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Patterson Energy and Pennzoil officials say...

Despite recent downturn, oil future remains bright

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

While crude oil prices are at their lowest level in nearly 10 years, two companies with perhaps the biggest stake in the local oil economy remain optimistic about the future.

"We don't think we are looking at a 1986-type scenario again," said James Brown, chief financial officer of Patterson Energy.

"In 1986, we were utilitizing only 30 percent of our rigs. Today, we have 70 percent of them in operation.

"As you can see, it's not nearly as bad as '86," Brown said.

Patterson Energy is one of the leading providers of domestic land drilling services in the United States.

"But this is not to say the lower oil prices have not had an effect on us," Brown said.

"During the fourth quarter of 1997, we were operating 89 to 90 percent of our rigs."

Brown said his company expects oil prices to take an upswing in the third and fourth quarters of this year.

One reason Brown is optimistic about oil prices increasing is that Asian countries are drawing down on their inventory.

"Their inventories were full, but not anymore. Sooner or later, they'll have to come to the U.S. to replenish their inventories.

"They'll have to buy oil just like everyone else," Brown said.

Brown also noted that Korea recently sold some of its oil inventory in order to raise cash.

"The Asian countries have to have oil in order to operate their factories. They won't shut them down," Brown said.

Pennzoil, operator of the SACROC unit, is also keeping a close eye on oil prices and it, too, is optimistic about oil prices increasing.

Pennzoil superintendent Pete Hagist said that while crude oil is in an over-supply situation right now, he feels prospects are good for them to go up.

"Oil prices are a definite concern for us," Hagist said. "Getting oil out of the ground using CO2 is very expensive."

Hagist said Pennzoil looks at current prices differently than a drilling company might.

"Our CO2 project is not something that you can turn on or turn off, depending on oil prices.

"It takes a considerable investment just to get a project like ours going. We can't shut everything down and start it up again when prices increase," said Hagist.

"I realize some companies, depending on their role in the oil industry, can delay expenditures until prices are higher."

Hagist said his company's projections for long-term oil prices still look positive and that he believes the big future in oil for West Texas is in enhanced recovery.

Pennzoil currently employs 46 people and contracts with some 100 others.

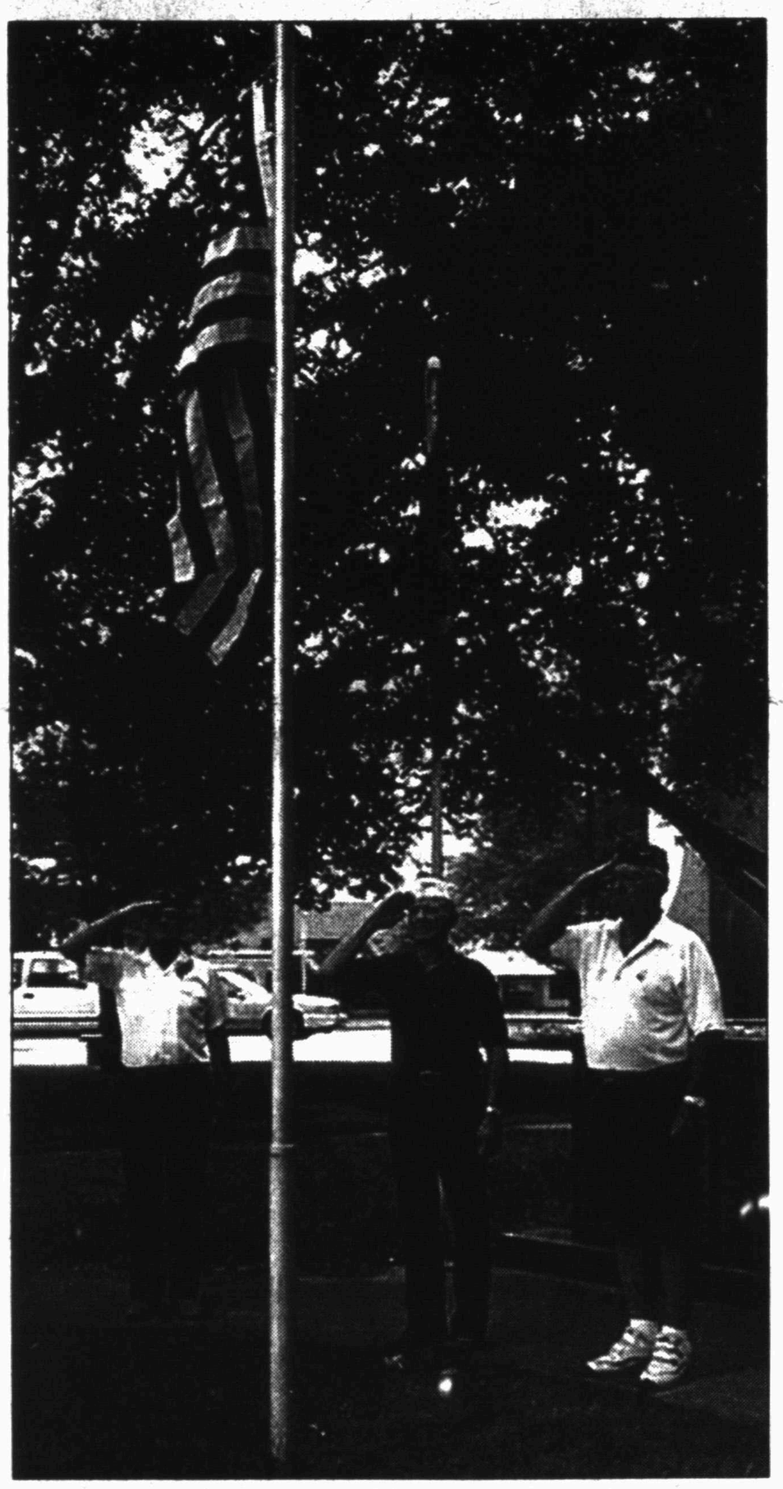
"About a half-million dollars are paid directly in monthly salaries as a result of our project out here," Hagist said.

That figure does not include salaries for other contractors such as chemical companies, or for dirt work, Hagist said.

"While oil prices are low, there's still an awful lot of money flowing into our community."

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FLAG CEREMONY — Bob Sealy, Leonard Keller and Bo Moffett, VFW and American Legion members, raised the American Flag at the courthouse this morning. The flag had flown over the United States Capitol on July 4, 1997. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Special flag flying today in honor of Memorial Day

In a brief ceremony this morning, a special flag was raised at the Scurry County courthouse honoring those who have given their life for their country.

Bob Sealy had been presented the flag by U.S. Senator John W. Warner after it had flown over the United States capital building on July 4, 1997.

Warner presented the flag to Sealy on behalf of shipmates of Sealy who had served with him during the Korean Conflict. He served three tours of combat duty in Korea.

Sealy, his two brothers and two sisters-in-law, have served a combined 109 years of active duty in the armed forces.

Cotton farmers: Time to rain

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

It's no news to area cotton farmers that what they are in desperate need of is rain, and lots of it.

"It's starting to look very dim," Scurry County Extension Agent Greg Gruben said. "It's just too dry for the guys to plant."

Gruben said it would take about two inches of rain before farmers could plant under ideal conditions, and even then it would depend on what type of rain.

"A slow-falling rain is what we need," he said.

Dr. David Kattes, ag professor at Western Texas College, agrees.

"We need a wet spell," Kattes said. "A two-inch rain would be a good start. I think we could plant on a two-inch rain."

Area cotton farmer Sid Wall said he might not be able to wait for that wet spell since insurance requirements are putting added pressure on.

"We have to have cotton planted by June 20 for the insurance to take effect," Wall said.

He added if the rain didn't come soon, planting for him would start without it.

"If we don't have some rain in a week to ten days, we're going to have to start dry-planting. Even though there may be no hope of it coming up, we'll plant and hope for the rain to bring it up."

According to Kattes, time has not run out yet.

"We are right in the ideal planting time. We're not late yet, but we need a rain this week," he said.

Another contributing factor to the obvious urgency for rain is that once it does fall, the rain itself may delay planting.

"If we did get rain, we'd probably have to wait five days to get in the field," Kattes said. "But if we could get going real good by the end of May, I would be happy."

Any later than that would be pushing it, according to Kattes.

"After the end of the first week in June, you get into trouble because you start running out of time. Your cotton doesn't have time to mature."

Cleve Cleveland, district supervisor for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication program, agreed that time is ticking, but is not up for area farmers.

"In a normal growing season, farmers can plant up to June 20 and the cotton will have plenty of time to mature," he said.

Gruben summed it up with what's probably on a lot of people's minds.

"Hopefully it will rain soon," he said. "If we get a good rain and it doesn't blow 97 miles an hour and be 103 for the next three days afterwards, we'll be alright."

Today's rain forecast calls for a 30 percent chance, and the outlook for moisture declines to 20 percent on Tuesday.

Torch ceremony set for Tuesday

A ceremony marking the Special Olympics' "Torch" being carried by local law enforcement personnel is scheduled on the courthouse square at 9 a.m. Tuesday, the day proclaimed by the Scurry County Commissioners Court as "Special Olympics Day".

Several volunteers will be recognized for their service to the organization and those attending the ceremony are urged to wear their "Torch" T-shirts and caps.

Schools jittery over shootings

By The Associated Press

With the shooting rampage in an Oregon high school cafeteria still frighteningly fresh, school officials across the country were on heightened alert for any sign of danger.

Authorities in West Marys, W.Va., canceled graduation ceremonies at St. Marys High School on Sunday after arresting two 18-year-old men who allegedly planned to set off explosives during commencement.

"What if somebody was injured?" State Police Sgt. Clay Hupp said. "This is like what happened in Springfield, Ore., in a small, quiet community. Who's to say it couldn't happen around here?"

Authorities in Springfield said 15-year-old Kip Kinkel shot his parents to death last week, then went to school and opened fire in the cafeteria, killing two students and injuring 22 others. That followed recent school shootings in Pearl, Miss.; Jonesboro, Ark.; West Paducah, Ky.; and Edinboro, Pa.

In Plainville, Conn., an eighth-grader was suspended Friday for the rest of the year after threatening to bring a bomb to graduation.

The 14-year-old boy also threatened other students.

WTC registration to begin Tuesday

A special pre-registration day for Western Texas College summer school classes is set Tuesday with registration hours expanded until 9 p.m.

Classes begin Monday, June 1. Students may register on that day also.

Some 32 academic classes, plus five vocational courses will be offered on the campus of the college this summer.

Students may opt for classes offered over either a six-week, or a nine-week period.

The six-week classes are taught during the day Monday through Thursday, and the nine-week classes are offered at night once a week.

Registration times Tuesday will be from 9 a.m. until noon, and from 1 until 9 p.m. Registration will take place in the Student Center. The campus is closed today in observance of Memorial Day.

Students may enroll for the summer term through June 3.

Six-week classes will end Thursday, July 9, while nine-week classes will end Thursday, July 30.

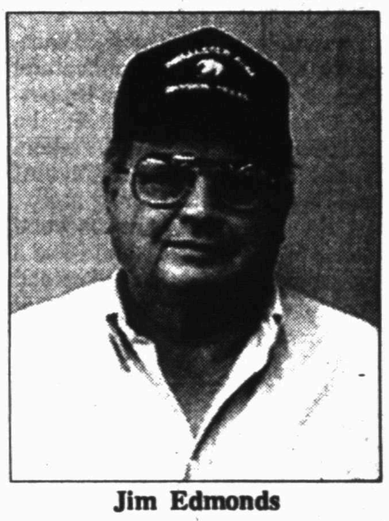
During the day, academic classes are offered in business administration, computer science, government, history, mathematics and psychology.

Vocational day classes are offered in computerized business technology, criminal justice and golf and landscape technology.

The night classes have a wider academic range with courses offered in art, computer science, economics, English, geography, government, health, physical education, history, math, mass communications, psychology and speech.

Also at night, a vocational criminal justice class will be taught.

In addition, college preparatory classes will be available this summer in reading, English and math.



Jim Edmonds

Edmonds to head ginners

Jim Edmonds, manager of the Paymaster Gin in Snyder, was elected president of the Texas Independent Ginners Association recently during their annual meeting in Lubbock.

Edmonds, who has managed the local gin for five years, said of his new role, "I will basically be overseeing the operation of the association that represents all independent gins in Texas."

Edmonds also said his role, along with that of TIGA, will be to promote business for independent ginners throughout Texas.

"We just established the Texas Independent Ginners Marketing Association. It was formulated in February and we got it online last month. This will give farmers a better way to market cotton," he said.

He added that the association strives to provide better service so as to ensure more revenue for a bale of cotton for its producers.

"Basically, we try to show the advantages of cotton producers ginning cotton with an independent gin."

Edmonds was nominated by a committee consisting of a random pick of ginners throughout the state.

"The committee makes recommendations to the membership, then we have an election," he explained.

Edmonds and his wife Linda moved to Snyder from Quanah in 1993. They have two adult children, a daughter, Janna, and a son, Joe, and two grandchildren, Christopher and Leslie.

He has worked for Archer Daniels Midland, the company that owns Paymaster, for 23 years.

Other new officers elected and installed were Jim Bradford of North Gin in Dimmitt, vice-president; and D.V. Cook of Mustang Farmers Gin in Big Spring, secretary.

Tommy Chapman of Westside Gin in Wall will remain on the executive committee along with three new officers including Barry Street, Community Gin in Kress; Dan Taylor, Buster's Gin in Ropesville; and Steve Shaddix, Davis Gin in Hollis, OK.

"These new officers will be able to guide TIGA in the next year as we continue to grow and expand our services to members," outgoing President Tommy Chapman said. "I enjoyed my tenure as President and look forward to continuing to be active in TIGA."

ASK US

Q—Is it true that there are state funds available to pay for part of the bond costs for renovating the Snyder schools.

A—In the past, the state legislature has provided funds for schools which had bond issues approved. That program is being discussed again, but it has not been approved.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 90 degrees; low, 56; high Sunday, 98; low, 67; 7 a.m. Monday, 73; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.10 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, 30% storms chance, possibly severe. Low, upper 60s. Tuesday, partly cloudy; 20% storms chance. High, lower 90s. SE wind 10-20 mph.



Tylor Courtney
Partly cloudy

Sunset:
8:39 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:42 a.m.
Of 144 days in 1998, the sun has shone 142 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

In great attempts it is glorious even to fall.

Vince Lombardi

Central Awards

Sixth six weeks

Central third graders have received the following awards.

SUPER KIDS

Keith Manlief, Brent Burleson, Starla Early, William Greenwood, Nelson Fajardo, Casey Smith, Colton West, Tyler Everett, Tylor Courtney, Ashly Rodriguez, Joey Harvey, Tasha Ball.

United Recognition Award

Stephanie Castaneda, Candace Chandler, Ross Taylor, Willy Bob Greene, Louisa Pena, Katy Crenwelge Andrew Dupree, Matthew Pesina, Roman Munoz, Jodi Ascol, Brian Villarreal, Joel Sollis, Priscilla Guerrero, Chelsea Hackfeld, Ember Proffitt.

Vet fights property owners association over flag pole

CONROE (AP) — A man who was in the U.S. military during World War II and Korea is fighting one last battle for his flag.

Carl Ragsdale, a retired Navy captain who was in the military for 42 years, is battling the Property Owners Association of Bentwater on Lake Conroe over whether he can erect a flag pole in his front yard so that he can display the flag he fought for.

And he's not about to surrender without a fight.

Ragsdale and his wife, Diane, are battling with the Architectural Control Committee of the Property Owners Association at the exclusive subdivision, where homes regularly sell for a half million dollars and up.

"I'm a veteran of the second World War and Korea and I and a lot of other people shed blood under color of this flag," he told the (Conroe) Courier. "We revere it."

Cullum Heard, president of the property owner's association and an employee of the Bentwater developer, said the committee's concern is not with the flag itself.

They object to the pole being installed on a homeowner's lot.

"If you want to fly a flag from a pole on your house, that's no problem." Heard said.

Ragsdale has refused so far to comply with the committee's request that he take down the pole.

Property owners fear that allowing poles in the ground will lead to a cluttered look as well as to legal problems.

"And certainly," Heard said, "the association wants to maintain" the aesthetically pleasing look of the subdivision.

Heard also said the association would have no grounds for prohibiting other flags if the rules are broken for the American flag.

"I'm proud of the flag and I fly it at my own home," Heard said. But he displays the flag from a pole on his house, not one installed in his yard.

"Once you allow one, then anybody can do it regardless of the type of flag."

Mark Markel, an attorney for the association, did not return telephone calls, the newspaper reported.

If flags could be limited only to the American flag, Heard said he personally would have no objection.

"But there are three other committee members." he said.

Charles R. Kaufmann, who represents Ragsdale, said the objection to the poles is "silly."

"There is nothing in the deed restriction that precludes having a fixed pole," he said. "The architectural committee is relying on a provision that requires approval for building plans."

Kaufmann compared the pole installation to putting up a child's swingset.

Berry's World



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"My name is Norman, and I'll be your rude waiter tonight. You got a problem with that?"

S.T.A.R. programs presented

Some learn from experience, others learn from someone else's experience.

Northeast and East students recently received a brief but intense introduction into Snyder Independent School District's S.T.A.R. Program in separate assemblies at their respective schools.

Two students enrolled in the program and two S.T.A.R. officers shared what counselor Debbie Brunson called valuable information about the program and its Boot Camp.

If any fourth or fifth grader thought being in the S.T.A.R. Program was "cool" because you got to wear a uniform, they quickly learned otherwise from Joe Anthony Salinas and Johnny Pena.

One of the purposes of the assemblies was to emphasize that the S.T.A.R. Program is punishment for inappropriate behavior.

The two boys also described what a typical day is like for those in the program.

They emphasized that even though they wear uniforms, the program is punishment for inappropriate behavior, and that any recognition they receive because of it is negative.

The S.T.A.R. Program's Sgt. Gabby Scott and four cadets also demonstrated military-like drills for Northeast students. In addition, Scott, Salinas and Pena also answered questions.

When the two boys spoke at East two weeks earlier, Capt. Pete Barrera accompanied them, helping to explain the S.T.A.R. Program.

At East, Pena and Salinas also used students to demonstrate things such as standing at attention.

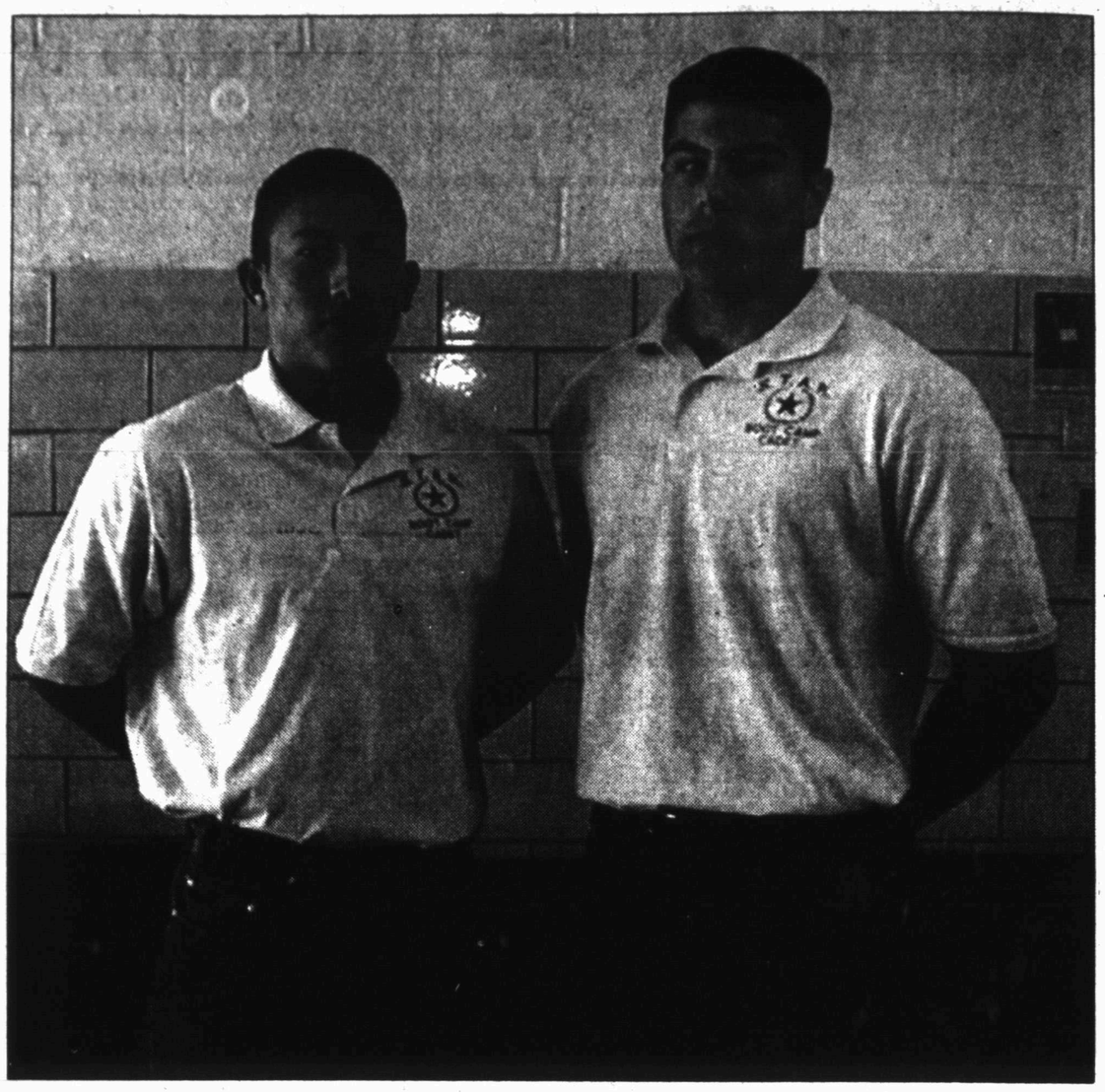
Brunson said the assemblies were an important "prevention tool," adding that she hopes to repeat them sometime during the next school year.

They are part of what she calls "age appropriate" programs for students at the two schools. She also serves as Central's counselor.

She said teachers' reaction since the assemblies has been positive. Brunson noted that the students themselves were also impressed and that they really listened.

Brunson said she met Salinas at the Tiger Gym. They became friends and that he impressed her "as being a responsible and carrying person who really wants to make a difference." He wants to share his message because he does not want any other student to make the same mistakes he did, she added.

Brunson noted that she really appreciated that the S.T.A.R. Program's officers supported what she wants to do as far as prevention goes.



PREVENTION TOOL — Two graduates of the S.T.A.R. Program have been guest speakers at East and Northeast. Johnny Pena, left, and Joe Salinas hope that by sharing their experiences they can prevent others from making the same mistakes they did. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

So-called "Friendly Rapist' will leave prison this week

DALLAS (AP) — Guy Marble, who was dubbed the "Friendly Rapist" in Dallas in the 1970s because of his habit of chatting with his victims, becomes a free man again this week.

The 51-year-old former Dallas advertising executive by day and sexual predator by night will be handed $100 walking money and an unconditional release from prison on Tuesday. He says he's a new man and that no one has anything to fear from him.

"I'm just an old man with a bad back who is looking for a few years of peace and contentment," he responded to written questions by The Dallas Morning News.

"I stopped being a threat to anyone a long, long time ago," Marble wrote from a pre-release center in Overton, 18 miles east of Tyler.

"There's nothing 'friendly' about it when you're tied up, blindfolded, with a knife in your throat, and raped," one victim, now 51, said of Marble's attack on her in 1976. "He's still a hated person as far as I'm concerned."

"The fact that I am very sorry for the hurt I inflicted on those people is probably not of any consequence to them and their families. That's understandable," Marble said.

A stakeout arrest in early 1977 ended a two-year hunt for the "Friendly Rapist," who was blamed for about 50 attacks, mostly at apartments in the Greenville Avenue area about five miles northeast of downtown Dallas.

When the crimes occurred, Marble was an athletic, 29-year-old family man and a vice president with the Bloom Advertising Agency, with accounts including the Southern Baptist Convention. He was also an alumnus and poker-playing buddy of the local press corps, having worked at a variety of small newspapers.

At the time, rape carried a lesser sentence than burglary, so prosecutors picked the seven strongest cases and charged Marble with burglary with intent to commit rape.

According to police lore, a detective linked Marble to the rapes based upon a look at the suspect's hands: an unusual fingerprint loop matched the crime-scene evidence. Marble accepted a prosecution offer to plead guilty and take a 60-year prison sentence.

Having served a third of the sentence, he's eligible for release.

For 12 of his 20 years behind bars, Marble edited and largely wrote The Echo, the 160,000-circulation monthly newspaper of the Texas prison system.

Prison life began with a variety of menial assignments, including chopping wood.

In 1979, a Houston court granted the uncontested divorce petition filed by his wife of nine years, who, since remarried, declined to comment.

In 1985, Mr. Marble was transferred to The Walls, the Huntsville prison unit where he was named editor of The Echo. As such, he was one of the few prisoners with his own office, which he outfitted with donated computers and software.

From his cell and office, Marble culled articles from outside newspapers and reported on criminal justice and prison issues. Under a pen name, he started "Dear Darby," an advice column for prisoners. He wrote fiction and stayed in contact with various literary journals and publications.

In a letter to Texas Lawyer, Marble criticized a state Supreme Court justice this way: "As Gustav Flaubert wrote, 'Our ignorance of history causes us to slander our own times.'"

While that sort of elevated discourse may have preserved Marble's self-esteem, it did nothing to endear him to wardens and guards, prison spokesman David Nunnelee said.

"They thought he was kind of uppity. He thought he was better than other prisoners," said Nunnelee, who worked with Marble because the prison public affairs office oversees production of The Echo.

The native of Galena Park near Houston said years of voluntary counseling showed him he could blame the rapes, in part, on people who failed to identify and address his youthful deviance.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

Singer returns

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Singer Michael Crawford returned to the MGM Grand Hotel and couldn't let the irony go unnoticed.

"It's great to be back in Las Vegas" and the MGM Grand, Crawford joked with his audience Saturday, particularly on Memorial Day weekend "when we honor those fallen in the line of duty."

Quiros reports for Navy duty

Navy Seaman Recruit Amador B. Quiros, son of Juan B. and Luzelarba Quiros of Snyder, recently reported for duty at Naval Hospital, Beaufort, S.C.

Quiros' rotation to the new duty station exemplifies the worldwide assignability of Marines and Sailors.

The 1995 graduate of Snyder High School joined the Navy in July 1996.

Poll centers on multiyear bilingual ed

HOUSTON (AP) — A majority of Texans opposes a multiyear approach to teach English to children from families that speak another language, according to a newspaper poll.

Twenty-five percent of 801 Texans interviewed by telephone believe students should receive no bilingual instruction before being placed in English-only classes.

Another 27 percent said students should get no more than a year of bilingual instruction, the Houston Chronicle reported Monday.

Only 38 percent favored bilingual education that takes three years or longer. Ten percent were undecided in the survey, which had a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

Of some 3.8 million public school students in Texas, about one-eighth are enrolled in bilingual programs designed to last three years or longer. Almost all of them are Hispanic.

California voters will decide June 2 whether or not to junk long-term bilingual education in favor of one-year "immersion" classes. The issue is not up for a decision by Texas voters.

Texans are split virtually down the middle on the general value of long-term bilingual education, according to the poll.

Forty-eight percent said long-term bilingual education should be eliminated because it slows children's transition to mainstream American life and because they can easily learn a new language.

Oil Patch News

Garza County

IP Petroleum will drill the No. 1-57 Alldridge, an 8,700-foot wildcat located 10 miles southeast of Post. Location is in Section 57, Block 6, H&GN survey.

Pogo Producing Co. will drill the No. 1 Hatch, an 8,200-foot wilcat located 11 miles northeast of Post. Drill site is in Section 29, Block 8, H&GN survey.

Fisher County

Durango Operating Co. has completed the No. 10-19 Y6 in the Judy Gail field, two miles northwest of Hamlin. The well was finaled to produce four barrels of oil and 40 barrels of water. Perforations were from 4,544-554 feet, and location is in Lot 19, W.E. Kaye survey No. 4.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 35 Billie Hanks in the Northwest Hylton field, eight miles south of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,500 feet, drill site is in Section 28, Block Z, T&P survey.

Lytle Creek Production Inc. will drill the No. 1 E.E. Cole, a 5,500-foot wildcat located seven miles northeast of Maryneal. Drill site is in Section 73, Block X, T&P survey.

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OUTSTANDING ROTARIAN — Frank Miller, center, was named Outstanding Rotarian at an awards banquet Friday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. Making the presentation was District 5730 Governor, J.B. Roberts. He is being congratulated by his wife, Carol Miller. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

National cemeteries running out of space

WASHINGTON (AP) — World War II veteran Jay Thompson spent much of his adult life serving his country. In return, all he wants is some respect and a place to be buried among his comrades in Arkansas.

But with space running out at national cemeteries, Thompson doubts there'll be room for him at the Little Rock National Cemetery. The 130-year-old burial ground probably will be turning people away by 2001.

"What does that mean? That I need to die within the next three years?" asked Thompson, 79. "I deserve better than that."

National cemeteries are running out of space throughout the country, to the chagrin of veterans of World War II and the Korean War. More than half the 115 sites run by the Department of Veterans Affairs are closed to new interments, although most will allow a spouse to be buried in the same plot with a veteran already buried there.

In 1995, veteran deaths totaled 513,000. Last year, they climbed to 535,000. They are expected to peak in 2008 at 620,000, before dropping back to 615,000 in 2010.

National cemeteries offer free burials, headstones and perpetual care to honorably discharged veterans and their dependents. Most veterans choose to be buried there for emotional reasons rather than practical ones.

"When you're a veteran, you're united in your efforts in the military, especially in a wartime situation. It's altogether fitting that you'd be united at your final resting place," said Cloyde Pinson Sr., a retired Air Force officer who helped persuade the government to build a new national cemetery in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

"The worst to happen to any of us could have happened to all of us. That's the string that ties us all together, and it doesn't exist in any other segment of society," Pinson said.

The VA is using a three-part plan to deal with the space problem in its cemeteries.

"Our strategy is to build new ones, to expand existing ones where we can and to promote the state cemeteries grant program," said Rick Arndt, director of the department's National Cemetery Service. "All of these things help give us more burial space for our veterans and their family members."

Tooth decay in Britain is so severe that it is expected that four out of 10 adults will have false teeth.

Scholarships presented to 8 Ira grads

Eight Ira graduates have received scholarships. They include:

—Billy Keith Box: (highest ranking student in the class) The state of Texas honors the highest ranking graduate with a tuition exemption for one year to any public college or university in Texas.

West Texas State Bank awards a $500 scholarship to the college of his choice.

Angelo State University awards a $1,000 university scholarship.

Hayley Smith: (second highest ranking student in the class) West Texas State Bank awards a $500 scholarship to the college of her choice.

She also received the San Angelo Livestock Show scholarship for $2,000 to the college of her choice.

Caprock Electric awards a $500 scholarship to the college of her choice. She also gets a $500 scholarship awarded by James Cavender to the college of her choice.

Also, the agricultural department of Angelo State University awards a $4,000 scholarship.

Olga Cabrera: Western Texas College awards a $300 Dora E. Cunningham scholarship.

Jacey Davis: Western Texas College awards a $300 Joe and Nancy Caton Memorial academic scholarship.

She also gets a $600 Betty Burrow Memorial Scholarship to Western Texas College. This scholarship is given in memory of Betty Burrow who taught school in Ira for 23 years.

Christopher Gee: Western Texas College awards a $300 Joe and Nancy Caton Memorial academic scholarship.

Amber Martinez: A $1,000 scholarship awarded by the State of Texas for graduating in three years to any Texas public college.

Amanda Sims: Western Texas College awards a $300 American Petroleum Institute and Society of Petroleum Engineers academic scholarship.

Charity Sims: Western Texas College awards a $300 American Petroleum Institute and Society of Petroleum Engineers academic scholarship.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Al-Anon and AA brown bag, open meetings, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of CMH (will not meet during the summer); 7 to 8 p.m.

Scurry County Genealogy Society; county library; business meeting and research session to assist visitors in the genealogy section of library; everyone welcome; 7 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Game Day and Luncheon; serving begins at 11:30, games of choice follow; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

AA brown bag, open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; noon.

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport meeting room; business meeting and lunch, bring pictures for library; 9 to 4.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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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, 573-4238 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 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

John Wayne's friends gather to recall actor called 'Duke'

BRACKETVILLE (AP) — It's been almost 19 years since he died, but hundreds of loyal fans turned out to honor John Wayne just two days before what would have been his 91st birthday.

They gathered Sunday at "Alamo Village," a movie set Wayne built for use in filming "The Alamo," a movie in which he portrayed Col. Davy Crockett, coonskin cap and all.

"Dead or alive, I'm still a big fan of the Duke's" Jackie York of Hayward, Calif., said.

Wayne, whose movie career began as an extra in silent films and lasted nearly five decades, died in June 1979 of cancer.

Sunday's events highlighted a two-day reunion marking the 40th anniversary of the filming of "The Alamo."

Wayne directed the movie that featured Richard Widmark as Jim Bowie, Laurence Harvey as Col. William Travis and Richard Boone as Sam Houston.

The movie never really lived up to expectations. It left Wayne nearly bankrupt and won only one Academy Award for sound after being nominated for 11 Oscars.

The village, with its blacksmith's shop, trading post, church, saloon and exact replica of the Alamo, remains a tourist attraction.

It has served as a location for countless films, music videos, commercials and TV movies, said Tulisha Wardlaw, daughter of James T. "Happy" Shahan.

Shahan, who died in 1996, was a rancher who coaxed Wayne into building the movie set on Shahan's ranch seven miles north of Brackettville.

The last feature film shot at Alamo Village was in 1996 and location scouts recently considered it for several movies currently in pre-production, Ms. Wardlaw said.

There was plenty to see and do for the John Wayne fans.

Wayne's widow, Pilar, attended and was kept busy signing photographs and her "Pilar Wayne's Favorite & Fabulous Recipes" cookbook.

Ermal Williamson, president of the International John Wayne Fan Club (Duke's Hollywood Cowboys), was there in makeup and decked out in boots, vest, and bandanna around his neck, just like Wayne wore in most of the westerns he made.

There was a performance by the Alamo Village Gunfighters, several bands provided music and there were free wagon rides and a barbecue.

But much of the activity centered around talk from Wayne's fans.

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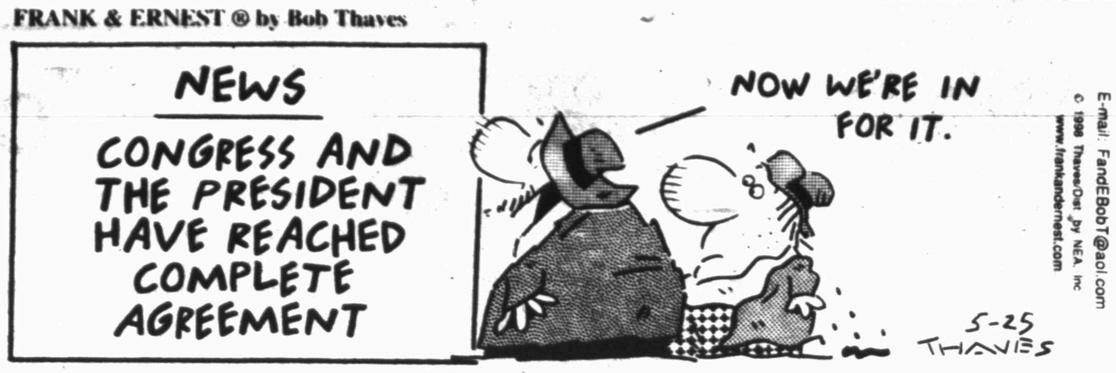
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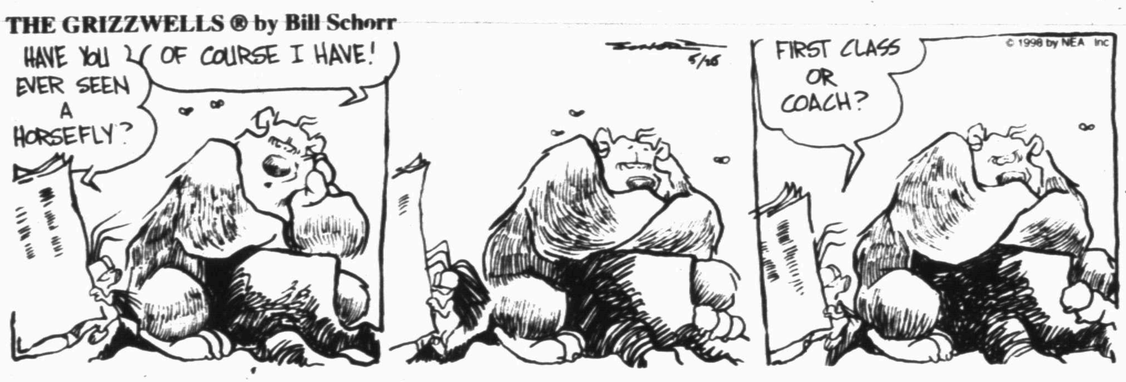
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15 Graduates
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17 Possessive pronoun
19 — bene
20 Drawing small round marks
23 Supply food for the party
26 Uncle
27 Hosiery shade
30 Lacking iron
32 It goes with a skirt
34 Gloss
35 Excuses
36 Compass pt.
37 W. hemisphere assn.
39 — — my heart in San Francisco
40 Infuriates
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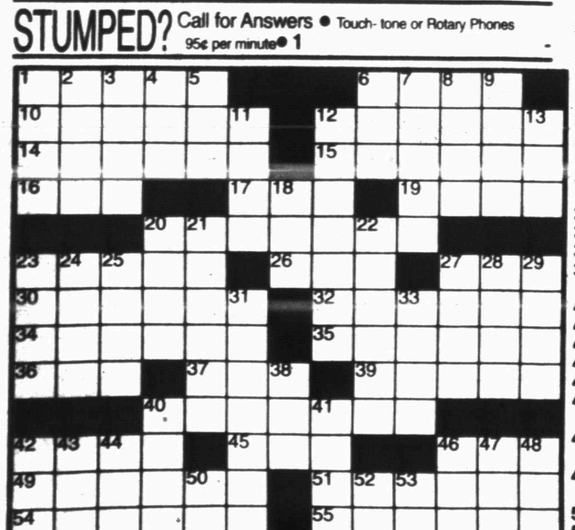
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13 Spanish day
18 Colorado Indian
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28 Expression from Clueless
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31 Deceptive act
33 Lubricates
38 Capuchin monkey
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SPORTS

Tigers oust Lake View by identical 11-1 rout

Beck dominates Chiefs: senior hurls two-hitter

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Kyle Beck is back to his old form and the Tigers are still rocking opposing pitchers.

It seems Snyder could be peaking at the right time.

The Tigers blasted two home runs and Beck surrendered only two hits Saturday at Moffett Field as Snyder posted an 11-1 rout of San Angelo Lake View to sweep the regional quarterfinal series.

Snyder, now 29-6 on the season, advances to face Sherman in the Region I semifinals, beginning Friday at 1 p.m. in Graham.

"Kyle threw a lot better than he had in his last three outings," Snyder coach Roland Herrera said. "He had some zip back in his fastball and his curveball was breaking pretty good."

Beck struck out only two Chiefs, but didn't walk a batter and had only one error committed behind him.

From the plate, the Tigers used the long ball to seize the early lead.

After Lake View went up 1-0 in the bottom of the opening frame, Beck crushed an inside fastball over the left field fence to knot the tally.

Then in the second, Snyder first baseman Dustin Fish put the Tigers ahead for good as he lifted the first pitch of the inning over the wall in left for a 2-0 advantage.

"I thought that Lake View's starting pitcher threw more to our strength," Herrera remarked. "We're usually a good fastball hitting team and the guys hit the ball hard when they had the chance."

With the Tigers making all the plays in the field, Beck cruised through the next three innings.

Snyder added three runs in the third on doubles by David Smith and Clay Berryman. Smith stole home to notch the final score of the third.

The Tigers then ended the series in the fifth, posting six runs on just four hits.

After John Border got hit by a pitch to begin the frame, the next four Tigers reached base safely to push five runs across the plate.

Three batters later, sophomore Sonny Cumbie delivered a two-out single to center, followed by a walk to Chris Hernandez.

With courtesy runner Cheyenne Robinson on the base paths for Cumbie, Border delivered the series-clinching hit.

Behind in the count, 0-2, the senior left fielder drilled a shot down the third-base line, driving in Robinson for the 10-run deficit.

Snyder begins its regional semifinal series with Sherman at 1 p.m. Friday in Graham. Game 2 is slated for a 4:30 start Saturday at the same location, with Game 3 to follow, if necessary.

"I know Sherman has a right-handed pitcher that likes to throw the curveball," Herrera stated. "We'll just have to stay patient at the plate and wait on a pitch we can handle."

In the other semifinal, Frenship squares off with Fort Worth Arlington Heights in a three-game set at Abilene's McMurry Stadium.

Frenship edged Andrews in the final contest of their quarterfinal, 8-7 in eight innings.

Arlington Heights disposed of Granbury in two games.



TEAM HUDDLE — Snyder's Wes Wilson (14), Cheyenne Robinson (7), assistant coach Ralph Ramon (19) and Dustin Fish (25) gather with their teammates following the Tigers' 11-1 victory Saturday over Lake View. Snyder swept the regional quarterfinal series, 2-0, earning a berth in the semifinals Friday against Sherman. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lake View	ab	r	h	bi
Martinez p	1	0	1	0
Abbott cr	0	1	0	0
Santillan ss	2	0	0	0
Velez 1b	2	0	1	1
Gonzales c	2	0	0	0
Sykes lf	2	0	0	0
Ashley dh	2	0	0	0
Rodriguez 2b	2	0	0	0
Hill cf	1	0	0	0
McDonald 3b	2	0	0	0
Totals	16	1	2	1

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Border lf	3	1	1	1
Berryman 3b	3	2	2	1
Beck p	2	1	2	2
Roemisch cr	0	2	0	0
Smith cf	3	2	2	3
Fish 1b	2	2	1	1
Lang 2b	3	0	0	0
Shields dh	2	0	0	0
Cumbie c	3	0	1	1
Robinson rf	0	1	0	0
Hernandez rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	23	11	9	9

Lake View	100	00—	1 2 2
Snyder	113	06—11	9 1

2B — Martinez; Berryman, Smith (2); HR — Beck, Fish.

WP: Beck, 5 innings, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 H, 0 BB, 1 HB, 2 SO.

LP: Martinez, 4 innings, 9 R, 9 ER, 7 H, 1 BB, 2 HB, 0 SO. Ashley, ⅓ inning, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 H, 2 BB, 2 SO.

CLASS 4A
REGION I QUARTERFINALS

Andrews (23-3-1) vs. Frenship (23-7)
Game 1: Frenship 6, Andrews 3
Game 2: Andrews 13, Frenship 3
Game 3: Frenship 8, Andrews 7 (8)

Granbury (24-11) vs. FW Arl. Heights (27-5)
Game 1: Arlington Heights 4, Granbury 2
Game 2: Arlington Heights 4, Granbury 3

Snyder (27-6) vs. SA Lake View (14-17)
Game 1: Snyder 11, Lake View 1
Game 2: Snyder 11, Lake View 1

Sherman (21-8) vs. Brownwood (26-3)
Sherman 4, Brownwood 2

REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Frenship (25-8) vs. FW Arl. Heights (29-5)
Game 1: 8 p.m. Friday, McMurry, Abilene
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, McMurry, Abilene
Game 3: 30 min. after Game 2, if necessary

Snyder (29-6) vs. Sherman (23-9)
Game 1: 1 p.m. Friday, Graham
Game 2: 4:30 Saturday, Graham
Game 3: 30 min. after Game 2, if necessary

Jazz sweep Lakers, wait 'til Saturday

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — After dispatching the Los Angeles Lakers with unprecedented ease, the Utah Jazz now wait.

That shouldn't be a problem. No team is more patient than the Jazz.

Utah won't begin play in the NBA Finals until next Sunday at the earliest, against Indiana or in a much-anticipated rematch with Chicago.

By then, the dust will have settled from Utah's superb sweep of the Lakers in the Western Conference finals, a series where brain triumphed over brawn and experience ran roughshod over youth.

"I said when the series started that the team that played with the most intelligence had the best chance of winning," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "We played with a great deal of intelligence."

There was no celebrating, no champagne corks popping after the Jazz's workmanlike 96-92 victory Sunday gave them their first sweep of a seven-game series in the franchise's history. Showmanship is not their style. Instead, Karl Malone's smile reflected the quiet confidence that permeated the Utah locker room.

"I think the whole nation is surprised by the sweep," Malone said. "We just took it one game at a time and had the killer instinct. When you've got somebody punch-drunk, knock them out, and we did that."

Greg Ostertag said the Jazz, with the homecourt advantage in the finals, are poised for a serious run at the title.

"We have some unfinished business," he said. "We were in the finals last year and we got a taste of what it's like to be there. Last year, just getting there was almost enough for us. But this year we won't settle for anything less than the championship."

Heady talk, but the Lakers weren't about to argue considering the way they were handled by the Jazz.

"To me, it's a big upset that they swept us," reserve forward Corie Blount said. "I didn't think anyone could sweep us as well as we were playing at the end of the season."

The Jazz never let the free-wheeling Lakers play the way they had in rushing past Portland and Seattle in the first two rounds. Instead, it was the slower, intricate halfcourt style that the Jazz play so well.

"They were the best team playing before we got to the conference finals," Malone said. "We had a game plan coming in here, and we stuck to it."

Malone scored 32 points, including 14-of-15 free throws, and grabbed 14 rebounds for the Jazz.

John Stockton, Malone's quiet partner in Utah for 13 seasons, sank six free throws in the final 1:24. His last two with 10.5 seconds remaining put Utah up 94-90. The cool Jazz were 30-of-33 from the foul line — 10-of-11 in the fourth quarter — as they fought off the Lakers' last gasp.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 16
Utah 112, L.A. Lakers 77
Sunday, May 17
Chicago 85, Indiana 79
Monday, May 18
Utah 99, L.A. Lakers 95, Utah leads series 2-0
Tuesday, May 19
Chicago 104, Indiana 98
Friday, May 22
Utah 109, L.A. Lakers 98, Utah leads series 3-0
Saturday, May 23
Indiana 107, Chicago 105, Chicago leads series 2-1
Sunday, May 24
Utah 96, L.A. Lakers 92, Utah wins series 4-0
Monday, May 25
Chicago at Indiana, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
Tuesday, May 26
No games scheduled
Wednesday, May 27
Indiana at Chicago, 9 p.m. (NBC)

Watson "believes" again

FORT WORTH (AP) — Tom Watson had secretly believed he might never win again.

He did and the wait wasn't nearly as long as last time.

The 48-year-old pulled away with a smashing 4-under-par 66 Sunday and won the MasterCard Colonial by two strokes.

"Winning at my age is a rarity," he confessed. "And at the beginning of the week I didn't give myself much chance."

Watson, who ended a nine-year victory drought when he won The Memorial in 1996, won his 39th tournament, including five British Opens, in his 26 years as a professional.

"It's a surprise," he said, choking back tears.

His 66 Sunday at the hot, windswept Colonial Country Club came on the heels of rounds of 68, 66 and 65 for a 15-under 265 total and it included some clutch putts and a brilliant, and pivotal, sand shot.

He finished two strokes ahead of 28-year-old Jim Furyk, who closed with a 68.

"I didn't play poorly," Furyk said, "but I made some mistakes."

Jeff Sluman, whom Watson was only spotting eight years, slipped into third at 269, closing with a 69.

"I don't think I lost it. I think Tom won it," Sluman said. "He's got the heart of a champion and a wonderful game."

Harrison Frazar, 26, the rookie sensation from Dallas, lost his magic touch after holding no worse than a share of the lead since Thursday. He closed with a 71 for 270 and was fourth.

Still, his $110,400 payday was exceeded only by the $186,667 he won last week by tying for second at the GTE Byron Nelson Classic.

Aggies eliminated

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Mississippi State reliever Chris Reinike pitched 6 2-3 scoreless innings and the Bulldogs advanced to the College World Series for the seventh time.

Reinike (6-6), who entered the game with one out in the third and the score 5-5, didn't allow a hit until a seventh-inning single by Jason Tyner. He allowed five hits and struck out eight.

The Aggies (46-20) led 5-0, but the Bulldogs (41-21) tied it in the bottom of the second on two-run homers by Barry Patton and Chris Lotterhos and an RBI-single by Brad Freeman. Mississippi State added three in the third on run-scoring hits by Patton and Lotterhos and Freeman's solo homer.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	36	14	.720	-
NewYork	26	20	.565	8
Philadelphia	22	25	.468	12½
Montreal	18	30	.375	17
Florida	17	33	.340	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	31	18	.633	-
Chicago	28	21	.571	3
St.Louis	25	23	.521	5½
Milwaukee	23	25	.479	7½
Pittsburgh	24	27	.471	8
Cincinnati	23	27	.460	8½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	31	19	.620	-
SanFrancisco	28	22	.560	3
LosAngeles	24	25	.490	6½
Colorado	21	29	.420	10
Arizona	15	34	.306	15½

Saturday's Games
Cincinnati 4, Colorado 1, 6½ innings, rain
N.Y. Mets 3, Milwaukee 0
Pittsburgh 10, Florida 4
Montreal 3, Philadelphia 2
Houston 4, San Diego 3
Chicago Cubs 10, Atlanta 6, 11 innings
St. Louis 11, San Francisco 10
Los Angeles 7, Arizona 1

Sunday's Games
Florida 4, Pittsburgh 3
Atlanta 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Colorado 3, Cincinnati 1
Montreal 5, Philadelphia 4
N.Y. Mets 8, Milwaukee 3
San Francisco 9, St. Louis 6, 17 innings
Arizona 8, Los Angeles 5
Houston 5, San Diego 2

Monday's Games
San Francisco (Hershiser 3-3) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 4-0), 1:15 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 2-5) at St. Louis (Busby 5-0), 2:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 2-6) at Houston (Lima 6-2), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Portugal 2-1) at Montreal (Moore 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 6-2) at Atlanta (Millwood 6-1), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 5-3) at Arizona (Daal 1-2), 9:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Mlicki 1-3) at Florida (Larkin 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 5-3) at Cincinnati (Remlinger 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Batista 1-1) at Atlanta (Neagle 6-1), 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 5-3) at Milwaukee (Karl 5-2), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 4-5) at Houston (Reynolds 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Brown 3-3) at Arizona (Suppan 1-4), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	33	10	.767	-
Boston	29	18	.617	6
Toronto	25	24	.510	11
TampaBay	22	26	.458	13½
Baltimore	22	27	.449	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	27	21	.563	-
Minnesota	21	27	.438	6
Detroit	19	26	.422	6½
Chicago	19	27	.413	7
KansasCity	17	31	.354	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	31	17	.646	-
Anaheim	25	23	.521	6
Seattle	22	27	.449	9½
Oakland	20	28	.417	11

Saturday's Games
Toronto 7, Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 12, Boston 3
Chicago White Sox 7, Detroit 1
Texas 7, Kansas City 3
Baltimore 9, Oakland 1
Tampa Bay 6, Seattle 3
Minnesota 9, Anaheim 5

Sunday's Games
Toronto 5, Cleveland 0
N.Y. Yankees 14, Boston 4
Detroit 8, Chicago White Sox 4
Kansas City 8, Texas 3
Baltimore 2, Oakland 1
Seattle 3, Tampa Bay 1
Minnesota 9, Anaheim 1

Monday's Games
Detroit (Castillo 2-1) at Cleveland (Nagy 5-2), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 6-3) at Boston (Martinez 5-0), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Ruebel 0-0) at Oakland (Oquist 0-3), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Irabu 3-0) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Belcher 2-6) at Anaheim (Hill 7-2), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Morgan 1-1) at Texas (Oliver 2-4), 8:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Rodriguez 0-1) at Seattle (Swift 2-3), 9:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Tampa Bay (Arrojo 6-3) at Oakland (Candiotti 4-4), 3:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 4-5) at Seattle (Fassero 5-1), 6:35 p.m.
Detroit (Worrell 2-5) at Cleveland (Wright 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 2-6) at Boston (Avery 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 6-4) at Chicago White Sox (Eyre 1-5), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

SNYDER YOUTH LEAGUES

Snyder Pixie Tournament
Pink Panthers 6, Rangerettes 5
Pink Panthers: Heather Newton, home run and single; Kelly Martinez, triple and single; Laramie Gilbert, double and single; Carrie Harlan, double; Megan Thompson and Deirdre Foree, three singles; Lorin Martin, Megan Williamson, Jessica Floyd, Alex Hook and Kassidy Henderson, two singles; Amanda Midwell, single.
Rangerettes: Dariah Clayton, three singles; Shelbi Valasquez, Micayla Redman, Autumn Castillo, Megan Robbins, two singles; Kelsi Fulford, Melanie Kariaren, Jessica Steelman and Taylor Tyrrell, singles.
Pink Panthers 10, Anson Rug Rats 5
Pink Panthers: Heather Newton, home run and single; Laramie Gilbert, Kelly Martinez and Carrie Harland, two doubles and single; Jessica Floyd, two doubles; Dierdre Foree and Kassidy Henderson, two singles.
Pink Panthers 10, Bad To The Bone 6
Pink Panthers: Heather Newton, triple and double; Kelly Martinez, two doubles; Megan Thompson, Jessica Floyd and Kassidy Henderson, two singles; Amanda Midwell, double and single; Laramie Gilbert, Megan Williamson, Alex Hook, Lorih Martin and Carrie Harland, singles.
Bad to the Bone: Kylie Moreland, home run and triple; Kayli Brewster, double and single; Alexia Hernandez, Caithlin Whitt and Allison Swigert, two singles; Tayla Wesson, Kelie P. and Jessica L. singles.
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Majors Tournament
Hornets 41, Nikes 9
Hornets: Andra Dunham 16; Diane Morin 8; Kelby Drum 8; Sharday McKinney 8; Brittany Milota 1. **Nikes:** Megan Fletcher 5; Sara Pavlovsky 3; Tiffany Kubena 1.
Bullettes 35, Rebels 29
Bullettes: April Lollar 20, Amanda Calley 7; Valerie West 6. **Rebels:** Priscilla Ybarra 18; Franki Briseno 9; Haley Grant 1; Katie Haggard 1.
Fast Break 34, Jawbreakers 22
Fast Break: Erin Burleson 11; Laura Arellano 11; Gretchen Hollis 7; Jessica Sollis 2; Many Burns 2. **Jawbreakers:** Tass Baze 7; Erin Hackfeld 7; Alexis Dupree 4; Heather Polk 4.
Magic 29, Lady Raiders 18
Magic: Desiree Braziel 19; Misha Wofford 3; Jacki Thompson 2; Jennifer Halverson 2; Dominique Braziel 1; Jordan Donelson 1. **Lady Raiders:** Whitney Criswell 12; Heather Zajicek 3; Sara Bradberry 1; Amanda Gibson 1; Megan Perkins 1.
Hornets 27, Magic 25
Hornets: Kelby Drum 12; Andra Dunham 10; Sharday McKinney 3; Brittany Milota 2. **Magic:** Desiree Braziel 13; Dominique Braziel 4; Misha Wofford 4; Jordan Donelson 3; Stephan Kirk 1.
Fast Break 28, Bullettes 27
Fast Break: Gretchen Hollis 11; Erin Burleson 10; Mandy Burns 4; Jessica Sollis 2; Laura Arellano 1. **Bullettes:** April Lollar 21; Amanda Calley 5; Amy Botts 1.
Championship Game
Fast Break 32, Hornets 31
Fast Break: Gretchen Hollis 17; Erin Burleson 11; Laura Arellano 4. **Hornets:** Andra Dunham 22; Diane Morin 6; Kelby Drum 3.
Red Hots 24, Swoopsters 23
Red Hots: Aeryal Peoples 14; Erica Little 6; Brianna Talavera 4. **Swoopsters:** Shaela Vineyard 13; Whitney Kinney 6; Audrey Jones 2; Whitney Payne 2.
Magic 31, Rockets 27
Magic: Sequoya Powell 27; Bianca Gonzalez 2; Jacki Bilano 2; **Rockets:** Jessica Taylor 18; Amanda Murray 3; Ashley Bailey 2; Jamie Putnam 2; Jordan Stansell 2.

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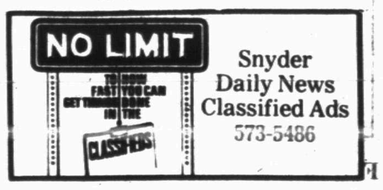
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Friends: Parents knew of murder suspect's fascination with bombs

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — The guns that a boy allegedly used to kill his parents and shoot 24 classmates were bought by a father trying to redirect his son's fascination with weapons into a supervised hobby, friends said Sunday.

Kip Kinkel's parents knew of his bomb-making fetish for at least a year before Thursday's shooting in a crowded school cafeteria in which two students were killed, friends said.

The 9 mm Glock pistol and .22-caliber rifle Kinkel allegedly used in the shootings were bought by his father, Bill Kinkel, said Rod Ruhoff.

"Bill felt that the boy was obsessed enough with guns that he would have a gun, one way or another," said Ruhoff, a friend of the father. "The way Bill could control the situation is if he owned the gun and had control over it."

The parents told friends they tried to discipline Kip, 15, and got him into anger-management counseling for a while. A distraught Bill Kinkel even sought the advice of a stranger after learning the man was an expert in anti-social behavior and juvenile delinquency.

Dan Close, who met Bill Kinkel six months ago at the San Diego airport, recalled the father saying at the time that the boy was "totally obsessed" by guns and would become uncontrollably angry when denied anything.

"I told Bill that raising kids is the toughest thing we'll ever do," Close said. "And Bill said, 'If we survive.'"

Bill and Faith Kinkel were believed to have been shot to death Wednesday afternoon by their son. Kip is accused of driving their sport utility vehicle to Thurston High School the next day, opening fire in a crowded cafeteria and killing two students. Two other students remain in critical condition.

The boy has been charged as an adult under Oregon law with four counts of aggravated murder.

As this blue-collar town continued to mourn its loss and recover from the shock Sunday, Kinkel was on suicide watch at a juvenile detention facility, monitored by closed-circuit television.

It was about a year ago when the Kinkels discovered he was downloading bomb-making instructions from the Internet and building bombs, said Kim Scott, a best friend of Kip's sister, Kristin.

Police found five sophisticated bombs and 15 other inactive explosive devices in the Kinkel house.

"Somehow, we didn't think it was ever going to turn out to be this serious," Scott said. "Obviously we were wrong."

Kip ended his anger-management counseling sessions by convincing his parents they were no longer needed, she said.

"They tried to discipline him and they tried to keep him from making more bombs," said Scott, who grew up across the street from the Kinkels. "But at some point, Kristin said, they just pretty much had given up on being able to control him."

Three local people jailed on various felony charges

It was a busy weekend for local law enforcement personnel as 10 people were taken into custody, three on felony charges.

Officers arrested Moses Joe Morin Jr., 30, on a felony warrant at 3:18 a.m. Sunday.

Morin, of 811 27th St, had been indicted by the grand jury for burglary.

He was also charged with evading arrest after he fled from officers. He was pursued on foot from 804 27th St. to the 2800 block of Avenue H.

Deputies were called to a residence on FM 1606 at 2:50 p.m. Saturday in reference to a family disturbance.

Taken into custody and charged with felony assault was Wesley McGinty, 39, of 6283 FM 1606.

At 10:27 p.m., officers arrested Jimmy Baughn Cain, 32, of 6711 Camp Springs Road, for felony driving while intoxicated. He was taken into custody in the 1700 block of Avenue M.

Other arrests include a 53-year-old male taken into custody at 11:25 a.m. Saturday on Highway 84 on outstanding DPS warrants out of Houston for expired motor vehicle registration.

At 1:35 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 31-year-old male in the 3400 block of Avenue E on an outstanding Justice of the Peace warrant for the issuance of a bad check.

Officers were called to the 3600 block of College Avenue at 3:25 a.m. Sunday in reference to a person passed out inside a vehicle in the middle of the road with the engine still on. A 28-year-old male was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a 42-year-old female at 12:24 p.m. Sunday in the 1900 block of 40th Street on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of Williamson County for motion to revoke her probation on an original charge of theft by check.

A 22-year-old male was arrested at 7:12 p.m. Sunday in the 2500 block of Avenue L on two capia pro fine warrants out of Municipal Court.

At 8:27 p.m. Sunday, a 17-year-old male was arrested in the 3700 block of College Avenue on a misdemeanor warrant to revoke his probation.

In other activity over the weekend, a deputy was requested at Lake Thomas in reference to someone breaking into a van owned by Howard Whitley and taking some items. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

A report of possible prowlers was made at 2:08 this morning from the 3500 block of Avenue A.

Also this morning, a deputy was requested at Allsup's in Hermleigh in reference to the theft of a purse. An offense report for theft was submitted.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: May 22 — Richard Bross, James Davis, Betty Rawlings, Clara Rhodes, Amanda Torres, Jacque Molyneaux of Albany, Amanda Ramirez of Colorado City; May 23 — Dennis Garrett, Dorothy Johnston, Antroy Ballard, Odyne Jones of Fluvarna; May 24 — Donald Atwood, Myra Clindaniel of Rotan, Annie Dunn, Juanits Kizer, Robin Morris.

DISMISSALS: May 22 — Charlesta Scott, Irival Ham, Henry Sandoval; May 23 — Jacque Molyneaux, Amanda Ramirez, Julia Filler, Betty Rawlings, Bacilis Rodriguez; May 24 — Antroy Ballard, Johnny Fernandez, Amanda Farris, Dorothy Johnston, Olyne Jones.

CENSUS: 41 (Med., Surg.-12, Long-term Care-27, CCU-1).

Back To Basics

By Ellen Baker

Have you been thinking about a college class but weren't sure you were ready for a full load? This summer may be the right time to start by taking one or two classes from our summer schedule. We are offering a wide variety of basic courses, as well as a number of electives. Classes meet during the day and in the evening.

Do you need help deciding what to take? Our counseling staff can assist you with career planning and course selection. Our admissions staff can help with the paperwork, and our recruiting staff can offer you a tour and answer your questions about campus life.

So, whether your plans include working on a degree or taking a class just for fun, call us for a schedule. The classes offered this summer include history, math, government, economics, computer science, psychology, desktop publishing, speech, as well as others.

Registration takes place Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring a driver's license, Social Security card, TASP/ACT/SAT scores if available, an Early Admissions form if applicable, a high school transcript or GED certificate, and college transcript if applicable. For any other questions about your enrollment, call the admissions office. We're here to help.

Western Texas College is located at 6200 College Avenue in Snyder. The admissions office is in the Student Center. In Snyder, the phone number is 573-8511 ext. 394. Outside of Snyder, call toll free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-25-98
♠ A K 8 3
♥ 7
♦ K 9 6 4
♣ A 6 5 2

West
♠ Q 7
♥ K 10 4
♦ A Q J 8 3 2
♣ J 9

East
♠ 10 9 6 5 4
♥ 9 5 2
♦ 10
♣ 10 8 4 3

South
♠ J 2
♥ A Q J 8 6 3
♦ 7 5
♣ K Q 7

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Bridging around North America

By Phillip Alder

On Memorial Day, let's start a bridge-playing tour of North America. (I don't understand that segue either!) My wife tells me that the city most associated with Memorial Day is Washington, D.C.

That is one of my favorite cities. You can get lost in the Smithsonian for days; touring the government buildings is also time-consuming. Many leading bridge players live in the Washington area, including Bobby Lipsitz. He capitalized (sorry!) on a mistake by declarer in this deal.

South could have saved himself from embarrassment by raising to three no-trump, which is a lucky make as East has the singleton diamond 10, and the hearts are splitting nicely.

Against four hearts, Lipsitz (West) guessed well to lead the diamond ace. He continued with the diamond queen, East ruffing dummy's king with the heart five. Back came a club, which declarer ran around to dummy's ace.

As West was marked with the heart king from his opening bid, South should have continued with the heart ace and queen. But South tried the heart finesse, East dropping the two to signify an initial three-card trump holding.

Lipsitz grabbed the trick with his king and returned the diamond *two*. Luckily, East could ruff with the nine, which effected an uppercut, promoting West's heart 10 to the setting trick.

If you give count in side suits, play high-low with an even number. In the trump suit, though, reverse the procedure, playing high-low to indicate an odd number (and usually a desire for a ruff).

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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

How important is washing hands?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: While on vacation recently, I dined at a restaurant where I observed an employee who did not wash his hands after using the bathroom facilities. I was upset enough to tell the manager. After I described the employee, the manager said it was the dishwasher. She said she would talk to him. When I returned to the table, I told my wife what happened. She thought that my reporting this incident put the employee's job in jeopardy. She said that since his hands are probably in hot soapy water, any germs would be rendered harmless and thus not transmitted.

First, I do not care if this employee's job is in jeopardy. And I do not agree that all germs would be killed in the "process." What is your opinion, please?

P.S.: Regardless of your answer, I would never return to that restaurant. — J.D., San Diego

DEAR J.D.: In my opinion, it is altogether appropriate for a restaurant patron to be angered if he were to see a food-service employee fail to wash his hands after using the bathroom facilities. The manager's palliative comments fall short because dishwashers also handle the dishes after they have been cleaned. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), handwashing is the single most important means of preventing the spread of infection. Poor handwashing contributes to millions of cases of food poisoning every year. This, by the way, includes washing by customers as well as by food-service employees.

To assure safety, a soap and hot-water washing of no less than 20 seconds' duration should take place at the start of work. After washing, the hands should be dried with a single-use towel. There should then be rewashing after using the bathroom; handling dirty plates or garbage; working with raw foods; touching one's hair, skin or other body part; and handling dirty equipment, utensils or other unclean objects. These rules are established to encourage frequent handwashing during all phases of food preparation, but they also serve to alert food-service personnel to the various ways that germs end up on the plate.

For parents, teachers or restaurant owners interested in encouraging better hand hygiene, there is an interesting product named Glo-Germ. Originally developed at the University of California-Los Angeles, this product is applied like a hand lotion and is then rubbed off. When the hands are viewed under an ultraviolet light, the "germs" are visualized. (They are not germs, of course — only safe, inert ingredients that become visible when viewed under ultraviolet light.) The individuals are then told to wash their hands. When they check how well they have done, most are in for a surprise, as they see how many of the "germs" remain. It is an eye-opening exercise that shows you how to do a better job of washing. It also leaves you with a real respect for the body's immune system, our last line of defense charged with the job of neutralizing all those micro-organisms that make their way in. For information on Glo-Germ, check out the company's Web site (www.glogerm.com) or call (800) 842-6622.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I wonder if you have any information about the nutritional properties of a fruit called sapote. For example, does it have any fat content? How many calories does it have? It is a South African tree that grows readily in Southern California and bears fruit during the winter. I grew my tree from a seed, and it bears profusely. The fruit looks sort of like green apples, is soft when ripe but spoils quickly, has the texture of avocado, and tastes sweet like bananas. — D.R., La Mesa, Calif.

DEAR D.R.: The sapote (sap-OH-tay), which comes in a number of different colors, is a flavorful tropical fruit that grows well in warm climates.

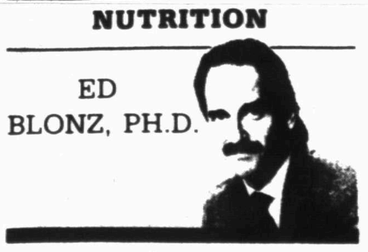
They are good sources of vitamin C, niacin, beta carotene (along with the other carotenes), and minerals such as iron, magnesium, potassium and calcium. A 3.5-ounce portion contains about 134 calories, almost 3 grams of dietary fiber, and less than a gram of fat. Enjoy!

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

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NUTRITION



ED BLONZ, PH.D.

Mother's murder trial stuff of Greek tragedy

TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) — A suicidal mother leaps from a window with her small daughter. The child dies; the mother lives on in a shattered body and is tried for murder.

At her trial in a courtroom in this Los Angeles suburb, Farinoosh "Roya" Dalili lies prone in a hospital bed facing her jury, a box of tissues at hand to wipe her copious tears.

Mrs. Dalili's body was broken in so many places by her fall from a 10-story window that some 200 pins hold her splintered bones together. She's allowed to listen to testimony lying down because she cannot sit for long periods without pain.

It's the stuff of a classical Greek tragedy, and her Iranian family and members of the immigrant community stand by as the chorus, alleging she was an abused spouse whose victimization is continuing in the courts.

Prosecutors, who see no evidence of abuse, say she must pay for the death of her 3-year-old daughter, Nagen Natalie Dalili. So does her estranged husband, Nader Dalili, who's divorcing her and suing her for wrongful death.

"She's responsible for what happened," Deputy District Attorney Alex Karkanen said. "She's lost a daughter but she did it."

On March 3, 1997, Mrs. Dalili went to the Torrance Marriott Hotel and requested a room on a high floor.

The prosecution contends the 31-year-old woman held her daughter in her arms as she leaped from the window. Mrs. Dalili's lawyer, Alex Kessel, said that theory is pure speculation and probably wrong.

Kessel will present evidence beginning Tuesday that Mrs. Dalili and her little girl were so emotionally attached that the child probably saw her mother jump and followed her out the window.

Karkanen said he, too, believes the mother and child were close but says Kessel's theory is not supported by physical evidence.

"Based on our psychological reports, they were so close she wanted them to be together in death," he said. "It's our feeling that's not her choice to make."

Kessel points out that Mrs. Dalili tried suicide twice before. Once she slashed her wrists; the second time she tried to grab a doctor's needle and inject air into her veins.

Her husband testified that she had seemed "a little bit depressed" in the weeks before his daughter's death.

Dr. Ronald Markman, a forensic psychiatrist who testified for the defense, said someone as focused on suicide as Mrs. Dalili would not have thought about the fate of her daughter.

"I think the daughter's presence essentially is irrelevant to her state of mind," Markman said. "Her only concern was her own demise. That's what she was looking for."

Nagen was dead on arrival at a nearby hospital.

Her mother, who landed 10 feet away from her child, had internal injuries and shattered feet, hips, pelvis, knees, an ankle and an elbow.

Mrs. Dalili wept in court as the prosecutor displayed pictures of her dead child.

Kessel will seek to show how Mrs. Dalili was driven to despair by her husband's verbal, physical and sexual abuse, which escalated when her baby turned out to be a girl — Nader Dalili wanted a boy.

Kessel also said Mrs. Dalili, who left Iran when she was 15, had a college degree in French literature but her husband wouldn't let her hold a job.

The prosecutor said he has found no credible evidence of domestic abuse.

Negotiations for a plea bargain broke down after prosecutors' best offer was manslaughter with 11 years in state prison. They also suggested her commitment to a psychiatric hospital, which the defense rejected.

If there is a murder conviction, the degree is up to the jury.

The chance of a first-degree murder conviction is remote, according to Loyola University Law School Dean Laurie Levenson.

"Unless you have the world's coldest jurors, it's doubtful," she said. "But you can't give parents license to hurt a child. I think jurors are upset anytime a child is a victim and they want someone held responsible. But it's certainly not your typical first degree murder case."

Even the prosecutor seems troubled by the prospect of a harsh sentence.

"I don't think any normal person jumps off the 10th floor of a hotel," Karkanen said. "It comes down to the question: what are we going to do if we convict her? The answer is we're human. We don't know. It will require a lot of soul searching on the part of the district attorney's office."

Five die when helicopter crashes into 4-lane highway

MONROE, N.C. (AP) — A helicopter crashed onto a four-lane highway early today, missing traffic but killing all five people aboard.

Evidence inside the helicopter indicated it had picked up the passengers at the Charlotte Motor Speedway, where Sunday's Coca-Cola 600 race ended about two hours before the crash, Union County Sheriff Frank McGuirt said.

None of the victims was a NASCAR racing driver or team owner, McGuirt said.

He did not know where the helicopter was headed, although the local airport is just two miles from the crash site.

The helicopter crashed onto U.S. 74, about 30 miles from the race track, a route heavily used by vacationers traveling between Charlotte and beaches in North Carolina and South Carolina.

"It's a wonder that there was no motor vehicles involved. Cars were driving by while it was coming down on the highway," the sheriff said.

McGuirt said an investigator from the Federal Aviation Administration told him the helicopter's engine was not running when it hit the ground. There was fuel in its tank but it did not catch fire.

The weather was foggy and the helicopter apparently cut a power line in the area, he said.

The highway was closed in both directions for several hours. Authorities opened one westbound lane at dawn, allowing motorists to pass within 15 feet of wreckage lying in the median.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

What causes breast tenderness in men?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past three months, my 60-year-old husband has experienced tenderness of his left breast, associated with a small amount of brownish discharge from the nipple. His doctor says not to worry about this. Should we look into it further?

DEAR READER: In my opinion, yes.

Breast tenderness and discharge in men are always abnormal, regardless of the person's age. There are various causes of this condition; some are trivial, others are more serious.

To begin with, many medications can stimulate the male breast. Common drugs include digoxin, Tagamet, diuretics (kidney stimulants), anti-cancer compounds, Valium, marijuana, anti-depressants and many others. Thus, if your husband is taking either prescription or over-the-counter medication, the drug may be to blame. Other causes of breast tenderness and discharge in men include liver disease, hormonal imbalances, thyroid disorders, lung cancer, kidney failure, testicular tumors and breast cancer.

As you can see from this list, there are a multitude of possible causes for your husband's problems. Therefore, I recommend that he undergo blood tests, a chest X-ray and a mammogram, in conjunction with a thorough medical history and full examination. Although only about 50 percent of men with breast sensitivity and discharge are found to have a significant disease, your husband should still have a "work-up" because his symptoms may indicate a serious disorder that needs attention.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 69-year-old woman. My doctor told me that I have Heberden's nodes. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Not in the slightest. Named after William Heberden, a distinguished 18th century physician, these "nodes" are the harmless knobs that many of us notice on our finger joints as we age. Heberden's nodes are merely a sign of osteoarthritis. The nodes reflect the changing bony architecture around the joints, as a consequence of the arthritis that eventually affects most of us.

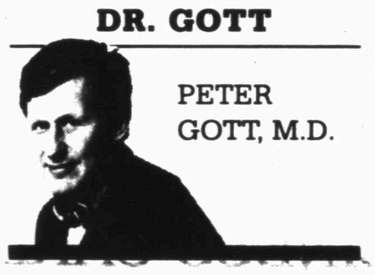
Heberden's nodes are painless and require no specific therapy, although the arthritic pain and stiffness may require treatment with medicine such as ibuprofen.

Your doctor was probably showing off by using an obscure medical diagnosis when a straightforward explanation was all that was needed.

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

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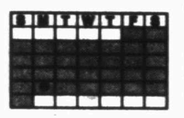
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PETER GOTT, M.D.

Datebook

May 25, 1998



Today is the 145th day of 1998 and the 67th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1787, the delegates of seven states opened the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pa.

On this day in 1961, President John F. Kennedy announced his goal of putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

On this day in 1992, Jay Leno replaced Johnny Carson on the "Tonight Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), philosopher and poet; Miles Davis (1926-1991), jazz trumpeter; Leslie Uggams (1940-), singer and actress.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali knocked out Sonny Liston in the first round of a fight in Lewiston, Maine.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I'll be floating like a butterfly and stinging like a bee." — Muhammad Ali

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1987, lightning killed a man standing in a boat on Lake Bistineau, in Louisiana.

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TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

Interesting developments are indicated in the year ahead where your field of expertise is concerned. Advancement is a possibility, as is some type of entrepreneurial involvement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's a possibility today that an insensitive associate might try to use you in some manner to make him/herself look good. Do not tolerate manipulation. 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.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll be in a talkative mood today, but be careful you don't speak without thinking and disclose someone else's secrets.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Monitor your behavior judiciously today, so you do not impose upon a friend going out of his/her way to assist you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't seek a critique from close companions today, unless you're prepared for candid disclosures. What they say or don't say might displease you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's best not to attempt an arduous task today if your heart isn't in your work — especially if it is something you promised to do for someone else.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're too possessive or demanding of your loved one today, Cupid might hit you in the fanny with a blunt arrow. Treat your sweetheart as you would like to be treated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try not to rule the roost with a heavy hand today. Friction within the household can be avoided if you aren't intolerant or temperamental.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might do more talking about things that should be done than doing them. Words don't move mountains; actions do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Manage your resources and income in a prudent manner today. Don't buy things you can't afford, hoping you'll be able to pay for them later. You can come out ahead if you're careful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Guard against being unduly opinionated today. If you disrespect the ideas or opinions of others, they'll reject your suggestions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do nothing today that's contrary to your common sense. Problems are likely in areas where your actions are not in accord with your good judgment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Disappointment is indicated today if the only reason you're generous is in hopes of getting something back in return. Kind gestures must be sincere.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Couple Out for a Movie Can't Believe Their Ears

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: What is with this trend toward all the vulgar language used in movies these days? Has Hollywood lost all sense of decency?

When the Academy Awards presentations were held in March, did they televise "clips" of the language used in those films? You bet they didn't!

My wife and I went to see "Good Will Hunting" just a week before the awards ceremony. It was hyped to be so-o-o good — but it was terrible to be bombarded with that vile language. It made me wonder who is judging the quality of the entertainment industry these days. We weren't entertained at all.

Maybe language of that type is acceptable in some circles, but as for us, a night at the movies is off our entertainment schedule for the rest of our lives.

NO MORE MOVIES,
FORT COLLINS, COLO.

DEAR NO MORE: In an effort to put realism into many of the current movies, the industry seems to have gone overboard on the use of vulgarity and profanity. Aside from being offensive to many viewers, the profanity is boring and repetitious.

I'm all for the Motion Picture Association's rating system, which lets children, adults and everyone in between know in advance what to expect before they buy their tickets.

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DEAR ABBY: Women often lose one of a treasured pair of earrings. Since it is impractical for a woman to wear the remaining earring by itself, and since she often wears several complementary colors at one time, it would be nice if women were to adopt a "fad" of wearing two different earrings, each of which could match in color a different part of her outfit.

This would enable a woman to still wear beloved pieces of jewelry and not just look longingly at them as they rest on the dresser.

THOMAS MURPHY,
BRADENTON, FLA.

DEAR THOMAS: That's an ingenious solution to a common problem. Women who are comfortable wearing mismatched pairs should be all ears.

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DEAR ABBY: I had to write when I read the letter from "Ray in Canada" who has a foot fetish. I also have a foot fetish, and the questions he asked are common.

Abby, people with a foot fetish wonder in the beginning what is wrong with them, but the best bet is to accept themselves just the way they are. Ray could try to suppress his feelings, but the odds are that he wouldn't be happy.

Your advice to find a "sole-mate" was right on. He'll be happy and so will she. Many women are more open-minded than you would think. The vast majority of men who have this fetish are faithful, and when they meet the right woman, she's treated like a queen.

FLORIDA FOOT MAN

DEAR FLORIDA: Thank you for speaking out. Too bad you didn't sign your name. You'd be inundated with offers from women who are eager to hot-foot it in your direction.

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Defense to tear up informant's past in retrial

HOUSTON (AP) — Both sides in Houston's city hall bribery sting case vow to present better cases to jurors when they return to federal court for the retrial of five current and former public officials.

Whether the government prosecutors or defense attorneys will have the upper hand this second time around is uncertain. The first trial ended last week with a hung jury. A retrial is expected to begin in the next two weeks.

Former Houston city council members Ben Reyes and John Peavy Jr., current councilmen John Castillo and Michael Yarbrough and former port commissioner and lobbyist Betti Maldonado are the defendants.

They're accused of taking or giving bribes in an attempt to influence the awarding of a contract for the convention center hotel.

The FBI's undercover sting revolved around Julio Molineiro, an undercover FBI informant, and Robert Dogium, an undercover FBI agent.

While posing as investors Carlos Montero and Marcos Correa, the two claimed to represent the Cayman Group, a consortium interested in securing a subcontract on a hotel proposal submitted by developer Wayne Duddlesten.

Prosecutors could have the advantage because they can correct one glaring mistake in the first trial, says David Goldstein, a South Texas College of Law professor.

In the first trial, they were blindsided by the corrupt past of their key witness.

Although the FBI was aware informant Molineiro had felony convictions in South America, agent Ron Stern testified he knew of no problems with Molineiro's work as an undercover informant for a host of federal agencies.

Defense attorneys revealed the informant's use of cocaine and theft of $20,000 from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration when he worked as an informant for that federal agency.

Defense attorney Dick DeGuerin discovered the informant was fired by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for entrapping suspects in a drug case.

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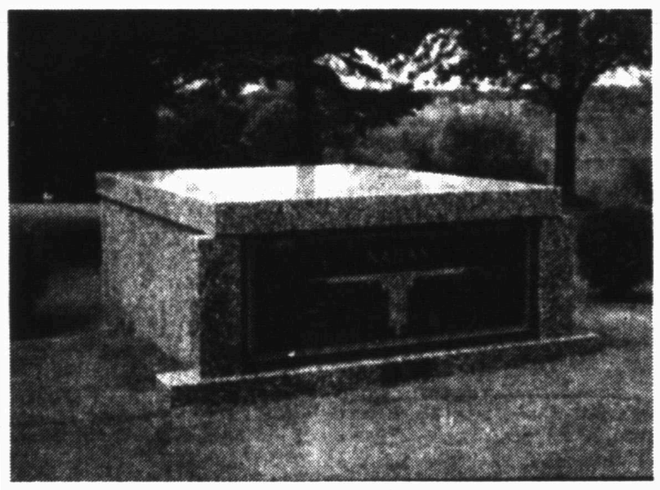
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Church explosion caused by bomb blast

DANVILLE, Ill. (AP) — An explosion that tore a hole in the side of a church and injured 33 people was caused by a bomb, federal authorities said today.

Sunday's explosion at the First Assembly of God Church was the second church bombing in five months in the same county.

"We have determined that it was a bomb. It is an explosive," special agent Jerry Singer of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said today. Residue from the explosive will be sent to a laboratory for examination, he said.

The FBI has joined in the investigation, Singer said.

Singer said there is no evidence in hand that would tie this explosion to a bomb that killed a 46-year-old church volunteer Dec. 30 at a church in Oakwood, about 10 miles to the west. There have been no arrests in that incident.

The ATF laboratory in Rockville, Md., will examine the Danville explosives for any resemblance to the Oakwood bomb and others throughout the country, Singer said.

"There is no indication that the (Danville) church has had any prior threats or problems," he added.

Singer would not provide details on the Danville explosive except to say "it was a considerable amount of force."

The church, a wood frame and metal structure, was built in recent years in one of the more crime-ridden neighborhoods of this blue-collar city of 34,000 people.

The pastor, the Rev. Dennis Rogers, said today he knew right away it was a bomb because it smelled like gunpowder.

"Even while it was happening, I was saying to myself, was this a dream, is this really happening. Nothing can prepare you for this," he said.

Some 300 people were attending Sunday morning's service at the Danville church. Parishioners had just bowed their heads in prayer when the violent blast rocked the church and white smoke filled the sanctuary.

After scrambling through the smoke and debris, Betty Lawrence still had reason to express thanks that no one was killed.

"God did keep his hands on us," she said. "No one died."

U.S. forces training troops in Colombia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Colombian soldiers combating drug traffickers and guerrillas are benefiting from training exercises with U.S. Special Forces under a program that avoids restrictions on general military aid, The Washington Post reported today.

The restrictions were imposed by the Clinton administration in response to Colombia's human rights and drug-fighting record.

While not forbidden, the training involving hundreds of American troops each year has allowed the U.S. military to play a more direct and autonomous role in Colombia than officials publicly have indicated, the paper said.

The story in today's editions said the training was authorized under a 1991 law — known as JCET (Joint Combined Exchange Training) that permits U.S. Special Forces to train on foreign soil if the training is designed primarily to benefit the U.S. troops.

The report said that, while not secret, the training in Colombia has been sensitive enough that few in Congress are aware of it and the exercises have been suspended this month as Colombia holds presidential elections.

The same program was invoked for U.S. troops to conduct 41 training exercises with Indonesia over the past seven years even though many members of Congress believed they had curtailed military ties with that country, the report said.

Defense Secretary William Cohen suspended the Indonesia program two weeks ago because of turmoil there.

"We consider JCET an important program because it allows us to train in different areas of the world and to learn how other militaries operate," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon was quoted as saying. "It also allows us to learn important skills. We did this under the terms of the law. It was totally legal and reported to Congress."

Without going into detail, Bacon referred in an April 14 Pentagon briefing to "a military mission of about 200 people in Colombia manning radars and doing other things to try to stop the flow of drugs out of Colombia and out of the region generally."

He said at the briefing that, "We are not involved in counter-insurgency operations in Colombia and we don't have any plans to become involved. What we are doing is working with the Colombian military through training programs ... small unit exchanges, educational programs, to try to make the Colombian military more professional. That's a program that's been going on for some time."

GOP pressing White House on waiver for satellite deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying this could be the most significant scandal of the Clinton administration, Republicans are pushing for answers as to why a major Democratic donor, whose company was under a Justice Department investigation, got a waiver for a satellite deal with the Chinese.

The donor, Loral Space and Communications chief executive Bernard Schwartz, on Sunday strongly denied trying to buy influence or pass sensitive technology to the Chinese. White House National Security Adviser Sandy Berger agreed that politics played no part in the administration decisions.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, interviewed by CNN's "Late Edition," acknowledged there was "clearly no hard evidence at this stage" to prove Clinton was swayed by campaign donations or economic interests to make risky national policy decisions.

But he said Clinton had set "a very very bad precedent" by agreeing to the satellite licenses earlier this year when the Justice Department was investigating possible illegal transfers of missile technology in 1996.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said on "Fox News Sunday" that "these transfers are made at a time exactly when these enormous contributions were being made and at a time when these decisions were being considered. That doesn't necessarily raise an inference of bribery, but it raises a very substantial question."

Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., named by Gingrich to head an eight-member House investigation, promised to cooperate with Democrats on what he said would be a discrete bipartisan investigation.

"It won't be political theater in the form of splashy congressional hearings," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press," an apparent reference to the divisive campaign finance hearings led by Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind.

Cox said that with the recent revelations that a Chinese military officer may have funneled money to the Democratic Party through fund-raiser Johnny Chung, "I'm concerned that we may have stumbled onto a rather significant intelligence problem" that his panel may not have time to fully investigate.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said on ABC that "these are the most serious allegations that I've heard on any administration in the last eight, 10, 12 years, maybe longer."

But both the White House and Schwartz insisted there was no improper activity.

Schwartz, on ABC's "This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts," said Loral experts did nothing more than confirm Chinese findings about the cause of a 1996 explosion of a Chinese rocket carrying a Loral satellite. The Justice investigation centers on whether Loral provided the Chinese with secrets that could be used to improve the accuracy of their ballistic missiles.

"All we did was look at their report and say that the report, with respect to what went wrong, was accurate," Schwartz said.

More teens arrested in death of girl who threatened to snitch

CURWENSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Police arrested two more teenagers on homicide charges in the hanging and beating death of a 15-year-old girl who authorities say was killed when she threatened to reveal a group of teens plans to run off to Florida.

The two charged on Sunday — Teresa Marie Wolfe, 14, and Patrick Leroy Lucas Jr., 16 — were both classmates of Kimberly Jo Dotts. A 17-year-old boy who authorities did not identify was arrested for hindering the apprehension of the suspects.

Police said Kimberly was dragged around the woods with a noose around her neck, hanged from a tree, and then was bashed in the head with a large rock.

Her body lay under branches for more than a week in an area called Gallows Harbor, named for a 19th century hanging.

Arrested last week and charged with homicide were Jessica Holtmeyer, 16, and Aaron Straw, 18. Kimberly's cousin, Tracy Lewis, 24, who was with the group, was jailed Friday on a parole violation stemming from an unrelated 1995 arrest.

Charles Dotts said his niece was learning disabled and longed for friends to accept her. Police say she met the group the day before the May 10 killing.

Kimberly's body was buried Sunday.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Revelation," followed by "Becoming Persons of Integrity," will begin at 7 this evening.

Alzheimer information

Linda San Miquel, director of social services at Palo Duro Canyon Alzheimers Unit, will be speaking at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Healthcare Center, 5311 Big Spring Highway. Her topic will be communication and management of difficult behaviors in alzheimer patients.

Genealogical society

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. Following a business meeting, members will assist visitors with research. Everyone is welcome.

Diabetic support group

The Diabetic support group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, in the Cogdell Rehab Center. Guest speaker will be Denise Hoyt, R.D., L.D. Her topic will be the constant carbohydrate diet. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Marriage For Life

Marriage Ministries International will hold a Married For Life Home Group Outreach Night at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Ira Community Center on FM 1606 across from Ira School. Any couple interested in strengthening their marriage is invited to attend.

Enchilada supper

Sports Challenge is sponsoring an enchilada supper from 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the East Elementary cafeteria. Tickets are $5.50 for adults and $2.50 for children 10 and under. Call 573-0390, 573-1452, 573-9466 or 573-6455 for tickets.

Ministry in song

Gospel singers Maria Ellena and Jesse Ruiz will be ministering in song at Rivers of Living Waters Ministries, 413 26th St., at 7 p.m. Thursday. Everyone is welcome.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at WTC for those seeking their GEDs. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

There will be no evening classes conducted in May and June. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Benefit bake sale

A bake sale is planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 20 at Wal-Mart to benefit Tiffany Sneed, a cancer patient.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief, caring for aging parents and learning to improve the family experience will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at First Baptist Church. Parents and teens are welcome and child care will be provided.

Dermott School reunion

The Dermott School reunion will be held June 13 at the Dermott School on the county coliseum grounds. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Dayton McCarter at 573-3093.

New programs at FBC

First Baptist Church announces two new programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

Class of 2000 fund-raiser

Snyder High Class of 2000 is offering chance at a Super Bowl football autographed by Emmitt Smith and a Titanic photograph autographed by Leonardo deCaprio. Donations are $1 each. See any class member to purchase tickets.

'Furry Tails! Funny Tales!'

Registration for summer reading and read-to-me programs for children begins next Monday at Scurry County Library. There are two age groups — preschoolers and non-reading children and youngsters who have completed K through 6th grade. Registration will continue through July 24 during normal library hours.

Youth camp fund-raiser

Word is Life Deliverance Church children ages 7-12 are raising money to attend Willie George's Camp Dry Gulch in Oklahoma. They are taking orders for Christian shirts and caps. Contact any church youth or call Jackie Hackfeld at 573-6763 or 573-2873.

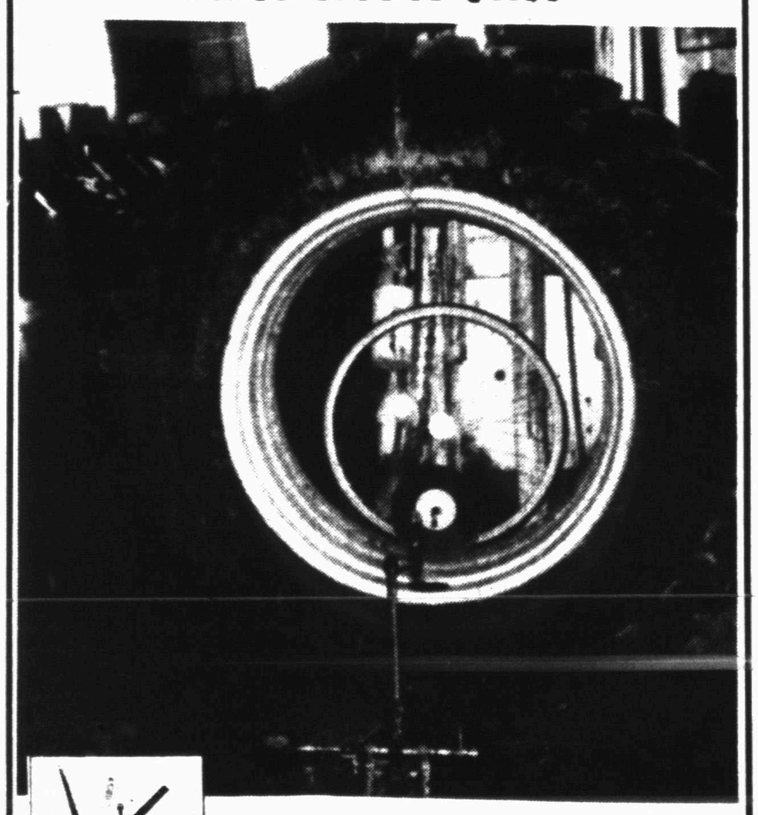
Pick 3

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

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-18-23-36-48-49.
Estimated jackpot: $16 million.
Number matching six of six: zero
Matching five of six: 127. Prize: $1,603.
Matching four of six: 6,732. Prize: $109.
Matching three of six: 130,006. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
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