In other activity, officers filed an offense report for dog bite at 1:57 p.m. Monday in the 6400 block of FM 1606.

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# NATO rejects unilateral cease-fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — With NATO airstrikes pummeling Yugoslavia, President Clinton said today that President Slobodan Milosevic "could end it now" by withdrawing his forces from Kosovo, accepting terms of a peace accord and allowing hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians to return to their homes.

The administration refused to match Yugoslavia's promise of a unilateral cease-fire in Kosovo to mark Orthodox Easter. Reciting the terms spelled out by Clinton, National Security Council spokesman David Leavy said, "NATO operations will continue until these conditions are met."

The administration also was expected to announce that it would accept up to 20,000 Kosovar Albanian refugees and house them at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"I want to say again, the United States would never choose force as anything other than a last option," the president said in a Roosevelt Room ceremony where he urged Congress to expand federal hate-crime laws to include offenses based on sexual orientation.

Briefly addressing the crisis in Kosovo, Clinton laid out terms that he said Milosevic must accept to end the allies' airstrikes.

"Mr. Milosevic could end it now by withdrawing his military police and paramilitary forces," Clinton said. Further, he said Milosevic must accept the deployment of an international security force "to protect not only the Kosovar Albanians, most, not all of whom are Muslims, but also the Serbians minority in Kosovo. Everybody. We're not for anybody's hate crimes. And by making it possible for all the refugees to return. And to move toward a political framework based on the accords reached in France."

The United States continued to express opposition to sending American ground troops to Kosovo. "I can tell you once again that he has no intention of introducing ground troops," press secretary Joe Lockhart said. "If people are confused, they should not be."

The United States is sending 2,600 troops into Albania to support attack helicopters, but none are destined for Kosovo.

# Tornado survivors pick up the pieces, memories after storms

BENTON, La. (AP) — They pulled out pictures, children's toys, old bowling trophies — mementos of lives ripped apart by nature.

Survivors of the tornado that tore through up to 300 buildings in northwest Louisiana began Monday trying to salvage the small, irreplaceable items strewn through the wreckage.

"We can't save much," William Hunter, 72, said of his trailer that was left in hundreds of pieces. "We are just looking for things like pictures, family things. That's what really matters now."

Across the Hay Meadow Trailer Park, James Dyal had stacked up a few wet snapshots, a crumpled blouse, a box of Christmas ornaments — all the things he could find of his mother, Betty, one of the six who died when the twister hit Saturday.

"There's not much of anything left," Dyal said. "I'd like to find some more pictures, some of her things that we could keep, but it's soaked and scattered all over the place."

Eighteen people remained hospitalized Monday; eight were in critical condition.

# Obituaries

## L.C. Bigham

1922-1999

LUBBOCK — L.C. Bigham, the brother of Gerrell Bigham of Snyder, died Sunday, April 4, in Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Bigham, 76, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church in Abernathy. The Revs. Tom Reynolds and Mike Wilcox will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas. Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 30, 1922 in Hastings, Okla., he was reared in Lefors and served in the U.S. Marines Corps during World War II. He married Violet "Pat" Lambert on Dec. 24, 1946 in Garland.

Mr. Bigham moved to Lubbock from Dallas in 1956, and worked in the family house moving business, W.K. Bigham and Sons.

A deacon of the Flint Avenue Baptist Church, he was a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Bigham of Lubbock; a son, Larry Bigham of Abernathy; two daughters, Mary Rampley of Wills Point and Caryl Bigham of Austin; another brother, Burly Bigham of Lubbock; five sisters, Willie Mae McElroy, Wonnie Smith and Peggy Winegeart, all of Pampa, Fay Wilson of Grove, Okla., and Melba Holland of Conroe; four grandchildren; and four grat-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or to the Scottish Rite Children's Home.

## B.F. Deere

1912-1999

BROWNWOOD — B.F. Deere, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, April 5, in a Brownwood hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Deere, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Fourth and Stewart Street Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Greenleaf Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Morris Funeral Home.

Born July 29, 1912 in Fluvanna, Mr. Deere had lived in Brownwood since 1953. He was retired from the Exxon wholesale warehouse and he was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Becky Hayes of Lake Brownwood; two sons, Bruce Deere of Robert Lee and Doug Deere of Bedford; a brother, Toncy Deere of Kilgore; a sister, Esther McBride of Brownwood; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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# SHS spring concert set at 7 tonight

Snyder High School's Choral Department will present its annual Spring Concert at 7 tonight in Worsham Auditorium.

The choirs, under the direction of Ronda Haire, will perform the music that has been prepared for UIL competition on Thursday at Texas Tech University.

The concert will also feature the newly-formed West Elementary Honors Choir under the direction of Judy Brown.

The high school choirs that will be performing are Strictly Treble, Concert Choir and A Cappella Choir.

The A Cappella Choir will also give a demonstration of the sight reading portion of the competition. As part of the competition at Tech, each choir is given a new piece of music and six minutes to study it, without singing a note aloud. At the end of the six minutes, the choir must sing the song unaccompanied by instruments.

The director is then given two minutes to discuss the song with the students to correct any problems that might have occurred in the first reading. The students will then be given a second opportunity to sing the song. Three judges will assign the choir a rating and the three ratings will be averaged to determine the score.

A top rating in both choir and sight reading are required to win sweepstakes.

Following the sight reading demonstration, the high school choirs will combine to sing some of the program that the students presented on their recent trip to Florida at Disney's Epcot Center. The students presented a concert of folk songs from different countries around the world.

The concert is free and open to the public.

# Computers

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ment several months ago, but restrictions on what it could be used for led many prosecutors across the state to decline.

"The restrictions on the use made it so we could not use it for anything but the Crime Victim's Fund. I didn't have enough room in my office to have equipment that was restricted," Cooley said.

The state then revised its offer, allowing for less restricted use of the computers.

"It's worth being crowded now," Cooley said.

And the computer question on a lot of people's mind.

"Yes, it's Y2K compatible," Cooley said. "We ought to be okay."

# College slates judging events

Western Texas College's agriculture department is hosting a judging contest today for area high school 4-H and FFA members.

Some 20 teams involving about 100 students will compete.

Contestants will be from the Childress to Seminole and the Abilene to San Angelo area.

Judging begins at 5:30 p.m. in building 15A on the campus (former home of cosmetology). Members of the college's meats judging team will judge all events.

This is the fifth year the college is hosting this event.

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## Thanks!

The family of Myrtle G. Sullenger would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the community of Snyder for the generous support of volunteers, local merchants, friends and neighbors in making the blood drive last week a success. We are very blessed to live in a community that helps out when needed. May God bless all of you.

James (Huck) Sullenger
Greg & Brenda Sullenger & family
Beverly & Larry Greene & family

events

# WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

### NAACP meeting

The local NAACP will have its regular monthly meeting at 7 this evening at Allen Chapel, 3104 Ave. M.

### Masonic Lodge

The Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will have at stated meeting at 7:30 tonight at the Lodge Hall.

### Free tax aid service

Free tax help is available each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Help is also available for shut-ins. Call 573-3822 or 573-4035.

### Public hearing for bomber training

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initative (RBTI) on from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday in the Snyder High School auditorium.

### Class of 1979

The SHS class of 1979 reunion planning committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the home of Carrie Richardson at 2708 28th St.

### Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer-grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents. Child care is provided.

### Sports banquet planning

All parents of SHS athletes are invited to a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the SHS Student Center to discuss plans for the sports banquet. For more information, call Chris Thornhill at 573-2272 or 573-8367.

### Golden K fish fry

Golden K Kiwanis Club fish fry will be held from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center. Cost is $6 for adults and children under 6 can eat free. Takeout plates will be available.

### Southern Gospel group

First Church of the Nazarene will present "Lighthouse," a Southern Gospel group, at the 10:45 a.m. service and evening service Sunday. Lunch will follow the morning service, according to Pastor Mike Howard.

### American Legion officers

The American Legion Layne Kite Post #181 will elect officers Monday.

### SHS orientation

Parents of all 8th graders are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Worsham Auditorium. Debbie Phillips, high school counselor, will provide information about registration, course seldctions and graduation requirements. All incoming freshmen are asked to bring registation materials that have previously been handed out.

### Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "From a Cocoon to a Butterfly" followed by "Jesus Turned My Life Around."

### Softball tournament

A men's softball tournament to benefit Special Olympics is planned April 17-18 at Winston Park. It will be double elimination and cost is $100 per team. Entry fee is due by Friday by contacting Coach Stewart or Daisy Braziel at 915-573-1114.

### Sausage festival

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will host an all-you-can-eat sausage dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at the Parish Center. Tickets sold at the door are $6 for adults and all carryouts and $3 for children 12 and under. Sausage sold by the pound is $3.75 cooked and $2.75 uncooked.

### 1989 class reunion

The SHS 1989 class reunion committee is seeking addresses of former classmates for the 10-year reunion. Information is needed ASAP so it can be mailed out. Contact Christy Smith at 573-8392, or 573-1420 for additional information.

### Relay for Life

Snyder's American Cancer Society will host the Relay for Life April 30-May 1 at Tiger Stadium. Sponsors, teams and volunteers for entertainment are needed. Contact Mark Cypert at 573-5454 or 573-5714.

### 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.

### Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
2-13-22-34-36

### Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-7-1