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Area lakes benefit from runoffs

Lake J.B. Thomas expected to rise 2 1/2 feet

Officials with the Colorado River Municipal Water District do not know how much water Lake J.B. Thomas caught during the Wednesday and Thursday rains – and they're glad.

"Water is still flowing into the lake," said CRMWD engineer Ralph Truszkowski this morning. "At 6:30, the lake had had a vertical rise of 1.4 feet."

"We are anticipating an actual rise of up to 2½ feet," said Truszkowski.

"This certainly puts Snyder and the rest of the district in better shape," said Truszkowski. "This will definitely take us through the summer."

Truszkowski said the inflow of water into Lake Thomas will allow the district to supplement the overall water supply to member towns.

"We had projected we would have to cease drawing water from Thomas in April or May in order for Snyder to have enough water. Now that we are assured of Snyder's water supply, the additional water will help member communities," said Truszkowski.

CRMWD general manager John Grant said the rains also will benefit E.V. Spence Reservoir.

"Water flowing from the Snyder and Big Spring rains will help not only the quantity, but the quality of water into Lake Spence," said Grant.

"It looks like most of the water will have a chloride content of 100 to 200 parts-per-million, which will help dilute the 1,300 parts-per-million chloride water Spence contained before it began getting the runoff," said Grant.

Water from Deep Creek eventually winds up in the Robert Lee reservoir and the lake is expected to rise as much as 10 feet.

And the rains were welcome in the agriculture community, as well.

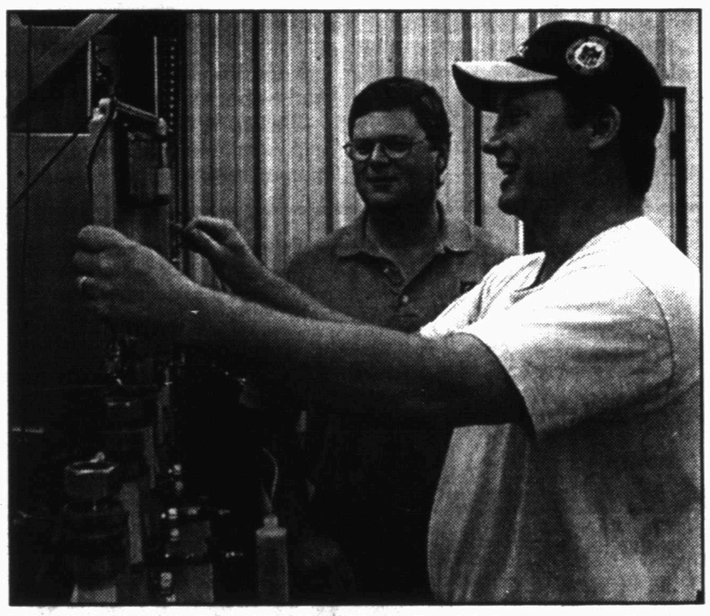
"They were wonderful," said Joe Hefner, county executive of the Scurry County Farm Service Agency, in speaking of the rains.

"We've heard rainfall reports up to 10 inches and how beneficial the rain will be will really depend on what we get later," Hefner added.

"We didn't get into the drought situation by missing just one rain, and I'm not going to say we are out of the drought because of this rain," said Hefner. "But the potential for a good cotton crop in 2000 is here. But this rain in itself will not make the crop."

Hefner also said there was some damage to terraces that will be expensive to repair, and he did not know if there would be any emergency assistance money to help with the repairs.

"All in all, it's a lot better than before," said Hefner in assessing the county's moisture.



IT'S GOOD TO BE AT WORK — David Sutton, production manager at YZ Industries, (back) looks on as Phil Covington, mechanical assembler, tests a gas sampler. Sutton managed to escape from his vehicle early Thursday morning after it was swept off the roadway by rising water. (SDN Staff Photo)

Local resident escapes from creek's waters

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

This week's rainfall of up to 7.5 inches was indeed a blessing, but it was a near-tragedy for Snyder resident David Sutton.

Sutton was driving northbound on Pleasant Hill Road to his work at YZ Industries early Thursday morning when his vehicle was swept off the road by a sudden rush of high water.

"I knew there would be water on the road at this particular spot and I just pulled up to it and stopped to see how much there was," said Sutton. "After seeing I could not cross, I tried to back up, but a rush of water came and swung the car around and here we went down the creek."

"I don't know where that much water came from all of a sudden," said Sutton.

Sutton said he climbed out of the window of the vehicle and managed to push himself away from it in an attempt to reach the bank.

"I ended up traveling down the creek about a hundred yards," said Sutton. "I bounced off several trees before being able to grab one near the shore and pull myself to land."

"People just have to realize the power of water in that situation," added Sutton. "I just pulled up to see how wide the creek was, and then I was gone."

"I'm just glad to be here today."

He escaped from his ordeal with only minor scratches.

Sutton's 1998 Pontiac was later located some 100 yards from where he was able to get ashore.

A Big Spring family, however, was not as fortunate in a similar situation as one child has drowned, and another is presumed to have drowned in a flooded creek.

The body of one of the children was recovered Thursday from a creek swollen by high waters after overnight rains in Big Spring.

"We were going to call off the search for tonight. Just prior to us doing that, some people in a canoe found the 18-month-old," Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper John Barton said Thursday night.

Peyton Harbour was discovered along the west bank of Mustang Creek about 7:45 p.m. by volunteer searchers, the trooper said.

Peyton and her 6-year-old brother Dalton Lee turned up missing early Thursday after their mother drove into high water, officials said.

"At 7:30 Thursday she was taking her son to school," Department of Public Safety Lt. Judy Altom said of 29-year-old Cindy Harbour. "She tried to cross some water that was in the roadway. When she got about halfway, she felt the car move."

Moments after Harbour told her son to get in the back seat with Peyton, the car was swept into the creek, Altom said. She said she doesn't know how Harbour freed herself.

"She was rescued about half a mile from where the vehicle was," Altom said. "She swam until she could touch her feet to the ground."

Authorities found no sign of Dalton Lee Thursday night, and called off the search because it was too dangerous to keep looking in the darkness, Barton said. Operations continued this morning.

Authorities pulled the car from the creek late Thursday afternoon, and found that neither of the children were in the vehicle. The infant was strapped into a car seat, which was also missing.

Harbour was admitted Thursday afternoon to Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring with a low body temperature.

Harbour was in stable condition Thursday evening and it was reported that a number of family members were with her.

When authorities found Harbour about a half-mile from where her car was emerged, she told them she was forced out of her car, but wasn't sure if her children made it.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department brought in a helicopter to aid in the search for the children, and inmates from the Wallace Unit in Colorado City were en route to help in the ground search of an area that is about a mile long and half-mile wide.

Storms went through the area beginning at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and continuing until about 2:30 a.m. Thursday. They dumped as much as six inches of rain near the usually dry creek known as Mustang Draw, in a rural area just northwest of Big Spring.

Officials with the Howard County Sheriff's Department said this morning that the Department of Public Safety dive team from Austin was on the scene to aid in the search, but at mid-morning, the missing child had not been located.

Ira production named alternate

Ira High School's production of *And They Danced Real Slow In Jackson* was named alternate play at the District 9-A one-act contest held Thursday in O'Donnell. Five students also received acting awards.

Shade Everton was named best actor. He portrayed two characters, Kid and Ben.

Katie Howard and Trey Shirley were named to the all star cast. Katie played Elizabeth Willow and Trey handled several roles including Man-1, Skeeter Robbins, Timmy, and Bobby Morgan, the reverend, Woody and a boy.

Lecia Knight and Tosha Walker received honorable mention. Lecia portrayed two characters, Claranelle and Judith. Tosha played Beth Willow.

Co-directors were Triana Jackson and Supt. Rick Howard.

Jackson complimented the cast and crew for "doing well."

A school performance will be given at a later date.

Lockney ISD votes to keep drug testing

LOCKNEY (AP) — The Lockney Independent School District would go to the Supreme Court to prove its mandatory drug test is constitutional, its attorney said after trustees stood by their across-the-board policy that effectively denied a father's appeal of his son's punishment for refusing to be tested.

"This is a major piece of litigation," attorney Donald Henslee said Thursday of a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of 12-year-old Brady Tannahill. "This is a case of such magnitude. It would be a case of first impression before the Supreme Court.

"The district spent a long time working on the policy to make sure it was appropriate and it was what the community wanted. The district is very confident that it can defend this policy in court."

Attorneys for the ACLU aren't so sure. They say the policy is unconstitutional. On Thursday, they asked the school board to reconsider the policy and its punishment of Brady.

"I don't want to come across as a guy who is smarter than you because I'm not," said Lubbock attorney Jeff Conner, who represented Brady's father, Larry Tannahill. "But I do have some grave concerns about this drug policy.

"When we drug test children who we don't suspect to be using drugs, I think it tells our kids we don't trust you. We are going to assume that you are lying to us. We are going to assume that you are using illegal drugs. We are going to assume you are guilty until proven innocent."

The policy requires that Brady be punished as if he tested positive because his father refused to sign a consent form handed out before the tests were administered in February.

Brady faces a 21-day suspension from extracurricular activities, at least three days' in-school suspension and three sessions of substance-abuse counseling.

Snyder schools announce plans for credit by exam

Snyder ISD school district has announced testing dates for credit by exam.

The testing dates are June 20-22, and July 3, 5-6. Registration deadline is April 14.

Assistant Supt. Dr. Melissa Jones said the Texas Education Code and new state board rules require that any student be granted the opportunity to take an examination to be "accelerated" to a higher grade level, or to receive credit for a course a student has not yet taken in school.

Dr. Jones said the school district is required to give a primary grade level student credit for a grade level and advance the student one grade level on the basis of the board-approved examination.

This is required if: (1) the student scores in the 90th percentile or above on each of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science and social studies; (2) a district representative recommends that the student be advanced; and (3) the student's parent or guardian give written approval for the advancement.

A student in grades 6-12 must be given credit for an academic subject in which he or she has had no prior instruction if the student scores 90 percent on a criterion-referenced test for the course.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Being stuck in the mud ain't all that bad."

All those petitions for rain have been answered, and today smiles abound in Scurry County. We suspect there's still lots of prayers going up, but they now include lots of expressions of appreciation.

A couple of folks will be missed. **Sonny Harrell** was buried yesterday and **Roy McCloskey's** services were set this afternoon.

Harrell, a Scurry County native, gave years of service to the Scurry County Junior Livestock Association. Every year it was Harrell who came by for the donation to support the youth of Scurry County.

And McCloskey, the serious-minded insurance guy, left an impressive list of public service – service to his country, his church, the Kiwanis Club, Shrine Club, Scottish Rite and Masonic Lodge.

They're doing it again!

Jerry Worsham and his drama kids took top honors at the district one-act play meet and will host the area competition next month.

Snyder's **Michael Gibson** garnered the best actor honors. SHS students joining him in the all-star cast were **Mark Haines, Hayli Henderson** and **Vallery Haines**. **Corey Knipe** was honorable mention.

And on the subject of one-act play competition, Ira also advanced with **Trey Shirley** earning best actor honors at district. **Katie Howard** and **Shae Everton** were chosen for the all-star cast and honorable mention honors went to **Tosha Walker** and **Case Hardy**. **Trini Jackson** is the Ira one-act coach.

Another athlete excelling in the classroom:

Matt Parker, a senior at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, has been named to the dean's list which requires at least a 3.0 GPA.

A 1996 graduate of Snyder High School, Matt has been a member of the Army grid team and will graduate this year. He is the son of **Bill** and **Barbara Parker**.

More gold medals.

SHS thinclads **Mark Medley** and **Wade Pinson** continue to finish first. Medley registered his third straight shot put victory at Sweetwater and Pinson captured first place in the 110-meter hurdles.

And those WTC wranglers brought home trophies from the first spring rodeo held in New Mexico. The men won the title by a 145-point margin while the Lady Westerners captured first and was led by **Brandee Brock** who won the women's all-around title. **Greg Rhodes** is the WTC coach.

Honors at Hermleigh:

Justin Kelly and **Cassie Harbin** won first place with their kaleidoscope entry in the junior high division of the Big Country Math Fair.

More honors:

Three SHS gridders – **John Ortegon, Brady Hackfeld** and **Sonny Cumbie** – have been chosen to play in the first Big Country All-Star Football Classic.

And Ira's **Logan Daves** has been named to the All Big Country Class A second team in basketball.

And special recogination to Snyder Police **Lt. Jerry Parker** for being recipient of the Rotary Club's vocational service award.

ASK US

Q—When is the county going to start work on the road for the brick plant?

A—Pct. 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey said the work has not been scheduled as of yet.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 67 degrees; low, 45; 7 a.m. Thursday, 45; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low, 45-50; E wind 5-10 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy; 30% rain chance, high 70-75; E-S wind 10-15 mph.



Shelby Carter
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
6:57 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:41 a.m.
Of 83 days in 2000, the sun has shone 81 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Habits change into character.

—Ovid

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Prison guards could receive fall raise

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Prison guards who have been complaining about low salaries could be on their way to a $10,000 raise soon, the chairman of the Texas prison board said Thursday.

"I think it's all now just a matter of working out some of the details," Mac Stringfellow said outside a meeting of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"We've talked with the governor's office, the speakers' office, the lieutenant governor's office, the legislative leaders. They're all very supportive of it."

Stringfellow said several plans were under under review, and he was optimistic some kind of interim pay boost could be in effect as soon as September.

Eventually, he said, prison guards would be elevated to the national average of $35,000 to $36,000. Top pay now in Texas is $26,700.

"I would think certainly within a couple of years, maybe faster," he said.

Stringfellow made his comments while less than 100 guards and supporters were marching and holding a rally a mile or so away in downtown Huntsville.

"That would be really great," said Raymond Harrison, a corrections officer standing in the crowd. "We definitely need it. It gets more dangerous every day."

"That would be more than adequate, really awesome," said Jennifer Robbins, a seven-year guard who would be in line for a big raise. "I'd like to see them follow up on their words."

A career ladder also would make guards with greater seniority eligible for the raises before new recruits.

"It's stupid when someone working 18 months makes what I make," she said.

Brian Olsen, deputy director for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and an organizer of Thursday's rally, said Stringfellow's comments meant the demonstrations guards have held are having an effect.

"We thought something was going to happen," he said. "We're glad to see this. It's part of the answer.

"I'm not saying we feel vindicated, but we're going to keep the pressure on."

Although guards have been calling for a special session of the Legislature to win a pay boost, Stringfellow said Texas law allows his agency to spend forward from the next biennium's budget and negate the need for the governor to call a special session.

"What we'd like to do is have an interim (boost), and when the Legislature returns for its session in January we'll be able to do something permanently."

Tony Scott named president county development board

Tony Scott, owner of Subway of Snyder, was named president of the Board of County Development during the board's meeting Wednesday.

Scott took the duties over from David Kattes. Scott served in 1999 as vice president.

The board also named David Koonce as the new vice president and re-elected Terry Hefner as secretary/treasurer.

Re-appointed members were not given the oath of office as County Judge Ricky Fritz was unavailable. The members will take the oath during the board's next meeting in June.

Board members also approved an annual request for $25 from Big Country Resource Conservation & Development Area Inc.

The $25 sponsor contribution assists in locating grand fund sources for area projects.

In 1999, $525.55 was returned for each dollar contributed by area sponsors. The RC&D received $1,575 from 75 sponsors last year and $811,000 in actual private, state and federal grant funds were brought into the area.

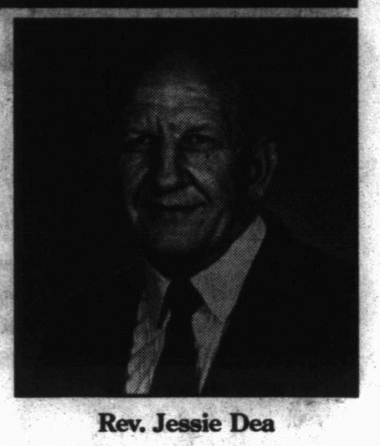
Twenty-six area projects were completed last year including securing equipment for emergency services and education, healthcare products for the economically disadvantaged, leadership training, grant searches, Environmental Quality Incentive Programs, elementary playground project and water quality improvement.

In other business, the board also approved the minutes and paid one bill.

Children's reading program expanded

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dolly Parton is taking her show on the road — but this gig isn't a musical act.

The country star announced Thursday she has raised $7 million to help expand to a national level her children's reading program, Imagination Library.



Rev. Jessie Dea

Rev. Dea to be at Fluvanna United Methodist Church

Rev. Jessie Dea will deliver the message at this Sunday's 11 a.m. service at Fluvanna United Methodist Church.

Rev. Dea is the former pastor of the Dunn and Union United Methodist Churches.

He and his wife, Maurita, have retired and now live in Quanah.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, March 25, 2000

Of your own volition, you are likely to make a number of changes in your life style in the year ahead. It might have everything to do with a lucky break that comes your way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Launch that new project or enterprise today that you've had on the drawing board, because it's one of the better days to do so. The more imaginative it is, the better. 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) Although it may not appear so at first, there's a possibility today that you might be squeezed into a productive arrangement that's already under way. Lady Luck will have a hand in it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't get your dander up should someone let you down today. The slack will be taken up by an ally you'd least expect, who'll prove to be very lucky for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An improved performance concerning your work or career can generate bigger rewards, so it behooves you to take constructive measures today to try to increase your productivity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There's a good chance that you could meet several new people today who could have a pronounced effect on your social affairs. Be extra nice to everyone you're with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An unselfish inclination to be helpful to someone you love could be given the chance to express itself today. What it produces will be is a transformation that'll shore up the relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An ineffective matter over which you've been laboring and would love to get off your back may finally be on its last legs today. It'll be replaced with something feasible and positive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Carefully scrutinize your economic conditions today, because there's a good chance you could transform your budget into one that will generate a greater surplus.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your attention today might be taken off an objective upon which you have focused considerable importance and diverted to a more promising target. Don't hesitate to switch.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone might take some positive measures on your behalf today to arrange an introduction to an individual you've secretly yearned to meet. It could change your social life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A new development could stir today that could bring about a happy change in your financial well being. It may happen through an associate with whom you've had past dealings.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A marked improvement may be in the making today that will have a direct affect upon you career or work-related ambitions and goals.

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Salvage man gets reward for finding 52 stolen Oscars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Willie Fulgear is oh-so-familiar with the Oscars.

The salvage man didn't get to keep any of the 52 stolen Academy Awards he rescued from the trash heap, but he's getting plenty of experience with acceptance speeches.

He's accepted an invitation to Sunday's Oscars ceremony. He's also accepted a $50,000 reward from the shipping company that lost the statuettes.

"If anybody says honesty don't pay, send them to me," Fulgear said Thursday during the reward presentation. "I'm a poor man and I stumbled across, I guess, gold. And I gave it back."

A week ago, Fulgear, 61, made a living selling discarded machine parts. Now he hopes his "golden" find will get him a book contract or a movie about his life.

"This has really turned things around for me," he said earlier at his one-room apartment about a block from the parking lot where he found the missing Oscars.

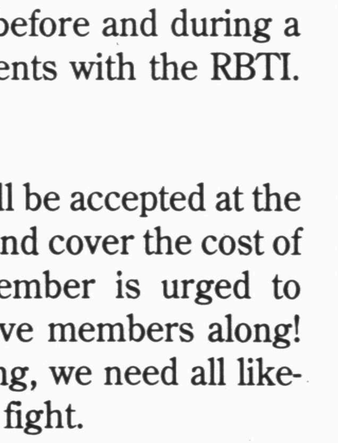
Fulgear said he'd like to use the money to make a down payment on a home for his 22-year-old son, Allen.

Roadway Express, the Akron, Ohio, company hired to deliver the Oscars, decided to present Fulgear with the money after the Los Angeles Police Department concluded he had nothing to do with the theft.

"We do want to thank him and reward him for his honesty and important role he played in ensuring that the show goes on," Roadway Vice President T.J. O'Connor said.

Save our Economy! Stop the Bombers!

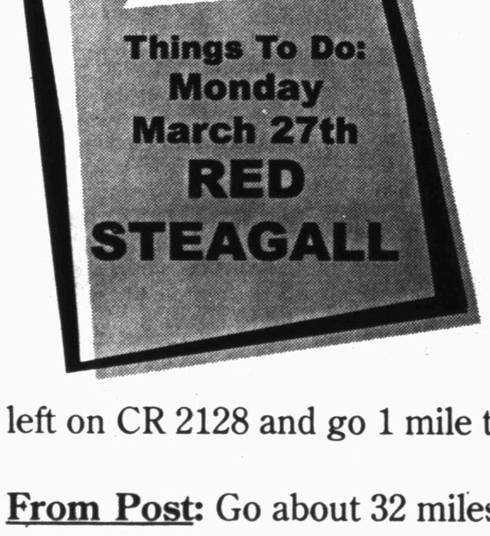
A few jobs don't replace quality of life!



IMPORTANT EVENT!
MONDAY, MARCH 27th
"Red" Steagall to perform at HEPA Membership Meeting!

On Monday, **March 27th**, HEPA is holding an important general membership meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Famous country singer/poet Red Steagall will perform for us.** Red has agreed to contribute his performance free of charge to support our fight against the RBTI.

Brady Bowen and his swing Country Band will provide music before and during a chili-dog supper, followed by an update on the latest developments with the RBTI. Red Steagall will begin his performance after the RBTI update.



A donation of $20 per person will be accepted at the door to raise money for HEPA and cover the cost of the meeting. Every HEPA member is urged to attend and bring any prospective members along! Even though we are 1,000 strong, we need all like-minded people to join us in our fight.

The meeting is at Wagon Wheel Ranch located on CR 2128 about 10 miles north of Snyder. The music will start at 5:30 so come early if you'd like. PLEASE BE THERE!

From Snyder: Go 8 miles west on US 84 to FM 1142. Turn right and go 3 miles to CR 2128. Turn left on CR 2128 and go 1 mile to the ranch.

From Post: Go about 32 miles east on US 84 to CR 2128. Turn left on CR 2128.

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Report: Baby was duct-taped to wall at day care center

HUDSON, Mass. (AP) — The director of a day care center duct-taped an 8-month-old girl to a wall, thinking the sight of the struggling baby was funny, state officials said in a report.

The director of A Place to Grow in suburban Boston later admitted to the incident, the Office for Child Care Services said in a 12-page report issued this week. The center's license was suspended last week.

The report also said state investigators found that babies were force-fed and swaddled so tightly that they had red marks. Some infants allegedly got a blast of water in the face if they cried.

"Although the motive for such conduct is not clear at this time," the state said, "at least one staff member stated that the director and the staff would get 'a kick out of doing that.'"

The center's owner, Suzanne Foley, said she has fired the director and is filing an appeal to win back her license.

"I take my responsibility for what happens to the quality of care in our centers very seriously," Foley said in a statement issued Thursday. "Anything below the highest standard of care for our children will not be tolerated."

Police and prosecutors said they were investigating. The state did not identify the director.

According to the report, the director had talked with a parent about how duct tape "works on everything" and wondered if it would make an infant stick to the wall.

The next afternoon, a staff member saw the director placing duct tape on the infant's arms and waist and sticking her to the wall. The infant was taken down after she freed one of her arms.



PROCLAMATION — Mayor Dayton Robertson signs a proclamation designating today as Walk For The Cure Day at East Elementary. The fund-raiser for the American Diabetes Association was coordinated by Christy Smith, PE instructor. One of the participants for the early morning walk was Travis Ray Hatfield who was diagnosed with diabetes when he was two-years-old. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

ABC quiz show has 3rd top winner

NEW YORK (AP) — It took him nearly 15 minutes to get it right — but it was worth it.

Joe Trela, a 25-year-old customer service representative for a computer company, on Thursday became the third contestant to win the top prize on ABC's hit game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

The Cal Tech graduate was asked what insect shorted out an early supercomputer and inspired the term, "computer bug."

Trela's choices? A moth, roach, fly or Japanese beetle. He correctly identified the moth as the culprit.

"I was lucky, which I guess was good enough," he said.

Trela certainly wasn't pressured into rushing his way through the game. He took nearly 15 minutes — although it was edited down for broadcast — to identify which baseball player appeared in the most World Series games.

"The producers were getting kind of cranky with me," he said.

By the time he had won $32,000, Trela had used all three of his lifelines. That meant he had to answer the big-money questions without help from a friend or the audience.

Trela, from Gilroy, Calif., is the youngest person to win the game. The show now airs in 52 countries, and there's been only one top prize winner outside of the United States. A contestant in South Africa won earlier this month.

Trela, who is a bachelor, hopes to landscape his mother's backyard with the money, and maybe visit a friend in England.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Moher's heartlessness is not all in daughters' heads

DEAR ABBY: This letter is a late response to "Emotionally Bruised," whose mother was supercritical. My mother also says and does the most incredibly heartless things to us. When our father was alive, he used to cover for her as much as possible in order to keep peace in the family. Now that my father has passed away, my sister and I have had to deal with my mother's inappropriate behavior.

Due to a family blowup just before Thanksgiving (the first holiday since my father's passing), we got Mother to attend two therapy sessions with my sister and me. Mother was her usual heartless, mean self in front of the therapist, so he was able to get a clear picture of what we had been dealing with. Later, in a private session, the therapist gave me some valuable information. He explained that my mother is extremely narcissistic. She is not, nor will she ever be, able to become empathetic or understanding of others.

In many ways, it was wonderful to have the validation and acknowledgment from an outsider about my mother's behavior; however it also felt like a death sentence. The therapist advised me to do all I can to protect myself from my mother, but to never stop telling her that her words and actions are hurting me. My silence all these years had led her to believe that I accept and agree with her.

It is always tough standing up to this woman, and the fallout afterward is difficult. However, I am not giving up. If I do, my children, who have witnessed their grandmother's heartless behavior for many years, will think that it's OK to allow someone to use you as a doormat. — **DESERVES TO BE RESPECTED, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.**

DEAR DESERVES: The money you and your sister invested in the therapist was obviously well spent. I find it admirable that the two of you are able to tolerate your mother's company after having suffered her verbal abuse for so many years — most victims wouldn't.

Since you have been advised that she is incapable of changing her behavior, it is essential that you "bullet-proof" your children if they are going to be exposed to her. They should not be led to believe that her behavior is something that should be expected from a mentally healthy person. Teach them that your mother suffers from a personality disorder, and they should not believe her when she says mean things.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been in a long-distance relationship with a man for a year and a half, but he lives with a 55-year-old jealous female housemate. He tells me she's jealous of all of his friends.

He has proposed marriage to me and said he would move to my state, but there has always been some delay. Now he has moved out of their house and into his own place — but he moved his female housemate in with him because she suffered a heart attack. Where does that leave me? — **WONDERING IN MARYLAND**

DEAR WONDERING: It leaves you on the outside looking in. There's another hen in the nest. Face it, whether he's married, or the same as married — he's unavailable.

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No one hurt as sixth grader briefly holds gun on students

LISBON, Ohio (AP) — To Dan Kemats, it seemed like time had stood still.

The 24-year-old English and social studies teacher at McKinley Elementary School had been ordered to get down on the floor by a 12-year-old student wielding a gun. Twelve of the boy's sixth-grade classmates were also in the room Thursday morning.

"It seemed like forever we were sitting on the ground. It was probably a few minutes," Kemats said.

Linda Robb, another teacher summoned by a student who heard the exchange in the hallway, persuaded the boy to give up the gun and no one was hurt.

Police Sgt. Fred Carlisle said a charge could be filed as early as today, when the boy appears in juvenile court. His name was not released.

The boy had been on crossing guard duty with another sixth-grader, Katie Hartman, Thursday when he told her: "Goodbye, Katie. I won't be back," The Vindicator of Youngstown reported today.

She said she asked what he meant, but he didn't answer.

The boy said before that "his biological mother was in jail and he wanted to visit her, be with her," said Anthony Krukowski, superintendent of Lisbon schools.

Carlisle confirmed the boy wanted to reunite with his mother. "Yes, that's what he told a teacher and one of the police officers," he said.

The boy's father told police the weapon — a loaded, 9 mm semiautomatic — had been stored on a dresser top with a fully engaged trigger lock. Police Chief John Higgins said the boy apparently found the key and removed the lock.

No classes were scheduled for today but the school will be open for students who want to come in for counseling.

Lisbon is about 25 miles south of Youngstown, near the Ohio-West Virginia-Pennsylvania lines.

Michigan man found slain in hotel

ARLINGTON (AP) — A federal employee from Michigan was found slain in a hotel room by a housekeeping employee, police said Thursday.

Investigators believe robbery may have been the motive in the attack at a Fairfield Inn.

Sgt. James Hawthorne identified the victim as Robert Neal Allen, 44, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	03-24-00
	♠ K 6	
	♥ 10	
	♦ A Q J 10 9	
	♣ A Q J 10 4	
West		**East**
♠ ---		♠ J 4 3 2
♥ A K 6 5 4 3 2		♥ Q J 8
♦ 8 4 2		♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ 8 5 2		♣ 9 7
	South	
	♠ A Q 10 9 8 7 5	
	♥ 9 7	
	♦ K	
	♣ K 6 3	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

This deal was played beautifully by Christiane Cauderay. What would have been your plan in six spades? West starts with the heart ace (10, queen, seven) and a low heart.

If I had been North, I would have passed out the four-spade opening bid, ruining a good story. But then, if I had been South, I would have opened one spade, not four, perhaps rescuing the same story!

The only danger was a 4-0 trump split. If West had all four, there was nothing to be done, but if East had them, perhaps a trump coup could be arranged. For that, South had to reduce her trump length to the same as East's. This meant taking three ruffs, and there wasn't a moment to lose.

After ruffing the second heart in the dummy, Cauderay cashed the diamond ace, ruffed a diamond in hand, and played a trump to dummy's king. A second diamond ruff was followed by a club to dummy's 10 and the vital third ruff. A club to the dummy left East with J-4-3 of spades and the heart jack, South with A-Q-10 of spades and the club king. When declarer called for dummy's diamond queen, East, Kitty Teltscher's husband Bernard, threw his heart; declarer discarded her club. Now a club from the dummy effected the trump coup.

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Bridge in the polo club

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, we had bridge in the Mecca of cricket. Today, we visit the Polo Club of Paris. The deals were described by Kitty Teltscher in Bridge Plus magazine. (Visit www.bridge-plus.co.uk for details.)

The Hurlingham Club sent 16 players to the French capital for a mixture of bridge, food and wine — what could be better?



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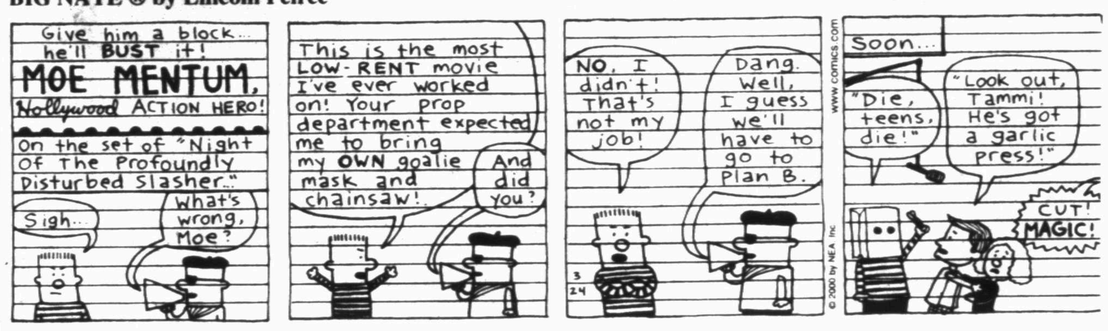
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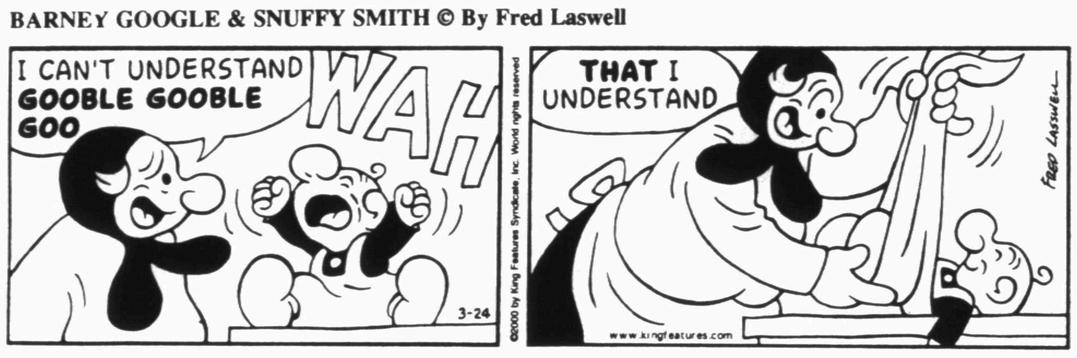
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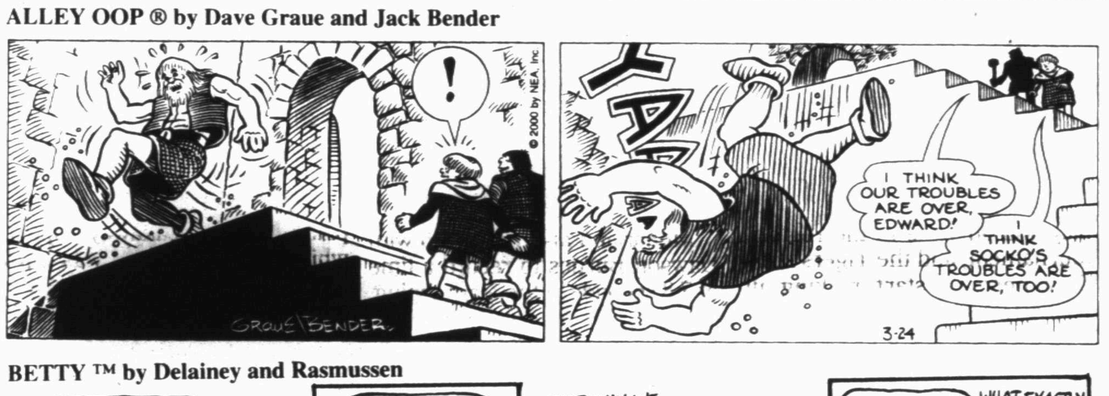
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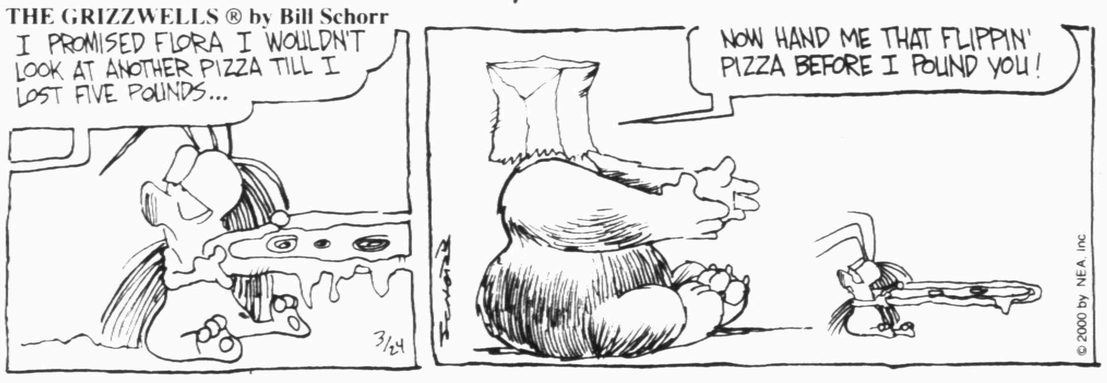
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ACROSS

1 Indulge to excess
7 Bluebeard, e.g.
13 Unfaltering
14 Egg dish
15 Pelted
16 Saffron-flavored Spanish dish
17 Prepares (sheepskin)
18 Smog-control org.
20 Type of pickle
21 Macaw
23 Madrid museum
27 Prepared veggies
32 Diner
33 — Arledge
34 Actor Cary —
35 Cathode's counterpart
36 Start an ocean voyage (2 wds.)
39 Singing voice
40 Say "Cheese!"
42 Baby carriage
46 Languish
47 Project
51 Excursion
53 Baltimore bird
55 South Dakota capital
56 Shouter
57 Group of nine
58 Part of FDR

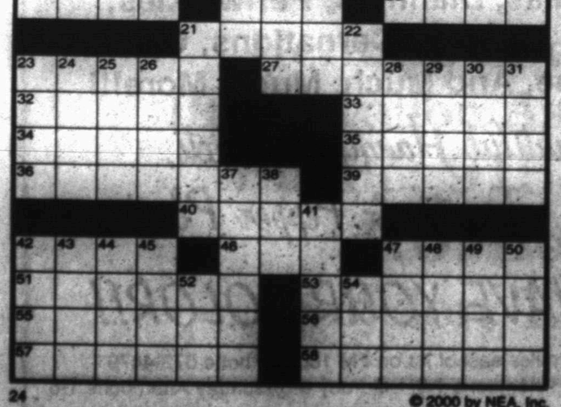
DOWN

1 "Hey!"
2 "— boy!"
3 Feline sound
4 Gives a bad review to
5 Dutch city
6 Actress Winona —
7 Warhol's genre (2 wds.)
8 "— — little teapot"
9 Marsh grass
10 "— — want for Christmas"
11 Blab
12 And others (Lat.)
19 Mas' guys
21 Large arteries
22 Charge with gas
23 Wooden pins
24 Hard to find
25 Rat- — - —
26 Lairs
28 First-rate (2 wds.)
29 Night sight
30 Opposite of ecto
31 Bambi, e.g.
37 Portrayed
38 Roman 52
41 Sen. Bentsen
42 Vatican figure
43 Devastate
44 Solar disk
45 Muck
47 Capsule
48 Girl of song
49 Danish measure
50 Pianist Peter
52 Gun grp.
54 Female sandpiper

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	U	L	L	E	N		S	U	L	F	U	R
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SPORTS

Tigers fourth after 5-4A opening round

SAN ANGELO — Heading into the boys' opening round of district play, Snyder knew the defending state champion Andrews Mustangs would be tough to beat.

But after Thursday's round at Riverside Golf Club, the Tigers found themselves trailing three squads for the top spot in the standings.

Snyder carded the fourth-best round Thursday, firing a 315 to trail Andrews I, Sweetwater and Andrews II after the first of three district events.

Andrews I turned in a 285 to lead second-place Sweetwater by 14 strokes, while Andrews II finished at 312. Snyder II came in with a 335 to finish the day in eighth.

While the scores by Andrews and Sweetwater came as no surprise to Snyder, the Tigers had figured to be a little higher in the standings heading into next week's event at Western Texas College.

"We knew the other teams would shoot those kind of numbers, but we thought we would also shoot around 300," said Snyder coach Ricky Hunter. "If we would have, we would be right there in the thick of it. We've been kind of up-and-down all year long, and it just so happened that district started on a down."

Landon Day and Zach Starnes paced Snyder with rounds of 73 and 74, respectively. Along with Stafford Gray, who competed on Snyder II, they were the only Tigers to break 80 on the day.

Andrews, which brought two squads and two medalists, had 10 of its 12 players come in under 80.

The top two teams in district play will advance to the regional tournament, and the Tigers know they need to start making up ground on second-place Sweetwater, immediately.

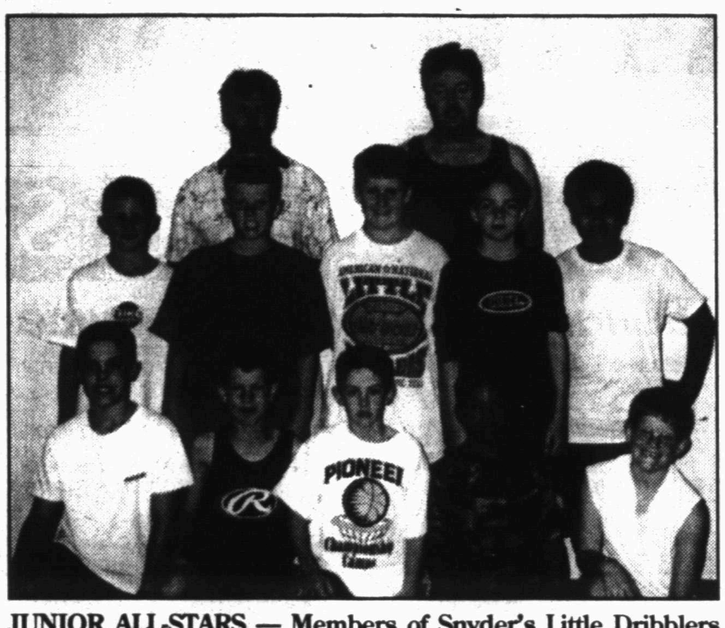
"Even though we didn't play as well as we expected, we're still not out of it," said Hunter. "One good thing going for us is that we get to play at home next week. If we can make up about eight strokes on Sweetwater, then we're right in good position for the final round. But we definitely can't lose any more ground on our home course."

Levi Mandrell shot an 83 for Snyder I, with Brady Reed posting an 85, and Clinton Calmes finishing with an 86.

On Snyder II, Gray's 79 was joined by an 80 from Tanner Beard and an 87 from Vaughn Wiggins. Jason Williams tallied an 89, and Matt McCormick carded a 94.

DISTRICT 5-4A BOYS

1. Andrews 285, 2. Sweetwater 299, 3. Andrews II 312, 4. Snyder 315, 5. Lake View 319, 6. Fort Stockton 325, 7. Big Spring 332, 8. Snyder II 335, 9. Sweetwater II 350, 10. Fort Stockton II 353, 11. Big Spring II 356, 12. Lake View II 411.



JUNIOR ALL-STARS — Members of Snyder's Little Dribblers Junior All-Star Team are, front row from left, Ryan Claxton, Jesse Connor, Colton Brewster, Brandon Jones and Travis Hatfield. On the middle row are Dustin Murdock, Lance Day, Brooks Gafford, Brent Bollinger and Kadrian Groage. On the back row are Coaches Jody Day and Russell Gafford. Not pictured is Coach Charlie Bollinger. (Contributed Photo)

Little Dribblers tourney...

All-star hoopsters set for regionals

Two Snyder teams will battle for berths in the national tournament when they tip off the Little Dribblers regional tourney Wednesday in Lamesa.

Snyder's all-star teams will compete in the junior division, for ages 9-10, and in the major division, for ages 11-12.

Eight other squads are entered in each division, with the top three teams garnering spots in the national tournament April 20-23 in Fairfield.

Snyder's major all-stars will hit the hardwood first when they take on Lamesa II Wednesday at 6 p.m.

A victory would put Snyder on the floor again Thursday at 7:16 against Levelland I, while a loss would force an elimination game Thursday night at 8:30 against either Lamesa I or Andrews II.

Snyder's junior all-stars get underway Thursday at 7:15 when they face the winner of Wednesday night's contest between Levelland II and Lamesa II.

With a win, Snyder would play again Friday at 6 p.m. A loss would put Snyder in an elimination game Friday night at 8:30 against either Levelland I or Plainview II.

The regional tournament concludes Saturday. The finals for the junior division are scheduled for 3:30, with the major championship tilt slated for 4:45.

Western Texas seeks rodeo titles in Odessa

ODESSA — After capturing both the men's and women's titles last week, the Western Texas rodeo squads are well on their way to a repeat performance at Odessa.

Western Texas had 12 competitors turn in strong efforts Thursday night at the opening performance of the Odessa rodeo.

The WTC men were spurred by Raleigh McFarland who posted a 71 to take the early lead in the saddle bronc competition. Only three points behind McFarland in second place is teammate Brandon Mayberry.

McFarland also paired up with Dawson Burnes to record a time of 7.8 seconds in the team roping, good enough for third place.

Cody Lawrence and Bobby Sellars were fifth in the team roping after the first round with a time of 9.0.

B.J. Scott hung on for a score of 68 in the bareback riding to put him in second place, while Wacey Barta was sixth in the bull riding with a 65.

Tyke Salazar's time of 12.9 had him fifth in the calf roping, and Bill Herbert's 5.5 pushed him into seventh in the steer wrestling.

In the women's competition, Jamie Standifer led the way for the Lady Westerners, recording a 9.0 to grab the top spot in the goat tying.

Kacy Henard tied down a time of 3.3 seconds to sit in second place in the breakaway roping, while Sequin Downey was third at 3.7.

The rodeo will continue tonight, with the final round scheduled for Saturday night.



MAJOR ALL-STARS — Members of Snyder's Little Dribblers Major All-Star Team are, front row from left, Tyler Hogan, Jason Cave, Dustyn Williams, Chris Smith, Garrett Pinson and Coach Randy Hogan. On the back row are Coach Bryan Cave, Eric Martinez, Barrett Bowlin, Blake Seale, Jay Weaver, Cade Simpson, Blake Scott and Coach Eddie Pinson. (Contributed Photo)

JV pounds Clyde, 12-1

SWEETWATER — Snyder JV only got in one game Thursday at the Sweetwater baseball tournament, but the Tigers made the most of it.

Snyder took advantage of five walks and three errors by Clyde to post a 12-1 victory in the tourney's opening round.

The Tigers were scheduled to face Abilene Wylie Thursday night, but due to a late start, the contest was moved to today at noon.

Against Clyde, the Tigers scored four runs in the first inning on only two hits, four walks and a hit batsman.

Snyder continued to capitalize on the Bulldogs' miscues in the second, pushing across eight runs to seal the outcome.

Patrick Vantine worked all four innings on the mound for Snyder, surrendering only two hits, while striking out five Bulldogs.

The Tigers needed only four hits, with Jared Boyd, Brooks Nunley, Riki Dorsett and Kyle McClendon slapping singles.

Houston names starter

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Right-hander Shane Reynolds will be the Houston Astros' opening day pitcher for the fifth straight year when their season begins April 3 at Pittsburgh.

Reynolds went 16-14 with a 3.85 ERA last season with a career-high tying four complete games and a career-high two shutouts. He tied for the league lead with 35 starts and tied for second in complete games.

Reynolds will match 1970s fireballer J.R. Richard and 1980s split-finger specialist Mike Scott as franchise leaders in opening day starts.

The Astros also announced that No. 5 regular-season starter Dwight Gooden, who pitched his first major-league game in the Astrodome, will start on Thursday when the Astros open $251 million Enron Field with an exhibition against the Yankees.

Sports Briefs

Bowling fundraiser set for Sunday

A brisket and sausage dinner with all the trimmings will be served starting at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Lanes to raise funds for the Snyder Youth Bowling League.

Tickets are $5 a plate and $2.50 for children under 12.

After the feed, about 6:30 p.m., Stacey Browning and Jeff Smith will bowl three games and the loser will have their hair shaved by Mary Batchelor. The public is invited.

T-Ball sign-ups start Monday

Registration for the Snyder T-Ball League, ages 5-7, will be Monday through Wednesday at the Boys' Club from 4 until 7 p.m.

Registration fee is $30 and players must bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Men's NCAA Tournament Glance

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
At The Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24

Duke (29-4) vs. Florida (26-7), 7:38 p.m.
Seton Hall (22-9) vs. Oklahoma State (26-6), 9:55 p.m.

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
At Frank Erwin Center
Austin, Texas
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24

Tulsa (31-4) vs. Miami (23-10), 7:55 p.m.
North Carolina (20-13) vs. Tennessee (26-6), 10:15 p.m.

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 2:40 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
Auburn Hills, Mich.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 23

Michigan State 75, Syracuse 58
Iowa State 80, UCLA 56

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 25
Michigan St. (29-7) vs. Iowa St. (32-4), 7 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 23

Purdue 75, Gonzaga 66
Wisconsin 61, LSU 48

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 25
Purdue (24-9) vs. Wisconsin (21-13), 4:40 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR
At The RCA Dome
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National Semifinals
Saturday, April 1

Midwest champion vs. West champion
East champion vs. South champion
Game times: 5:42 p.m. and 30 min. after

National Championship
Monday, April 3
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	42	25	.627	—
New York	41	26	.612	1
Philadelphia	39	28	.582	3
Orlando	33	36	.478	10
Boston	30	38	.441	12½
New Jersey	29	38	.433	13
Washington	24	46	.343	19½
Central Division				
x-Indiana	47	22	.681	—
Toronto	39	28	.582	7
Charlotte	36	31	.537	10
Detroit	35	32	.522	11
Milwaukee	32	36	.471	14½
Cleveland	27	41	.397	19½
Atlanta	25	42	.373	21
Chicago	13	54	.194	33
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-Utah	45	21	.682	—
San Antonio	43	25	.632	3
Minnesota	41	26	.612	4½
Dallas	29	39	.426	17
Denver	27	41	.397	19
Houston	25	43	.368	21
Vancouver	19	49	.279	27
Pacific Division				
x-L.A. Lakers	57	12	.826	—
x-Portland	50	17	.746	6
x-Phoenix	44	23	.657	12
Seattle	40	28	.588	16½
Sacramento	39	28	.582	17
Golden State	17	51	.250	39½
L.A. Clippers	14	56	.200	43½

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Thursday's Games
Milwaukee 105, Indiana 84
Houston 110, L.A. Clippers 95
Cleveland 104, Dallas 98
Washington 100, Denver 86

Friday's Games
Charlotte at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Frenship, 4:30
Baseball: Abilene High at Snyder freshmen, 5 p.m.
Baseball: Wilson at Ira, doubleheader, 5 p.m.
Softball: Snyder at Big Spring, varsity at 4, JV at 6 p.m.
Track: Snyder at San Angelo Relays
Tennis: Snyder at Lubbock tourney
Rodeo: Western Texas College at Odessa rodeo

SATURDAY

Softball: Snyder vs. Breckenridge in Abilene, JV at 1, varsity at 3 p.m.
Track: Snyder at San Angelo Relays
Tennis: Snyder at Lubbock tourney
Baseball: Snyder JV at Sweetwater tourney
Golf: Snyder girls at Sweetwater
Rodeo: Western Texas College at Odessa rodeo



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Ski wear, Play pen, Table/chairs, Tool box, Oil lamps, McCoy & Hull pottery, Carnival glass, Children's clothes & much more!

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Saturday 8 – 6 & Sunday 1 – 5
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Saturday 8 – 12
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Antiques, Desks, File cabinets, Chairs, Antique dining suite, Jennair Stove, Cast iron cookware, Bicycles, Cutting torches & regulators, Miller Big 20 welding machine, Horse trailer and more.

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3-1½, fenced backyard. 2803 Ave. X. Need references. **Call 573-8739.**

FOR RENT OR SALE
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Mobile Homes For Rent

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board (WCTWDB) Abilene, Texas, is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for solicitation of bids for the management and operation of the Child Care service delivery system.

The WCTWDB is appointed by local elected officials to plan and oversee operation of the public workforce system, including child care resources in the West Central Texas 19 county area.

The purpose of Child Care Program Operation is to offer child care to eligible families and to improve the quality, availability and affordability of child care in Texas. This proposal will address delivery and payment for child care services to be provided in the WCTWDB Service Delivery Area which includes the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

Public and private service providers, or other interested parties may obtain a RFP by contacting the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, PO Box 3195, Abilene, Texas 79604, Attn: Karen Spaar, or by calling (915)672-8544.

A bidders conference will be held March 31, 2000 at 10:00a.m. in the large conference room at the offices of West Central Texas Council of Governments, 1025 EN 10th., Abilene, Texas 79601. Attendance at the bidders conference is not required but is recommended. Proposers unable to attend the bidders conference may submit written questions, via mail or fax, no later then 5:00p.m., March 29, 2000 to the following address:

West Central Texas Workforce Development Board
P.O. Box 3195
Abilene, Texas 79604
Fax (915)675-5214

Deadline: Proposals must be received in the WCTWDB offices by 5:00p.m., May 5, 2000 to be considered. Proposals received at the WCTWDB offices after the deadline will not be accepted. There will be no exceptions. Proposals may be mailed to the above address or hand delivered to the WCTWDB offices Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. at 1025 EN 10th, Abilene, Texas 79602. The WCTWDB will not accept proposals transmitted by facsimile (FAX).

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Strike over, Twinkies will return

BIDDEFORD, Maine (AP) — Twinkie lovers across the Northeast will be able to get their fix soon.

Teamsters removed pickets from Maine to Ohio on Thursday, ending an eight-day strike and allowing the flow of Twinkies, Wonder Bread and other Interstate Bakeries Corp. products to resume.

The company expects some shipments to begin this weekend, and production and distribution should be back to normal next week, said Mark Dirkes, spokesman for Interstate Bakeries in Kansas City, Mo.

"I would imagine there's quite a bit of relief that people are going to get their Twinkies now," said Ed Iacono, a Teamster who celebrated Thursday evening outside Interstate's main plant in New England.

About 1,400 Teamsters left their jobs on March 15, accusing Interstate of refusing to abide by arbitration rulings. The company said the process was unfair, while the union said the company refused to participate.

Because of the strike, the company's Biddeford plant that makes J.J. Nissen, Wonder Bread, Hostess and Drake's products was shut down, putting 400 bakers out of work. Teamsters later set up pickets elsewhere, shutting down plants in New York City, Philadelphia, Wayne, N.J., and Buffalo, N.Y.

One of the main issues that led to the strike was the company's requirement that drivers deliver more than one brand of Interstate products at a time. The Teamsters said the practice violates work rules designed to protect drivers who get paid different amounts for each brand.

"We decided to pull the pickets down and to have a cooling off period and put people back to work," said Dennis Raymond, chairman of the Teamsters New England Bakery Drivers Council.

The company and the Teamsters union agreed to additional talks next week on an arbitration dispute.

Dry New Mexico vulnerable to fires

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Unusually dry weather and a lack of power lines led to New Mexico's largest outage ever — and utility officials warn it could happen again.

"I can't lie to you — the system is somewhat vulnerable," said Don Brown, spokesman for Public Service Company of New Mexico.

Last weekend, a grass fire — possibly caused by a tossed cigarette — sent thick smoke rising up 60-foot transmission towers.

Brown blamed a shortage of power lines in New Mexico.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	32⅜	31⅝	31	13-16
AT&T Corp s	59 9-16	57⅛	59 7-16	+ 2 3-16
Albertsons	29 3-16	28 9-16	29	— 1-16
Alltel	69 13-16	68⅞	69½	— ⅜
AmerOnline s	72⅛	69½	72 1-16	+ 1¼
AndarkPtr	35 3-16	33 15-16	35⅛	+ 1 1-16
AtlRichfld	83½	82	83⅜	+ 9-16
ATMOS Egy	18⅛	17⅜	17½	— ⅝
Aviall	9 1-16	8⅝	8⅝	— 9-16
BP Amoco s	51 11-16	50 15-16	51⅝	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	28 11-16	27⅞	28½	+ 1 1-16
Bank of Amer	54 15-16	53¼	54⅞	+ 11-16
BellAtl	60 7-16	59 1-16	59 5-16	— 5-16
BellSouth	45⅝	44 3-16	45 5-16	+ 13-16
Beth Steel	6 3-16	6 1-16	6⅛	+ 1-16
BurlNoSFe	21⅜	21	21⅜	+ ⅜
CBS Corp	62¾	62 3-16	62 11-16	— 5-16
Caterpillar	40	39¼	39⅝	+ 1-16
CenSoWst	17¼	17	17 3-16	— ⅛
Chevron	85 15-16	84¾	85⅛	+ ½
Citigroup s	62⅜	61	61⅝	— 3-16
Coastal	42⅛	41½	41¾	— ⅜
CocaCola	47 1-16	46 9-16	46⅞	— ⅝
ColgatePal s	56	53 3-16	55 11-16	+ 2 9-16
ComclMetals	27 15-16	27 9-16	27⅞	+ 5-16
CooperIn	35½	34½	34¾	+ 7-16
DaimlrChry	68¼	67½	67 15-16	+ ⅞
DallSemicn s	44⅜	42 1-16	44⅜	+ 2⅞
DeltaAirl	54⅜	53 3-16	53 5-16	+ ¼
Dillards Inc	16 7-16	15⅜	16⅜	+ 1-16
DowChem	106⅞	105	106 9-16	+ 1 9-16
DuPont	55 11-16	54⅛	55 11-16	+ 11-16
EastmanChem	43½	42½	43	
EstKodak	56 15-16	55½	56⅞	+ ⅝
EDS Corp	74⅝	72	74⅛	+ 2½
Entergy	19 11-16	19⅜	19 9-16	— ⅛
ExxonMobil	77	75⅝	76 13-16	+ 1 5-16
Flowers	13⅜	13⅛	13¼	— 3-16
FordMotor	44⅞	44	44¾	+ ¼
GTE Cp	70½	68 9-16	69¼	— 9-16
GenDynam	47 5-16	46	46¾	+ 5-16
GenElec	159¾	155 15-16	159 7-16	— 9-16
GenMills s	35⅜	34 11-16	34 13-16	— ⅛
GenMotors	86 5-16	84⅜	85 9-16	— 1 7-16
GaPacGP s	39 7-16	38 11-16	39⅛	— ½
GlobalMar	26	24⅞	25 11-16	+ 1 5-16
Goodrich	28 3-16	27⅞	27 15-16	— 1-16
Goodyear s	23⅝	23 7-16	23 9-16	
GtAtlPac	18⅝	18	18⅛	— 11-16
Halliburtn	40	38¾	39 15-16	+ 2 1-16
Hanson ADS	35 15-16	35¼	35½	+ 1 7-16
HarteHanks	22⅛	21¾	21 13-16	— 1-16
HomeDepot s	65	63½	64 15-16	+ 13-16
HoneywellIntl	48 1-16	46	48 1-16	+ 1 13-16
IBM s	119¾	115 1-16	119⅝	+ 4⅜
IntlPaper	39¾	38 11-16	39 5-16	+ 3-16
JohnsonJn	74	72	72¾	— 7¼
K mart	9 15-16	9 9-16	9 13-16	— 3-16
Kroger Co s	17⅛	16⅝	17	+ ⅜
Litton	37	35 3-16	37	+ 1 9-16
LockheedM	17 11-16	17	17⅝	+ 9-16
Lowes Cos	54⅛	52 1-16	53⅞	+ 1 5-16
Lubys	9 11-16	9⅝	9 11-16	+ 1-16
LucentTech	67⅛	64¾	67	+ 2⅛
MayDeptStr	29 5-16	29	29⅛	
MediaOne	83¼	81 3-16	83¼	+ 2⅛
Medtronic s	56⅜	55⅜	56⅜	+ 5-16
Monsanto	49 11-16	48½	49 7-16	+ 37-64
MorganJP	138	134½	137	+ ⅞
Motorola	166 15-16	162	166⅜	+ 4⅜
NCR Corp	43½	42 9-16	43½	+ 13-16
Navistar	39 13-16	38 9-16	39¼	+ ⅜
Penney JC	15 3-16	14 13-16	14 15-16	— ½
PepBoys	6¾	6½	6 9-16	— 1-16
PepsiCo	33½	33	33¼	— 7-16
PhelpDodge	50	49 7-16	50	— 1-16
PhilipPet	44	43	43¾	+ 1
PilgrmPrd B	6 9-16	6 7-16	6½	+ 1-16
Polaroid	26⅛	25¾	26⅛	+ 11-16
Praxair	38⅝	37	38 5-16	+ 9-16
ProctGamb	56½	55 9-16	56⅛	— 1-16
PubS NwMx	15 7-16	15 5-16	15 5-16	
ReliantEngy	22 13-16	22⅜	22½	+ 1-16
RoyalDut	57½	56 9-16	57 7-16	+ 5-16
SBC Comm	43 11-16	42 15-16	43 7-16	— 1⁄8
SaraLee	18 7-16	18	18⅜	+ ⅜
Scripps EW	46 9-16	45 15-16	46	— 13-16
SearsRoeb	30¾	30⅛	30 5-16	— ⅝
SherwinW	22⅞	21 15-16	22 11-16	+ ¾
SmithklBchm	69⅝	68½	68½	+ 15-16
SouthernCo	21⅝	21¼	21 9-16	+ ⅛
SwstAirl s	20¼	19 15-16	20⅛	— 3-16
SprintFON s	57¾	56⅜	57 11-16	+ 2 1-16
SprintPCS s	64 11-16	63⅜	64½	+ ¼
Sunoco Inc	27 9-16	27	27½	+ ¼
TNP Ent	43⅝	43⅛	43⅝	
Tandy s	52½	49⅞	51⅞	+ ⅜
TempleInland	49	47¾	48 15-16	+ 5-16
Texaco	52 11-16	51¼	51 15-16	+ ⅛
TexInd	33 15-16	33 13-16	33⅞	+ ⅛
TexasInst s	184¾	176 1-16	184 11-16	+ 10 11-16
Tex Util	30¼	30	30 3-16	+ 5-16
Textron	61⅞	59⅞	61 3-16	— 7-16
TriconGlbR	29 13-16	29 1-16	29 13-16	+ ⅝
TrinityInds	23¼	22⅞	23¼	+ ⅛
TritonEngy	35 15-16	34 13-16	35¼	+ 9-16
TylerTech	5 9-16	5¼	5 5-16	— 1-16
US West Inc	69¼	68 5-16	68⅜	— 15-16
USX-Marathn	23⅜	22¾	23⅜	+ ⅝
USX-USS	23½	23 3-16	23⅜	+ 1-16
UnCarbde	51½	50 11-16	51 7-16	— ½
UnionPacif	38⅞	37 15-16	38 7-16	— ¼
UnitedTech s	58½	57⅛	58 7-16	+ 1-16
Unocal	28	26¾	27 15-16	+ 7-16
Venator Grp	8 3-16	8	8 1-16	— 3-16
WalMart	55 11-16	54	55 11-16	+ 1 11-16
WellsFargo	42 9-16	40 13-16	42 9-16	+ 1⅛
WstnGasRs	16	15 15-16	16	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	17 7-16	17⅛	17 5-16	+ 1-16
Xerox Cp	27 11-16	26⅞	27⅝	+ ¾

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Dell	58 3/8	+7/8
Wal Mart	54 5/8	+5/8
Compac	28 13/16	-1 1/16
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GTE	68 5/8	-1 3/16
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

INS agent may not be Cuban spy

MIAMI (AP) — Federal investigators have conceded that a senior immigration official charged with espionage may not be a Cuban spy after all, The Miami Herald reported today.

Investigators have filed no evidence in court showing Mariano Faget ever passed secrets to the Cuban government, the newspaper said, citing an unidentified senior law enforcement official familiar with the case.

Richard Gregorie, senior litigation counsel at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami, declined comment to the Herald.

FBI officials said Faget still violated the Espionage Act by revealing classified information to a friend and lying about his contacts with Cuban officials over a 14-month period.

Faget, 54, a Cuban-born supervisor in the Miami office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, has pleaded innocent.

FBI spokesman Terry Nelson said a news release announcing Faget's arrest may have created the misleading impression that he is charged with spying for Fidel Castro's government. The news release was entitled: "Operation False Blue Cuban Spy Case."

"The title does not reflect the facts of the case at this time," Nelson said. "The title does reflect the violation of the Espionage Act, and to a lay person, espionage and spying are synonymous."

According to a federal indictment, Faget was regularly consulted about immigration cases involving FBI informants and counterintelligence sources.

He had secret clearance at the INS for 12 years but never informed the agency about becoming executive vice president of America-Cuba Inc., a company formed with New York businessman and Cuban citizen Pedro Font to recruit trade with Cuba if the United States lifts its trade embargo.

For Microsoft, not breakup...

Government considers punishment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sources close to the Microsoft antitrust case say it looks like the federal government is backing away from demanding the break up of the software maker.

The move represents a fundamental shift by the Justice Department, which largely decided months ago to press for a breakup while anticipating a strongly favorable ruling from U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson in the coming weeks.

It also puts Justice's stance at odds with some state attorneys general, who believe that only the harshest punishment is appropriate.

Microsoft has indicated it will not accept any settlement that divides the company, and U.S. Assistant Attorney General Joel I. Klein believes such a punishment may not be necessary to adequately restrain what the trial judge characterized as Microsoft's monopoly power over the technology industry, said two people close to the case, speaking on condition of anonymity.

New York's attorney general, Eliot Spitzer, on Thursday praised Klein's handling of the antitrust trial but acknowledged that past cooperation between states and Justice "doesn't mean we're going to agree on every piece, every remedy."

Spitzer, who declined to comment on settlement talks, described a "healthy dynamic" among the 19 states and Justice debating punishments.

Shares of Microsoft Corp. surged 8.4 percent on reports a settlement could be near, moving up $8.621/2 to $111.871/2 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Antitrust experts offered several explanations why Justice now may be inclined to accept lesser punishment than a breakup as part of a settlement, even though the trial judge strongly has hinted he will rule that Microsoft violated antitrust laws.

Punishment worked out under settlement could apply immediately to Microsoft — even before the next election — without the uncertainty over the outcome of lengthy appeals. Government lawyers also could negotiate a punishment broadly enough they would apply to controversial practices that were not part of the current trial.

Pope celebrates Mass near site of Sermon on the Mount

KORAZIM, Israel (AP) — Stepping into the pages of the New Testament, Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass today on a pastoral green hill near where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount and asked young believers from across the globe to spread Christian teachings of selfless love and forgiveness.

The pontiff's voice carried across the crowd of close to 100,000. The pilgrims filled the sprawling open-air clearing carved into a hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee, the area where the Gospels say Jesus performed many of his miracles.

"We sit on this hill like the first disciples and we listen to Jesus," the pope proclaimed. "His call has always demanded a choice between the two voices competing for your hearts. ... The choice between good and evil."

Pilgrims young and old listened mainly in silent contemplation to the papal homily that echoed the Beatitudes, Christ's famous words about humility and love. Some stood motionless, while others sat on plastic sheeting on the muddy ground, hands clasped around their knees.

"This is the most important message that could be," said Stefania Esposito, 28, of Salerno, Italy, who like many in the crowd had traveled to the Holy Land as part of a Christian youth group. "We all need to be forgiven by God and each other."

Mexican pilgrim Rosie Morales, 34, who had left her nearby guesthouse at 3 a.m. to arrive early for the 21/2-hour Mass, was exuberant. "I feel my heart is going to burst from happiness," she said.

This afternoon, the pope met with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who briefed him on Mideast peacemaking. Barak said the pope's visit was a major contribution to reconciliation between Christians and Jews and to an improved atmosphere in peacemaking.

The meeting ran half an hour late, close to the start of the Jewish Sabbath which begins at sundown. Barak jokingly told the pontiff that he would have to rush off so as not to desecrate the Sabbath, the biblically mandated day of rest.

"We have to keep our government together," Barak said in a reference to the three ultra-Orthodox Jewish factions in his six-party coalition. Religious disputes have brought down a number of governments in Israel, including that of the late Yitzhak Rabin in 1977 over a delivery of fighter planes that cut into the Sabbath.

The pontiff's visit to the green hills of the Galilee stands in sharp contrast to the tumult of the pope's past two days in Israel and the Palestinian territories.

Since John Paul's arrival Tuesday evening from Jordan, where he began his weeklong Holy Land pilgrimage, stop after stop on his itinerary has cast a harsh spotlight on the Middle East's present-day political convulsions and its peoples' deep historical wounds.

On Thursday, in the shadowed halls of Israel's Holocaust memorial, Yad Vashem, the pope expressed sorrow at Jews' suffering.

Israel, PA extend inconclusive talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel and the Palestinian Authority are extending their inconclusive talks into next week, still "brainstorming" over the future of Jerusalem, Palestinian aspirations for a state and other knotty issues.

"It's too early to know if this will lead to anything," Hassan Abdel Rahman, the chief PLO representative in Washington, said.

An Israeli official, meanwhile, said the "chemistry" was good at the screened-off talks at Bolling Air Force Base in southeast Washington.

After today's meetings the Israelis and Palestinians scheduled a break for the Jewish Sabbath, beginning at sundown, and plan to resume Saturday night. Rahman said they would meet next week, as well.

When the negotiations opened Tuesday, about a week of talks was anticipated.

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Obituaries

Aetna Tittle

1925-2000

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Aetna Mac Tittle, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, March 19, at Avera St. Luke Hospital in Aberdeen.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at the Church of the Nazarene in Ellendale.

A funeral service for Mrs. Tittle, 74, is set for 4 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Charles Day, pastor of Ave. D Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born July 24, 1925 in Hagansport, Tex., she attended Clarksville High School, graduating in 1943.

She married John Wayne Tittle on Sept. 22, 1945 in Clarksville and they made their home in East Texas. In 1949, they moved near Perryton where they began ranching. In 1951, they moved to Snyder and Mrs. Tittle worked in the bowling alley.

In 1961, the family moved to Merricourt, N.D., where they ranched. Mr. Tittle died in 1981, and she continued to live on the ranch in summer months. She was a member of the Whitestone Homemakers and the Whitestone Historical Society.

Survivors include four sons, Eddy Tittle of Muskogee, Okla., Don Tittle of Beulah, N.D., Larry Tittle and Garry Tittle, both of Aberdeen; a daughter, Judy Jensen of Langford, S.D.; a brother, Herbert Watts of Fort Worth; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arlen Vandiver

1914-2000

Graveside service for Arlen Rosco Vandiver of Plano, longtime Snyder resident, was held at 2:30 p.m. today in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mr. Vandiver, 86, died Wednesday, March 22, in Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Plano.

He was born Jan. 17, 1914 in Ladonia, Tex., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeptha Almerean Vandiver. Mr. Vandiver was a retired employee of the Texas Highway Department.

Survivors include his son and a daughter-in-law, James A. and Norma Vandiver of Plano; a sister-in-law, Sadie Mae Vandiver of Snyder; two grandsons, Jay and Jason Vandiver of Plano; and one great-granddaughter, Chelsea Alexis Vandiver.

Three accidents occur Thursday

No arrests were made and no offense reports were filed Thursday, but city officers did work three minor accidents.

At 12:13 p.m., a two-vehicle mishap occurred in the 2700 block of College. Involved were a 1997 Nissan Sentra driven by Penni Diane Mann, 38, of 3733 Highland Drive and a 1995 Chevrolet Sierra pickup driven by Loy Zane Garner, 61, of Abilene.

Officers took an accident report at 12:42 p.m. in reference to a mishap in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Involved were a 1995 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Jackie Ann Hackfeld, 42, of 6752 Hwy. 208 and a 1996 Chevrolet Z71 pickup driven by Brandon Dean Bankhead, 23, of 13584 CR 4185, Loraine.

Officers were called to the scene of an accident in the 4200 block of College at 4:55 p.m. A 1978 Cadillac Coupe Deville and a 1991 Ford Escort were involved. The Cadillac was driven by Lou Taylor Collins, 55, of 4400 Avenue U #2B11 and the Ford was driven by Thea Condel, 16, of 1701½ Avenue T.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 23 — Thomas Fogleman, Jane Kight, Raul Villanueva, Myrthel Callaway and Cassandra Medrano.

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Special Olympics

"Tip a Cop" night will be held from 6:30 to 9 this evening at the Spanish Inn. Snyder police officers will wait tables. All tip proceeds will go to Special Olympics. A softball tourney will be held Saturday and Sunday at Winston Park to benefit Special Olympics. Entry fee is $100 per team and trophies and T-shirts will be awarded. For more information, contact Debra Chaney at 573-1114.

Eighth grade party

The end of school party planning committee for SJHS eighth graders will be held at 7:30 this evening at 2211 41st St. All eighth grade parents are encouraged to attend.

LCU chorus

Lubbock Christian University's Praise! Chorus will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at East Side Church of Christ. Allison Bowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Bowden, and Jenise Judah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Judah, are members of the LCU chorus. The concert is free and open to the public.

MAWC luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host a luncheon Sunday starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children six and under. For reservations call 573,3427, 573-6443 or 573-6717.

District Court cancelled

District Clerk Trina Rodgers has announced that the jury called for Monday in 132nd District Court has been cancelled. The jury panel called Monday in the justice of the peace court will still report.

American Heart Association

The Scurry County American Heart Association will meet at noon Tuesday at Pizza Inn. All interested persons are invited. For more information, call 573-5041.

SHS reunion meeting

SHS classes of 1943-45 will have a class reunion planning meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. For more information, call 573-5149.

Cancer board meeting

The board of directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will met at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Scurry County Library. Sherry Merritt will present the second part of the program, "Computer Use in Genealogy."

Tee-ball sign ups

Sign up times are Wednesday, Thursday and next Friday for five and six-year-old tee-ball, and seven-year-old coach-pitch tee ball. Times are 4-7 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. Fee is $30 per player.

Masonic awards night

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a 25-year pin awards night at 7 p.m. next Friday. All Masons and their families are invited. Refreshments will be served.

WIC recipients

WIC recipients who have failed to pick up March vouchers need to contact the WIC office at Outreach Health Services before next Friday. For more information, call 573-0191.

Annual sausage festival

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival is set for Sunday, April 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Tickets are available at the door for $6 for adults and take-outs, and $3 for children under 12. The sausage dinner with all the trimmings is all-you-can eat. The festival will also have game booths, raffles and a country store. Sausage sold by the pound is $2.75 uncooked and $3.75 cooked.

Golden K fish fry

The Golden K Kiwanis will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Senior Citizens Center. Plates, including carryouts, are $6.50 each. Children under six may eat free.

1990 SHS reunion

The 1990 senior class of SHS is planning a 10-year reunion in July. If you are a graduate, or have contact with a graduate, contact Anne Osborn @Echostar.com, or call Jennifer Pate at 915-223-9110 in San Angelo, or contact Shelley LaRoux at 574-1826, or mail information to 3209 40th St.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the school library. Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

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

3, 8, 8

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

3-6-10-12-37

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New CDC report compares health behavior

ATLANTA (AP) — Mississippians battle the bulge with less success than the rest of us — 22 percent of them are obese — while nearly 25 percent of Texans have no health insurance, and more than half of North Dakotans say they don't always wear a seat belt.

Which state has the most drinkers? Wisconsin, where residents also confessed to the most binge drinking.

The findings come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which on Thursday released a survey of health behavior broken down by race and ethnic groups for each state and Puerto Rico.

The numbers, culled from 1997 telephone interviews with 134,000 people, highlight continuing disparities between whites and other racial groups when it comes to such factors as high blood pressure, obesity and lack of access to medical care.

The report, which contains data on 20 health topics, is the first time the CDC has collated such a wide range of information for each state on a comparative basis, said the report's author, Julie Bolen of the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

The report is intended to help state health departments compare their prevention activities to those of other states and see which are successful.

"This is the first time we've put it all under one cover to compare states," she said. "It's a good chance for people across the country to see how they're doing."

The Clinton administration wants to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities by 2010 in six areas: cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV and AIDS, immunization and infant mortality.

Bolen said the report is designed to further that goal, especially as non-whites are projected to make up nearly half the U.S. population by 2050.

The survey topics included Pap tests, seat belt use and cigarette smoking.

Texas led the nation in the percentage of uninsured residents mainly because of its large Hispanic population. Nearly half of the state's Hispanics — 44.9 percent — said they had no health insurance. By contrast, only 6.1 percent of Hawaiians said they had no insurance.

Women in Georgia reported the highest rate of having a Pap test within the preceding three years — 92 percent — while Puerto Ricans were the lowest at 71.8 percent.

Utah and Puerto Rico reported the least drinking, defined as having a drink in the past month. Only 6.3 percent of those in Maryland admitted to binge drinking, or having five or more drinks on a single occasion. That was the lowest binge-drinking rate in the nation.

The report found bad news concerning colorectal cancer screening.

Fewer than a third of adults over 50 reported having completed a home blood stool test, with 18 percent the median response. Maine led the country in such screening, with 28.5 percent. Only 9.3 percent of Mississippi residents had performed such a test.

Georgians called themselves the most sedentary, with more than 51 percent reporting no leisure-time physical activity. Utah had the highest activity rate at 17.2 percent.

The CDC said socioeconomic factors and education levels are believed to be responsible for the differences between the groups. People with more education generally have higher-paying jobs and are then more likely to have health insurance and use the health care system.

The survey is obviously limited by how honest survey participants were. For example, obesity rates were calculated based on how tall and heavy people described themselves.

"I would guess that plenty of us minimize our weight. I doubt anybody's going to tell you they weigh more than they do," Bolen said, calling the obesity figures "conservative estimates."

The obesity rate was lowest in Colorado at 11.9 percent.

In North Dakota, 59.8 percent of survey participants said they don't always wear a seat belt. Californians buckled up the most — only 12.8 percent said they don't always put on the belt.

On the Net: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

Date Book

Friday, March 24, 2000

Today is the 84th day of 2000 and the fifth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1943, Rogers and Hammerstein's musical "Oklahoma" premiered on Broadway.

On this day in 1976, Argentine armed forces overthrew the government of President Isabel Peron.

On this day in 1989, the oil tanker Exxon Valdez struck a reef 25 miles from Port Valdez, Alaska, and began to leak oil.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Andrew Mellon (1855-1937), financier-philanthropist; Harry Houdini (1874-1926), magician; Edward Weston (1886-1958), photographer; Clyde Barrow (1909-1934), outlaw; Lawrence Ferlinghetti (1919-), poet-publisher, is 81; Steve McQueen (1930-1980), actor.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, the University of Cincinnati basketball team defeated Ohio State in the NCAA finals.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A government can be no better than the public opinion that sustains it." — Franklin D. Roosevelt

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 19) and last quarter (March 27).

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Major airlines seeking ways to fortify doors on cockpits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Major airlines are looking for ways to better secure cockpits after a 250-pound passenger burst through the door of a jetliner in flight and lunged for the controls.

Fort Worth, Texas-based American as well as Alaska, Northwest, Delta and TWA airlines said on Thursday that they were looking for ways to modify and strengthen bifold cockpit doors that are standard on certain planes, including DC-9s and MD-80s.

Federal regulators would have to approve any modification. And there's one catch: While the door needs to protect crew members from disruptive passengers, it must also allow them to get out of the plane quickly.

"The one thing you can't do is put a bank vault door on the cockpit," said Jack Evans, a spokesman at Alaska Airlines. "The door needs to be secure, but it also needs to be an emergency exit as well."

Spokesmen for the five airlines said they were taking a look at the cockpit doors in response to the March 16 incident aboard an Alaska Airlines jet flying between Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and San Francisco.

Passenger Peter Bradley, 39, of Blue Springs, Mo., was tackled by passengers and crew members after he broke through the locked cockpit door and attacked the copilot. The pilot used an ax to fend off Bradley, who is 6-foot-2, and others grabbed him, lashing his hands and feet with plastic ties. A court affidavit said Bradley reached for the jet's controls and shouted "I'm going to kill you."

John Mazor, a spokesman for the Air Line Pilots Association, said the airline industry has been discussing ways to use strong yet lightweight composite materials to make the door and the wall separating the cockpit from the rest of the plane more resistant to attacks from passengers and terrorists, including gunfire.

Airline experts believe that incidents involving drunken and unruly passengers have grown in recent years, but there is little data available.

The FAA says it received 140 reports in 1995 of passengers intimidating, assaulting, threatening or interfering with airline crew members, which is a federal offense. That number jumped to 308 cases in 1997, but dropped to 178 last year.

The Air Transport Association, which represents airlines, says the problem is much worse, but still only involves a fraction of all air travelers.

"Our best estimate is that there are 4,000 incidents of passenger misconduct a year — people simply being obnoxious to engaging in dangerous behavior like threatening a crew member or trying to open an exit," ATA spokesman David Fuscus said. "It's a very small number. There were 640 million passengers last year."

The industry, though, is giving more attention to the problem of in-flight troublemakers.

Three years ago, the airline pilots group sponsored in Washington the first international conference on disruptive passenger behavior. On Thursday, the International Air Transport Association held a similar conference in Geneva on in-flight troublemakers.

On Tuesday, the Air Transport Association issued a guide aimed at helping U.S. attorneys increase the number of prosecutions of disruptive passengers. And the FAA's reauthorization legislation, which is awaiting President Clinton's signature, raises the fine for unruly passengers from $1,100 to $25,000 for each offense.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



There's no cure for mono

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a cure for mononucleosis? My doctor simply gives me prescriptions for amoxicillin but I remain tired and weak.

DEAR READER: There is no cure for mononucleosis, a common viral disease in adolescents, marked by fatigue, sore throat and swollen glands. If you have mono, I advise you to be patient, get plenty of rest and avoid strenuous exercise — especially contact sports.

I don't know why your doctor has prescribed the antibiotic amoxicillin. Not only is it totally ineffective as a cure for mononucleosis, it often causes a severe and uncomfortable rash in mono patients. Don't take it.

Although a disease called "chronic mononucleosis" was the fad years ago, experts do not believe that such an entity exists. Therefore, follow my instructions. If you're not better in one or two months, your doctor should re-test you.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read with interest your column on tinnitus ("cricket ear"), which made me remember a similar incident last year that I want to share with your readers.

During a holiday period, when my husband and I had house guests, I experienced a constant "chirping" sound in my ears. Not wanting to lessen my availability to my guests, I decided not to call a doctor, and instead put up with the constant noise. Even though I stuffed cotton in my ears at night, tried to stay busy all day, and flushed my ears with peroxide, the chirping persisted. Oddly enough, when I was out of doors or in the car, the sound abated.

Just before our friends departed several days later, one of them said he had also noted a chirping noise and suggested that we check our smoke detectors.

The moment we installed new batteries in the detectors, my problem was solved. You see, the "tinnitus" was merely a warning that the existing batteries were ready to be replaced. Need I say I was elated that I had been "cured"!

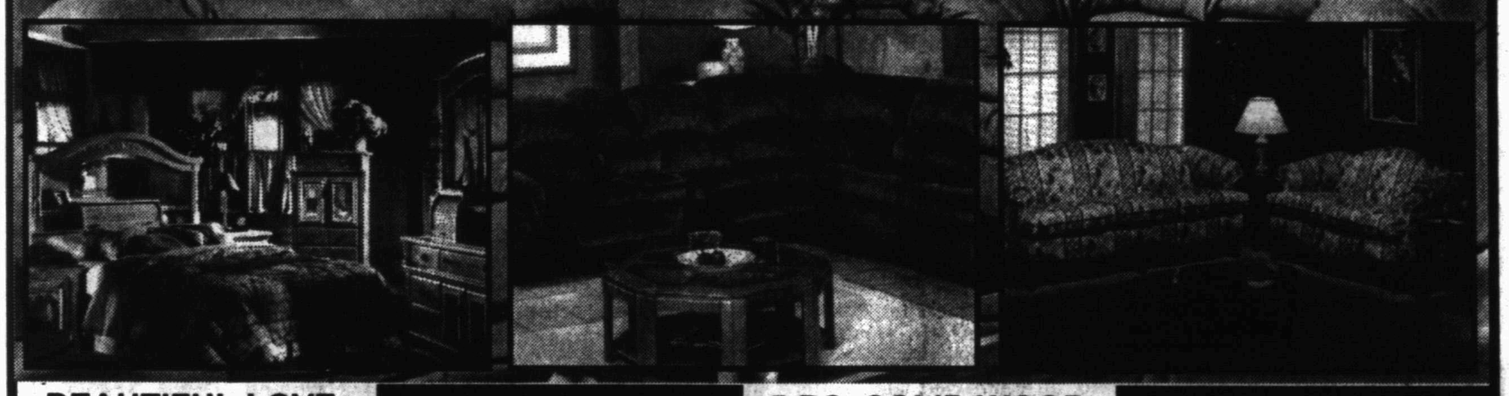
I appreciate your sense of humor and your sage advice and thought you might find my experience amusing.

DEAR READER: Both amusing and instructive. The lesson? All that chirps is not tinnitus. Thanks for writing.

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

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