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McVeigh trial gets underway

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh's trial began in a barricaded federal courthouse today, nearly two years after a terrorist bombing at the Oklahoma City federal building killed 168 people and shattered thousands of lives.

Bombing survivors, relatives and reporters filled the courtroom as lawyers began choosing 12 jurors and six alternates from the jury pool the defense team claimed was "poisoned" by media reports of McVeigh's purported confessions.

Tom Kight, whose daughter, Frankie Merrill, was killed in the blast, was among those who lined up outside for the stone-and glass courthouse for a seat. The line had grown to about a dozen people an hour before court began.

"My stepdaughter can't be here so we'll be here to represent ourselves and our daughter Frankie," said Kight, who was joined by his wife, Marsha.

About 75 members of the news media filled a section of the courthouse plaza and federal police patrolled the area around the courthouse. A protest area that had been set up across the street, just outside the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, was empty.

McVeigh, who authorities say went from model soldier to a hateful, paranoid loner, faces the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more. Co-defendant Terry Nichols will be tried separately, after McVeigh.

Jury selection was expected to take about two weeks, with prospective jurors questioned individually before U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch and lawyers for both sides.

GETTING THEM READY — With Spring comes youth baseball in Snyder and one of the chores for adult leaders in the program is getting practice fields ready for the many teams. Here, Isrrael Hinojos, left, and Valerio Torres work on a new practice field near Deep Creek. (SDN Staff Photo)

Justices rule cable has to carry local broadcast channels

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today upheld a 1992 federal law that requires cable television systems to carry local broadcasters, a decision that could mean survival for many small, independent stations.

The court ruled 5-4 that the measure is a lawful effort to preserve broadcast television and ensure public access to information from a variety of sources.

The decision means cable subscribers will continue to get, as they currently do, the same lineup of local broadcast stations on their cable systems.

The justices rejected cable companies' argument that the law violates their constitutionally protected right to free speech.

"Congress has an independent interest in preserving a multiplicity of broadcasters to ensure that all households have access to information and entertainment on an equal footing with those who subscribe to cable," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the court.

"Significant evidence indicates the vast majority of cable operators have not been affected in a significant manner by must-carry," Kennedy added. "We must conclude must-carry is narrowly tailored to preserve a multiplicity of broadcast stations for the 40 percent of American households without cable."

There is heavy competition for space on cable systems because many new cable networks have been created in recent years.

In other cases, the court:

—Let stand a ruling that said copyright fees sometimes must be paid when students use large packets of photocopies rather than books in their classwork.

—Reinstated a Montana law that requires unmarried girls to notify a parent or get a judge's approval before undergoing an abortion.

—Revived the federal government's efforts to imprison a former Tennessee judge accused of assaulting five women. The justices ruled that a federal appeals court used the wrong legal standard when it struck down the criminal conviction of David Lanier. They told the appeals court to restudy its ruling.

—Let stand rulings giving public school officials the power to prevent elementary students from handing out leaflets in school hallways before or after class.

Cong. Stenholm honors invitation

One East fourth grader is going to get her wish Tuesday — a visit from U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm.

Blake Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Robertson and one of Meloney Early's students, wrote Stenholm a letter inviting him to visit her class, and he agreed.

Betsy, Blake's mother, said her daughter is excited about the visit. She said the arrangements were made about a month ago.

According to Early, Stenholm will arrive at her classroom at 8:45 for a brief visit and question and answer session.

They will then adjourn to the auditorium where the congressman will have a short visit with the student body.

Early and music teacher Donna Smith have written a song about Stenholm which Meloney's students will sing.

All of the students will sing a song and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance" while Stenholm is in the auditorium.

According to Jayne Shoonmaker, Stenholm assistant, Tuesday's visit is part of the congressman's "Give Teachers A Break Program."

Blake and Stenholm met last summer during the First Baptist Church's God and Country service. At the time, Betsy said Stenholm told her daughter, "If you invite me I'll come to your class."

Former cult members say they regret missing suicide

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Two former followers of the Heaven's Gate cult insisted the deaths of 39 members were not a mass suicide, and one regretted that he didn't die with the rest at the Rancho Santa Fe mansion.

"I wish I had the strength to have remained ... to have stuck it out and gotten stronger and continued to be a part of that group," former member Nick Cooke told CBS' "60 Minutes" on Sunday. His wife, Suzanne Sylvia Cooke, was among the dead.

Cooke said his wife had "shed her container" and is now aboard a spaceship with 38 colleagues, including cult leader Marshall Applewhite.

On Easter, families of the victims continued to make last arrangements for their loved ones. Many had been lost to them for 20 years or more, having ended all communication after joining the cult founded by Applewhite, who died last week with his flock, and Bonnie Lu Trusdale Nettles. Ms. Nettles died of cancer in 1985 at age 57.

Cooke described himself as an "off and on" member who left Heaven's Gate three years ago. He and another former cult member identified only as "Sawyer" told "60 Minutes" they still believed in the tenets of the cult, which hoped for salvation by way of a UFO trailing the Hale-Bopp comet.

The two former members estimated that dozens of others still remain faithful to the cult's principles — including the idea that members might be beamed up into space. They weren't worried about the suicide victims.

"I don't think of them as dead. Well, the bodies, yes. But these are shells left behind," Cooke told KQED-FM in San Francisco. "I believe they are on a craft somewhere, whether it's behind the comet or not, I really don't know."

Proffitt second runner-up

Nine champion spellers faced each other Saturday in the regional bee and when it was over, Snyder's Wendy Proffitt was second runner-up.

Not bad for the West sixth grader, who already has several bee victories to her credit. The 12-year-old won the county bee earlier this month and the West campus bee in February.

In previous years, she also won campus bees at Northeast and East Elementary.

Saturday's spelloff began at 1 p.m. at Cavazos Junior High School in Lubbock. Wendy, who received a trophy for her efforts, said the match was over in less than an hour.

While this morning she couldn't recall the words she had spelled correctly, she did remember the word that had tripped her up — "rebuttal."

To prepare for the spell-off, Wendy had been drilling about an hour a day, with her mother calling out the words to her. She studied words en route to Lubbock as well.

Somewhat nervous, Wendy never expected to do as well as she did. But the avid speller is already looking forward to next year.

Wendy was accompanied by her parents, Doug and Jill Proffitt, and sister, Ember.

Also attending were Thomas Fogleman, West principal, and Dorothy Petersen, spelling bee coordinator at West.

Vasanthi Reddy of Lubbock won Saturday, repeating as last year's champion. She was followed by Sarah Sanghavi of Howard County as the first runner-up.

April may be busy month for death chamber

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Look for the Texas death chamber to once again become a busy place.

Executions in the nation's most active capital punishment state virtually were stalled in 1996 by an appeal from inmate James Davis who challenged a new Texas law intended to speed up the appeals process for condemned killers.

Three Texas death row inmates were executed last year, the lowest number since 1988 and following a record-setting 19 lethal injections in 1995.

But only one execution last year was carried out after February and that prisoner voluntarily gave up his appeals. Forty execution dates were scheduled, the least number of dates since 1986 as prosecutors awaited the outcome of the Davis challenge.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in late December rejected the Davis appeal, then two weeks ago refused a request by Davis' attorneys to reconsider the case.

If the December ruling opened the door for resumption of regular executions, the not unexpected refusal by the state's top criminal appeals court to reconsider the Davis case swung it wide open.

Already, one condemned killer was strapped to the gurney in March and six are set for April executions. Five of those six are likely to proceed, state officials say.

"All have gone through the federal and state habeas process," Texas Attorney General's office spokesman Ron Dusek said of the five inmates. "We expect the executions to be carried out."

Prosecutors in Harris County, who have 134 convicted killers on death row — four times more than any other county — said at least 10 cases held up by the Davis appeal now should conclude with executions.

"It's going to get very busy," says Roe Wilson, who heads the Harris County district attorney's appellate section dealing with capital murder cases.

Of the 109 men executed since Texas resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982, it took an average nine years to get them to the death chamber.

"It's terribly frustrating," Betty Rounsaville says of the length of time it takes for the punishment to be carried out.

A jury took 30 minutes to convict John Barefield of killing Mrs. Rounsaville's daughter and less deliberation than that to condemn him. In March, almost 11 years after arriving on death row, Barefield finally was put to death.

"It's the system, I guess," she said.

And whatever the pace, it would have to accelerate tremendously to keep up with the number of people arriving annually. The three inmates executed in 1996 compared with 39 newly condemned prisoners.

Dorsie Johnson case still stayed

Though the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has decided not to reconsider the James Davis case, it has not yet dismissed the appeal of a Mitchell County man who has spent 11 years on death row for killing a Snyder convenience store clerk.

Dorsie Lee Johnson's stay remains in effect, pending a decision by the appeals court, District Attorney Dana Cooley said today. That decision could come as early as Wednesday, the day the court of appeals hands down its findings.

Johnson shot Allsup's convenience store clerk Jack Huddleston in the back of the head during a robbery on March 23, 1986. He was convicted of capital murder by a 132nd District Court jury in October of 1986 and received the death penalty.

Johnson has received numerous stays and has appealed his case through the court system, including the Supreme Court.

Most recently, he was sentenced to die by lethal injection last Oct. 23. That sentence was stayed to allow the Court of Criminal Appeals to resolve the Davis vs. the State of Texas case.

ASK US

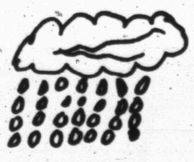
Q—Who made the quilt that is framed and hanging on the second floor of the courthouse?

A—Brenda Hedges and Loretta Worthen.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 85 degrees; low, 41; high Sunday, 64; low, 37; 7 a.m. Monday, 38; no precipitation; total for 1997, 5.08 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, areas of drizzle; 30% rain chance. Low near 50. SE wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, cloudy; 40% rain chance. High around 70. SE wind 10-20 mph.



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Chance of rain

Sunset: 6:42 p.m.
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Of 89 days in 1997, the sun has shone 80 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Education is not received.
It is achieved.

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Maverick changes way researchers hunt genes

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Thirty years ago at the Navy hospital in Da Nang, medical corpsman J. Craig Venter found himself staring the cosmos in the face.

He was performing an autopsy on a soldier about his own age — 20, maybe 21. A single small-caliber bullet had gone through the young man's head.

"There was just this tiny little hole that just went through part of his brain. And I couldn't understand why he was dead," Venter recalls. "Why was he dead and not others?"

A spiritual man might have looked to religion for help in understanding. An introspective type might have sought meaning in art or literature. Venter turned to science.

After returning from Vietnam, he made up for the time he'd wasted before being drafted, racing through college and graduate school in six years. He held professorships in Buffalo, at the State University of New York and the Roswell Park Memorial Institute, then became a researcher at the National Institutes of Health in 1984.

In those days, scientists struggled mightily to find just one gene. They would spend years homing in on a tiny fragment of genetic material that somehow helps determine whether a person gets breast cancer, schizophrenia, cystic fibrosis or some other ailment. Then, once the researchers had found a gene and figured out its function, a company might patent it in the hope that more years of research might produce a treatment or diagnostic tool.

But in 1990, somewhere over the Pacific Ocean, Venter thought of a better way. With 12 hours to kill on a flight from Japan to the United States, he made a simple observation that has revolutionized the gene-hunting business.

The problem, Venter realized, is that most of the DNA in every human cell is junk — meaningless information that may be important mechanically or evolutionally, but has nothing to do with the operation of the living machine.

Yet, somehow, every cell in the human body knows what information it needs to operate, and uses only that subset of the 60,000 to 100,000 human genes, ignoring the estimated 97 percent of DNA that doesn't really mean anything.

"Our brain cells know how to find the genes associated with brain function, and the liver knows how to get ones for liver cells' structure and function," Venter says. "Basically, my big breakthrough was just realizing that each and every cell in our body works better than our best supercomputers in interpreting the genetic code."

Venter and his colleagues wrote a paper for the journal Science suggesting that such an approach, a technique known as expressed sequence tagging, would be very useful for finding human genes. It would target only those DNA sequences that are expressed, or used, in a cell, allowing biologists to find important genes quickly, without having to sift through the rest of the genetic material.

Pretty soon, Venter had cranked out a few thousand human genes, more than doubling the number known. Not long after that, he was out of a job.

The trouble began when Venter's employer, the National Institutes of Health, decided it would be best to patent the genes he was discovering.

That made leaders of the human genome project, an international effort to sequence every gene there is, apoplectic.

Patenting genes would lock up their potential forever, the gurus of the genome project protested. Researchers would have no incentive to study a gene that belonged to somebody else, they argued, because only the patent holder would profit from any resulting treatment.

In the fray that erupted over gene-patenting, Venter and his innovation itself soon began drawing fire.

"Some of the biggest names in science tried to eliminate my career," Venter says. "Not illuminate — eliminate. And I think being shot at for a year in Vietnam ... prepared me for the hostile scientific community."

As the controversy wore on, relations between Venter and his employer grew strained. Most geneticists didn't realize the potential of expressed sequence tagging, Venter says, and the NIH was reluctant to fund his research.

"We were in the neurology institute," explains Richard McCombie, an associate investigator at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, who worked with Venter at the NIH. "Because of that they were, I think, hesitant to get into something that was drifting a bit far from neurology."

But if the NIH didn't want in, the biotechnology industry certainly did.

"I started getting all these really mega-offers to go head biotech companies. And I didn't want to head a biotech company," Venter says. "So I told all these investors and investment bankers that if they wanted me to leave NIH, then the only way I'd leave is if they funded a not-for-profit institute. That scared most of them off."

Venter finally made a deal with HealthCare Investment, which promised him $70 million over 10 years to start the Institute for Genome Sciences, a nonprofit research institute. In return, Human Genome Sciences, a company set up by HealthCare Investment, would get first dibs on anything the institute discovered.

As he signed the deal, Venter says, couldn't help feeling he had made a pact with the devil.

Since he founded the institute, he has clashed with his funders over sharing the fruits of his labors — much of the human genetic code, plus the complete blueprints for a handful of microbes.

And even as he has fought to publish his results as soon as possible and disseminate them to his colleagues, he says he has gained a reputation for hoarding scientific knowledge because of the limitations of his Human Genome Sciences contract.

"It's really a bizarre situation," Venter says. "Our desire to publish our findings at the earliest possible point is conflicting with the company's desire to keep the information for their private use."

The relationship hasn't been all grief. Venter acknowledges he's personally made "a few million" dollars, and that the deal allowed him to acquire his prized possession — an 82-foot sailboat. In May, he's sailing it in the Atlantic Challenge, a two-week race from New York to Falmouth, England.

But before he goes, he's thumbing his nose at his funder and occasional nemesis by opening his human gene database to the scientific community with no restrictions. A complicated side-agreement with both Human Genome Sciences and the pharmaceutical company SmithKline Beecham expires in April, allowing him to make the move.

"It's the only comprehensive human gene database out there," Venter says. "It's a big event."

Not so, says Human Genome Sciences chief William Haseltine. Venter's databank is only a fraction of what Human Genome Sciences has in its giant human genetic database, most of which was acquired by the company on its own, Haseltine says.

Latest lottery jackpot shared by twenty-three

DALLAS (AP) — The latest group of Lotto Texas winners — 23 in all — consider it justice that they'll share an estimated $45 million jackpot.

The winning ticket for Saturday night's drawing is claimed by a group of lawyers, investigators and secretaries with the Dallas County public defender's office.

"We have attorneys who won, investigators who won, secretaries who won — our interpreter won, so it ran the gamut of our office," Jane Roden, one of the group, told Fort Worth television station KXAS on Sunday.

She said when she learned the winning numbers, "we pretty much went berserk after that and we haven't slept since."

If their ticket is validated by the Texas Lottery, they'll each receive $56,000 per year for 25 years.

"All I know is that at 11:10 last night, I became eminently aware that my life had changed forever and it would never be the same again," said King Solomon, an attorney for the public defender's office.

Solomon did not immediately return a telephone call Sunday night from The Associated Press.

So far, the state lottery can only confirm that one winning ticket for the latest drawing was sold at JJ's Convenience Store in Terrell. The winning numbers were 2, 16, 24, 42, 48 and 50.

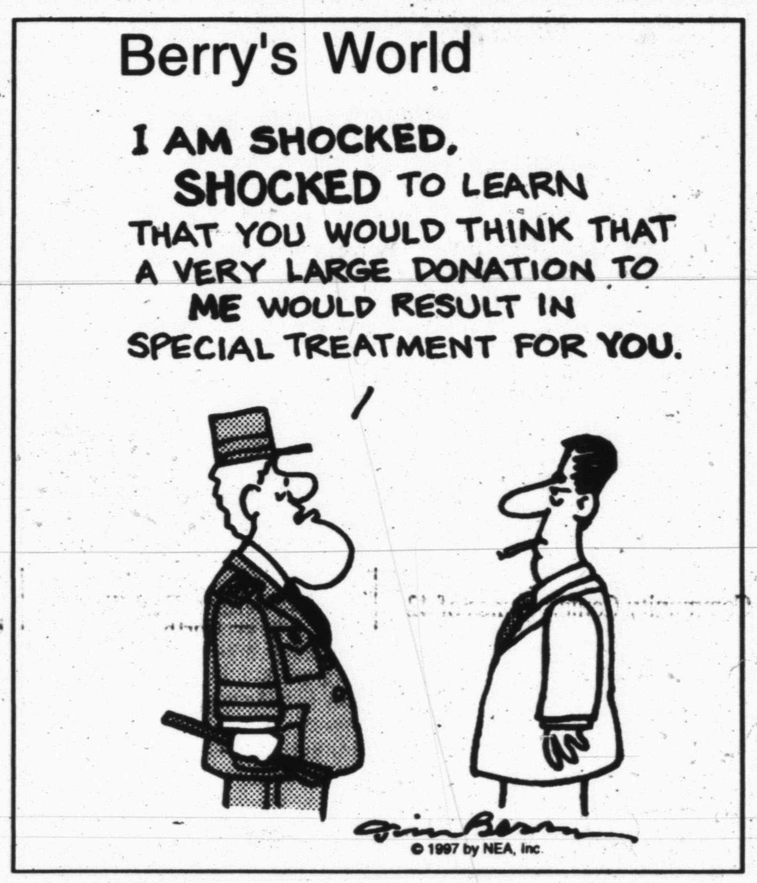
"No one can confirm a winner until they bring a ticket in to be validated," Texas Lottery spokesman Steve Levine said in Austin. "They seem like a nice group of people, but until we get the winners validated all we can say is that one ticket was sold at the convenience store."

The group had used $123 in winnings from Wednesday's lotto drawing to purchase tickets for Saturday night.

"I stopped at four different places in Terrell and just lucked out that this one place had the right Quick Pick. That's what I got," said Larry Reid, chief investigator for the office.

The convenience store would receive a payment for selling a winning ticket.

"It feels great," said Jim Phounsavath of JJ's. "I am not winning the money, but I am proud for them and I am proud for the owner. Congratulations to us all."



Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2-RE Marchbanks in the Diamond M field, 13 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 164, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Best Resources will drill the No. 1-374 Shannon Ranch in the Shannon Ranch field, two miles northwest of Snyder. Contracted for a depth of 8,200 feet, drill site is in Section 347, Block 97, H&TC survey.

RUWCO Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 1 Beck unit in the Towle field, three miles northeast of Snyder. Planned depth is 7,450 feet, and location is in Section 102, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Garza County

Hat Oil and Gas will drill the No. 2 Crooked Stick in the Tobe field, four miles southwest of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 8,200 feet, drill site is in Section 30, Block 6, H&GN survey.

Patterson Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 2 John in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. Scheduled for 5,200 feet, location is in Section 30, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Kent County

Bexco Operating will drill the No. 1-428 Daniels, a 3,600-foot wildcat located three miles northeast of Jayton. Drill site is in Section 428, Block D, H&TC survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 667-C Salt Creek field unit, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 6,800 feet, location is in Section 165, Block G, W&NW Survey.

Mobil will drill the No. 56-K Salt Creek field unit, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. Scheduled for a depth of 6,800 feet, drill site is in the John Rodman survey.

Mobil will drill the No. 35-L Salt Creek field unit, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 6,800 feet, drill site is in the John Rodman survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 74-M Salt Creek field unit, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. Also set for 6,800 feet, drill site is in the John Rodman survey.

Mitchell County

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 1-D Simpson in the Coleman Ranch north field, one miles east of Cuthbert. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, drill site is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 2-D Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Also planned for 3,400 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 3-D Simpson in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Also set for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 5-D Simpson in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Planned depth is 3,400 feet, and location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 7-D Simpson in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Scheduled for 3,400 feet, drill site is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Vista Resources Inc. has completed the No. 1-115 Douthit in the Howard-Glasscock field, five miles east of Chalk. The venture was finaled to produce 53 barrels of 25 gravity oil and 236 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,501-690 feet, and location is in Section 115, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Saga Petroleum will drill the No. 13-A Settles in the Howard-Glasscock field, two miles southwest of Forsan. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 6,000 feet, and location is in Section 135, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Federal Oil will drill the No. 1 Wagner, 12 miles north of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 8,400 feet, drill site is in Section 17, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Pecos Valley Management Co. has completed the No. 4 Lorenzo Monroe in the Lake Trammell south field, 11 miles north of Roscoe. The well was finaled to produce 254 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 129 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,283-383 feet, and location is in Section 32, Block X, T&P survey.

Hallwood Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 1 Guthrie unit in the Dora north field, 15 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Planned for a depth of 5,700 feet, drill site is in Section 73, Block 5, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 2006 Southwest Nena Lucia field unit, 11 miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 90, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 2108 Southwest Nena Lucia field unit, 11 miles southwest of Maryneal. Contracted for 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 91, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 2109 Southwest Nena Lucia field unit, 11 miles southwest of Maryneal. Also planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 91, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 3131 Southwest Nena Lucia field unit, 11 miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned depth is 7,500 feet and location is in Section 86, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 4620 Southwest Nena Lucia field unit, 11 miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned for 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 90, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Oryx will drill the No. 4621 Southwest Nena Lucia field unit, 11 miles southwest of Maryneal. Also scheduled for 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 90, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

'Liar' tops 'Devil's Own' in weekend box office list

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A week after posting the biggest box office opening ever in March, Jim Carrey's comedy "Liar, Liar" held the No. 1 spot again in earning more than any movie had on an Easter weekend.

"Liar, Liar" had $24.2 million in ticket sales, Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. reported Sunday.

"The Devil's Own" was in second place with $14.3 million. The film, starring Brad Pitt as an Irish gunrunner and Harrison Ford as an Irish-American policeman, was expected to earn $18.1 million through the weekend.

"Selena," about the slain Tejano singer Selena Quintanilla Perez, was third with earnings of $5.6 million — a drop of 52 percent from last week.

Three new films also made the top 10 but their grosses were relatively tepid when compared with that of

"Liar, Liar," about a man forced to tell the truth, has accumulated $69.8 million in just two weeks, earning $8,842 per screen.

"The Sixth Man," a comedy about a college basketball team that gets ghostly help during the NCAA tournament, had $4.3 million in ticket sales to debut in fifth place.

"Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie," the film version of TV's martial arts teen-agers, opened its run in seventh place with $3.5 million. "BAPS," a comedy about two women trying to con a wealthy old man, debuted in ninth with $2.8 million.

The only other newcomer was "Cats Don't Dance," an animated film about a cat named Danny who tries to break into 1930s show business. The first film from Turner Feature Animation, it earned $965,000.

"Return of the Jedi" was fourth with $4.5 million while "The English Patient," which won best picture and eight other Academy Awards, was eighth with $3 million.

The Tim Allen comedy "Jungle 2 Jungle" continued to do well in its fourth week, taking in $4.1 million for sixth place. Howard Stern's "Private Parts" slipped from fifth to 10th place with $2.5 million.

"Shine," which won Geoffrey Rush the Oscar for best actor, and "Sling Blade," which won for best adapted screenplay, finished out of the top 10. "Sling Blade" had $2.1 million and "Shine" grossed $1.3 million.

In limited release, the re-issue of "The Godfather" earned $175,000.

The top 10 films from Friday through Sunday:

1. "Liar, Liar," $24.2 million.
2. "The Devil's Own," $14.3 million.
3. "Selena," $5.6 million.
4. "Return of the Jedi," $4.5 million.
5. "The Sixth Man," $4.3 million.
6. "Jungle 2 Jungle," $4.1 million.
7. "Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie," $3.5 million.
8. "The English Patient," $3 million.
9. "BAPS," $2.8 million.
10. "Private Parts," $2.5 million.

Date Book

March 31, 1997

Today is the 90th day of 1997 and the 12th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1889, the Eiffel Tower was completed in Paris.

On this day in 1917, sovereignty over the U.S. Virgin Islands passed from Denmark to the United States.

On this day in 1993, Brandon Lee died after being shot while filming "The Crow."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rene Descartes (1596-1650), philosopher-mathematician; Andrew Marvell (1621-1678), poet; Joseph Haydn (1732-1809), composer; Jack Johnson (1878-1946), boxing great; John Fowles (1926-), novelist, is 71; Gordie Howe (1928-), hockey great, is 69; Shirley Jones (1934-), actress, is 63; Christopher Walken (1943-), actor, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, UCLA defeated Kentucky 92-85 to win the NCAA men's basketball tournament; it was their 10th title in 12 years, and legendary coach John Wooden's final game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The first precept was never to accept a thing as true until I knew it as such without a single doubt." — Rene Descartes

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1959, a hailstorm pounded central Oklahoma; some of the stones were more than 10 inches in diameter.

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TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; plant exchange and spring bouquet, program; hostesses, LaVerne Hood and Jo Ann Nunley. 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Cult leader dim memory to ex-college classmates

SHERMAN (AP) — Jimmy Jackson remembers hearing the news about Marshall Herff Applewhite on his car radio.

It was 1975.

"Herff Applewhite was leading a group of 50 to 60 people to the mountains in Oregon to watch the world come to an end," said Jackson, Applewhite's former classmate at Austin College.

"I remembered him from college. You don't forget a name like that. But I never did hear anything more about it," he told the Herald Democrat newspaper in Sherman-Denison.

It was the last time Jackson heard of his former classmate until Thursday, the day after the bodies of Applewhite and 38 followers of his Heaven's Gate cult were found in a San Diego-area mansion.

Investigators said all had committed suicide, seeking redemption in a spaceship trailing the Hale-Bopp comet.

The moment he heard Applewhite's name on the news reports, Jackson knew it was his former classmate.

"Just like that," Jackson said, snapping his fingers. "I knew it was him immediately."

Applewhite was a philosophy major at Austin College in 1948-1952, with minors in English and music. He graduated with a bachelor's of art degree in 1952.

Reaction to Applewhite's involvement in the cult was mixed among former classmates and professors at the 1,100-student Presbyterian college in Sherman, Texas, about 60 miles north of Dallas.

"The Herff I knew was a very intelligent young man, very friendly," said former student Ralph "Slats" McCord. "People seemed to really like him because he was so friendly. He was just a nice young man who had a beautiful voice.

"I'm just really surprised that he got involved in this kind of stuff," said McCord, who later served as a coach at the Sherman, Texas, liberal arts school.

According to yearbooks, Applewhite was president of the Ministerial Students Association. He was also a member of the Men's Judiciary Council, Community Council, International Relations Club and Junior Bowling Intramurals.

He made the 1951 Dean's List and was a member of the school's a cappella choir at a time when it was gaining national fame. The choir went on its first European tour five years after Applewhite graduated, according to a collection of essays about the history of the college.

Former classmate Jimmy Jackson remembered Applewhite as an affable student who seemed to be regarded highly by his peers.

"I was in some classes with him," Jackson said. "He was a nice fellow really. He was always cooperative and friendly. He was in the choir, and the members hung out together. He was a leader within his group."

But for those associated with Austin College today, Applewhite is just a name in the news.

"He was a student here 40 years ago, and nobody on campus here knows anything about him," said Oscar Page, president of the private, liberal arts college.

"Nobody knew (Applewhite) until after he died," said senior Jeff Ross.

Easter parade features unusual sights

NEW YORK (AP) — On Easter Sunday seven years ago, Nancy and Ed Worham arrived on Fifth Avenue nice and early, stationed themselves near the curb and waited for the Easter Parade to begin.

"We thought we had good seats," Mrs. Worham recalled. But gradually they realized that there is no parade — just thousands of pedestrians in holiday finery ranging from the elegant to the outlandish.

Every year since then, the Worhams of Toms River, N.J., have been part of the pageant. This year, they dressed their four little girls, ages 1, 3, 6 and 9, in show-stealing hats that were almost as tall as the children — featuring flowers, giant carrots, and a wedding cake topped by a bunny bride and groom.

Police spent the day answering questions from puzzled tourists, who, like the Worham family years ago, were looking for the parade.

"This is it," one officer told a lady in a pastel suit. "You're the parade."

Carmen Miranda-style fruit-and-flower displays were a common sight atop straw broad-brimmed hats, as were bunny ears clipped onto headbands.

Brittany Turner, 14, her 12-year-old sister, Shannon Turner, and their friend, 15-year-old Joanna Winter, from Long Island, wore black-and-yellow plastic foam beehives adorned with pipe-cleaner bees atop their heads.

"We have bees in our bonnets," Brittany gleefully said.

Kevin Walsh, wearing a three-piece suit with pocket watch, looked like the Mad Hatter truly gone insane with a battery-powered chick popping out of a shocking pink plastic egg atop his gray beaver hat.

Walsh's 13-year-old son, Corey, wore a tribute to the Final Four basketball tournament with a hat featuring four long-limbed bunnies shooting balls into tiny hoops.

Bunnies, baskets, bonnets and the peal of church bells abounded around the nation.

In Washington, President Clinton attended services with his family at the Foundry Methodist Church. The senior minister, the Rev. J. Philip Wogaman, spoke of what Easter is not, touching on the "sad, sad" suicide of 39 cult members near San Diego.

"It is not like a cult group tragically making a serious mistake, hoping to catch onto an extraterrestrial space craft. It's not like that at all."

Clinton later posed for photographs in the White House Rose Garden with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and daughter, Chelsea, both just returned from Africa.

Elsewhere, construction at the Hollywood Bowl in Southern California moved the traditional Easter Sunrise Service indoors to the nearby Woman's Club of Hollywood. About 300 people showed up.

Volunteer organizers hope to hold next year's service in the newly renovated bowl, complete with doves and an actual sunrise.

The dawn of a new day marked the end of an era Sunday in San Francisco as a crowd gathered for a sunrise service at the foot of a 103-foot-tall cross recently declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Since then, the city has talked about converting it to private ownership and at least one neighborhood group has volunteered to take over.

'Crossing the Line' to debut on TV

NEW YORK (AP) — Is "Crossfire" ready for competition from Jackie Mason?

The comedian and celebrity divorce lawyer Raoul Felder will co-host a national television talk show called "Crossing The Line."

The program, billed as "hard-hitting yet humorous" with an in-your-face format, will debut April 15 on public television in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver and Atlanta.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-31-97
♠ K Q 10 9 6
♥ Q 10 7 3
♦ K 3
♣ K 3

West
♠ 2
♥ J 4
♦ 9 8 6 5 4
♣ 9 8 6 5 4

East
♠ A J 4 3
♥ 2
♦ A 10 7 2
♣ Q J 7 2

South
♠ 8 7 5
♥ A K 9 8 6 5
♦ Q J
♣ A 10

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

Stating the unnecessary

By Phillip Alder

Last year, there was an article in The New York Times about the chess match between Gary Kasparov and a program running on a super-computer. Above the text was a photograph of Kasparov beside a computer monitor. The caption was: "The current world chess champion, left."

True, in 20 years we might need to include that differentiation. Yet I doubt a computer, even a world chess champion computer, will ever become a target for the paparazzi.

At the bridge table, sometimes defenders make silly signals that help declarer more than partner. More often, though, they don't signal clearly enough. In this deal, how should the play go in four hearts after West has led the spade two?

South was tempted to make a four-club cue-bid, but he didn't like the look of his three low spades. It proved to be a prudent decision.

It isn't recommended to lead a singleton in dummy's bid suit, but here it was the way to defeat the contract.

Recognizing the lead as a singleton, East topped dummy's queen with his ace and returned the spade four. However, this looked like a low spot to West. Thinking it was a suite-preference signal for clubs, after ruffing, West switched to that suit. Gratefully, declarer won with his ace, drew the remaining trumps and conceded a trick to the diamond ace.

"Didn't you see that the spade three was missing?" asked East.

"Yes, but I thought South was hiding it. Why didn't you return the spade *jack*? It would be impossible for me to misread that card."

"You're right. Sorry," said East.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 1, 1997

In the year ahead you could be quite fortunate in establishing meaningful relationships. You might become closely involved with a person who is the kind of pal you've always longed for.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will have the force and determination of an achiever today, yet there is a possibility you might leave several loose threads dangling. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your appropriate course of action today is to evaluate the whole picture without overlooking small, significant details. Be sure everything is accounted for.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, make it a point to be close-mouthed about your present business involvements. Do not let information slip out that could weaken your position.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Things should go smoothly for you and for those you're involved with today, provided no one places his or her interests above those of the other participants.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Semantics and liberal praise are of small value today. The only meaningful thing that will count is what you produce, not what you say.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When socializing with friends today, don't split hairs regarding how much each should contribute, even if they don't offer what you expect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your judgment in financial matters might be keener than your mate's today. Do not relinquish your ideas unless you think his or hers are better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It may be impossible today to get everyone's approval; focus on winning over individuals who really count.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be prudent with your finances today. If your extravagant urges get the best of you, you may spend funds already earmarked for something else.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make a point boasting about your friends today; telling their flaws won't make you look better in the eyes of observers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will be more productive today if you use your own ideas, methods and procedures instead of those recommended by associates.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will be quite effective and efficient today, with the exception of estimating costs. Have someone you trust recheck your figures.

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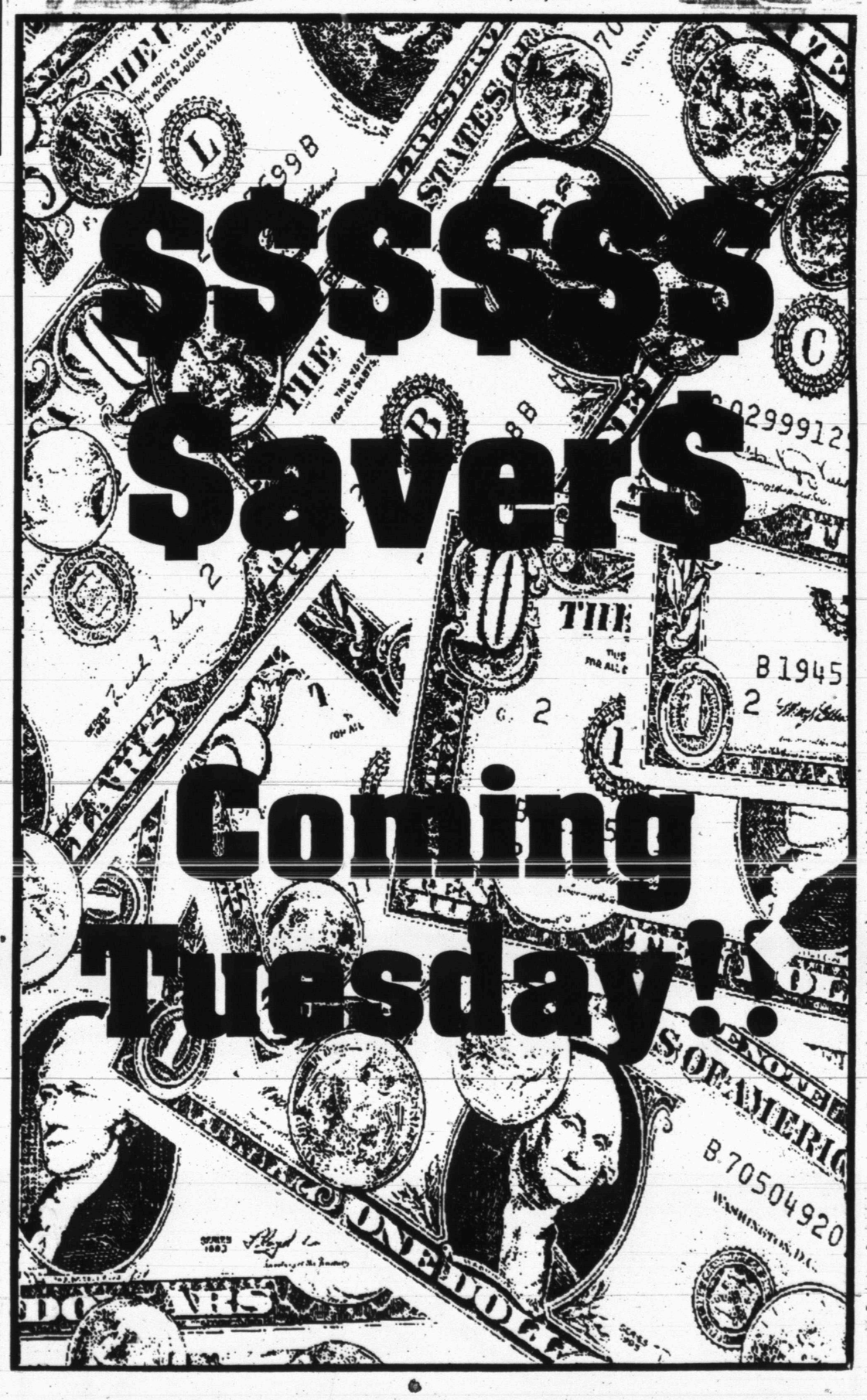

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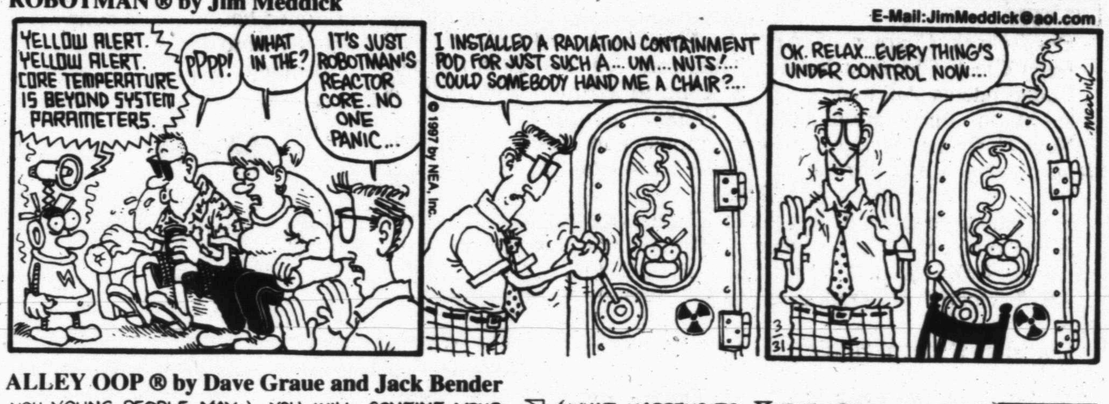

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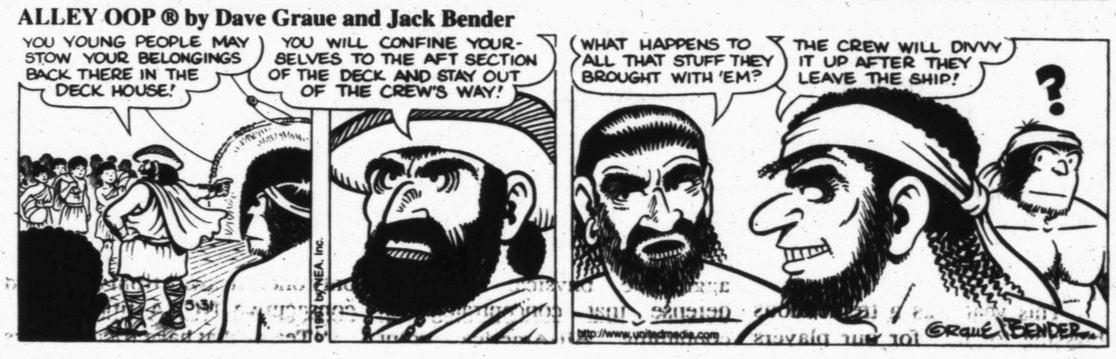

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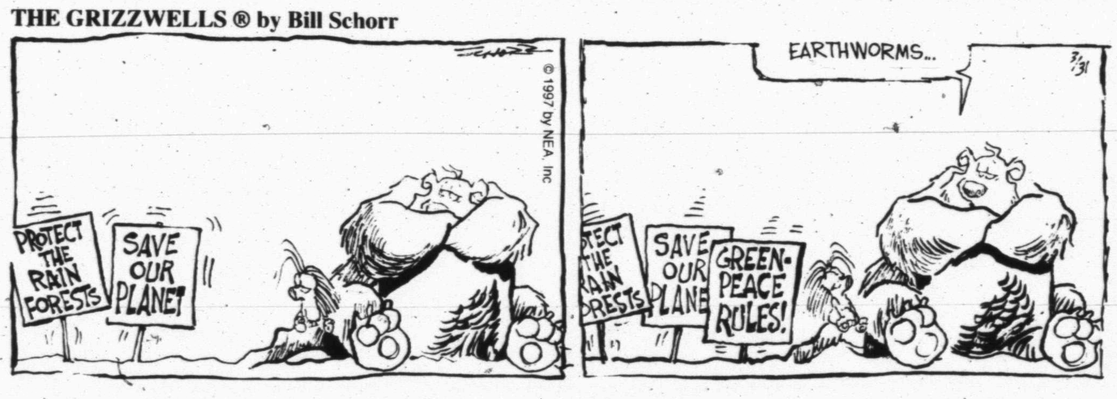

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1 Economical
7 Picture holders
13 Crystalline gem
14 Antiseptic
15 — out (spread)
16 Illuminated at sunset
17 Epochs
18 Channel
20 Head movements
21 Annoys
23 Italian city
27 Food
32 — — is as good as a mile
33 Glue
34 Is concerned about
35 Chatter
36 Participant
39 Go inside
40 Merry Widow composer
42 Inlet
46 Victory sign
47 Golf-course unit
51 Kampala's country
53 Popeye, e.g.
55 Left out sounds in talking
56 Most aged
57 Spanish Mrs.
58 Polite word

DOWN

1 Musical instrument
2 Lion's sound
3 Arm bone
4 Cotton machines
5 Consumed food
6 Shelf
7 Did a tailoring job
8 Noisy dispute
9 Tennis term (2 wds.)
10 Venue de —
11 City in Oklahoma
12 Goes down
19 Cutting tool
21 Feudal tenant
22 Straw user
23 Walk back and forth
24 — — for All Seasons
25 Soil
26 Customer
28 Farm building
29 Future attys.' exam
30 Ending for kitchen
31 Fortuneteller
37 Reno's state
38 Over — hill
41 Fable writer
42 Hints
43 Eye amorously
44 Conceited
45 Opposite of ecto
47 — and seek
48 Olive genus
49 Profit and —
50 Art deco illustrator
52 German article
54 Everything

Answer to Previous Puzzle

T	I	A	■	A	T	A	N	■	T	Y	K	E
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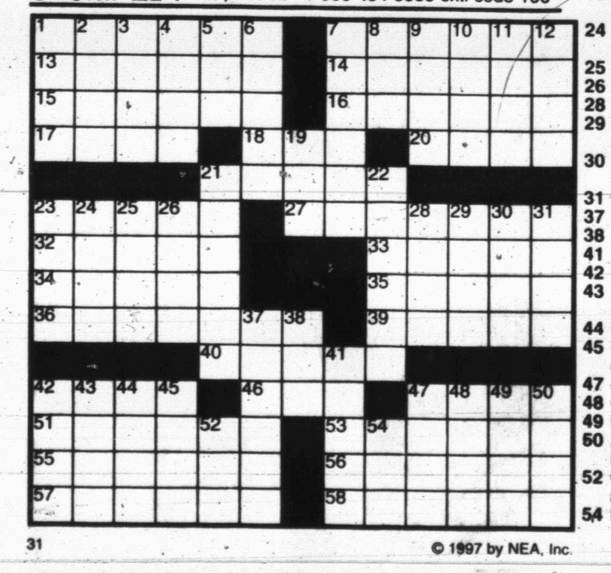

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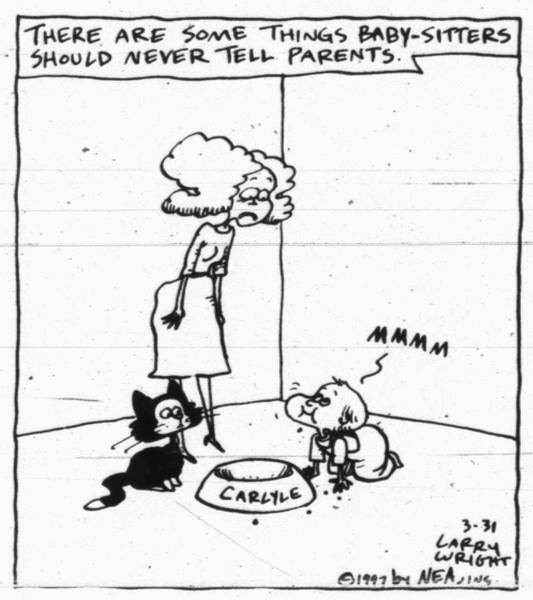

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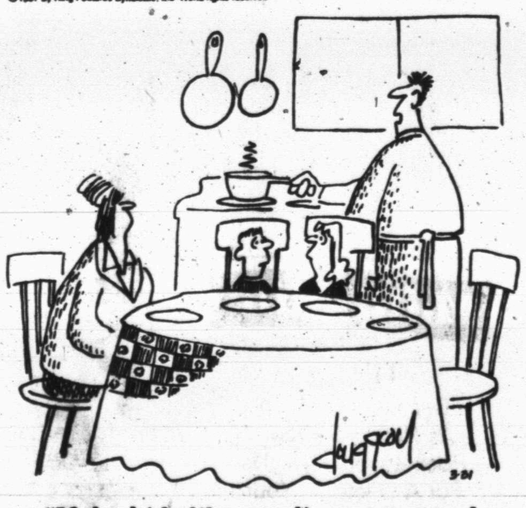

"If the kids like my dinners so much, why is it they only say grace when I cook?"

"HOW COME YOU ALWAYS SAY I ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS, MOM?"

SPORTS

Oust Old Dominion...

Lady Vols win second straight championship with 68-59 win

CINCINNATI (AP) — Of all the national championships won by the Tennessee women, this latest was clearly the most improbable.

It was won by a team that lost its starting point guard to a torn knee ligament in October. By a team that was 10-6 in early January and appeared to be beaten down by a rugged schedule. By a team that finished fifth in the Southeastern Conference and looked as if it had no chance to even make it to the Final Four.

But somehow, some way, the Lady Vols pulled it off.

When a team has Pat Summitt as its coach and Chamique Holdsclaw as its go-to player, nothing, it seems, is out of reach.

Tennessee won its second consecutive national championship and fifth overall Sunday night with a 68-59 victory over Old Dominion.

"I think deep down this team believed we could do it and that we could be alive in March," said Kellie Jolly, the injured point guard who returned to action Jan. 12. "We just had to have faith and believe in ourselves."

The Lady Vols (29-10) believed so strongly that they beat No. 1-ranked Connecticut in the Midwest Regional finals to get to the Final Four, knocked off Notre Dame in the semifinals, then broke Old Dominion's 33-game winning streak with a brilliant defensive game plan conjured up by Summitt and an equally brilliant offensive game by Holdsclaw.

"This year was a tremendous blessing for me, for our players and our staff in that we faced a lot of adversity," Summitt said. "We had injuries. We had tough losses.

"But we never had attitude problems that we could not move on from immediately, and this is a group that will always be very special to me personally as well as professionally."

Holdsclaw, more than anyone, helped make it that way. She scored 14 of her game-high 24 points in the second half Sunday night and was in charge when Tennessee put the game away at the end.

After Old Dominion took a 49-47 lead on Amber Eblin's 3-pointer, Holdsclaw scored 10 points, handed out two assists and blocked a shot in the final 6:48. Old Dominion (34-2) had no answer for that, leaving Holdsclaw 6-0 in championship games.

She won four state championships at Christ the King High School in New York City and now has two national titles in two years of college.

"I felt I let the pressure get to me early," said Holdsclaw, who went through a 15-minute stretch in the first half without a basket. "In the second half, I went out and let things come to me. Right now, we kind of have our place in history."

Tennessee became the first women's team since Southern Cal in 1983 and 1984 to win back-to-back titles. And with five championships, Summitt has more than any other major college basketball coach, men or women, except UCLA's John Wooden, who won 10.

"John Wooden is safe for a long time," Summitt said with a smile.

There were no smiles on the Old Dominion side. An emotional, free-spirited team, Old Dominion was taken out of its game by an aggressive, physical Tennessee defense that concentrated on containing All-America point guard Ticha Penicheiro and preventing the ball from going inside.

Penicheiro, who scored 25 points in Old Dominion's 83-72 victory over Tennessee on Jan. 7, was scoreless in the first half Sunday night and finished with more turnovers (11) than points (10).

Indicative of how the game went, Penicheiro threw the ball away on Old Dominion's final possession with two seconds left and went to the bench in tears.

"In the first half, we were a little intimidated by the kind of pressure Tennessee put on us," Penicheiro said. "We turned it over way too much. That had a lot to do with the result."

Clarisse Machanguana led Old Dominion with 16 points and Nyree Roberts scored 13. The Lady Monarchs were hurt down the stretch when Mery Andrade, their best defender, fouled out with 8:01 left.

Abby Conklin added 12 points for Tennessee and Jolly had a championship game-record 11 assists.

"I think Tennessee, with pressure, certainly took us totally out of it," said Old Dominion coach Wendy Larry, whose team had averaged 85 points a game. "As physical as our basketball team is, we were definitely outmuscled."

Despite its problems, Old Dominion still managed to keep the game from becoming a rout. The Lady Monarchs turned the ball over on their first four possessions in falling behind 6-0, and they trailed 27-11 after Jolly hit a 3-pointer with 5:57 left in the first half.

Old Dominion finished the half on a high because Aubrey Eblin banked in a running 30-foot 3-pointer at the buzzer, drawing the Lady Monarchs to 34-22. They got the lead three times in the second half before being done in by Holdsclaw.

"Something that she has that makes her really special. She has a tremendous desire to win," Summitt said. "When the pressure is on, she wants the ball in her hands.

"I told her, 'Quit passing the basketball.' There are a lot of great players out there, but right now I feel she's the best in the game."

Arizona tangles with Kentucky for NCAA title

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — It's a monster with 10 legs and 10 arms. Thrashing. Slashing. Hounding. Harassing. Driving its horrified prey to panic.

It's Kentucky's aggressive, relentless, fullcourt, trapping defense.

And it's the reason Kentucky is only one win away from its second consecutive NCAA title.

"Teams that have tried to press us have only done it a couple of possessions," Arizona point guard Mike Bibby says, "because we have broken it every time."

But Bibby and his teammates have never tried to break the monster.

They'll get their chance tonight, when Arizona meets Kentucky in what promises to be a wild, catch-your-breath-if-you-can championship at the RCA Dome.

Arizona (24-9) will try to use its quickness and fearless attitude to become the only team to defeat three top seeds. Arizona, seeking its first title, already has taken down Kansas and North Carolina.

Kentucky (35-4), which forced 26 turnovers to beat Minnesota in Saturday's semifinals, is trying to join Duke as the only repeat champions in the last 24 years.

"Playing them, it begins and ends with their fullcourt pressure," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "But the way they want to play is the way we want to play. We want it wide open."

It's doubtful, however, that Arizona really wants to play Kentucky's game. And it's doubtful that Arizona has seen a defense like it will see tonight.

"Some teams will trap you once and if you make the pass, they'll fall back," Kentucky forward Jared Prickett said. "With us, we trap and if you make the pass, we trap again. Make the pass, we trap again. And if you get across halfcourt, we'll come at you again. It's chaos out there, and they don't know where you're coming from."

So how does Arizona respond? With a press of its own.

"Coach Olson told us that teams that like to press don't like to be pressed," Arizona forward Michael Dickerson said. "It's going to be a mad scramble. They've probably got the best fullcourt press in the country — besides ours. Whoever is in the best shape is going to win."

Arizona has been watching films of Kentucky's two losses to South Carolina.

"With BJ McKie, Larry Davis and Melvin Watson breaking down their pressure all night long, Kentucky couldn't contain them," Arizona captain Miles Simon said. "And I think our guards have the same capability as those guards. I think we can cause them a lot of problems."

But Arizona shouldn't pin its hopes on what South Carolina did to Kentucky.

"Maybe we learned from those two losses," Kentucky coach Rick Pitino said. "These guys are resilient."

Resilient, indeed.

Kentucky kept winning even after star Derek Anderson went down with a knee injury ... kept winning after Anderson's replacement, Allen Edwards, hurt his ankle ... kept winning after All-American Ron Mercer had to leave Saturday's game with leg cramps ... kept winning with its ball-hawking, terrorizing, risk-taking defense.

"When we're in our press," Mercer said, "we act like there's a minute left, we're down by five and we really need the steal."

While Arizona will be under pressure just to advance the basketball from Point A to Point B, Mercer will be under a different kind of pressure. Having already committed to leave school early, he'll be trying to impress NBA scouts.

Steve Elkington wins Players Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The rough had never been higher. The field had never been stronger. Steve Elkington had only one explanation for his seven-stroke victory in The Players Championship.

He had never played better.

Elkington won his first major in the PGA Championship in 1995, when he closed with a 64 and beat Colin Montgomerie in a playoff with a 25-foot birdie putt.

He entered the week with seven PGA Tour victories, winning The Players Championship six years ago, and twice taking the elite season-opening Tournament of Champions.

But in the richest event on tour, against a field that included the top 50 players in the world rankings for the first time anywhere, Elkington amazed even himself.

"I'm just sort of sitting here trying to explain what it means to win this tournament by seven shots," he said Sunday after shooting his fourth round in the 60s to finish at 16-under-par 272.

"I mean, I played that good," he said. "I basically blew away the best field we've ever had. And I didn't know if I was capable."

How could he not?

Every time he went to the practice range before his round at the Stadium Course on the TPC at Sawgrass, he hit the ball pure. He never took more than 30 putts in any round, including just 24 in Sunday's round of 69.

Even Saturday night, when asked whether he could turn a two-stroke lead into a wire-to-wire victory, he said he was playing well and there was no reason that would change.

And it didn't.

While the rest of the field was trying to negotiate the swirling winds and rough that grew as high as 6 inches, Elkington played so well that the rest of the field quit watching the scoreboard.

"It would have to be an act of God for me to catch him after about 14 or 15," said Scott Hoch, who finished second by making an 8-foot birdie putt on No. 17.

"Whenever he gets his putter going, he can shoot some low scores — and he's not going to back off," said Loren Roberts, who also shot a 69 to move into third at 8-under 280.

Elkington won $630,000, which moved him to the top of the money list with $984,400 in just four starts this year. He won Doral three weeks ago, making him the first player since Tom Kite in 1989 to win two tournaments on the Florida swing.

"I think I have a good chance of having a really good year the way things are going for me," Elkington said.

He looked relaxed sitting in a high-back chair, about as comfortable as he looked on a Stadium Course that yielded an average score of 74.9 on the final day.

But Elkington was a bottle of nerves Sunday morning, waking at 6:30 a.m. and looking for something to kill time for eight hours.

"I sat in the room and putted for three hours," he said.

Good move.

He led Hoch by only two strokes to start the day and left himself a 5-foot putt for par on the first hole. Elkington knocked it in and was off to the races.

"I was going to have to face that putt sometime during the round," he said. "It might have well as been the first one."

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WTC rodeo men run away with first at Odessa Rodeo

Western Texas Rodeo teams completed a successful rodeo in Odessa with the men running away with first place and the women taking third.

"It was a good rodeo for us," said coach Todd Danley. "The men won by a pretty good margin."

That margin was 155 points. WTC had 365, Tarleton was second with 210 and Vernon finished third with 170.

Chad Meynard took first place in the bareback with 144 on two head. Meynard posted a 70 and a 74 to place second in both the long-go and finals.

Kyle Bowers rolled up some individual honors by placing fourth in the average of the bareback with a 135.

Team points are compiled by designated competitors — six for the men, four for the women. Other students can compete for individual honors but their points don't contribute to the team total.

Western racked up 265 of its points in the saddle bronc. Pete Ellis carried a second-place 69 into the finals and scored a 77 there to win the short-go and the average. Shane Faulkner was second in the average with a 144 and in the short-go with a 76. The early leader, Western's Lance Gaillard, was third in the average with 143 on two head. His 71 score won the long-go.

Jay Ross Bryant had a tough time Saturday. He went into the steer wrestling in fifth place but took a no-time. He was tied for ninth in the calf roping but took a 21 there with added time to finish out of the money.

Western Texas' Tanner Boyd and Rusty Henard took second in the team roping with 14.2 seconds on two head. Their go times of 7.6 and 6.6 were both good for second place.

The WTC women's team finished third behind Tarleton, which had 220 points, and Vernon, with 215. Western women tallied 145.

Chasity Rickman took second in average in breakaway roping with 6.4 seconds. Her 3.4-second finals time was a three-way tie with WTC's Jamie Stewart and Vernon's Jody Petersen. Stewart was third in the average with a time of 6.8.

Amanda Wallin was third in goat tying with a total 19.2 seconds. Her short-go time of 9.3 split second and third. WTC's Shanna Ferguson grabbed some individual points by tying for second in the long-go with a 9.3 time. Her 12.1 in the finals left her out of the average, however.

After six rodeos, the WTC men own first place in the Southwest Region standings with 1,365 points. Tarleton is second with 1,187 and Vernon is third with 772.

The Westerner women are in third with 865 points. Tarleton is first with 1,195 and Vernon is second with 1,180.

WTC journeys to Big Spring for the Howard College Rodeo, set Thursday through Saturday.

JV Tigers drill Frenship, 11-2

FRENSHIP — The Snyder Tiger JV baseball upped their win streak to four games with a 11-2 pounding of Frenship Saturday.

"We played a great game," said coach Charles Bollinger. "This was the most hits we've had all year. We're playing really good ball right now."

Clint Hook improved his season record to 4-2 with the win, striking out seven batters.

Hook also led the Tigers at the plate, going three for three with a double and two singles.

Snyder slammed a total of 13 hits, with Wesley Wilson and Banks Alexander hitting triples.

Cory Trujillo, Corey Mandrell, Josh Ward, Dustin Fish, Todd Collum, Tommy Gordon, Brad Roemisch and Matt Rogers each contributed singles.

The JV journeys to Levelland today at 4:30 p.m. in search of its fifth-straight win.

Transactions

BASEBALL

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Optioned INF Ed Giavanola and LHP Dean Hartgraves to Richmond of the International League. Assigned OF Tommy Gregg, C Fausto Tejero, LHP Brad Woodall and LHP Kevin Rogers to their minor-league camp. Sent RHP Scott Brow outright to Richmond. Placed OF Danny Bautista on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to March 23; RHP Bryan Harvey on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to March 24; and LHP Pedro Borbon on the 60-day disabled list.

COLORADO ROCKIES—Waived RHP Mike Dyer. Purchased the contract of RHP Jeff McCurry from Colorado Springs of the PCL.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Optioned RHP Antonio Osuna to Albuquerque of the PCL. Sent LHP Narisco Elvira outright to Albuquerque.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Traded OF Trey Beamon and C Angelo Encarnacion to the San Diego Padres for OF Mark Smith and RHP Hal Garrett.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Placed 3B Mark Lewis on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to March 28.

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Arizona 66, North Carolina 58
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National Championship
Monday, March 31

Arizona (24-9) vs. Kentucky (35-4), 8:18 p.m.

NBA at glance

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
x-Miami	53	18	.746	—
x-NewYork	51	21	.708	2½
Orlando	40	31	.563	13
Washington	36	35	.507	17
NewJersey	23	48	.324	30
Philadelphia	20	50	.286	32½
Boston	13	59	.181	40½
Central Division				
x-Chicago	62	9	.873	—
x-Atlanta	50	22	.694	12½
x-Detroit	49	22	.690	13
Charlotte	45	26	.634	17
Cleveland	37	34	.521	25
Indiana	35	36	.493	27
Milwaukee	28	43	.394	34
Toronto	26	47	.356	37
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-Utah	54	17	.761	—
x-Houston	48	23	.676	6
Minnesota	35	37	.486	19½
Dallas	22	49	.310	32
Denver	20	51	.282	34
SanAntonio	18	53	.254	36
Vancouver	12	62	.162	43½
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	50	22	.694	—
x-L.A.Lakers	48	23	.676	1½
x-Portland	43	30	.589	7½
Phoenix	33	39	.458	17
L.A.Clippers	31	40	.437	18½
Sacramento	29	43	.403	21
GoldenState	25	46	.352	24½

x-clinched playoff berth

Sunday's Games

New York 101, Orlando 86
Indiana 103, L.A. Clippers 96, OT
Toronto 102, Miami 97
Cleveland 84, Dallas 80
Philadelphia 96, Detroit 92
Minnesota 113, Golden State 102
Denver 99, Milwaukee 97
Phoenix 107, Seattle 106

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 7 p.m.
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Reich has no fond memories of Morris

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich recalls the day when Dick Morris, President Clinton's political guru, entered his office and imperiously demanded a list of his ideas for government action.

Reich had clear, definite and consistent ideas. He believed they also were Clinton's. He wanted leadership on the issues of job insecurity, stagnant wages and the widening gap between the rich and the poor.

But Morris, the president's political consultant, wanted Reich's ideas for another reason altogether.

"I want them so I can test them," he told the Cabinet officer.

"Test them?"

Test them in polls, Morris explained. Test them with survey groups to find if they can help sway the swing vote of suburban voters, a vote Morris had identified as the key element in Clinton's re-election strategy.

By this account, Reich's ideas had value only as levers to produce political results, no value at all as policy proposals.

Reich, who left Washington in January for Brandeis University, tells the story in "Locked in the Cabinet," a memoir to be published by Alfred A. Knopf on April 25.

In the book, written in the style of a periodic journal, Reich says Morris quickly got back to him and reported: "I tested your ideas. One worked. Two didn't."

The consultant had another message, one Reich did not want to hear: "The president should not be talking about job insecurity or stagnant wages or the widening gap between the rich and the rest. I know you're pushing him to do this, but you're wrong ... He should be telling the public that things are wonderful ... If he tells them that they're feeling good, they'll feel good."

The labor secretary is not feeling charitable about Morris. He finds him humorless, robotic, his voice a flat and nasal staccato; a salesman with no principles.

"I came face to face with all I detest in American politics," Reich writes.

Using the initial B to stand for Bill Clinton, Reich expresses his worst fear about Morris, whom he describes as a "packager and promoter."

"To the extent that B relies on him, B will utter no word that challenges America, no word that pricks the nation's conscience ... B will pander to the suburban swing, tossing them bromides until they buy him like they buy toothpaste."

Even before he met Morris, Reich had concluded that Clinton was being betrayed by "his own spirit of tolerance and reconciliation."

"His eagerness to reach 'common ground' is causing him to give away too much ground along the way. If he stood his ground and fought for it, he'd gain more support than he believes he has."

Spirit may lurk in old store site

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — The demolition of an old building that once housed a bank and doctors' offices is raising some spooky speculations.

Unexplained slamming doors, disappearing tools and misplaced voices and footsteps on the fourth floor of a 94-year-old building are giving the demolition crew the creeps.

After six weeks of such spooky reports, D.J. Demo President Ralph Unis is considering hiring a psychic to visit the former Troutman department store this week. Rumors of an old suicide or murder on the fourth floor also are circulating through this town 36 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

"It's scary, this fourth floor," said Unis.

The Braddock-based company is scheduled to finish knocking down the six-story, brick building in downtown Connellsville by the end of April. The fourth floor is the next to go.

Since work began in February, several workers have reported doors slamming and a cold spot at the entranceway to the fourth floor.

In one case, employees were unable to open the unlockable door to the fourth floor. After retrieving tools to pry it open, they returned to find the door wide open, Unis said.

Employee Harold Palinski said he once dropped a sledgehammer on the fourth floor but couldn't find it when he went to pick it up. Other workers also have reported tools missing and later found them in unlikely spots, he said.

Nobody on the crew could recall being on the fourth floor when several boards were tossed from it, nearly hitting workers outside, Unis said.

Add to that the report of a night watchman who, according to Unis, said he heard voices and footsteps on the fourth floor but found no intruders.

Unis calls the spirit "the man on the fourth floor."

University of Pittsburgh psychology professor Donald McBurney calls it nothing more than a collection of convenient tall tales.

People often feel compelled to come up with supernatural reasons for out-of-the ordinary events that have no obvious explanations, McBurney said.

Fingering a poltergeist is an easy explanation when employees forget they moved their tools or tossed some boards. And the entrance to the fourth floor may be cold simply because it is poorly insulated, McBurney said.

McBurney is not the only skeptic. City historians, librarians, government officials and former Troutman's employees are unable to recall previous spirit sightings or deaths in the building.

"I've been here all my life, and I don't know everything, but when there are spooky places, you hear about them," said Bill Balsley, 81-year-old founder of the Connellsville Historical Society. "The only people haunted are the ones tearing down the building."

But Timothy Latus of the Academy of Psychic Arts and Sciences in Dallas said the project itself may have released an old ghost.

"Demolition is a very disturbing process, both physically and metaphysically," said Latus. "That there wasn't any haunting prior to demolition makes sense, because energy fields are only now being disrupted and tampered with."

Now that the spirit has arrived, it could remain on the site even after the building is razed, he said.

Reserve seats for 'Nunsense' open Tuesday

Reservations for The Ritz Community Theatre spring musical, "Nunsense," open Tuesday.

Tickets are $7. For groups of 10 or more (reserved and prepaid), tickets are $6.

Reservations for season ticket holders will be taken Tuesday and Wednesday. Reservations for the general public will be available beginning Thursday and will be accepted through April 18.

The Dan Groggin play opens Thursday, April 10, at the Ritz Theatre on the south side of the square.

The show will run April 10 through 14 and April 17 through 20. Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening performances start at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Call 573-4035 between 2 and 5 p.m. for reservations and ticket information.

Several wrecks worked by officers

Local officers investigated several traffic accidents over the past several days, none of which involved serious injury.

Officers investigated a report of a hit and run accident at 10:02 p.m. Saturday in the 3600 block of College Avenue. Involved was a 1993 Chevrolet driven by Christy Griffith of 1600 27th St. and a vehicle which left the scene.

Officers responded to a minor three-vehicle accident at 11:55 a.m. Sunday at Coliseum Drive and Avenue E. Involved were a 1991 Mitsubishi driven by Savino Lara of 1914 Coleman #2, a 1997 Ford pickup driven by Donald Halpain of Lubbock and a 1986 GMC pickup driven by Scotty Leatherwood of 304 26th St.

Last Wednesday, officers investigated a one-vehicle accident near the overpass on U.S. Highway 84 and 180. A 1989 Ford truck driven by Kenneth Burney of Odessa struck a sign owned by the Texas Department of Transportation.

On Thursday, officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident on the parking lot of Wal-Mart. Involved were a 1994 Geo owned by Laura Thomas of 3003 34th St. and a 1996 Dodge van owned by John Magnusson of 5400 College Ave., #122.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 28-E.H. Dever, 3734 Avondale; Ralph Gage, 2006 37th #17; Quinta Haymond, 4400 Ave. U #5A1; Betty Monroney, 5500 Cedar Creek Dr.; March 30-John Kayser, 3792 E. Highway 180; William J. Loper, 3101 Ave. U; Robert Sweet, 1112 34th; Linda Englert, 6010 N. FM 1611; Odyne Jones, Fluvanna.

DISMISSALS: March 28-Ellen Barnett, Brenda Espinoza, Leslie Fletcher, Georgia Thompson; March 29-E.H. Dever, Shirley Taylor and baby boy, Edna Clare, Betty Monroney; March 30-Lindsey Jackson.

CENSUS: 50 (Med., Surg.-14, Long-term Care-36).

Officers kept busy on Easter weekend

Six people were taken into custody over the Easter weekend by peace officers, who also responded to numerous complaints.

At 12:26 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 41-year-old male in the 2700 block of Avenue O for public intoxication.

Officers were called to the 1200 block of 19th Street at 4:41 p.m. Saturday in reference to a 29-year-old male who reportedly had a gun and was threatening suicide. The individual was arrested for public intoxication.

Following a report from the Colorado City Police Department that a person had pointed a gun out of a window of a vehicle that might be located in Snyder, officers arrested a 21-year-old male at 700 E. 37th Street for making alcohol available to a minor and possession of a prohibited weapon. A 19-year-old male was also arrested at the scene for minor in possession and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

At 5:14 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 19-year-old male at the intersection of Highway 84 and 180 for minor in possession of alcohol and failure to show identification.

Officers arrested a 22-year-old female at 11:55 a.m. Sunday on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants from Brownwood.

David Stokes requested to speak to deputies at 10:27 p.m. Saturday in reference to someone damaging a pool table and vending machines at the Willow Park Inn. An offense report for burglary of a coin operated machine was submitted.

In other activity, Peggy Foster requested to speak to an officer at 9:26 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone stealing a lawn mower from her residence in the 3100 block of Avenue A. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

George Alderete requested to speak to an officer at Snyder High School at 10 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone damaging the windshield of his pickup. An offense report for Class A criminal mischief was submitted.

Officers located a 16-year-old male at 1:12 p.m. who had been reported as a runaway on Thursday.

Officers were called to the 1100 block of 30th Street at 1:54 p.m. in reference to possible shots being fired. Officers did not locate anyone in the area with a gun.

Officers were called to the 2600 block of El Paso at 11 p.m. Saturday in reference to a possible theft. The incident is still under investigation.

Officers were called to the American Legion at 11:57 p.m. Saturday in reference to a fight in the parking lot.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 1:24 a.m. Sunday in the 2700 block of 37th Street.

An offense report for a runaway was made at 4:25 p.m. Sunday in reference to a 14-year-old male leaving home and not returning.

The Snyder fire department responded to a grass fire at 2:52 p.m. Saturday on the north side of Lake Thomas.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	84⅝	83⅛	83⅝	—1⅛
AT&T Corps	35	34⅛	34⅛	— ⅜
AirTouch	23⅝	23⅜	23⅜	— ⅝
Albertsons	34⅝	34	34⅛	— ⅛
AlldSignal	72⅝	71⅞	71⅞	— ⅞
Allstel	33	32¾	32¾	—1
AmerOnline	42⅝	41⅜	41⅛	—1⅛
AmStores	44⅞	44⅛	44⅛	— ⅝
Ameritech	61	59⅝	60⅛	— ⅞
Amoco	87⅞	87⅛	87⅝	—1⅛
AndarkPtr	57⅞	56⅛	56⅛	—1⅝
Armcolnc		4	3⅞	3⅞
AtlRichfld	133⅝	131⅞	132⅛	—1⅝
ATMOS Egy	25⅝	25⅛	25⅛	— ⅛
Aviall	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛+	⅛
BakerHughes	39⅝	39⅛	39⅛	— ⅝
BellAtl	60⅝	59⅝	60⅛+	⅞
BellSouth	42⅝	41⅞	41⅞	— ⅛
BethSteel	8⅝	8⅛	8⅛	— ⅛
BritPet	137⅞	137⅞	137⅞	— ⅛
BurlNoSFe	75⅛	74⅛	74⅛	— ⅝
Caterpillar	80	79⅝	79⅝	— ⅝
CenSoWst	21⅛	20⅝	21⅛+	⅛
Chevron	70	68⅞	69	— ⅝
Chrysler s		30⅞	30⅛	30⅛
Coastal	48⅛	47⅞	47⅞	— ⅝
CocaColas	56⅞	55⅝	55⅝	—2
ColgatePalm	103⅛	99⅛	99⅝	—3⅛
ComclMetals	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	— ⅛
CooperIn	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝+	⅛
CyprusAmax		24	23⅞	23⅞
DallSemicn	26⅛	26	26	— ⅛
DeltaAirl	85⅛	84⅝	84⅛	— ⅝
DigitalEq	28	27⅞	27⅞	— ⅞
Dillard	32⅛	31⅞	31⅞	— ⅛
DowChem		80⅝	79⅝	80⅛
DresserInd	31⅝	30⅝	30⅝	— ⅛
DuPont	107⅞	105⅞	106⅝	—1
EastmanChem	54	53⅛	53⅛	— ⅛
EstKodak	77⅞	76⅛	76⅛	—1⅝
EDS Corp	42⅝	42⅛	42⅝+	⅛
Enserch	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	— ⅛
Entergy	24⅛	24	24	— ⅛
Exxon	108	107	107	—1⅛
Exxonwi	54⅛	53⅛	53⅛	— ⅝
FstBksAm		12⅝	12⅝	12⅝
Flowers	26⅝	24⅝	24⅝	— ⅛
FordMotor	31⅝	31⅛	31⅛+	⅛
GTE Cp	45⅝	45⅛	45⅛	— ⅛
GenDynam		68⅛	67⅞	68⅛
GenElec	100⅝	99	99⅝	—2
GenMills	62⅝	62⅛	62⅛	— ⅛
GenMotors		57	56	56⅛
GaPacif	74⅝	73⅞	74	+ ⅛
GlobalMar	22⅝	21⅞	21⅞	— ⅝
Goodrich	37⅞	37⅛	37⅛	— ⅛
Goodyear s	53⅝	52⅝	52⅝	—1⅝
GtAtlPac	25⅞	25⅛	25⅛+	⅛
Haliburtn	71⅞	70⅝	71⅞	— ⅝
Hanson ADS n	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝	— ⅛
HartsHanks	29	28⅞	28⅞	— ⅛
HomeDepot	55⅛	54⅛	54⅝+	⅛
HoustonInds	21⅛	20⅝	20⅝	— ⅛
IBM	139	134⅝	135⅛	—1⅞
IntlPaper	41	40⅛	40⅝	— ⅝
JohnsnJn s	55⅝	53⅝	53⅝	—1⅝
K mart	12⅝	11⅞	12	— ⅛
Kroger	52⅝	51	51⅛	—1
Litton	40⅝	40⅛	40⅛	— ⅛
LockhdMart	85	84⅛	84⅝+	⅛
Lowes Cos	37⅞	37	37⅛	— ⅛
Lubys	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	— ⅛
LucentTech	52⅛	51⅞	51⅞	— ⅝
MayDptStrs	47⅞	46⅞	46⅞	—1
Medtronic	62⅝	61⅞	61⅞	— ⅛
Mobil	132⅝	131⅞	131⅞	—1
Monsanto s		38⅝	37⅞	38
Motorola	60⅝	59⅞	59⅝	—1⅛
NCR Corp n	35⅝	35⅛	35⅝	— ⅛
NationsBk s	58⅛	57	57⅛	— ⅝
Navistar	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛	— ⅛
NoramEngy	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛+	⅛
Norwest	47⅞	46⅞	46⅞	—1⅛
Nynex	47	44⅝	44⅝	— ⅛
OryxEngy	19⅝	19⅛	19⅛	— ⅛
PacTelesis	37⅛	36⅝	37	— ⅛
PanEnergy	43⅝	43⅛	43⅛	— ⅝
Penney JC	48	47⅞	47⅞	—1
Pennzoil	51⅞	51⅛	51⅛	— ⅝
PepBoys	30⅝	30⅛	30⅛	— ⅝
PepsiCo s	33⅝	32	32	—1⅛
PhelpDodge	72⅝	72⅛	72⅛	— ⅝
PhilipPet	41⅛	40⅝	41	— ⅛
PilgrmPrd	9⅝	9⅛	9⅛	— ⅛
Polaroid		39⅝	39⅛	39⅝
Praxair	44⅛	43	43⅛	— ⅝
ProctGamble	117⅞	113⅞	114⅛	—3⅛
PubSNwMx		17⅝	17⅝	17⅝
RoyalDutch	175⅝	174⅛	174⅝	—2⅛
SBC Comm	51⅞	51⅛	51⅛	— ⅝
SaraLee	42⅝	41⅝	41⅝	— ⅝
SearsRoeb	51⅛	50⅝	50⅝	— ⅞
SherwinW s	27⅝	27⅛	27⅛	— ⅝
SmthBchADS	71⅞	71⅛	71⅛	— ⅛
SouthernCo		21⅛	20⅞	21
SwstAirlines	23⅝	22⅝	22⅝	— ⅝
Sprint	46⅛	45⅞	45⅞	— ⅛
SunCo	26⅛	25⅞	26	— ⅝
TNP Ent	22⅝	21⅞	21⅞	— ⅝
Tandy	50⅝	49⅝	49⅝	— ⅝
TempleInl	52⅝	52⅛	52⅝	— ⅛
Tenneco	39⅝	39	39	— ⅛
Texaco		108	107	107⅞
TexasInds	27⅝	27⅛	27⅛	— ⅝
TexasInst	78⅝	75⅞	75⅝	—1⅞
TexUtil	34⅛	33⅝	34⅛	— ⅛
Textron	103⅝	102⅝	102⅝	— ⅛
Travelers s	50⅝	48⅞	48⅝	—2⅛
TrinityInds	31	30⅝	30⅝	— ⅛
TritonEngy	40	39⅝	39⅝	— ⅝
Tyler		1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
US WestCm	34	33⅝	33⅝+	⅛
USWstMda	18⅝	18⅛	18⅛	— ⅝
USX Delhi	13⅝	13⅛	13⅛+	⅛
USX-Marathn	27⅛	27	27⅛+	⅝
USX-USS	26⅝	26⅛	26⅝	— ⅛
UnCarbde	45⅝	44⅝	44⅝	— ⅝
UnPac s	58⅝	57⅞	57⅝	—1⅛
UnitedTech s	77⅞	74⅝	74⅝	—3⅛
Unocal	38⅝	38⅛	38⅛	— ⅛
WalMart	29	28⅛	28⅝	— ⅛
WstnGasRs	18⅛	18⅛	18⅝	— ⅝
WestghEl	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	— ⅛
WinnDixie	33⅝	32⅝	32⅝	— ⅛
Woolworth		23⅝	22⅝	23
XeroxCp s	57⅝	56⅛	56⅛	— ⅛
ZenithE	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝	— ⅛

B-2 bombers said ready for combat missions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three years after the first plane was delivered to its Missouri base, B-2 stealth bombers will be declared ready this week to take on nuclear and conventional combat missions.

If called upon, one of the strategic bombers' jobs will be to drop an earth-penetrating nuclear weapon designed to destroy underground enemy targets, a senior military officer said last week.

"With the B-2, the deeply buried target killer will come on board," said the officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Six B-2s will become part of the Pentagon's "nuclear war plan" as of Tuesday, the officer said. Air Force officials declined to comment on the date, saying it was classified.

Thirteen of the huge, bat-winged bombers are stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri. The Air Force expects to have 21 B-2s in service by early in the next decade.

If the cost of the research, development, procurement and operational support is factored in, each plane carries a $2.2 billion price tag, according to the publication Defense Week.

The B-2 was designed to be able to reach deep into enemy territory to attack heavily defended targets — and then return safely — because it is difficult to detect in flight. It has no vertical tail surfaces and its skin absorbs, rather than reflects, radar signals.

The B-2's first flight was in July 1989 and the first bomber entered service at Whiteman in December 1993.

The aircraft was declared to have reached a "limited" capability for delivering non-nuclear weapons at the beginning of this year.

It takes time for such planes, their crews and logistical support systems to be declared fully ready to take on such missions, explained Robert S. Norris, a military analyst with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

"There is a whole manual of things that have to be done," he said. "The Air Force is very strict about this; they go by the book."

As of Jan. 1, 1998, two more B-2s will be available to take on missions under the nuclear war plan, the senior military officer said.

The earth-penetrating nuclear weapon, known as the B-61 (Mod 11), has been modified to be able to attack buried targets such as command-and-control bunkers or other military-related facilities.

"It's the only capability we have to reach these targets that are buried several hundred feet under ground," the senior officer said.

Several nations, including Libya, Iraq and North Korea, are believed to have burrowed into the earth to protect military sites. The officer noted that the Russians also "have a penchant for burying things underground."

Last year, then-Defense Secretary William Perry raised eyebrows when he asserted that Libya was building a chemical weapons facility inside a mountain near the city of Tarhunah, and warned that a military strike against the alleged plant was an option. But Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak publicly derided that idea, saying Egyptian inspectors have not found such activity at the site.

The less-advanced B-1 bomber is expected to be taken out of the nuclear war plan on Sept. 30, and receive only conventional bombing missions.

Once the B-61 earth-penetrating nuclear bombs come on line with the B-2, the Pentagon will scrap its decades-old B-53 nuclear bombs, the senior officer said.

He declined to disclose exactly how many of the B-61 weapons are in the U.S. arsenal, saying only that "tens" will be available and that "tens" of B-53s will be retired.

Norris said he believed roughly 30 to 50 B-61s are available.

At the beginning of the B-2 program in the early 1980s, the Air Force had hoped to build 132 of the aircraft. That number was reduced to 75, and later to 21.

Critics of the planes point to their high cost, but supporters claim the price is worth it given the B-2's 16-bomb payload and the fact it can deliver precision-guided munitions as well as the bunker-busting bombs.

Empty Fort Bend County jail takes in federal prisoners

RICHMOND (AP) — Fort Bend County's half-empty $24 million jail is being filled with federal prisoners.

Two years ago, the county's 232-bed jail was so overcrowded that some prisoners, many of which were waiting to be transferred to state facilities, had to sleep on the floor.

After the new, seven-story, 770-bed jail was built, the opposite problem arose. The building was about half full when Sheriff Milton Wright took office in January.

Previously, the state had refused to take many prisoners from counties because of federal court orders against overcrowding. Then, the state built new facilities just when Fort Bend and other counties increased their jail sizes, so both the county and state cells were available.

Now, a previously unused 1989 contract between the county and the U.S. Marshals Service will let the county keep control of the jail and use some of the empty space, Wright said.

The county started taking in inmates from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service about two weeks ago.

The contract provides for Fort Bend County to receive $30 for each prisoner. The program started with 52 prisoners.

Wright said the contract, signed by the late Sheriff Gus George and former county Judge Jodie Stavinoha, will bring in about $1 million into the county.

The immigration prisoners are generally serving three to 18-month sentences for multiple illegal entries into the United States, officials said.

Wright is expecting 100 more prisoners in July and another 48 in September, although there are no guarantees on the number of prisoners Fort Bend will get.

Wright said he studied and rejected programs adopted by other counties, including plans to house out-of-state prisoners or turn jail operations over to private contractors.

Wants to sell home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Barbra Streisand's home has five bedrooms, seven baths and 10 parking spots, and she wants out of all of them.

Ms. Streisand is asking $7.5 million for the gated, Mediterranean-style home, which comes with a pool on slightly more than two acres in exclusive Holmby Hills, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

Ms. Streisand has owned the home for 18 years, but now lives in Malibu, where she created a compound in 1995 by buying three adjacent homes for about $12.5 million.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I developed pseudomembranous colitis following antibiotic therapy for a gallbladder attack. My doctor seems at a loss about what to do for my persisting diarrhea. Can you help me?

DEAR READER: For decades, no one understood why some patients, after receiving antibiotics for a variety of medical reasons, developed intractable diarrhea, sometimes with rectal bleeding. Called "pseudomembranous colitis," this affliction was difficult to treat.

Thanks to many studies carried out in the past few years, doctors now know the cause of this disorder and how to treat it.

Ordinarily, the colon is populated by an astonishing array of bacteria, all of which live in a delicate symbiotic relation with one another, and cause no symptoms. However, during a course of antibiotic therapy, many of these bacteria are inadvertently killed, thereby upsetting the balance.

One particularly virulent strain of microorganism, called C. difficile, appears to thrive in the presence of most antibiotics, leading to an inflamed colon, diarrhea and bleeding. Thus, pseudomembranous colitis is, in reality, a bacterial infection that can be successfully eradicated, strange as it may seem, by more antibiotics — particularly in combination (such as Biaxin and Flagyl).

The disease is suspected in any patient who develops diarrhea after antibiotic therapy, and is diagnosed by a special stool test to identify the presence of C. difficile bacterial toxin. Once the infection is diagnosed, the treatment is quite straightforward, as I mentioned. Ask your doctor to obtain a stool test for C. difficile and to prescribe the necessary antidote.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Eating prunes every night seems to regulate my bowels. Is there any harm in this? Do prunes carry the same risk as laxatives?

DEAR READER: Prunes are safe. They are nutritious and, unlike most laxatives, do not lead to the bowel's dependence on them.

The reason why apricots, raisins and prunes exert a laxative effect is that they are rich in potassium, a vital mineral that causes colonic stimulation. Therefore, these fruits encourage normal evacuation by providing a natural stimulant without risk or harm.

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Golfer seeks alcoholism treatment

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Golfer John Daly withdrew from a tournament after a drinking binge at a bar and is seeking treatment for alcoholism.

Daly, who won the 1991 PGA Championship, said Sunday he would immediately begin treatment at the Betty Ford Center in Palm Springs, Calif.

"I apologize to others who struggle with me in fighting this disease," Daly said in a statement released through his agent. "I'm going to do my best and hopefully we will prevail together."

Daly was seen drinking for several hours in a night spot called Sloppy Joe's on Thursday. That night, he did more than $1,000 damage to his hotel room and was hospitalized after complaining of chest pains, according to Kevin Kelshaw, spokesman for the St. Johns County sheriff's office.

Kelshaw didn't know when Daly was released or how he was treated and could not specify the damage Daly did to his hotel room. Daly was taken to the hospital by a rescue squad, he said.

Later Friday, Daly withdrew from the Players Championship, citing a sore hip.

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High court revives case against ex-judge

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today revived the federal government's efforts to return to prison a former Tennessee judge accused of assaulting five women.

The unanimous decision in a case closely watched by women's rights groups was viewed by them as a big — but not final — victory.

The justices ruled that a federal appeals court used the wrong legal standard when it struck down the judge's criminal conviction. They told the appeals court to restudy its ruling.

Today's decision means David Lanier, once a state judge in Dyersburg, Tenn., could be returned to a federal prison. He once had been sentenced to 25 years for sexually attacking five women in his courthouse office from 1989 to 1991.

"I'm as happy as can be," said Vivian Forsythe-Archie, one of the woman who testified at Lanier's trial. "I'm glad to see the judicial system hasn't completely crumbled ... and there is still some hope that we live in a democracy."

Lynn Hecht Schafran of the NOW Legal Defense Fund said her organization was very pleased by the ruling but added, "We still are mindful that David Lanier is not incarcerated and that lots more legal maneuvering might be necessary before he is. The women who suffered have a long way to go before they can rest."

The justices rejected Lanier's argument that there is no constitutional right to be free from such sexual attacks by government officials. But Justice David H. Souter's opinion for the court stopped short of recognizing such a right.

Nine women had testified that Lanier repeatedly pressured them for sex, grabbed their breasts or buttocks, or exposed himself to them. Prosecutors said he forced one woman to perform oral sex.

Lanier, 61, is a member of a politically powerful family. His brother, the local prosecutor, had not filed state criminal charges against him.

And because there was no federal rape law, federal prosecutors charged Lanier under an 1874 law that makes it a crime for government officials to use their official authority to willfully deprive someone of rights "protected by the Constitution."

Lanier's conviction and prison sentence were overturned when a federal appeals court ruled that freedom from sexual assault never had been recognized as a federally protected right. He was released from prison after serving a small fraction of his sentence.

Today, the nation's highest court disagreed with the appeals court's approach.

Lanier's lawyers had contended that the women submitted to his advances because of his prominence in a small town.

Netanyahu: Talks can resume after crackdown on militants

ZURIF, West Bank (AP) — A bulldozer rolled into this West Bank village today and demolished the home of a Palestinian who killed himself and three Israeli women with a bombing at a Tel Aviv cafe.

The demolition follows daily rioting in the West Bank over Israel's decision to build a neighborhood for 30,000 Jews in east Jerusalem, the sector the Palestinians claim as a future capital.

There were clashes today near the northern West Bank city Jenin. Palestinian teen-agers stoned Israeli jeeps, and Israeli soldiers responded with rubber bullets, injuring at least two students. Elsewhere in the West Bank, it was the quietest day since riots began 12 days ago.

Also today, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reiterated that peace talks could resume if Yasser Arafat cracked down on Islamic militants.

"If it is seen that they act against terror in the next few days and weeks, then we can proceed to negotiate a peace between us and our Arab neighbors," he said.

On Sunday, the prime minister accused Palestinians of unleashing "terrorism as a weapon of the negotiations" and lamented "a virtual collapse of the peace process."

In Zurif, residents watched from rooftops as the bulldozer drove through the village alleys and approached the one-story home where Moussa Ghneimat, 28, lived with his wife and four children.

Dozens of soldiers ringed the house as a large pneumatic hammer mounted on a bulldozer cut through the cement roof and knocked down the walls, leaving the adjacent home where Ghneimat's parents live standing. The bomber's family moved in with his parents.

"For us, Moussa is a hero and a martyr," said 17-year-old Abdel Khader Ghneimat, a cousin. "We are proud of the act he carried out, and the demolition of his house only gives us more conviction to continue with the struggle."

Israel's demolition of the home comes as retaliation for the March 21 suicide-bombing that killed Ghneimat and three women and left more than 40 wounded.

On Sunday, the 22-member Arab League adopted a resolution recommending that Arab states freeze relations with Israel because of its settlement policies. The resolution came after Arafat made an emotional appeal Sunday for help from the Arab world in confronting Israel.

Three boaters still missing...

46,000 without power, due to wind and snow

SEATTLE (AP) — Thousands of customers had no electricity today after a storm whipped high wind through the Pacific Northwest, killing two people and overturning small boats.

The wind eased today in the Northwest as the storm moved eastward, carrying its strong gusts into northern Nevada.

Passenger-only ferry service across Puget Sound between Seattle and Bremerton was halted temporarily during the weekend by wind blowing at up to 92 mph.

At a reservoir near Eugene, Ore., wind and rough water today prevented divers from searching for two people missing since the wind capsized their small boat on Sunday.

The wind also knocked out power for more than 130,000 homes and businesses in the Seattle area and 20,000 customers in northwest Oregon.

By this morning, more than 46,000 customers were still without service, mostly on Washington's Olympic Peninsula and outside Seattle, utility representatives said.

"This one is really knocking us around," said Larry Vogel, a Seattle City Light spokesman. "They say in like a lion and out like a lamb. This is one mean lamb."

Shellie Sattler, 35, of Everett, was killed Sunday when a falling tree crushed a pickup truck near Mukilteo, 25 miles north of Seattle. Her husband had been trying to use the truck to push a downed tree off the road when the second tree fell, said Mukilteo police Cmdr.

Original negotiator says U.S., like Swiss, shortchanged Jews

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the United States examines questions surrounding dispersal of Nazi assets, the chief postwar American negotiator on restitution says this country itself shortchanged Jewish groups by at least $5.5 million.

Swiss banks have come under international fire for laundering Nazi gold and holding on to Jewish-owned assets deposited during World War II. But U.S. banks also failed to turn over money deposited by Jews who perished in the Holocaust, said Seymour J. Rubin.

"A situation very like that in Switzerland existed in the United States," Rubin, 82, said in a recent letter to Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat, who is heading a U.S. historical review of the period.

Eizenstat's report examining U.S. knowledge of looted Nazi gold and other assets is expected this month, although it is not likely to examine this issue in any depth, Commerce Department spokesman Jim Desler said Sunday.

"It's a useful thing to explore, but not the focus at all of our report and efforts," Desler said. "We're looking at the tracking of Nazi assets rather than the disposal of individual assets."

But he added that Rubin's recollections are important.

"Obviously he's somebody that we have consulted with given his firsthand knowledge of these issues," Desler said.

Rubin, a former State Department official, asked Eizenstat in his March 11 letter to investigate how the U.S. government handled money deposited in American banks by Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

"Many of those seeking safety for their funds sent their assets to the United States," Rubin wrote. "Certainly many thought it was safer, especially after early German successes in the war."

Banks in the United States — in contrast to those in Switzerland — were helpful when survivors came looking for the money deposited by Holocaust victims, Rubin said. But there was other money deposited in the U.S. banks that was never claimed, he said.

In the 1950s, Jewish organizations examined bank records in New York and estimated there was $6 million in so-called heirless assets.

That $6 million was part of a larger collection of German assets in U.S. banks seized by the War Claims Commission, which doled out the money to American businesses and others that suffered wartime losses.

Congressional efforts to divert the $6 million to Jewish groups resulted in restitution of only $500,000, Rubin said. "To the best of my knowledge, there has never been a re-evaluation of this paltry amount," he told Eizenstat.

The actual amount of Jewish-owned funds is probably greater than $6 million because some money must have been deposited in banks outside New York in other U.S. states, Rubin said in an interview Sunday.

In the 1950s, conflict also arose from competing claims for money that cannot be traced with certainty, he said. The $6 million estimate came from identifying likely Jewish names on accounts — hardly a foolproof method — as non-Jewish groups were pressing to keep the money in the general fund.

"You don't know if 'Israel Cohen' was Jewish," Rubin said. "They said, 'You're taking money away from legitimate American claimants to give to an unknown group of people without verifiable claims.'"

Defense wants to question three officers

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. (AP) — Attorneys for a former drill sergeant charged with 25 counts of rape asked a judge today for permission to question three top Army officials to try to show that they have prejudiced the case.

Staff Sgt. Delmar Simpson's lawyers said the officials' public statements last fall about the seriousness of the case could represent "unlawful command influence" — leading commanders at the Aberdeen Proving Ground to bring unreasonable charges against Simpson.

In a hearing to prepare for his April 7 trial, the lawyers asked to question Army Secretary Togo West, Army Chief of Staff Dennis J. Reimer and Assistant Army Secretary Sarah Lister.

A statement made by Lister that "there is no such thing as consensual sex between a drill sergeant and a trainee" may have tainted the case, Simpson attorney Capt. Edward Brady said.

"When a general speaks, a colonel will jump," said Maj. Mike Sawyers, another attorney for Simpson. "When the secretary of the Army speaks, generals will jump."

Army Prosecutor Capt. Theresa Gallagher opposed the request for three hours of interviews with the top officials as a "three-hour fishing expedition."

Obituaries

Lawrence Kolarik

1916-1997

CALDWELL, Kan. — Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Presbyterian Church for Lawrence C. Kolarik, 81. Burial was to follow in the Caldwell Cemetery.

Mr. Kolarik died Friday, March 28, in a Caldwell Hospital. He was the grandfather of Jessica Green, Amanda Green and Justin Green, all of Snyder.

Born Jan. 10, 1916 in Caldwell, he married Maxine Heizer on March 19, 1946 in Manhattan, Kan. She preceded him in death. Mr. Kolarik was a retired farmer.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah Green of Caldwell; a brother, Max Kolarik of Caldwell; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The sixth Bible tape, "Concern Without Worry," will air at 7 this evening. It will be followed by "Jesus Turned My Life Around."

Tiger Pride Club

Tiger Pride Booster Club will meet at 7 this evening in the high school student center. Plans for the all-sports banquet will be finalized.

Grief support group

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

Snyder High registration

Snyder High School students register Tuesday through Friday. Here's the schedule:

Tuesday	Herridge	1, 2, & 3 period classes
Wednesday	Herridge	5, 7, & 8 period classes
Thursday	Lomax	1, 2, & 4 period classes
Friday	Lomax	5, 7, & 8 period classes

Annual book sale

Scurry County Library will have its annual book sale Wednesday through Saturday. Sales hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and until 9 p.m. Thursday. Books for all readers will be available at low prices.

Senior Swimnastics

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

Scurry Lodge to meet

Scurry Lodge 706 will have a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Free tax help provided

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

Singing Men of West Texas

The Singing Men of West Texas, a men's chorus, will present a concert of traditional and contemporary Christian music Thursday at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. The public is invited.

Ira Neighborhood Watch

Ira Neighborhood Watch will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Ira Community Center. A number of topics will be discussed, including theft of newspapers from the post office. Law enforcement personnel will be on hand. For further information, call Tommy Huddleston at 573-5051.

Country breakfast set

Word is Life Deliverance Church will have its annual West Texas Country Breakfast from 6 a.m. until noon Saturday in the East Elementary cafeteria. Tickets, $5 for persons age 10 and up and $3 for those age 6-9, will be available at the door. Children age 5 and under may eat free.

Festival Day

The Windmill Club, comprised of employees of the Price Daniel unit, will host Festival Day starting at 8 a.m. Saturday on the old Kmart parking lot.

Included will be a garage sale, car wash, petting zoo and concessions. Proceeds will benefit both the Windmill Club and the Special Olympics.

Hermleigh Cemetery Association

Hermleigh Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Hermleigh Community Center. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Wildflower tours available

Scurry County Museum will be conducting wildflower tours from April 7-30. Tours should be scheduled at least five days in advance by calling 573-6107. The tours will be given by Western Texas College botany students.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Senior Center. Cost is $6 per plate, including carryouts. Children under six eat free.

SNS needs financial help

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

Adult education classes

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

Pick 3

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

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(eight,four,seven)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-16-24-42-48-50.

Estimated jackpot: $45 million.

Number matching six of six: one

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Terrell.

Matching five of six: 306. Prize: $1,669.

Matching four of six: 16,964. Prize: $108.

Matching three of six: 325,882. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

What does it take to become religious svengali?

NEW YORK (AP) — "I can be your shepherd," he said in the videotape.

And then Marshall Herff Applewhite continued down the final leg of his two-decade path and fell, quite willingly, beside his followers.

The stiletto-eyed man who guided 38 souls into silent, orderly suicide seemed the latest incarnation of an age-old tradition: a Svengali whose blend of charisma and ideology enticed people to follow his teachings — and his decision to die.

The techniques of leadership can be subtle, shared by good and ill. For every Kennedy, there is a Manson. And to dismiss Applewhite's followers as lemming-like victims of adept manipulation is, experts say, to see only part of the picture.

From Masada's Jews to the Rev. Jim Jones' Peoples Temple to David Koresh's Branch Davidians, there have always been deep, problematic questions: Is it the leader who entices the followers or the followers, desperate for a cause, who enthusiastically march behind? What happens when the people who are in control are out of control?

"These people do have free wills," said Gerald R. McDermott, an associate professor of religion and philosophy at Roanoke College in Salem, Va.

"They are influenced by the leaders, yes," he said. "That doesn't mean their minds have snapped or they have been coerced. It means they have found something or someone who accepts their search for transcendence."

Leadership, especially charismatic leadership, is a mixture of many qualities — the ability to speak coherently, to impart ideas and to use metaphor to relate spiritual tenets to real-world issues are all crucial for president and dictator, imam and pastor.

Then comes the second step: seeking out those prepared to believe.

"I think the charisma is the icing on the cake," Jim Jones, the son of the Peoples Temple minister, said Friday on CNN. "We have great manipulators all around us. They're opportunists, and they see that some people need to have a vision or a dream. And they take the opportunity to manipulate them."

Applewhite, who once described himself as existing at "the level above human," mixed a hypnotic sense of purpose with Christianity, alternate realities, methodical regimentation and liberal sprinkles of science fiction and astrology.

His style, followers said, often appeared on the surface as equal parts techno-messiah and Ward Cleaver; even as a child, he was authoritative and had quick answers to problems.

But if one thing marked Applewhite's leadership — at least at the end, videotapes left behind indicate — it was his disciples' strong sense that they were taking their own initiative based on their convictions. He was just the conduit.

"This is not like Waco or Jonestown. Each one did this of their own volition even though they were in a cult," said Dick Joslyn, who left the Heaven's Gate sect after 15 years.

That, experts say, is common in religious-based manipulation: A leader controls psychologically or spiritually vulnerable followers by isolating them and continuously reinforcing notions of free will and belonging.

Because of this, people who study leadership are beginning to watch those who are led as closely as those who actually lead.

"Usually everybody considers leadership and no one thinks of followers," said Bill Rosenbach, director of the Leadership Development Center at Gettysburg College and an expert in what he terms "followership."

"I think what happened in this case was that the followers who developed were dependent, uncritical thinkers — subordinate in the worst sense of the word," he said. "Followers who are independent and critical thinkers keep leaders straight."

The term charisma comes from the Greek word for gift, "charizesthai," which in this case is one bestowed upon the leader. It is not necessarily destructive.

"Churchill and Gandhi and Mandela, they used charisma in much the same way, but they had what we feel are worthy goals," Rosenbach said.

A charismatic leader has to encourage followers to reject old realities and create new ones in a way that the leader not only teaches, but embodies.

"You say, how can these upper-middle-class folks fall for this business about the UFOs?" said R. Scott Appleby, an expert on new religious movements at Notre Dame University.

"Well, these charismatic leaders have reached these people at a very different level. There's been some kind of very radical transformation of their heart. These people weren't converted because they said, 'This is the kind of idea I've been looking for — a comet that hides a spaceship.'"

In the modern American media society, even utopias are derivative. Mythology wrapped up in TV shows like "Star Trek" and "The X-Files" gives leaders raw material for an ideology at once familiar and convincingly unique.

"They make it into a collage," said Fred Clothey, chairman of the religious studies department at the University of Pittsburgh.

To that extent, Applewhite was helped by the Internet, which gave his ideology both a forum and format attractive to the type of follower he wanted to attract — one primed to believe in technological transcendence.

Even early on, long before cyberspace, Applewhite had the savvy to know his audience. He had a sense of irony; he acknowledged he might be perceived as a kook and, later, ran an ad in USA Today referring to the "UFO cult."

But Applewhite was as suspicious as anyone else of other self-proclaimed messiahs.

Co-founder's children seeking answers

HOUSTON (AP) — Twelve years after Terrie Nettles watched her mother leave for good to search the stars for God, she received a final insult.

Still wondering what ever became of Bonnie Lu Trusdale Nettles, Terrie Nettles learned her mother had died just four hours away in a Dallas hospital.

"I felt like somebody had ripped my guts out," Terrie Nettles said of her mother's death in 1985. She said she thought at the time: "Now the answers are gone."

But her mother's memory returned last week with the news that 39 Heaven's Gate followers committed suicide inside a California mansion.

Ms. Nettles co-founded the cult that evolved into Heaven's Gate. She and cult leader Marshall Herff Applewhite shared a platonic but close relationship, trekking across the country and gathering followers to take a spaceship to "the Next Kingdom."

Terrie Nettles' wondering began when her mother, a newly divorced nurse, met Applewhite, a music professor. Early one morning in 1973, they went to a nightclub where Terri Nettles, then 19, worked. They told her they were leaving.

"I wasn't allowed to say goodbye. I wasn't allowed to tell her that I loved her and hold her hand," she said. "I felt like Herff prevented that from happening."

That was the last time Terrie and her younger brother, Joe Nettles, saw their mother.

"I remember going down the stairs with her, trying to keep from crying," said Ms. Nettles, now 44. "They just said that God was leading them in a certain direction. They weren't sure exactly where, or what their mission was. But she said it was really big."

Seven months after the farewell, the woman who would help stitch mysticism and Christianity into a cult sent a cryptic letter to her daughter.

Relying on a fiery Bible passage — Revelation 11:3-13 — Ms. Nettles tried to explain how she and a former opera singer became the center of a new universe, the origin of Heaven's Gate.

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand, two hundred and three score days, clothed in sackcloth," the passage begins. "These are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth."

Her daughter struggled to understand.

"That's when they first realized who they thought they were, as the two witnesses," Terrie Nettles said Friday in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I had absolutely no clue as to what she was talking about."

Terrie and Joe Nettles said their mother met Applewhite at the Houston Music Theater Center, where he was a music instructor. They dispute news reports that the two became acquainted at a psychiatric hospital.

After they left Houston in January 1973 to form their own church, communication became infrequent.

In the early 1980s, the letters changed. Terrie couldn't figure out why.

"I had the feeling that she kind of wanted out. That was my interpretation," she said. "It was the way she phrased things."

In 1984, Ms. Nettles wrote her daughter again, saying she didn't know how to get out and that "there wasn't a graceful way to leave," Time magazine reported in its April 7 issue.

Then the letters stopped. Her children would hear of their mother's and Applewhite's exploits from television and newspapers about the "UFO cult" and its strange recruiting campaign across the country.

In February 1986, Terrie Nettles, then a student in Houston, tried desperately to reach her mother because Bonnie Nettles' mother had died.

Ms. Nettles' followers stonewalled relatives' attempts to contact her.

"We can't give her the message unless you tell us what it is," the younger Nettles recalled being told. "Well, I can't do that because the message that I have is very personal."

Following suicides, Mutual UFO Network receives calls

SEGUIN (AP) — A UFO cult's mass suicide in California has made researching the possibility of extraterrestrial life more difficult for a Texas group and its director.

Walter Anrus Jr. says his group, Mutual UFO Network, has nothing in common with the Heaven's Gate cult that led 39 members to suicide last week at a Rancho Santa Fe mansion.

"It's kind of embarrassing for these people to use UFOs and all. It's a UFO cult, definitely," Andrus told the San Antonio Express-News. "I'm afraid people will say, 'You study UFOs. You must be like those nuts in San Diego,' and we're not."

However, he worries that the cult's links to UFOs will discredit the work the network and other groups have done researching the existence of extraterrestrial life.

Amateur astronomer Chuck Shramek of Houston called a talk radio show with news that a photo he had taken Nov. 14 showed a mysterious "Saturn-like object" behind the Hale-Bopp comet.

Heaven's Gate members who reportedly believed a UFO is trailing the Hale-Bopp comet committed suicide using drugs and vodka after packing their bags in anticipation of a rendezvous with the craft.

"It's all a hoax, but those people out there believed it," said Andrus, director of the Seguin-based Mutual UFO Network. "People would call and tell me about it and I said, 'Just wait until they take another picture, and I bet it won't be there.' And it wasn't."

It was later shown that Shramek was seeing a star distorted by his telescope's optics, but the rumor kept spreading.

Andrus, a retired Motorola employee, said he found in his files data on Marshall Applewhite Jr. dating to the mid-1970s. Described as the cult's founder, he and Bonnie Nettles persuaded hundreds of people to leave their families and join the group.

"They were called V2," Andrus said, adding that Applewhite taught music in Houston and Ms. Nettles was a hospital nurse.

"Then they just disappeared, and I didn't hear any more out of them until this," he said.

Andrus, who with his wife and son spotted a group of UFOs in 1948 at Phoenix, has collected thousands of stories from UFO witnesses.

"There is no question they exist," he said. "The evidence is overwhelming. We have tens of thousands of reports in our files. All these people are not liars."

There were 3,954,000 live births in the United States in 1995 and 2,279,000 deaths, resulting in a natural population increase of 1,675,000.

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Dear Abby

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Husband's Affair With Teen Is Crime as Well as 'Mistake'

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DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, I found out my husband had a two-year affair with my teen-age sister. The affair began with my husband raping her, but she didn't disclose it and she didn't discourage him when he approached her again for sex.

At first he denied everything. He had always been basically a good husband and father, so I believed his denial. When I found out it really happened, I told him it was disgusting and could land him in jail. He apologized, saying it was a "mistake" and asked me to forgive him. I couldn't accept his apology and filed for legal separation.

He calls me daily asking for forgiveness and begging me to take him back. My friends, who don't know the whole sordid story, say I should forgive him and take him back. My family says it's the "Christian thing to do."

Abby, I don't miss him, don't like him and don't want him back. But I have no moral support except for our children, who don't want me to take him back. In spite of my feelings, I'm considering letting him come back to get him and everyone else off my back, and also because I'm afraid I will be alone the rest of my life.

I'm completely self-supporting financially, so that is not the issue.

If you were me, what would your decision be?

UNDECIDED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR UNDECIDED: A two-year affair with a minor is far more than just a "mistake." Your husband may be guilty of statutory rape, and your sister may need counseling to cope with the trauma of having been molested.

Were I in your shoes, I not only would refuse to take him back, I would also see that my sister got counseling, and encourage her to report the rape and subsequent sexual abuse to the authorities.

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DEAR ABBY: May I suggest a wonderful idea for showers for second or third babies?

Before my second child was born, my friends got together and gave me a shower of frozen home-cooked meals. I then prepared more frozen meals, and for a month after the baby came I didn't have to spend much time in the kitchen.

A new mother is so busy with the new baby and older children that this is welcome relief from a time-consuming chore. Also, we were able to sample the culinary skills of our friends — which was a welcome change from my home cooking.

NICOLE ANDREWS, SACRAMENTO

DEAR NICOLE: This isn't the first time I've heard about a practical shower of this kind, but the idea bears repeating. I can well imagine how these meals would be appreciated at such a busy time. Your friends merit stars in their crowns.

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DEAR ABBY: I have read and enjoyed your column for years, and I have learned from it, too. I have quite a collection of your columns that I keep for referral to friends and family when needed.

Referring to your answer to "Miss X," the pre-surgical transsexual who asked about using the women's rest room, you may want to remind him (her) to lower the panties and sit, rather than stand.

My sister was in a rest room recently and was quite surprised when she looked down to see feet pointing toward the wall and heard "water running" in the next stall. She didn't know whether to stay in her stall or venture out to see who would be coming out from next door. Curiosity got the best of her and she observed the occupant leaving, walking very unsteadily on "her" high heels.

Just when these cross-dressers think they have thought of everything, they forget to point their feet in the right direction.

JOYCE IN RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR JOYCE: I'm sure you will agree that some habits become so ingrained they are hard to break.

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