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CONFRONTATION — Those attending the debut of Western Texas College's "Dinner and Death Suite" at 6 tonight in the student center will get a meal plus a mystery. The audience interacts with the cast to solve the "whodunit." Characters struggling over two guns are from left, T.L. McAdams as Katherine Yendel; Dallas Pollei as Hudson Hotchkiss; Cam Hargrove as Sergei Bolstov; Vickie Williams as Suzie Sockwasher; and Tiffany Britton as Natasha Kutcha. Performances continue Saturday and Sunday at 6 p.m. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Pentagon to seek permission...

33,000 reserve forces could be reactivated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is preparing to ask President Clinton for authority to activate as many as 33,000 reserve forces in support of the Kosovo conflict, and the president is likely to approve the request, government officials said today.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said today that he couldn't provide the exact number of reservists who might be needed, but he added "I think it'll be a significant number."

Cohen said he would likely present the request to Clinton early next week.

The reserve call-up will include up to 25,000 Air National Guard members in units that fly aerial refueling missions both from the United States and from Europe, according to U.S. defense officials.

Some civil-affairs specialists from the Army Reserve are likely to be included, too, the officials said.

Cohen and Italian Defense Minister Carlo Scognamiglio, who held a Pentagon news conference on the safety of U.S. military flight training in Italy, agreed it's too soon to consider using ground troops in Yugoslavia even if the NATO air campaign doesn't stop Serb assaults on Kosovar Albanians.

"When we started this action, the idea was it was possible with airstrikes to reach the political results we were aiming" for, Scognamiglio said, adding "we will see in the future" if the air campaign works. "At that moment, the Italian government must be in the position to take a decision."

Cohen said that in testifying before Congress on Thursday he heard strong arguments for and against using ground troops, but saw no consensus that would alter the Clinton administration's view that air power alone can win out against Serb forces.

"I don't think any minds were changed," Cohen said.

The need for reserve forces is linked to NATO's decision to expand the air war by adding 300 or more U.S. aircraft — about one-third of which are likely to be refueling airplanes — and two battalions of Army Apache helicopters.

Luncheon, style show Saturday

A "Spring Profile" style show and luncheon is being planned by the Martha Ann Woman's Club board members to be held Saturday at 11:30.

Spring fashions will be shown from Hackfeld's Bar-H-Bar, and three Lubbock stores, Austin Taylor, Harold's and Talbots. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased from board members or by calling Jan Harrell at 573-6443, Francene Noah at 573-6717 or leave a message at the MAWC, 573-3427 by 5 p.m. today. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

Margaret Dillaha will be narator and models will include Jennifer Stewart, Christy Thompson, Linda Walton, Mary Dulaney, Kally Billingsley, Joyce Williamson, Jean McMillon and Karomy Drum. The luncheon will be catered by Shirley McMullan.

Martha Ann Woman's Club Cookbooks, with 965 recipes, are now being sold and will be available at the style show and luncheon. The cookbooks are $15 and may be purchased by calling the woman's club or numbers previously mentioned.

Join the investigation...

WTC production starts tonight

How good a sleuth are you? You will have the opportunity to find out tonight, Saturday and Sunday.

Western Texas College's "Dinner and Death Suite" by Peter DePietro will conclude the drama department's productions for the 1998-1999 school year.

While you are enjoying a soft drink and canapes, someone is murdered before your very eyes. As Suzie Sockwasher ushers you into the dining hall, Hudson Hotchkiss begins his investigation.

The characters will join you at your table or an adjacent one, and you are encouraged to talk with them. In fact you will be provided with indentities so you can play along if you wish. When Hudson begins his interrogations of the suspects, everyone is encouraged to ask their own questions.

Before the final solution, each person will have an opportunity to offer a solution to the mystery. A prize will be presented to the best sleuth.

The play takes place during the Cold War. The audience has assembled to enjoy a piano concert by Yuri Pianstovitz, famous Russian pianist.

Dinner will be served during each performance. The production debuts at 6 tonight in the Student Center. Two other performances are set for Saturday and Sunday, also at 6 p.m.

Helen Cogan directs. She will also assist with sets and props and costumes.

Cast members include Vickie Williams as Suzie Sockwasher; Dallas Pollei as Hudson Hotchkiss; David Olson as Oswald Fromper.

Also Tifffany Martin as Daisy Fromper; Kris Hollis as Stuart Yendel; Tiffany Britton as Natasha Kutcha; Cam Hargrove as Sergei Bolstov; Stephanie Bell as the host; T.L. McAdams as Katherine Yendel.

The production staff and running crew include Stephanie Bell, stage manager; Julie Sentell, box office; Tiffany Britton, set and props; Ruby Johnson, costumes; Kris Hollis and Felix Pair, lights and sound; Lana Rice, Ashley White, Amber Miller, Makai Funai, Norma Garcia, waitresses.

The menu will consist of cucumber salad, beef stroganoff over noodles, glazed baby carrots, strawberries romanoff, black forest cookies, coffee/iced tea.

SHS band garners top award

Snyder High School's band earned another notch on its victory belt Thursday when it garnered sweepstakes at the Region 16 UIL concert and sight reading contest held at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

To do so, the band had to win a I in both concert and sight reading. Those two awards plus a I at the UIL fall marching contest equals the top award.

Walter Reneau, band director, said this is about the 10th sweepstakes in a row and probably the 19th of the last 20 years.

"The kids really played well," Reneau said. "It was a really tough program, but they rose to the challenge."

Area sales tax rebates

City	April 99	April '98	+/-	Year'99	Year'98	+/-
Abilene	$1,577,573.01	$1,585,417.37	-0.49%	$7,770,993.68	$7,677,109.25	1.22%
Big Spring	$235,217.12	251,937.67	-6.63%	$1,171,282.90	1,190,386.49	-1.60%
Colorado City	$28,014.14	$27,176.08	3.08%	$138,671.07	$134,456.39	3.13%
Lamesa	$50,931.08	$51,502.36	-1.10%	$278,180.87	$304,020.19	-8.49%
Lubbock	$1,786,889.18	$1,747,269.74	2.26%	$8,482,188.40	$8,356,240.58	1.50%
Post	$11,750.99	$13,674.67	-14.07%	$62,735.29	$79,132.74	-20.72%
Roby	$1,292.63	$1,156.05	11.81%	$7,805.58	$6,868.50	13.64%
Rotan	$7,249.17	$6,729.13	7.72%	$41,040.21	$37,792.86	8.59%
Snyder	$110,458.04	$104,012.10	6.19%	$470,474.37	$516,971.35	-8.99%
Sweetwater	$105,218.08	121,618.07	-13.48%	$567,670.83	$614,015.11	-7.54%

TAX REBATES — April sales tax rebates were up by over six percent for the city of Snyder as compared to April of 1998. The city received $110,458.04 this period as compared to $104,012.10 in 1998. This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March.

Postal officials to dedicate new stamp Saturday

Daffy Duck may finally get the respect he deserves on Saturday when a U.S. postage stamp bearing his likeness is dedicated in a ceremony by Snyder postal officials.

Daffy Duck will join his animated arch-rival, Bugs Bunny, and the lovable cat and canary team of Sylvester & Tweety as part of the Looney Tunes stamp collection.

Representatives of the Snyder post office will be on hand at Wal-Mart from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. to place a special pictorial cancellation on customer's mail.

Daffy Duck stamps and other collectible Daffy Duck items will be available, also.

"As the Postal Service seeks to broaden the appeal of the stamp program, the Looney Tunes stamp collection has helped introduce a new generation to the entertaining and educational hobby of stamp collecting," said Dale Lipsett, Snyder Postmaster.

The new 33-cent stamp features Daffy Duck leaning against a rural mailbox with his trademark "that's despicable" look directed toward two letters in the mailbox that have Bugs Bunny and Sylvester & Tweety stamps affixed.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Time usually solves more problems than counselors."

Keeping tabs on neighbors:

If you truly want to understand human nature, a wise guy once said you have to own a rent house.

Danny Andrews, in the Plainview Daily Herald, noted that there is little else that will test your Christianity and patience more than being a landlord.

On the other hand, renters often perceive things differently, as evidenced by these actual notes written to landlords:

--The toilet is blocked and we cannot bathe the children until it is cleared.

--I want some repairs done to my stove as it has backfired and burnt my knob off.

--This is to let you know that there is a smell coming from the man next door.

--The toilet seat is cracked, where do I stand?

--I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is running away from the wall.

--I request permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.

--Our lavatory seat is broken in half and is now in three pieces.

--Will you please send someone to mend our cracked sidewalk? Yesterday, my wife tripped on it and is now pregnant.

--Our kitchen floor is very damp. We have two children and would like a third, so will you please send someone to do something about it.

--Will you please send a man to look at my water — it is a funny color and not fit to drink.

--Would you please send a man to repair my downspout? I am an old-age pensioner and need it straight away.

--Could you please send someone to fix our bath tap? My wife got her toe stuck in it and it is very uncomfortable for us.

It reminded us of another landlord story told by Speedy Nieman, in the Hereford Brand.

A group of tourists were being guided through an ancient castle in Europe.

The group was told the place was more than 600 years old. "Not a stone in it has been touched, nothing altered, nothing replaced in all those years."

One woman replied dryly, "Well, they must have the same landlord I do."

ASK US

Q—What is the daily traffic count on Gary Brewer Road compared to Round Top Road?

A—According to the Texas Department of Transportation, an average of 490 vehicles a day travel on Gary Brewer while an average of 750 travel on Round Top.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 59 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. Friday, 44; no precipitation, total for 1999, 3.42 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, mid 30s. Light wind. Saturday, mostly sunny. High, mid 60s. NW wind 5-15 mph.

Fabian Contreras
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 8:13 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:14 a.m.
Of 105 days in 1999, the sun has shone 98 days in Snyder

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Our task is to make ourselves architects of the future."

Jomo Kenyatta

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JUDGING COTTON — Landa Turnbow and Misti Dobbins participated in the cotton judging contest held Tuesday at Western Texas College. The school also hosted an entomology judging contest as well. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Impeachment cost at least $1.2 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House paid its top two impeachment investigators up to $20,000 a month during the investigation of President Clinton, far exceeding the pay scale of lawmakers and lawyers for Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, expense records show.

The pay of chief Republican investigator David Schippers and his Democratic counterpart, Abbe Lowell, were part of an impeachment price tag that exceeded $1.2 million in the five-month congressional proceeding that ended with Clinton's acquittal in February.

The two investigators also were given special consultant status that allowed them to bypass congressional restrictions on outside income and avoid a ban on private legal work.

According to Judiciary Committee records, the panel paid for a portion of its investigation with $1.2 million from a special fund, which covered compensation for investigators, equipment, travel, communications, printing and other expenses solely related to impeachment.

The actual cost to taxpayers was much higher, but can't be readily calculated because much of the staff work — in the House, Senate and White House — was performed by permanent, salaried employees who would be paid regardless of their assignments.

Schippers, whose private practice is in Chicago, was paid at the rate of $20,000 a month during the height of the investigation, according to House Judiciary Committee records. Lowell, a Washington lawyer, was paid at a monthly rate of $18,000, according to expense records reviewed by The Associated Press.

Adjusted to annual salary, both men were being paid at a rate of more than $200,000 per year.

In contrast, staff lawyers for Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr earn between $66,563 and $118,400 annually. The independent counsel's deputies must also sever ties with their private law firms — a prohibition that does not apply to Starr.

House members and senators earn $136,700 a year.

The Judiciary Committee granted the requests of Schippers and Lowell — as well as several investigators under them — to work as consultants rather than full-time congressional employees. The special status allowed them to avoid House rules that prohibit lawmakers and senior employees from performing "professional services involving a fiduciary relationship, including law, real state or insurance sales, or medicine." These officials also are limited to $20,505 in non-congressional earned income.

Schippers said he and his firm were losing money — "$40,000 in the hole" at one point — because he was paying his own expenses.

"My business was going to hell in a handbasket," he said in an interview. "I was begging for (consultant status) because I was really getting into financial difficulty."

He said he was offered a straight salary of about $130,000 a year to handle the inquiry but declined because "I would have had to take my name off the door" of his law firm.

Lowell was out of town this week and not available for comment.

The impeachment inquiry began Sept. 9 when Starr delivered a report to the House. In December, the House impeached Clinton on two articles alleging perjury and obstruction of justice, and on Feb. 12 the Senate acquitted the president on both charges.

Schippers and Lowell led the House Judiciary Committee investigation of Clinton's alleged offenses.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, April 17, 1999

Give all your unique or original ideas a chance to prove themselves in the year ahead before prematurely tossing in the towel. One or more could contain slow seeding successes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although you normally have excellent taste, you could be more attracted to ostentatious or garish types of items today, so be careful you don't impulsively buy a white elephant while you shop. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Unlike your usual organized self, you might forego a game plan and attempt to do things in fits and starts today, leaving lots of unfinished projects in your wake.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't look to others to do things for you that you should be doing for yourself. Chances are they won't cooperate and you could quickly find yourself in a bind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone who promised to do something you're depending on might renege on his or her pledge today. Unfortunately, the sob story your pal spins won't solve a thing. Get another helper.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Undependable allies have a tendency to show the same colors over and over again, so when it comes to partnership arrangements today, team up only with those you know are reliable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Attention to details and patience may be the order of the day for you at work today. If you lack the tolerance for methodical chores, don't start them in the first place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There is a major difference between wishful thinking and positive thinking. Be hopeful but realistic today, and don't count on things as if they are a fait accompli before they happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Springing major changes on the family today will go over like a lead balloon. Talk things out first rather than risk disturbing domestic tranquillity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Rushing around from place to place is normal for you, but don't be in such a hurry that you get careless about important things today, such as driving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Hide the checkbook today, so you're not tempted to splurge on things you truly don't need. It might please you at the moment, but buyer's remorse will set in later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) As an Aquarian, you have the ability to visualize futurist happenings, but taking premature chances on what isn't yet full-fledged could be an exercise in futility.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Generally, your hunches are right on the mark, but today they could be far afield and get you in hot water. Think things through thoroughly before acting impulsively.

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Datebook

April 16, 1999

Today is the 106th day of 1999 and the 28th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1935, the comedy show "Fibber McGee and Molly," starring Jim and Marian Jordan, premiered on NBC radio.

On this day in 1972, the Apollo XVI spacecraft was launched on a voyage to the moon. Aboard were astronauts John Young, Charles Duke and Thomas Mattingly.

On this day in 1994, Dudley Moore married Nicole Rothschild, and Harry Connick Jr. married Jill Goodacre.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wilbur Wright (1867-1912), inventor; Anatole France (1844-1924), writer; Charlie Chaplin (1889-1977), comedian; Lily Pons (1904-1976), singer; Peter Ustinov (1921-), actor-writer, is 78; Henry Mancini (1924-1994), composer; Bobby Vinton (1935-), singer, is 64; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1947-), basketball great, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1961, the Chicago Black Hawks defeated Detroit, winning the Stanley Cup in six games.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Man is so made that he can only find relaxation from one kind of labor by taking up another." — Anatole France

TODAY'S MOON: New moon (April 16).

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Cotton and entomology finalists at WTC listed

Western Texas College hosted a cotton and entomology judging contest for high school students on Tuesday.

The top five cotton judging teams are Wall, first place, 2,670 points; Wylie, second, 2,350; Sweetwater, third, 2,330; Stamford, fourth, 2,220; Miles, fifth, 2,210.

The top five entomology teams are Wall, first, 593 points; Menard, second, 566; Klondike, third, 535.5; Snyder, fourth, 478; Seminole, fifth, 469.

When students had the same score, other points were used to decide winning places.

Cotton finalists include Cole Mikulik of Wall, first place, 920 points; Trey Weishuhn of Wall, second, 900; Darron Hefner of Sweetwater, third, 890; Curtis Wilde of Wall, fourth, 850; Jennifer Block of Wall, fifth, 850; Mark Patty of Wylie, sixth, 830; Jimma Chapman of Wylie, seventh, 820; Amy Coates of Lamesa, eighth, 810; Zane Kennedy of Patton Springs, ninth, 810; John Deegan of Abilene High School, 10th, 800.

The entomology finalists include Russell Book of Wall, first, 198.5; Dink Nichols of Menard, second, 197.5; Simon Holik of Wall, third, 196.5; Kate Heartsill of Wall, fourth, 196; Coby Porter of Menard, fifth, 191; Chad Ford of Hartley, sixth, 190; Heath Ferguson of Klondike, seventh, 188; Craig Vogler of Klondike, eighth, 185; John Kellemeier of Wall, ninth, 182; Thrisha Hoelscher of Wall, 10th, 180.

Bankruptcy bill may be scuttled

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dispute over abortion Thursday threatened to scuttle a Senate bill to rewrite the bankruptcy laws. The measure also came under attack from Democrats who contend it favors credit card card companies at the expense of hard-pressed families.

A proposal by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., would require bankrupt people found to have violated laws protecting abortion clinics to pay those penalties. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said the plan could kill the bankruptcy legislation.

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Scurry County Library honored Wednesday

Snyder commemorated National Library Week Wednesday during a ceremony honoring the efforts of the Scurry County Library to promote literacy and offer expanded educational opportunities in the community.

Eric Sawyer, West Texas regional assistant for U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, presented the library with a certificate of appreciation from Gramm. Sawyer also read a letter from the senator recognizing the library's efforts to promote literacy in the community.

National Library Week was celebrated April 11-17 and this year's theme is "Read! Learn! Connect! at the Library."

"In every city across America, libraries are making a commitment to help promote literacy and learning," said Gramm, a former teacher.

National Library Week is a time to recognize the people who have already made education awareness and reading a part of their life, and offers us an opportunity to encourage others to volunteer their time and talents to their local library," the Senator added.

National Library Week, sponsored by the National Library Association, was initiated to promote the use and support of all types of libraries and to make the public aware of the many services libraries provide their communities.

Accepting the certificate of appreciation was Noreen Taylor, librarian, and her staff, Gladys Oden, Sharon Sumruld, Regina Gutierrez, Elizabeth Gray and Linda Jones.

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Budget fights ahead as Congress OKs spending plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Months of budget combat between President Clinton and lawmakers lie ahead now that Congress has completed a $1.74 trillion spending plan for fiscal 2000.

Divided along party lines, the Senate gave final approval to the measure on Thursday by a 54-44 vote, a day after the House passed it with just three Democratic votes. Only Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., and Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., did not vote.

Clinton's signature is not needed for the measure, which is an outline that clamps overall limits on the detailed tax and spending bills lawmakers will write in coming months. It is those bills, which the president must sign, in which Republicans will try to impose their priorities on the White House, or at least spell out their agenda to the voters.

The blueprint maps GOP plans for a new budgetary era in which annual federal surpluses seem to stretch to the horizon and beyond.

Over the next decade, Republicans would set aside all $1.8 trillion in expected Social Security surpluses to reduce the national debt. They would use most of the rest of the surplus — at least $778 billion — for tax cuts. Clinton and Democrats want smaller tax reductions and more spending for Medicare and other social programs.

"One party thinks government ought to get bigger and bigger," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., in a swipe at Democrats.

Passage marked only the second time Congress has completed the budget on time since the April 15 deadline was set in 1987, a win for Republicans eager to show they are efficiently doing the public's business. It also gave them the symbolic victory of approving a budget touting big tax cuts on the day many taxpayers were rushing to mail their returns to the Internal Revenue Service.

Democrats warned of veto fights and other problems ahead.

"I predict here and now we'll be playing Russian roulette along the way to see who pulls the trigger on a government shutdown" because of a veto fight over spending, said Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, ranking Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee.

Lautenberg called the GOP budget "shameful" and "a sham," saying it would not shore up Social Security or Medicare for when the nation's 76 million baby boomers begin retiring next decade.

Republicans argue that by setting aside the entire Social Security surplus they are doing more for senior citizens because Clinton proposed to spend some of those surpluses on other domestic programs. GOP lawmakers hope this will let them neutralize Democrats' historic ability to cast themselves as the protectors of Social Security.

Neither Clinton nor Republicans have proposed reducing benefits or boosting taxes for Social Security or Medicare, fearing angry voters. Many experts say such changes will be needed to truly prepare those programs for the baby boomers.

Economists say using surpluses to reduce the national debt should fuel economic growth by reducing interest rates.

Collateral damage shown on television

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military leaders call it collateral damage — the death of civilians and one of the unfortunate consequences of war. But try as they might to avoid it, accidents will happen, President Clinton concedes.

While expressing regret, Clinton and NATO officials insist that the accidental bombing of a convoy of Kosovar refugees wouldn't slow or significantly change the 3-week-old NATO air campaign in Yugoslavia.

Serbs claim dozens of people died Wednesday when a NATO pilot mistakenly launched a laser-guided bomb at a vehicle in the convoy. Gruesome images of the victims were broadcast in the United States and around the world.

The incident in southwestern Kosovo was the most visible example yet of what military planners call collateral damage among ethnic Albanian refugees fleeing Serb forces.

"You cannot have this kind of conflict without some errors like this occurring," Clinton said Thursday in a speech to newspaper editors in San Francisco. "This is not a business of perfection."

No military commander wants pictures of the mangled bodies of civilians on the evening news. But concern over public relations will not affect military planning, officials and outside military experts said. Indeed, they say, there are likely to be similar incidents before the campaign against Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's forces is over.

"Things happen in the fog of war, and this was a bitter one," said Laird Anderson, professor emeritus of communications at American University and a retired Army reserve colonel.

"It's not one to get so terribly upset about that it creates a change in what the mission is and how that mission is pressed," Anderson said. "We'll have all our generals and NATO out there saying we'll do everything to make sure this doesn't happen again, but don't count on it."

NATO commanders and U.S. officials have said all along that they were making extraordinary efforts to protect civilians.

For example, planes are dropping "smart" munitions whose computerized and laser guidance systems theoretically mean greater precision and fewer chances a weapon will go astray and hit innocent people. Ninety percent of the bombs dropped so far in the Kosovo conflict were precision-guided, compared with 9 percent during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

NATO pilots have picked targets with the whereabouts of civilians in mind, although officials will give few details. And pilots turn back or hold their fire if they have doubts about whether a target may be civilian or military, officials say.

"I don't think any other nation or combination of democracies would consider going through what we go through in the way of planning and training and exercising every conceivable precaution in order to reduce harming innocent civilians," Defense Secretary William Cohen said in remarks to the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North ♠ J 8 7 ♥ Q 5 2 ♦ K J 6 4 ♣ K 8 4	04-16-99
West ♠ Q 6 4 ♥ A 6 3 ♦ 9 8 7 2 ♣ A J 3		East ♠ 10 9 3 ♥ K 9 8 7 ♦ Q 10 5 ♣ 7 5 2
	South ♠ A K 5 2 ♥ J 10 4 ♦ A 3 ♣ Q 10 9 6	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Stick to the book

By Phillip Alder

If you stick to textbook bids and plays, I guesstimate you will get some 80 percent of deals correct. However, some players — even experts — try to be clever, and end up losing tricks they should have won.

That applies to this deal, but the declarer still had to read the cards well. Sitting West, what would you lead against three no-trump?

This layout arose during the match between France and Sweden at the 1995 European Championships, held in Vilamoura, Portugal.

The French North declared one no-trump, winning exactly seven tricks.

At the other table, Mats Nilsland for Sweden opened with one no-trump, showing 14-16 points. His partner, Bjorn Fallenius, jumped straight to game. Now the French West got overly imaginative. You or I would have selected the diamond nine, surely defeating the contract. However, West wanted to lead a major because North hadn't used Stayman. So, he chose the bizarre-looking heart six.

Declarer did well, calling for dummy's queen. East would have done better to duck, retaining communication with his partner, but he covered with the king. After winning the third round of hearts in hand, Nilsland successfully finessed the club 10. West won the next club lead with his ace and exited with a club.

As West hadn't cashed the 13th heart, it was clear he had led from a three-card suit. So, he had surely begun with 3-3-4-3 distribution. (With 4-3-3-3, he would have led a spade.) So, Nilsland continued with the ace, king and another spade. This established nine hard-earned tricks from three spades, one heart, two diamonds and three clubs.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Tall Travelers Find Reason To Rage Against Airlines

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter from "PDX Traveler, Tigard, Ore.," I had to write. The seating problem he described has been created by the airlines. They moved the seats closer together to increase revenue, and they profit at the expense of their customers. Passengers should be able to use the seats they have paid for, the way they were designed to be used, without having to ask permission from the person seated behind them. And if they cannot, they should be compensated!

6 FOOT 4 TED
FROM NEW JERSEY

DEAR TED: When I printed the letter from "PDX Traveler" I had no idea it would hit such a sore spot with frequent airline travelers. When I recommended asking for bulkhead seating, I was unaware that even though people may request it months ahead, there's no guarantee they will get it. From the tone of my mail — and I received a bushel — I'm surprised there aren't more incidents of "airplane rage" than we read about, because the situation is combustible:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 6-foot-tall woman who has also experienced the smashed knee, pinned-in-place-for-the-duration-of-the-flight situation that your reader wrote about. As you suggested, I have tried to get bulkhead seating, but it goes fast. You usually have to take regular seating.

On a trip to Chicago this past spring, I was pinned in place, unable to move the entire flight. We changed planes in Detroit, and I vowed to my companion that I wouldn't suffer any more. When we boarded the next flight for the hop over Lake Michigan, a man took the seat in front of me, and proceeded to recline it. I braced my knees and he couldn't move. He pushed and I pushed. He turned around and angrily said, "Is there a suitcase behind my seat?" I just as angrily replied, "No, it's my knees!" His jaw dropped.

I was feeling a little guilty. Thinking he was probably traveling all the way to L.A. on the continuation of the flight, I reasoned that he could recline after I disembarked from the 20-minute flight to Chicago. When we landed, I stood to leave, and Mr. Recliner stood to disembark as well. He gave me a nasty look, and I said, "You got a problem, Bud?" Since I was a head taller than he was, he said, "No."

I admit, I may have been rude, but how rude was he? I'm tired of being physically crushed by inconsiderate people. If that means I must be inconsiderate, too, so be it. Nonsmokers have rights. Handicapped people have rights. Obese people have rights. Even short people have rights. I say, it's time tall people had rights, too.

TALL IN FLORIDA

DEAR TALL: I realize that many travelers are fed up with being crammed into aircraft like sardines. The most effective way to resolve the problem would be to write the president of the airline, vent your feelings and request something be done about it at the corporate level. Since Americans are growing taller and bigger with each passing decade, something must be done to accommodate reality. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You and your readers might like to know that airplane seats are uncomfortable because they were designed when fewer people traveled and air travel was more of a luxury. The basic airframe hasn't changed since the 707. Engineers say that the airlines are unwilling to pay for design changes necessary to produce the comfort customers want. If Boeing doesn't do it, maybe Airbus will, which will be to their gain!

STEPHEN L. RENNACKER,
BERKELEY, CALIF.

DEAR STEPHEN: Clearly, this is a problem that will not be resolved without cooperation from the airline industry. If anyone from the airlines would like to reassure the millions of people who fly every year and who read this column — I'm sure it would clear the air.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 pm.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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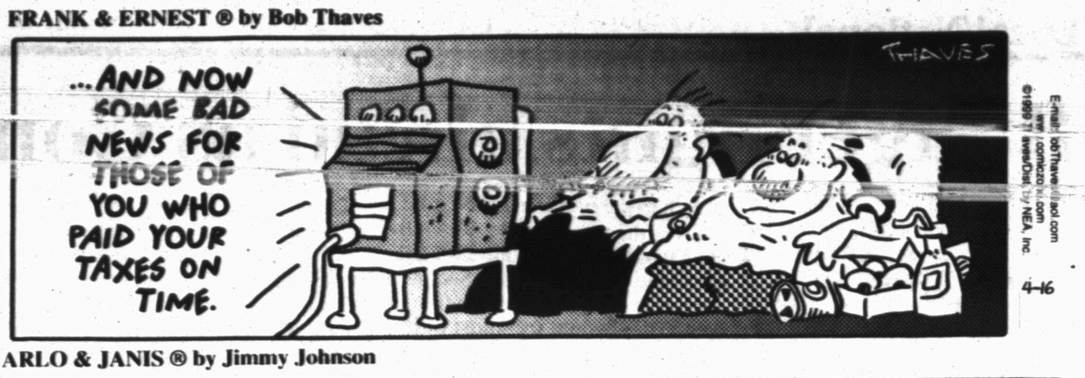

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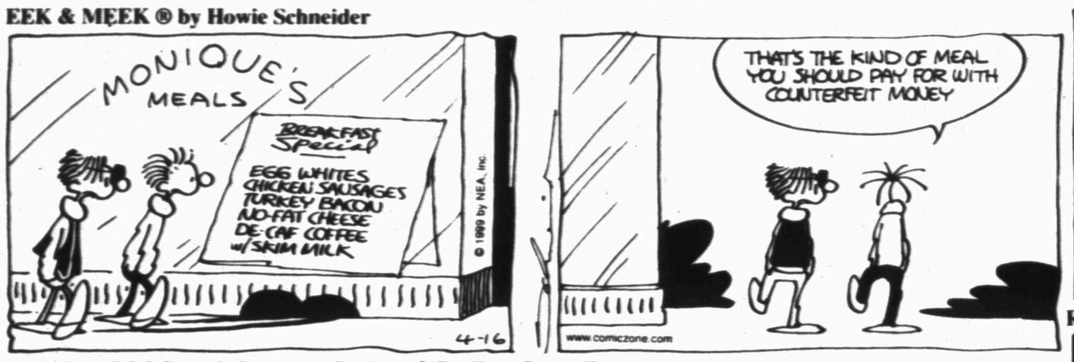

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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24 "Let it stand"
25 Actress Cannon
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34 Tony Blair, for one
37 Popular Christmas gift
40 Hints
41 "Ready or — . . ."
43 Circular tent
45 CIA forerunner
46 African antelope
47 Sticky stuff
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4 Assist
5 Map abbr.
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7 Acme
8 Medieval poem
9 French ordinal ending
10 Erode
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19 Greek island
22 "Praying" insect
24 In a quiet manner
26 Soviet refusal
28 Watercolor alternatives
30 Grow in length
34 George and Barbara
35 Vacation spot
36 Prefix for stick or sense
38 Playwright O'Neill
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42 Bunches
44 Hot brandy drink
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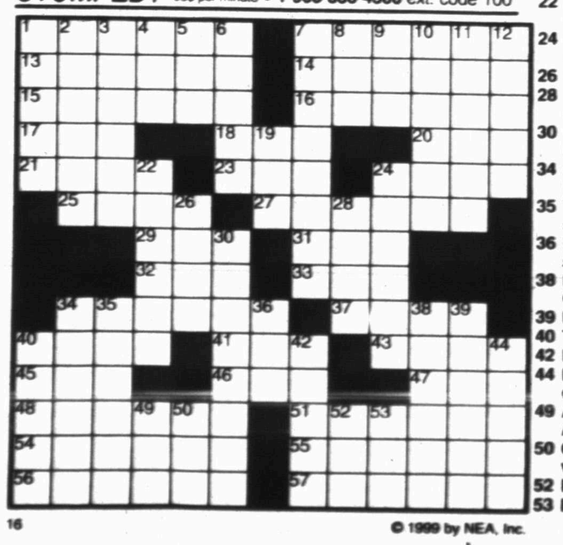

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A Little Bit Of HUMOR

Jason: What do you get when King Kong walks through your vegetable garden?
David: Squash.

Brian: What planet can we see best without a telescope?
Andrew: The planet Earth.

Brad: What subject is the hardest?
Adam: Geology, the study of rocks!

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SKY Words

Alfie is trying to make a list of "sky" words. He already knows "sky dive" and "skywriting" are words that begin with the letters **S**, **K** and **Y**. These words are also compound words (two words put together to make one word). Help Alfie complete the list of compound words by adding new words to the one already listed for you.

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Possible answers: skydiver, skyphone, sky-high, skyrock, skylight, skyline, skypocket, skyward, skywalk, skyway, skyscraper.

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Lett faces possible lifetime suspension

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle Leon Lett has failed an NFL drug test for the third time and could be facing a lifetime suspension, a league source told The Associated Press today.

The eight-year veteran has been enrolled in the NFL's substance-abuse program since 1995. His two previous suspensions have cost him 20 regular-season games between 1995-97.

Lett's agent, Jim Steiner, said he would not comment on his client's status because it is a confidential matter between Lett and the NFL. He added that nobody else should be talking about it, either.

"I don't know where anybody gets their information," he said. "I don't know where it stems from, why it's surfaced as it has. ... Leon is in the substance abuse program. That's no secret. That's all I can say."

Steiner said Lett is upset by the reports.

"It's not a pleasant thing to have your name being bantered about," Steiner said. "When you're involved in something like this and he's paid the price, you're embarrassed and you're embarrassed not only for yourself but for your teammates, the fans, the club, (team owner) Jerry Jones — the whole ball of wax. It's not easy to deal with."

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram and The New York Times also cited sources in reporting the possible violation in today's editions. It remains unclear which drug was detected by the test.

The Times reported that NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue is reviewing an appeal filed by Lett, possibly challenging the validity of the test collection and processing arrangements. Tagliabue denied an appeal the last time he suspended Lett.

League sources confirmed that is the case.

Steiner, however, said: "There is no appeal going on."

Lett was suspended by the league for four games in 1995, then was caught again in 1996. He missed the last three games of that season and the first 13 games of 1997.

Jones told The Dallas Morning News: "The entire program is based on confidentiality. We're not in a position to make any comment nor would we want to. No one from The New York Times has called and asked me or anyone in the organization questions about this."

Lett's Dallas area telephone number is unpublished and he could not immediately be reached for comment.

"We thought Leon was straightening out his life," the Cowboys official who declined to be identified told The Times, adding that his emotions concerning Lett ranged from "sadness to anger."

"This is terrible news," he said.

If Lett's appeal is denied, the Cowboys would be forced to look for a defensive tackle, possibly through the NFL draft which starts Saturday.

Browns lean toward Couch

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

As the Browns make their final preparations for the NFL draft, the two most important players for the team to evaluate might be Tom Condon and Leigh Steinberg.

Condon, who represents Tim Couch, and Steinberg, Akili Smith's agent, were both contacted this week by the Browns, who have made it known their two clients are among three players — along with Ricky Williams — Cleveland is considering taking with the No. 1 pick in Saturday's draft.

And as months of speculation, rumors and analysis are reduced to hours, the Browns continue to insist they haven't decided what they'll do.

Couch is apparently the frontrunner to go to Cleveland, with Smith now likely to be selected by either Philadelphia with the No. 2 pick or Cincinnati at No. 3 if the Eagles go for another quarterback, Donovan McNabb.

While appearing on "The Late Show with David Letterman" on Thursday night, Couch said he didn't know where he might wind up.

"I don't know. I wish I knew," he said.

Couch isn't alone. It seems everyone thinks they know who the Browns are going to take.

Reports have them taking Couch with the first selection as long as a contract can be worked out with Condon of Cleveland-based IMG before Saturday. But the Browns maintain they haven't anointed the Kentucky quarterback the chosen one yet, and that it's still a three-man race for No. 1.

"We are actually in continuing negotiations with agents for all three of the picks under consideration," Browns team spokesman Alex Martins said Thursday. "The organization has not made a final determination as of this point as to which player we will select on Saturday.

"The negotiating process will continue over the course of the next few days, and we don't anticipate making a decision on the pick until Saturday morning."

That's the same thing the Browns said last month and again last week. So either they're still unsure of who to take or they're playing a mean game of poker, savoring every moment of holding an unbeatable hand.

Whomever the Browns take first will be a rich man. Condon is reportedly seeking a seven-year, $44 million deal, plus a $12 million signing bonus. Last year, the Indianapolis Colts gave the top pick, quarterback Peyton Manning, a six-year, $48 million package.

As the Browns' No. 1 derby comes down to the wire, it appears to have become a two-man duel between Couch and Smith. Williams has apparently dropped from consideration and will probably be taken by Indianapolis with the No. 4 pick after the Colts traded running back Marshall Faulk to St. Louis on Thursday.

Martins Mill tops Snyder all-stars, 29-23

BEAUMONT — Snyder's Junior All-stars came out firing. But after that, it was all Martins Mill.

Martins Mill outscored Snyder, 24-15, over the final three quarters Thursday night to take a 29-23 first-round victory at the Little Dribblers National Tournament.

Snyder took a 8-5 into the second period, before Martins Mill knotted the tally at 14-14 by halftime.

Snyder was led by Jamie Arnold, Corbin Clements, Lance Day and Pedro Villa who dropped in four points apiece. Brent Bollinger added three points, while Brooks Gafford and Charone Hill netted two each.

Snyder was to have played this morning in a second-round contest.

Rangers nip Mariners in 10th

SEATTLE (AP) — The No. 1 starters of the Seattle Mariners and Texas Rangers — Jeff Fassero and Rick Helling — finally put together worthy performances. But neither came away with a victory.

Helling entered Thursday night's game without a win, and with an ERA of 14.85. Fassero wasn't much better, posting a 10.80 ERA.

The starters played well for eight innings but the outcome was left to the bullpens.

In the end, the Rangers came up with a Luis Alicea RBI double in the 10th to beat the Mariners 4-3.

The Rangers' victory completed their first series sweep of the Mariners in the Kingdome in eight years.

Tim Crabtree (1-0) pitched a perfect ninth to claim the victory, and John Wetteland closed the door in the 10th with his fourth save of the season.

"My breaking ball was better today," Helling said. "I think the hitters knew it was a pitch that I could throw in there. At least they could respect it today."

Helling allowed five hits and three runs with four strikeouts and no walks. After allowing the Mariners to tie the score at 3-3 with a RBI double by Butch Huskey in the fourth inning, Helling and the Rangers relievers mowed down 20 consecutive Mariners.

"We're capable of doing what Rick and Crabby and John did today," said Rangers manager Johnny Oates, adding, "It would have been tough to get the sweep if Rick didn't pitch well today."

Helling recalled one big mistake. With a 3-0 lead in the third inning, he threw a change-up to David Bell. The Mariners' second baseman deposited the ball 374 feet into the left field seats for his third homer of the season. The homer cut the Rangers' lead to 3-2.

"I wish I had a photographic memory because I would have remembered that I threw the same pitch to him last year, and he did the exact same thing," Helling said.

Sports Briefs

Lakers waive Rodman

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Having finally had enough of Dennis Rodman and his bizarre behavior, the Los Angeles Lakers waived the eccentric forward.

Rodman showed up late again for the team's morning practice and was slow getting ready because he couldn't find his socks and shoes. Lakers coach Kurt Rambis told him to go home and said the team was through with giving him special treatment. Rodman averaged 2.1 points, 11.2 rebounds and 28.6 minutes in 23 games.

Avery, Brand leave Duke

DURHAM (AP) — Against the wishes of coach Mike Krzyzewski, Duke guard William Avery joined teammate Elton Brand in leaving school two years early to enter the NBA draft.

Avery told Krzyzewski of his decision late Wednesday night, hours after Brand held his news conference to announce his decision to turn pro. Krzyzewski had indicated during Brand's news conference that he expected Avery to stay with the Blue Devils.

Rams get Marshall Faulk

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Rams got three-time Pro Bowl running back Marshall Faulk from Indianapolis in exchange for a second- and fifth-round. The Rams got him cheap because the Colts wanted to clear the decks for Ricky Williams.

Indianapolis is expected to take Williams, the Heisman Trophy winner, with the fourth selection, or trade up to make certain they get him. Faulk, 26, the best all-purpose back in the league, rushed for 1,319 yards, caught 86 passes and scored 10 touchdowns last year.

Basketball tryouts

Tryouts for a girls AAU traveling squad will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Western Texas College.

Players must be 13-14 years old and must not turn 15 before Sept. 1.

For more information, call 573-7985 (weekdays) or 573-7970 (weekend).

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 verified by Saturday. 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 Saturday and a pro-am event on Monday.

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.

Men's softball tourney

Snyder's Spring Slam men's softball tournament will be held April 24-25 at Winston Field. Entry fee is $100, with team trophies and T-shirts awarded to the top three finishers.

For more information, contact Chris Maxfield at 573-6862 (day) or 573-4332 (night).

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Orlando	28	11	.718	-
Miami	25	12	.676	2
NewYork	21	18	.538	7
Philadelphia	20	18	.526	7½
Washington	15	23	.395	12½
Boston	14	24	.368	13½
NewJersey	10	28	.263	17½
Central Division				
Indiana	26	13	.667	-
Milwaukee	22	16	.579	3½
Atlanta	23	17	.575	3½
Detroit	22	17	.564	4
Cleveland	20	18	.526	5½
Toronto	18	19	.486	7
Charlotte	17	20	.459	8
Chicago	10	29	.256	16

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Dallas	13	25	.342	17
Denver	12	28	.300	19
Vancouver	7	32	.179	23½
Pacific Division				
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L.A.Lakers	25	15	.625	5
Seattle	19	19	.500	10
Phoenix	19	20	.487	10½
GoldenState	17	21	.447	12
Sacramento	17	22	.436	12½
L.A.Clippers	6	32	.158	23

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Thursday's Games

Houston 86, Portland 76
Dallas 101, Minnesota 95
Seattle 99, Sacramento 98, OT
Golden State 85, Denver 79
Utah 103, L.A. Clippers 89

Friday's Games

Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Miami at Boston, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Charlotte at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 6 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 3 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 3 p.m.
Golden State at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8 p.m.
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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	7	2	.778	-
Boston	6	2	.750	½
Toronto	6	4	.600	1½
TampaBay	4	6	.400	3½
Baltimore	3	6	.333	4
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	7	1	.875	-
Minnesota	4	5	.444	3½
Chicago	3	5	.375	4
KansasCity	3	5	.375	4
Detroit	2	7	.222	5½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	6	4	.600	-
Anaheim	5	5	.500	1
Oakland	4	6	.400	2
Seattle	4	6	.400	2

Thursday's Games

Anaheim 12, Oakland 1
Kansas City at Cleveland, ppd., rain
Chicago 4, Boston 0
Texas 4, Seattle 3, 10 innings
Minnesota 8, Detroit 6
Toronto 11, Tampa Bay 1
Baltimore 9, New York 7

Friday's Games

Tampa Bay (Rekar 0-0) at Boston (Wakefield 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 0-1) at Toronto (Hentgen 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 1-1) at Cleveland (Nagy 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
New York (Hernandez 2-0) at Detroit (Thompson 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago (Sirotka 0-1) at Kansas City (Appier 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 1-1) at Anaheim (Belcher 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (Sele 2-0) at Oakland (Candiotti 0-2), 10:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay (Sanders 1-1) at Boston (Portugal 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 0-0) at Cleveland (Wright 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
New York (Pettitte 0-0) at Detroit (Blair 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago (Navarro 0-1) at Kansas City (Rosado 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Linton 0-0) at Toronto (Wells 2-0), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Clark 0-1) at Oakland (Haynes 0-2), 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Garcia 2-0) at Anaheim (Hill 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Texas at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	7	3	.700	-
Atlanta	6	3	.667	½
Philadelphia	4	5	.444	2½
Montreal	4	6	.400	3
Florida	3	6	.333	3½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St.Louis	5	3	.625	-
Houston	5	4	.556	½
Pittsburgh	4	4	.500	1
Milwaukee	4	5	.444	1½
Chicago	3	5	.375	2
Cincinnati	3	5	.375	2
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	7	3	.700	-
LosAngeles	6	4	.600	1
SanDiego	4	5	.444	2½
Arizona	4	6	.400	3
Colorado	3	5	.375	3

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee 9, Montreal 4
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain
Cincinnati at Chicago, ppd., rain
San Francisco 5, Houston 2
Colorado 6, San Diego 4
Atlanta at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
Florida 11, New York 4
Los Angeles 8, Arizona 1

Friday's Games

Chicago (Sanders 0-1) at Milwaukee (Pulsipher 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Florida (Springer 0-1) at Philadelphia (Schilling 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 2-0) at Cincinnati (Tomko 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 1-0) at New York (Leiter 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Oliver 0-1) at Houston (Reynolds 2-0), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 0-2) at Colorado (Thomson 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 0-1) at Arizona (Stottlemyre 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 1-0) at San Diego (Ashby 1-1), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh (Peters 0-0) at Cincinnati (Bere 1-0), 1:15 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 0-2) at New York (Jones 2-0), 1:40 p.m.
Chicago (Traschel 0-2) at Milwaukee (Roque 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 1-0) at Colorado (Kile 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 0-0) at Arizona (Benes 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (L.Hernandez 0-2) at Philadelphia (Ogea 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Jimenez 0-0) at Houston (Holt 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 0-1) at San Diego (Hitchcock 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Montreal at New York, 1:40 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Houston, 2:35 p.m.
Atlanta at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.

Sports Week

TODAY

Track: Snyder boys and girls at district meet, Big Spring.

Baseball: Ira Bulldogs host Rotan, 5 p.m.

Snyder JV at Odessa High, 4:30.

Snyder freshmen host Abilene High, 5 p.m.

Tennis: Snyder boys and girls at Midland.

SATURDAY

Baseball: Snyder Tigers at Ft. Stockton, 1 p.m.

Tennis: Snyder boys and girls at Midland.

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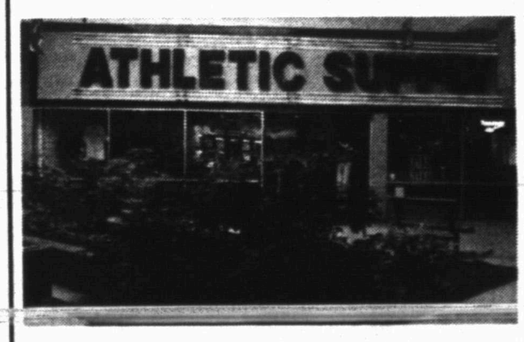

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American Airlines' union fined more than net worth

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines' pilots union will appeal a $45 million fine for not halting an illegal sickout that led to the cancellation of more than 6,700 flights.

The Allied Pilots Association was fined more than its assets of $38 million on Thursday for ignoring a federal judge's order to tell pilots to return to their cockpits during a February job action.

American said it lost revenues of about $50 million during the 10-day sickout, which stranded hundreds of thousands of travelers.

"We strongly disagree with the court's decision to transfer any of APA's funds to management, much less the huge fine announced today," said Rich LaVoy, president of the union. "As for our immediate next steps, APA will pursue all of its legal options to protect the union and its membership."

LaVoy and union vice president Brian Mayhew also were held in contempt by U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall. They had placed $15,000 with the court, along with the union's $10 million bond.

Kendall scheduled a hearing Monday to determine how the fine will be divided between the three parties. He also ordered the union to place a second $10 million with the court.

American Airlines said it took no "particular pleasure" in the verdict.

"They're victims of this as are we," said airline spokeswoman Andrea Rader. "We went to court to get the sickout to stop. We want to close this chapter and get on with labor peace."

Ms. Rader said the airline had no comment on how American's parent company, AMR Corp., will use the money.

Although labor relations have been strained for some time between the pilots and management, resentment grew early this year over the way American was integrating its purchase of Reno Air, a small low-cost carrier purchased in December.

The union contends that the company has ignored the contract, paying pilots less than required by the contract, so the sickout was legal. About 2,500 pilots called in to take themselves off the flying list.

Kendall expressed sympathy for the three-quarters of American pilots who didn't call in sick, saying that imposing the fine makes "me sick to my stomach, because I know what's going to happen is some very fine men and women pilots are going to be hurt badly."

He criticized the union, however, for its tactics.

"The flying public in this instance had zero notice, and that's why it wreaked such havoc."

At least one union member said the ruling was justified.

"I think the judge was right," said Captain Carmen Villani, who flies out of Washington D.C. "I personally was very embarrassed what I experienced in the courtroom over the last two days."

The union has said the abnormally high number of sick calls was a rational response to the stress the labor dispute created for individual pilots. The union noted that safety regulations require pilots to stay home if they consider themselves under too much stress to fly.

Despite all of the court action, American and the union have yet to resolve the assimilation issue involving the purchase of Reno Air. The two sides met last week with a federal mediator in hopes of resolving the disagreement, but no settlement was announced. No further talks are currently scheduled.

"If we were going to go forward, this is not the way to resolve problems," said LaVoy after the hearing. "This doesn't do anything to help the process."

Police: Slain couple knew attackers

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 70-year-old man and his 65-year-old wife who were found slain in their home may have known their attacker, police say.

"This was not a random act," Fort Worth Lt. Mark Krey said Thursday. "We have no idea who the suspect is at this time, but the evidence indicates they knew their attackers."

John Mitchell and his wife, Mary, were discovered about Tuesday evening by their daughter. The couple had been bludgeoned and stabbed to death, authorities said.

Initially, police indicated that the burglar bars on the back kitchen door had been pried away and that burglary appeared to be the motive. But investigators now suspect the murders were drug-related since a large quantity of marijuana and drug paraphernalia were found inside the house.

"There was no forced entry into the house," Krey said. "The doors, front and back, were unlocked."

Neighbors remembered the Mitchells, who had owned and operated a bar in Fort Worth, as a couple who sat on their front porch every morning and evening watching the neighborhood.

A neighbor, who wished to remain anonymous, said he was not surprised when he heard of the couple's murders.

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Hermleigh man gets probation

A 56-year-old Hermleigh man was sentenced to 10 years probation Thursday in 132nd District Court after entering a guilty plea for sexual assault on a minor, a second degree felony.

Jerry Etheredge of 658 CR 1121 was also fined $500, assessed court costs of $131.50 and ordered to pay $125,000 to the victim.

He will also have to serve 160 hours of community service.

Etheredge was indicted for the offense on Oct. 6, 1997. The assault occurred in July, 1997.

Activity is light for peace officers

Activity was light Thursday for local law enforcement as only one arrest was made and one offense report filed in the past 24 hours.

At 2:31 a.m. today, officers took a 44-year-old male into custody on an outstanding Baylor County warrant for theft by check and outstanding Scurry County warrants for six counts of issuance of a bad check.

Cassie Drain requested an officer at the Western Texas College dorm at 7:03 p.m. Thursday in reference to stolen money. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Officers filed a hit and run accident report at 1:03 p.m. in the Wal-Mart parking lot in reference to someone hitting a 1998 Ford owned by Carrol Perez and leaving the scene.

Other activity Thursday included officers assisting motorists who had locked their keys in their vehicles and responding to reports of reckless drivers.

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NEW YORK (AP)

High	Low	Last		
AMR Corp s		69⅝	66¼	68¼+ 2
AT&T Corp s		57	55½	56½+ ⅜
AirTouch	95 13-16	94¾	94¾	—2 13-16
Albertsons		51¾	50⅝	50 13-16—13-16
AlldSignal		57 15-16	56 9-16	56⅝+ ⅜
Alltel		70⅝	69 11-16	70⅛—1 1-16
AmOnline s		148¼	141½	147 + 3¼
AmStores		31½	30⅞	30 15-16— 9-16
Ameritech		63 3-16	62 9-16	63 + ⅜
AndarkPtr s		39 15-16	38 3-16	39½+1 7-16
Armcolnc		5¼	5 1-16	5 3-16+ ⅛
AtlRichfld		83 5-16	82 7-16	82½+ 2⅜
ATMOS Egy		26	25¾	25¾— 5-16
Avialt		15¼	15	15 1-16+ 1-16
BP Amoco		109¾	108¼	108 3-16+3 3-16
BakerHughes		25¾	25¼	25¼+ ⅞
BankAmerica		71 15-16	70⅝	70 13-16— 1⅛
BellAtl s		57 11-16	56 15-16	57 7-16+ ⅜
BellSouth s		41¾	40 11-16	41½— ⅛
BethSteel		9 15-16	9¼	9 13-16+ ⅜
BurlNoSFe s		36¾	36¼	36 7-16+ ⅜
CBS Corp		43⅛	42 7-16	42 13-16— 5-16
Caterpillar		61¼	59 15-16	60 15-16— ⅞
CenSoWst		23¾	23 7-16	23 11-16+ ⅜
Chevron		98¼	96½	97⅝+ 1⅛
Citigroup		70 13-16	68 13-16	69⅝—1 3-16
Coastal s		36	35 7-16	35 7-16— ½
CocaCola		64 7-16	63½	64⅜+ ⅛
ColgatePalm		92 15-16	91¼	92⅝+1 5-16
ComclMetals				24 23⅝ 24
Cooperin		51½	50¾	50 13-16— 1-16
CyprusAmax		14½	13½	13⅝— ⅛
DaimlrChry n		97 3-16	96 1-16	96 13-16+1 1-16
DallSemicn		45¾	44⅛	45 5-16+ ¼
DeltaAirl s		69 3-16	66¼	67 7-16— 9-16
Dillards Inc		27	26½	26⅝— 1-16
DowChem		116¾	113	115⅞+1 7-16
DuPont		68¼	67 3-16	68⅜+ 5-16
EastmanChem		48⅝	47 15-16	48⅜— ⅛
EstKodak		71½	70 1-16	71 +4 7-16
EDS Corp		51 1-16	50⅝	50½— 1-16
Entergy		30 9-16	30 5-16	30 7-16— 1-16
Exxon		78⅛	77 5-16	78 + 7-16
Flowers		22⅝	22⅛	22 5-16+ ¼
FordMotor		64¼	63	64 +1 3-16
GTE Cp		66¼	64¼	65⅞+ 7-16
GenDynam		69⅞	68⅜	69⅜— ⅞
GenElec		112 3-16	110 5-16	110⅜— 1⅞
GenMills		79⅝	78⅜	79 7-16+1 3-16
GenMotors		87 3-16	85 9-16	87 1-16+ ½
GaPacGP		92¼	90 7-16	91⅜— ¼
GlobalMar		12 3-16	11⅛	12 3-16+ ⅜
Goodrich		39	38 3-16	38 7-16+ ¼
Goodyear s		57½	55 15-16	56 9-16— 3-16
GtAtlPac		31	30¼	30½— 9-16
Halliburta		40	38 7-16	39⅞+2 3-16
Hanson ADS		49¼	48 1-16	49 1-16+ 3½
HarteHanks		24¼	24⅛	24⅜+ 1-16
HomeDepot		64	62⅛	62⅝— ¼
IBM		177⅛	172¼	173¾— 4⅝
IntlPaper		55¾	54¾	55 9-16+ 3-16
JohnsonJn		93 3-16	92	93 3-16+ 1
K mart		16⅛	15¾	16 1-16+ 1-16
Kroger Co		57 9-16	56¼	56¼—1 3-16
Litton		66¾	61⅞	66 + 4¾
LockheedM s		44	42½	43 15-16+ 2
Lowes Cos s		58 13-16	58 5-16	58 7-16— ⅛
Lubys		17½	17 5-16	17⅜+ 3-16
LucentTech s		58 3-16	56¾	57 5-16—11-16
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Mobil		98 13-16	97⅞	98 9-16+ 1⅛
Monsanto		43 11-16	43	43 — 1-16
MorganJP		134 11-16	132 3-16	132 5-16— 3-16
Motorola		80 15-16	79⅝	80 13-16+ ⅜
NCR Corp		53⅝	52 7-16	53⅛+13-16
Navistar		43¾	42¾	42 13-16— ⅛
Penney JC		43	41 15-16	42 1-16— ¼
PennzEnrgy s		11⅝	11⅛	11 7-16+ ⅜
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Star, multiple planets in orbit found

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In an astronomical first, researchers have discovered three large planets spinning around a star 44 light-years from Earth — the first clear evidence that our solar system is not unique.

The discovery involving the star Upsilon Andromedae indicates that many of the galaxy's 200 billion stars are likely to have planets, researcher Debra Fischer of San Francisco State University said Thursday.

"It implies that planets can form more easily than we ever imagined, and that our Milky Way is teeming with planetary systems," Fischer said.

Researchers have already found planets outside the Earth's solar system, but they were single bodies surrounding a star. This is the first time multiple planets around a star have been found.

The innermost of the three planets, spotted in 1996, has at least 75 percent of the mass of Jupiter and is very close to its sun, orbiting once every 4.6 days. Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system, 318 times the size of Earth.

The other two planets are huge.

The middle planet is twice Jupiter's mass and orbits the star every 242 days from a location about as far as Venus from the sun. The outer planet has the mass of four Jupiters and orbits its star every 3½ to 4 years. It is more than twice as far from its star as Earth is from the sun.

Earthlike planets are unlikely to be found in such systems, the scientists said, because the forces generated by huge Jupiterlike planets — moving in elliptical rather than circular orbits — would kick smaller planets out into oblivion.

"Now we have a multiple system, maybe a Rosetta stone to help us understand a lot of these weird planets we're finding," said R. Paul Butler by telephone from the Anglo-Australian Observatory in Epping, Australia.

The Rosetta stone is an ancient inscription in three languages that allowed scientists to decipher Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Upsilon Andromedae is easily visible with the naked eye, though it is currently behind the sun and will not be seen until June.

The planets were discovered using a method that measures their gravitational pull on their star, not by direct observation. Planets' gravity tugs on stars, causing them to wobble slightly. By examining the star's ultraviolet light transmissions, astronomers can calculate back-and-forth shifts in the ultraviolet wavelengths. A larger wobble indicates the orbiting plane is large.

"I am mystified at how such a system of Jupiterlike planets might have been created," said Geoffrey Marcy, professor of physics and astronomy at San Francisco State. "This will shake up the theory of planet formation."

Alex Wolszczan, an astronomy professor at Penn State University, called the discovery an important step toward understanding the cosmos.

"What I get right away from this particular discovery is that it emphasizes even more how different those systems are from our own," he said.

Violations found at meat plant

DETROIT (AP) — Federal inspectors uncovered unclean practices and faulty procedures at a meat processor in the months leading to a massive recall over a deadly listeria outbreak, the Detroit Free Press reported today.

The concerns about Bil Mar Foods Inc., including inaccurate documents and meat tainted with fecal matter, are outlined in U.S. Department of Agriculture records the newspaper obtained Thursday under the federal Freedom of Information Act.

The Zeeland plant, owned by Chicago-based Sara Lee Corp., is under investigation by a federal grand jury and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Grand Rapids.

The plant on Dec. 22 recalled 15 million pounds of hot dogs and lunch meats sold under a variety of names — the largest meat recall ever — because of suspected contamination with a rare strain of the bacteria Listeria monocytogenes.

The outbreak has been linked to 15 deaths and six miscarriages or stillbirths.

Sara Lee spokeswoman Theresa Herlevsen told the Free Press that the Zeeland plant had an inspection history that was typical.

"This is not a dirty plant," said. "We have a lot of confidence in this facility."

Motive eludes cops in fatal rampage at Mormon library

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Sergei Babarin had run-ins with neighbors and packed a pistol during a fight at a department store four years ago. But police don't know why the 71-year-old Russian immigrant chose the Mormon Family History Library for a deadly rampage.

A church security officer and a library patron were killed before Babarin was shot by police Thursday, dying later in an ambulance. Four other people were wounded as Babarin calmly and methodically roamed through the building, even stopping once to reload.

"He didn't say anything. He just came in and started shooting people," said Margaret Kane, who huddled under a desk in the first-floor research area.

"He just looked intent on what he was doing. He came to do what he was doing," she said. "He didn't call out, no names or anything. He just kept his hand held out pointing at people."

Mayor Deedee Corradini said later that Babarin was schizophrenic.

Babarin's wife told investigators he had not been taking his medication for schizophrenia and each day would walk a dozen or so blocks from their home to the State Capitol and to Temple Square, police Chief Ruben Ortega said.

Ortega said Babarin was arrested after a 1995 fight at a department store in downtown Salt Lake City. He had been carrying a .22-caliber semiautomatic pistol and was charged with assault and carrying a concealed weapon.

Police Lt. Mark Zelig said Babarin had a reputation for harassing people in his apartment building or who passed his window.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Never had that sinking feeling

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: All my life I have been able to float in water without sinking. I can do it horizontally and vertically. None of my friends or children can do this. I'm always the object of humor, but I really enjoy not sinking. Why can I do it?

DEAR READER: You are obviously a buoyant person in many ways. Your ability to float is due to the amount of lighter-than-water tissues in your body. For example, fat people can usually float with ease, whereas thin individuals ordinarily have trouble staying afloat. In addition, some normal-weight people are occasionally extremely buoyant. The reason for this is not known.

Continue to enjoy your talent as you effortlessly paddle around those of us who sink like stones — and don't stop buoying up your family with your sense of humor and enjoyment of the water.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you stated that coconut oil contains cholesterol and should not be consumed by patients on low-cholesterol diets. This is incorrect. Being a plant product, coconut contains no cholesterol whatsoever; it is, however, rich in saturated fat, so should be avoided by people who have to watch their fat intake.

DEAR READER: I did not state that coconut oil contains cholesterol; re-read the column. Because of its high-fat content, coconut oil (and other tropical oils, such as palm oil) is a no-no for people on low-fat diets. Although cholesterol-free, tropical oils can increase serum cholesterol levels in susceptible individuals, who must learn to read labels carefully because tropical oils are added to a variety of processed foods — notably dry breakfast cereals — to enhance flavor.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am only 21, but my hair is already thinning on top. My maternal uncle and grandfather were prematurely bald. Would minoxidil help prevent baldness?

DEAR READER: You are probably the recipient of some unwanted genes for hereditary baldness. You certainly might be helped by applying minoxidil, which has been shown to promote hair-growth in certain men. It is not universally effective, however. Get a dermatologist's advice and approval before using the prescription medicine.

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Pays $3.77 million in taxes...

Gov. Bush raises $7.6 million

AUSTIN (AP) — Talk about a tax bill.

On Thursday, the deadline for filing federal income tax returns, Gov. George W. Bush and his wife, Laura, reported paying $3.77 million to the IRS.

The Bushes previously had paid $97,252, and on Thursday sent in a check for $3,675,000 more.

"I wrote a check that is the biggest check I could conceivably (write)," Bush said. "I never dreamt I'd write a check that big. Of course, I never dreamt I'd make that much money, either."

The bulk of Bush's 1998 income came from the sale of the Texas Rangers baseball team, of which he'd been managing partner before his 1994 election as governor.

Bush, who bought into the Rangers for just more than $600,000, received about $14.9 million when the club was sold last summer.

Bush had been part of a group that spent $86 million to buy 84 percent of the Rangers in 1989. The partnership eventually merged with a group that held the other 16 percent, and it all was sold to Dallas financier Tom Hicks for $250 million in June.

Bush's taxable income also included $88,008 from his state salary. As with other state employees, part of Bush's salary is withheld for retirement and not taxable in the current year. The governor's salary last year was $99,121, his office said.

The Bushes also reported giving $334,425 to churches and charitable organizations during 1998.

The blind trust that manages Bush's assets has applied for an extension of time to file the governor's 1998 tax returns. It is still waiting for tax information from some entities in the trust, spokeswoman Karen Hughes said.

Bush's presidential exploratory committee raised $7.6 million in 28 days, and the Republican said that shows "real, solid support" for a White House race.

In documents filed with the Federal Election Commission, Bush also reported spending $854,000, leaving his committee with $6.75 million in the bank.

"I said I want to make sure the fund raising is real before I commit," said Bush, who has yet to formally declare his candidacy.

"I wanted to make sure that behind the polls there was some solid support. It appears there is. ... We have a very strong financial organization in place."

The FEC report shows Bush raising money at a pace of just over $271,000 a day.

Texas led all states with 11,970 donors giving just over $4 million, or 54 percent of Bush's total.

California was second, with 1,464 donors giving $457,000. Michigan, where Gov. John Engler has been a vigorous Bush supporter, accounted for 648 donors and $402,000. Florida,

GOP presidential nomination...

Gilmore endorses Bush

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore, a tax-cutting conservative, today joined the parade of GOP chief executives who have endorsed Texas Gov. George W. Bush for the Republican presidential nomination.

Gilmore — flanked at a news conference by two dozen Republican leaders from around the state — said Bush has abolished parole, cut crime, reduced welfare rolls and improved Texas' educational system during his term as governor.

"Governor Bush is everything that the American people expect from their president and I think more than that," Gilmore said. "With his record of inclusion and bringing people together, I think he'll appeal to people from all across the country."

In a remarkable show of early strength, Bush has lined up support of a majority of the nation's 31 GOP governors. Gilmore is the 15th Republican governor to publicly endorse Bush, though the Texan has secured private backing from several other chief executives, according to the Bush campaign.

Gilmore has secured Bush endorsements from Virginia's lieutenant governor, John Hager, 53 of the state's 70 GOP state lawmakers and nine of the state's 11 congressional district chairmen, he said.

Virginia governors have little influence in the nominating process. The state usually selects national convention delegates well after nomination battles have been settled in primaries elsewhere.

Gilmore is well-known nationally among conservatives for his pledge to cut car taxes and his solid anti-abortion record.

Also, Gilmore and the Legislature are considering changing Virginia law to let the state's parties have February primaries. That would make Virginia one of the first big states to select presidential nominees.

Virginia has voted Republican in every presidential election since President Johnson carried the state for Democrats in 1964.

Panel seeks new safety rules for military flights over Italy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Flight safety procedures at Aviano Air Base in Italy were sufficient at the time of a fatal Marine Corps accident last year, but some additional measures are needed to emphasize Italy's authority over U.S. military operations there, a joint U.S.-Italian review panel has concluded.

Defense Secretary William Cohen and Italian Defense Minister Carlo Scognamiglio announced the results of the review at a Pentagon news conference today.

Cohen again apologized for the Feb. 3, 1998, accident in which a Marine EA-6B Prowler jet on a low-level training mission out of Aviano severed a ski gondola cable near Cavalese in the Italian Alps. Twenty people were killed when the gondola plunged to the ground. The plane was flying lower and faster than permitted under Italian safety rules.

"This accident clearly posed difficult challenges to both our countries, but we remain strong partners and very, very good friends," Cohen said.

Scognamiglio said the NATO attack against Kosovo underscores the need for continued training of U.S. forces in Italy.

He said such training has to "be carried out by ensuring safety as a paramount requirement for the civilians and the territory where the training is taking place.

Scognamiglio said he would recommend that Italian Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema endorse the findings of the joint investigation.

D'Alema and President Clinton agreed at a White House meeting March 5 that a review was needed to minimize the chance of more accidents.

American-Italian relations have been strained by the accident and its aftermath. Italy is one of the United States' most important allies. Thousands of U.S. troops are based in Italy. Aviano, in northern Italy, is currently the central staging base for U.S. and NATO planes involved in the war in Yugoslavia.

The month-long joint review of flight safety procedures was headed by Adm. Joseph Prueher, a former commander of the U.S. Sixth Fleet based at Naples, and Italian Air Force Lt. Gen. Leonardo Tricarico. They visited the accident site and several military bases in Italy last month.

The review concluded that flight safety procedures at Aviano were adequate at the time of the accident.

Clinton warns Yugoslavia not to use chemical weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yugoslavia has reportedly stockpiled chemicals that could be used as weapons and President Clinton promised a swift response to any chemical attack.

Yugoslavia has made no threats to use deadly chemical weapons and Pentagon officials said they have no intelligence indicating that Belgrade has any such plans.

Speaking in San Francisco to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Clinton said U.S. intelligence has been closely watching Belgrade's chemical agent supply.

"My response would be swift and overwhelming," Clinton said Thursday. "And we have, obviously, intelligence about the capabilities about the Serbs in a number of areas militarily, just as we do with other countries. But I think they are quite well aware of the dangers of overly escalating this."

A Washington think tank reported that Kosovo rebel forces this week claimed that Serb soldiers had attacked them using stun grenades with a hallucinogenic gas. Kosovo rebels contacted by The Associated Press in neighboring Albania could not affirm that report.

The most recent independent reports considered highly reliable by U.S. intelligence indicate that the Belgrade government of Slobodan Milosevic inherited most of the chemical weapons program from the communist era prior to the breakup of Yugoslavia.

A 1997 report by Human Rights Watch, a group that watches for human rights violations across the world, said there was evidence that Yugoslavia continues to maintain an offensive chemical weapons capability. The group cited research in the United States and Yugoslavia and interviews with people in the Yugoslav chemical weapons program.

"There are strong indications that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has not abandoned its offensive chemical weapons program," Human Rights Watch reported. "The possibility that chemical weapons may be used in the Balkans in the future cannot be discounted, especially in light of the likelihood that the Serb forces will not enjoy the enormous military superiority that characterized most of the Bosnian war."

The stock of agents includes sarin, the blister agent sulfur mustard and the incapacitating agent BZ, the Human Rights Watch report said. It said the stockpile of both agents and weapons "appears to remain active today."

Obituaries

Adel Holdren

1913-1999

Adel Alma Holdren of Snyder died Friday, April 16, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Holdren, 85, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of Snyder's First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Born on April 18, 1913, in Big Spring, she married Delmer Holdren on Dec. 23, 1936 in Scurry County. He died Aug. 4, 1968. Mrs. Holdren was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Survivors include four sisters, Evelene Davis of Midland, Patsy Williams of Austin, and Bea Trevey and Nell Walker, both of Snyder; and one brother, Elton Tamplin of Monahans.

Pearl Spruill

1922-1999

DE LEON — Funeral service was held Wednesday in the St. Joe Baptist Church for Pearl Pauline Spruill, sister of G.E. "Bud" Skaggs of Snyder. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery.

Mrs. Spruill, 76, died Monday, April 12, in Dublin.

A homemaker, Mrs. Spruill had lived in the De Leon area all of her life. She married J.H. Spruill on May 6, 1939 in Rock Bluff. She was a member of St. Joe Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Milton Spruill; four brothers; and two sisters.

Other survivors include her husband, J.H. "Cotton" Spruill of De Leon; two sons, Truett Spruill of Carbon and Lanny Spruill of Rio Vista; one daughter, Vickie Pullin of Brownwood; one sister, Thelma Mae Bingham of Hobbs, N.M., 10 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

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Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club will host the Duncan Classic Tournament Saturday. Entries by sanctioned pitchers will be accepted until 9 a.m. that day. Pitching begins at 10 a.m. Trophies will be awarded to the first three places in each class.

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 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.

SHS National Honor Society

Snyder High School's National Honor Society will hold its annual induction at 3 p.m. Sunday in Worsham Auditorium. Family and friends are invited.

AARP Chapter 2063

The group will meet Monday at noon at the Senior Center. Rhonda Ward will be speaking on the Snyder ISD's Safe Child Program.

Scurry County retired teachers

The Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Walter Bryan, president of district 14, will present the program.

SHS choir boosters

The SHS choir boosters will meet Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the high school choir room to finalize plans for the awards banquet.

VFW Post #8231

The local VFW post will elect officers at 7 p.m. Monday.

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 "How the First Christian Converts Became Christians," followed by "God, I Accept But Don't Understand."

Talent show

The SHS journalism department will host a talent show at 7 p.m. Monday in Worsham Auditorium. Admission is $2 and eight Beanie Babies will be given as door prizes.

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Disease community support group will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Harry Hoyt, registered pharmacist, will present the program, "Medication Storage for Home, Travel."

TCTA reception

A reception for Mrs. Sue Barker, state president of Texas Classroom Teachers Association, will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Snyder Junior High Library. All teachers and interested persons are invited.

Warriors men's conference

A Warrior's for Jesus men's conference will be held at 7 p.m. April 23-24 in the Word Is Life Church, 602 30th St. Paul Baskin of Big Spring will lead the music and the speakers are David Fees of Plano and Keith Miller of Amarillo. For more informatiion or to pre-register, call 573-8401 or 915-573-9812.

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.

Ira school homecoming

Plans are underway for Ira school's Sept. 18 homecoming. The first planning meeting will be April 29 at 6 p.m. in the Ira Community Center. For more information, call Linda Dunn at 573-6997 or Loritta Keller at 573-3825.

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.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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At least 60 homes destroyed by fire

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) — All that was left today of Marilyn Nieves' neighborhood was a few charred refrigerators and water heaters. And all that was left of her bedroom were a few still-smoldering embers and one item — a charred angel figurine from her goddaughter.

"See, look at that. There's nothing," said Nieves, 34, using a plumbing pipe to stir around the ashes. "I don't know whether it's just a, something from God, I don't know. .. I don't understand how it occurred."

As many as 60 homes in this sun-baked eastern Florida community were damaged by the fire Thursday.