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CMH board votes to require ER docs be on-site

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board members this morning voted 4-2 to require emergency room physicians to be on-site during their shifts and heard that a family practitioner will be joining St. Mary Clinic here later this year.

In an event-filled meeting held at the new physical therapy department, reappointed board members were given the oath of office and officers re-elected by acclamation.

Most of the discussion centered around whether to require emergency room physicians to be at the hospital during their shift or be able to reach the hospital within five minutes or 10 minutes after they are paged.

"My position is that time is more important than where he is. I think the time restraint is more valuable than the location restraint," said Dr. Mark Weaver, one of two board members who voted to allow ER physicians to be away from the hospital, but within distance for a quick response.

"We want the best for our patients' best care, but we don't want the contract so onerous that some physicians won't serve in the emergency room," Dr. Weaver said.

Dr. Gary Nussey, chief of the medical staff, said that long of a response time was not good enough. "I don't think 10 minutes is acceptable, from my perspective" but did not seem to rule out requiring ER physicians to be committed to a shorter response time.

"I don't think a couple of minutes would be critical," Dr. Nussey said, and Dr. Weaver agreed, noting, "If you have a heart attack, you will be stabilized probably before you reach a physician."

"If you word it (the contract) on-site or five minutes I think all (ER physicians) would agree with it. But if it reads on-site period, there are some people who may not agree with it," Dr. Weaver told the board.

Jeff Reecer, CEO, told the board that 90 percent of medical problems addressed at the emergency room are considered not urgent, eight percent are considered urgent and only two percent are considered actual emergencies.

In a show of hands as opposed to normal procedure of taking a motion and accepting it, board chairman Jim Bob Cave asked for board members first to raise a hand if they wanted to require physicians to be on-site, then asked that they raise a hand if they wanted physicans to be required to be able to respond within five minutes. Declaring it a 2-2 tie with Stanley Martin abstaining, he broke the tie by casting his vote in favor of a physician being on-site.

Later, however, some board members questioned the vote, and it was determined that those wanting to require physicians to be on premises were Cave, Martin, E.D. Walton and Jimmy McMillan. Favoring the five-minute response were Dr. Weaver and J.B. Tate.

Assuming all physicians agree

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WATCH YOUR STEP — A sign on the front door of Snyder's water plant cautions those inside that there are "no steps" on the outside. A water line break resulted in the front area of the plant to be excavated. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The only thing wrong with the human race is that kids sometimes become adults."

It didn't happen at the White House, but right here in Snyder — at East Elementary.

Debbie Brunson, counselor for three elementary schools, holds group sessions with the kids.

One recent afternoon, Debbie had a large session with girls, called the Friendship Group. The final activity was to break into smaller groups, make a configration and have the others guess what they made.

One group made a couch, another group made a cross and two girls used their arms and legs to spell out an abbreviated form of "love."

It inspired one of the girls to suggest that they all participate and spell out the word "love" by lying on the floor.

After school, a teacher got a surprise answer when she asked one of the students what they did in counseling.

"We made love on the floor."

If you're into casual dining, you might want to check this place out the next time your in Dallas.

The ad showed up early one morning on our fax machine. The place is called "Dick's Last Resort," and is located in West End.

It's promoted as "No cover charge, no dress code and no class (ever).

The ad reads:

"Some restaurants lower the lights for ambience. (We have our reasons, too).

The ad continues:

"Get your ---- down here and clog those arteries with sloppy buckets of BBQ chicken, beef and pork ribs, crab legs, shrimp and other health foods.

"It's slung out on random garage-sale furniture in some low-rent building by a gang of surly 'waitrons' to the sounds of loud, free bands.

"We may not be the classiest joint in Dallas, but, hey, you get what you pay for."

We think that's called truth in advertising.

Public meeting tonight at East

The second of seven planned campus meetings to obtain public input for renovating Snyder ISD's aging facilities is set for 7 this evening at East Elementary.

Tuesday, architects and engineers met with some 54 people at Northeast Elementary.

Architects with a Lubbock architectural and engineering firm, BGR, noted some $1.4 million in repairs are needed on the East Elementary campus in a report to trustees last fall.

Among the suggested improvements were replacing the heating and cooling system, renovation of the plumbing and electrical systems and the installation of a fire alarm system.

Three additional campus meetings are set next week with the first to be held 7 p.m. Monday at Snyder High School.

Halliburton, Dresser to merge

DALLAS (AP) — Halliburton Co. said today it is buying Dresser Industries Inc. for $7.7 billion in a deal that would create the world's largest oil drilling services company.

Halliburton and Dresser long have been competitors in the industry that provides oil field services and products from drill bits to oil rigs.

The new company will employ nearly 100,000 people worldwide and have annual revenue of more than $16.3 billion.

That is larger than the current leader, Schlumberger Ltd. of New York, which had $10.7 billion in net sales in 1997. Another industry giant, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc., had revenue of $3.7 billion last year.

The proposal calls for Halliburton to exchange one share of its stock for every share of Dresser.

Shares of both companies surged this morning after the deal was announced. Dresser leapt $7.31¼, or 19 percent, to $45.75

See Halliburton, Page 10

Six-play series debuts tonight

Western Texas College will hold its first production of the spring semester tonight, a grouping of six one-act plays called "All in the Timing."

Performances will be at 8 p.m. through Saturday with a 2 p.m. matinee set for Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for adults and senior citizens.

"Sure Thing" is a comedy where Bill, played by Dallas Martinez of Breckenridge, and Betty, portrayed by Tiffany Martin of Snyder, meet in a cafe and fall in love. It will be directed by Vicki Williams of Sudan.

"Words, Words, Words" stars Vicki Williams and Snyder students Krista Tydlaska and Lesha Derrick and is directed by Patrick Hancock of Aspermont. The play uses the old adage where three monkeys typing into infinity would sooner or later produce "Hamlet."

"Universal Language" stars Jeff Tydlaska of Snyder as Don and Shannon Gates of Seminole as Dawn. Directed by Charlie Sweatt of Hermleigh, the play takes Don and Dawn through a comically funny conversation and finally into love.

"Philip Glass Buys a Loaf of Bread" is a musical converted to a one-act play and is directed by Jeff Tydlaska. It stars Patrick Hancock, Dallas Martinez, Lesha Derrick and Snyder's Kara Babcock.

"Philadelphia" is directed by Dallas Martinez. Actors are Charlie Sweat, Krista Tydlaska and Patrick Hancock.

"Variations of the Death of Trotsky" depicts the Russian revolutionary Trotsky on the day of his death, desperately trying to cope with the mountain-climber's ax he discovers in his head. Jeff Tydlaska plays Trotsky. Other cast members are Krista Tydlaska and Dallas Martinez. Shannon Gates directs.

Mike Jones of Winters is the stage manager and light director for "All in the Timing." Dale Cooper of Sweetwater makes up the stage crew.

Howard County jury finds former Snyder man guilty

BIG SPRING — It took a Howard County jury only 50 minutes Wednesday to convict a 32-year-old former Snyder man on sexual assault charges.

Ricky Dewayne Howell, who resided at the American Motor Inn when he was accused of numerous attacks across West Texas, had already been sentenced to consecutive life sentences in Lubbock courts for similar offenses.

A seven-woman, five-man jury will set his punishment today. Each offense is punishable by five to 99 years, or life in prison, plus a fine up to $10,000.

Howell was on trial in Howard County for assaults that occurred on Dec. 20 and Dec. 28. He still faces charges in Sweetwater and Odessa for similar crimes.

The trial is being held in 118th District Court. He was indicted in Big Spring on March 6, 1997 of aggravated sexual assault and for burglary with the intent to commit aggravated sexual assault.

Both victims testified in the trial and said their attacker was wearing a padded bra when he attacked them.

In a written statement, Howell admitted to driving around several West Texas towns seeking women he could assault while they were alone and sleeping. He had confessed to attacking the two Big Spring women.

He did not testify during the trial.

Jury rejects beef with Oprah show

AMARILLO (AP) — A jury today rejected a lawsuit by Texas cattlemen who say an Oprah Winfrey show about the dangers of mad cow disease caused the market to plummet and cost them millions of dollars.

Ms. Winfrey put her hands over her face and appeared to weep. Then she hugged and shook hands with her attorneys.

Spectators ran outside the courthouse to deliver the verdict. Cheers went up among the crowd outside.

The cattlemen had sued her over a April 16, 1996, episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that they said gave the false impression that American beef could spread mad cow disease to people.

The lawsuit against the talk show host was expected to be the biggest test yet of the "veggie libel" laws enacted in Texas and 12 other states in recent years to protect agricultural products from false and disparaging remarks.

But last week, in a big victory for Ms. Winfrey, U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson ruled without explanation that the case could not go forward under the veggie libel law and would instead be tried as a conventional business defamation case.

That meant the cattlemen had to meet a higher burden of proof. They had to show Ms. Winfrey deliberately or recklessly hurt their business by way of false statements.

Assisted living complex said still on its way

Despite splitting from their former company and forming a new one, developers of a planned assisted living complex in Snyder say their plans are still to build a 42-unit complex here.

Margaret Evans, former operations coordinator and marketing director of Tejas Living Corporation, said Wednesday morning that the old company had "split up."

"Evan (her husband and former president of Tejas) and I are no longer involved with Tejas," said Mrs. Evans.

The firm's new name is Merrimac Senior Development, Inc., said Mrs. Evans.

"But our plans in Snyder remain the same," she emphasized.

In May, 1997, the Evans and others with the company met with a group of civic leaders here and announced their intent to build an assisted living complex just north of Trinity United Methodist Church.

At that time, they said the real estate transaction was to close within 120 days and construction on the project would be completed in about eight months.

Delays have been attributed to problems with the survey and drawing up specifications for the project with the architects.

Mr. Evans was in Snyder last month to meet with attorneys and land owner Bill Voss to renegotiate the contract based on the delays.

A similar project has been announced in Seymour by the same company. Officials there say they expect ground breaking on the project to be in April.

That project is being funded partly through a loan from the Texas Capital Fund, said Seymour City Manager John Caussey.

"As far as we are aware, everything is going fine with the project here," Caussey said Wednesday.

ASK US

Q—Will the planetarium at WTC be having a show this semester?

A—Yes. "Through the Eyes of the Hubble," is planned on March 26 and each Sunday in April.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 68 degrees; low, 37; 7 a.m. Thursday, 37; no precipitation; total for 1998, 2.75 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low near 30. W wind 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. High, mid 50s. W wind 10-20 mph.



Jeffrey Spears
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 6:40 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:13 a.m.
Of 56 days in 1998, the sun has shone 54 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You may give out, but never give up.

Mary Crowley

FEB 26 1998

California court clearing way for closure of marijuana clubs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A California Supreme Court decision could shut down every medical marijuana club in the state, despite a 1996 voter initiative that allows sick people to use the drug.

The court on Wednesday unanimously decided not to review an appellate ruling that said a marijuana club could not sell marijuana or act as a "primary caregiver" authorized to furnish the drug to patients.

The ruling is binding statewide, and Senior Assistant Attorney General John Gordnier said he would ask a judge today to shut down a medical marijuana club founded by Dennis Peron, author of the 1996 initiative that voters approved.

"The courts have essentially said that cannabis clubs are not allowed," said Matt Ross, spokesman for Attorney General Dan Lungren. Apart from San Francisco, where prosecutors and police allowed Peron's club to operate, Ross said Lungren would leave shutdowns to local authorities.

Peron insisted his club, now called the Cannabis Cultivators Club, is in compliance with the ruling because it no longer sells marijuana but merely collects reimbursement for cultivation costs. But if courts disagree and order a shutdown, he said, "we're going to stay here until the tanks come," he said.

"It may be against the law to sell marijuana but it's morally wrong to let someone die, and we are saving lives here," Peron said.

Federal prosecutors have also asked a judge to shut down Peron's club and five others, saying they are violating federal law against the possession and sale of marijuana, regardless of the 1996 state initiative.

The law, passed in November 1996, allows possession and cultivation of marijuana upon a doctor's recommendation to ease the pain and nausea of AIDS, cancer, glaucoma and other conditions.

Peron's club, then called the Cannabis Buyers' Club, had been raided three months earlier by Lungren's agents, who said marijuana was being sold to people without prescriptions.



RIBBON CUTTING — Snyder Goldcoats hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at Valerie's Academy of Music welcoming owner Valerie Moss Greene to the chamber. She will begin Kindermusik classes in March at 2411 Ave. R. Valerie is shown accepting the chamber membership plaque from Donna Fowler, executive director. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Sealy new Army grad

Army Pvt. Jason M. Sealy has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

He is the son of Debbie Morris and grandson of Leona Ford, both of Snyder.

Sealy is a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School.

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DWI results in probated sentence

A guilty plea for felony driving while intoxicated resulted in a seven-year probated prison sentence being handed down Wednesday in 132nd District Court.

Dan Edd Thompson, 46, of 3309 Ave. A pleaded guilty to a Nov. 11, 1997 offense.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong also fined Thompson $1,000, ordered him to serve 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail and 30 days in a court-approved substance abuse treatment facility.

Protection for credit unions promised

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reacting to a Supreme Court ruling in favor of banks in their battle with credit unions, key lawmakers wasted no time in promising to fight to protect what they see as an underdog financial institution.

Legislation that would overturn the high court's decision, by letting federal credit unions continue to include more than one group in their memberships, appeared to be gaining momentum Wednesday, just hours after the court ruled. Millions of credit union customers could be affected.

The bill, originally proposed last year by Reps. Zach Wamp, R-Tenn., and Paul Kanjorski, D-Pa., got a boost Tuesday when House Speaker Newt Gingrich threw his support behind it. It now has some 140 co-sponsors from both parties, Kanjorski said in an interview.

"There is a very strong feeling in the country that we need to have a choice in financial institutions," he said.

The Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling will keep many Americans from joining federally chartered credit unions, a traditional source of low-cost loans. That made it a major victory for the nation's bankers, albeit a temporary one if many in Congress prevail.

Credit unions offer many of the same consumer services as banks but often can provide better deals on loans and savings rates because they don't pay federal taxes.

The justices' decision threw out a 16-year-old government rule that let company credit unions accept members from other companies. Federal law does not allow credit unions to expand their memberships that way, the court said.

A credit union industry official said the ruling could cost millions of current customers their memberships. But the American Bankers Association — which successfully challenged the broad membership policy — said it generally will not try to force out credit union members who signed up under that policy.

And it looks like Congress won't let customers be thrown out.

"It is inconceivable to me that Congress will allow millions of Americans to be kicked out of the financial institution of their choice. We will not allow this to happen," said House Banking Committee Chairman Jim Leach, R-Iowa.

In the Senate, Banking Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., said, "Unfortunately, access to credit unions will be denied to many Americans because of today's Supreme Court decision. As a strong supporter of consumer choice and credit unions, I believe Congress should and will enact legislation to restore the basic right of Americans to join credit unions." No action has been taken on it in the Senate.

The high court's ruling affects almost 3,600 federally chartered credit unions that hold $132 billion in deposits from more than 32 million members.

A 1934 federal law says credit union membership "shall be limited to groups having a common bond of occupation or association" or to groups in a geographical area.

In 1982, the government began allowing employees of various companies to join existing credit unions, so long as each group of employees had its own "bond." That rule let credit unions add about 15 million members.

A group of North Carolina banks and the American Bankers Association sued the government, saying the 1934 law required all members of a credit union to share a single common bond.

A federal appeals court ruled in the bankers' favor last July, and the Supreme Court narrowly agreed.

"Just as all members of a geographically defined federal credit union must be drawn from the same neighborhood ... members of an occupationally defined federal credit union must be united by the same common bond of occupation" Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the court. Otherwise, a credit union's membership could be limitless, he said.

His opinion was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin Scalia.

Dissenting Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter and Stephen G. Breyer said the banks lacked legal standing to sue.

During the appeal, credit unions were allowed to continue enrolling new members from previously approved employee groups. But they could not add new groups.

Wilson invited to join PES

Molly Wilson has been invited to join the University of Vermont chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, a national honor society recognizing academic distinction among first-year students.

To qualify she had to obtain a 3.5 or higher grade point average her first semester at the university.

An initiation reception is scheduled for March 9 at the Fleming Museum Marble Court. The program will include a reception, the formal initiation ceremony and distribution of membership pins and certificates.

Molly, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School, is the daughter of Nancy and Bill Wilson III.

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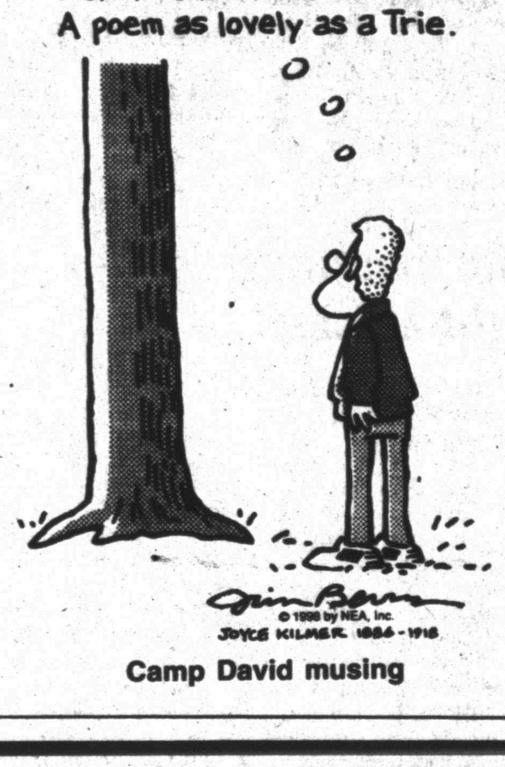


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DEEP CREEK ABWA — Jennifer Palacios was named Deep Creek ABWA's scholarship recipient (top photo, left) for the spring semester, presented by Johnnie Pyburn. In the center photo, Pam Dortch, left, was named woman of the year and her sponsor is Dorothy Dortch, right. Dee Chasteen left, presented a video on women and heart health. (Contributed Photos)

Local chapter names woman of year, scholarship recipient

Dee Chasteen, Snyder native and a 1987 graduate of SHS, presented a program on women and heart health to members of Deep Creek Chapter of American Business Women.

She earned her master's degree in kinesiology from University of North Texas and serves as president of the local American Heart Association. Dee works with her husband, Daniel Chasteen, at Bennett Chiropractic Clinic.

During the January business session, reports were heard from fund-raising chairmen for the Glamour Shots and Singing Valentines.

At the February meeting, Pam Dortch was named Woman of the Year. She has been in ABWA for 13 years and serves as Deep Creek Chapter's president. Pam, sponsored by Dorothy Dortch, is bookkeeper for Dupree Motors and has two children, Michelle, 17, and Kyle, 11.

Vocational speaker was ABWA's scholarship recipient, Jennifer McCain Palacios.

The chapter set its spring membership campaign meeting for 6:30 p.m., March 5 at The Shack. Anyone interested in becoming a member may contact Pam Dortch at 573-3869; Dorothy Dortch, 573-0703; or Shirley Coffee, 573-8199.

Baby not televised

NEW YORK (AP) — Madonna had a change of heart about putting her baby daughter on television. At her request, MTV has snipped 53 seconds of footage from a program that airs this weekend.

Madonna, who also posed with baby Lourdes for a photo spread in Vanity Fair magazine, asked the network to cut footage showing her daughter bouncing happily to the "Macarena" from a show promoting the singer's new album.

Dance Sat. Night
at the American Legion
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SHADY MITCHELL

Gardening: ideas for a pretty, fragrant patch

By ED HUTCHISON
For AP Special Edition

Achieving a summer garden rich with fragrance requires care while shopping but is otherwise within reach of anyone with a plot or pot of soil to plant.

Fragrant annual flowers are easy to grow and most are at their best in average, well-drained soil and in a spot that gets full or partial sun. Most are available in either seed or transplant form.

Todd Perkins, a plant breeder for Goldsmith Seeds, Inc., Gilroy, Calif., and Nona Koivula, executive director of the National Garden Bureau, Downer's Grove, Ill., offer these recommendations to add color and fragrance to the garden:

Sweet alyssum, sweet pea, nicotiana, some petunias, snapdragons, stock, dianthus, some zinnias, heliotrope, four o'clock and pansies. Perkins considers sweet pea, sweet alyssum and nicotiana the most fragrant of the bunch; heliotrope with its vanilla fragrance is a Koivula favorite.

Among summer favorites that Perkins said are likely to remain fragrance-free are geraniums, impatiens, salvia, begonia and vinca. The fragrance in geraniums comes from its leaves, he noted.

"If there's a hint of fragrance we can often select it from among other variables in the plant and strengthen it." A recent example Perkins cites is the cyclamen. While primarily sold as a potted florist plant, breeders have succeeded in amplifying the fragrance of one strain. The result is, in Perkins' opinion, "a incredibly intense citrus-rose fragrance."

That nicotiana is mostly fragrant when the sun goes down is more than a botanical curiosity. Gardeners who enjoy spending evenings on the patio or deck might include plantings of nicotiana up close so the fragrance from their bloom can be enjoyed.

Plants with fragrant blossoms come in a wide range of colors and growth habits. Here are particulars on each:

— Sweet alyssum (white, rose and pink). Plants are 4 inches high and wide; perfect for edging in sunny places.

— Sweet pea (shades of pink, rose, cream, red). Plants can be either bush or trailing form and about 14 inches tall. Needs full sun.

— Nicotiana (shades of salmon, red, peach, purple and white). These range in height from 12 to 24 inches. Best in massed plantings and in full sun.

— Snapdragons (red, pink, white, yellow, bronze, peach and shades in between). They range in height from 6 to 36 inches. Tall varieties should be staked to keeps bloom upright; best in full sun and when temperatures are not blistering.

— Petunias (virtually all colors). They're probably the most diverse in flower color of all annuals. Koivula believes blue varieties are the most fragrant. Height from 8 to 12 inches and best in mostly sunny locations.

— Heliotrope (purple, violet and white). The heights range from 10 to 24 inches; part sun.

— Zinnia (red, white, yellow, pink, salmon and shades of each). Heights range from 6 to 36 inches; does best in full sun. The fragrance is subtle and more pronounced indoors as a cut flower.

— Four o'clocks (red, pink, yellow, white and bi-color). Grow on bushy plants 24 to 36 inches tall. Full sun.

— Pansies (virtually all colors and patterns, including a color that approaches black). Yellows and white seem to shimmer, even on a cloudy days. Does best in cool temperatures and in sunny to partly sunny locations. Grow 6 to 10 inches tall.

— Stock (white, light yellow, purple). This is a snapdragon-like arrangement of small flowers on a stem. Does best in full sun.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 02-26-98
♠ 8 5 2
♥ 10 9 5
♦ K Q 6 5
♣ A K 7

West
♠ J 4
♥ K J 4 3 2
♦ A 10
♣ 10 8 6 5

East
♠ A Q 10 7 3
♥ 8 7
♦ 8 3 2
♣ 9 3 2

South
♠ K 9 6
♥ A Q 6
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ Q J 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	1 ♥	Dbl.	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Dbl.	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Politics again

Bridge has fought hard — and fairly successfully — to keep politics out of the game. Players never care which race or creed their opponents are, but governments have sometimes taken a less liberal line.

The main story as last year's World Championships began in Tunisia was the withdrawal, citing security reasons, of the Israeli women's team. Italy breached the gap, but as the Latin ladies received such short notice, they started uncertainly. Here is a deal from their round-three match against Germany, the defending champions.

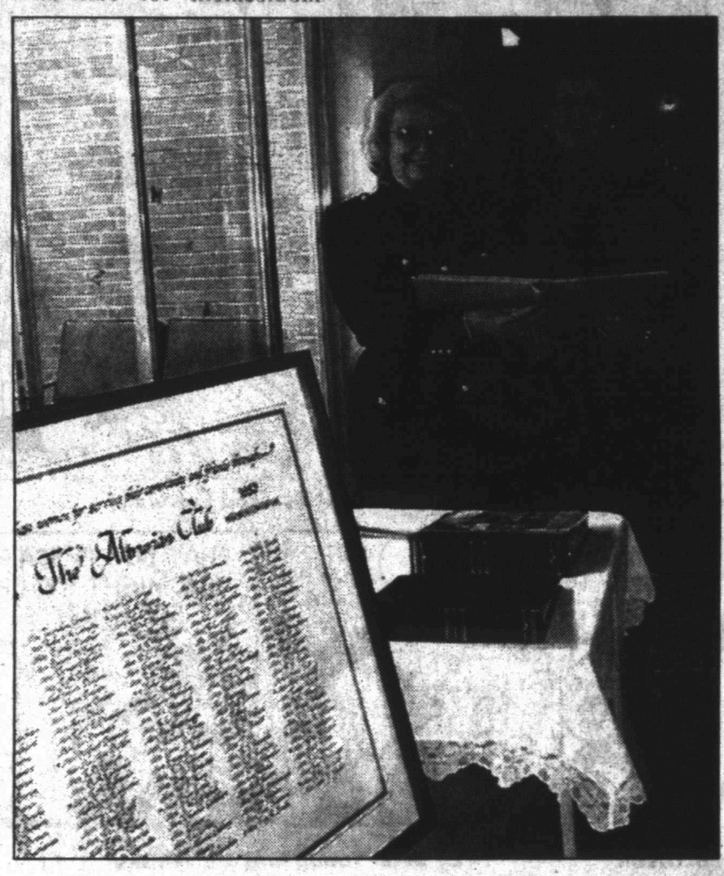
In one room, the German South, Waltraud Vogt, opened with a weak no-trump. North raised to three no-trump. Understandably, West led the heart three. After winning with dummy's nine, declarer drove out the diamond ace. And a moment later, she led a spade to her king for trick nine.

At this table, the bidding was much more competitive — and strange! North's two doubles were for takeout, but wouldn't be the choices of many players in North America. Still, South was in three no-trump.

West, Daniela von Arnim, led the spade jack, which East, Sabine Auken, carefully overtook with the queen. South had to duck to kill East's spades. Now, though, Auken switched to the heart eight: six, jack, five. West returned a spade, East winning with the ace and leading her second heart. This set up West's suit while she still had the diamond ace as an entry.

That beautiful defense resulted in three down. Germany won this match, but surprisingly failed to qualify for the quarterfinals. Italy, though, did qualify — in eighth place, two points ahead of Germany.

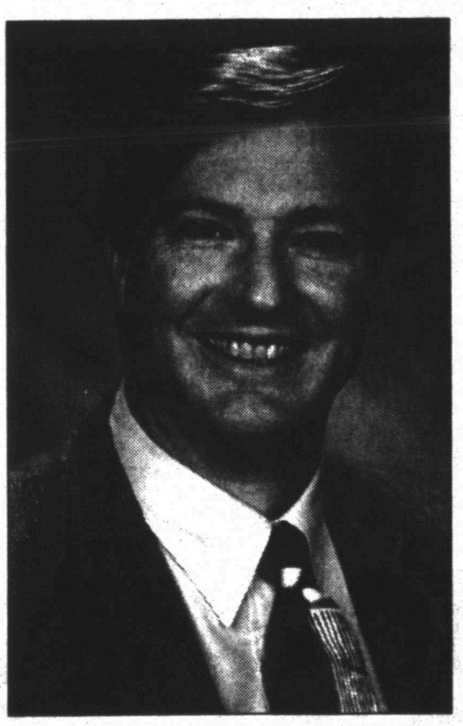
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ALTRURIAN HISTORY REVIEWED — Francene Noah, left, gave the history of Altrurian Study Club to members at the February meeting held in the the Martha Ann Woman's Club. She displayed scrapbooks with memorabilia from many years past. Mary Ann Key, right, was hostess along with Glenda Glasscock, not pictured. Altrurians will meet again on March 18 when DPS trooper Rick Campos will be guest speaker. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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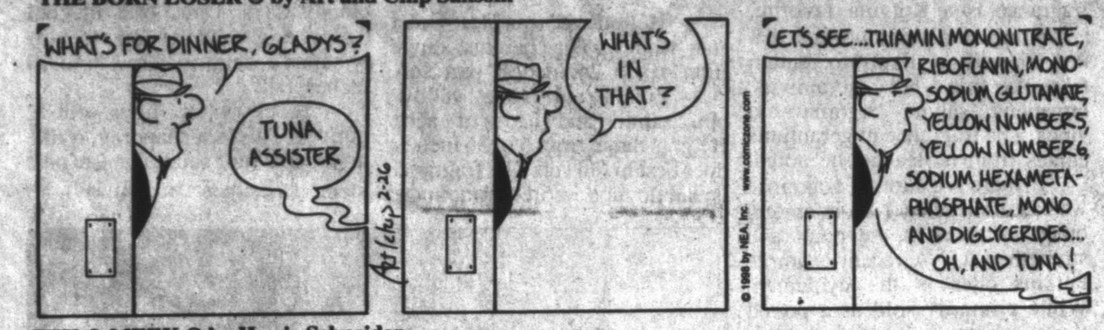


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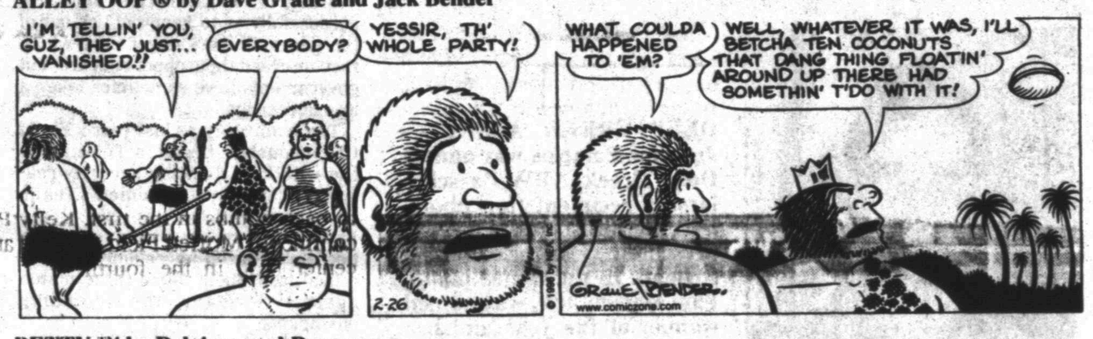
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16 Nautical rope
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19 Finish last in a race
20 Pleasing sound
23 Pretend
26 Pie — — mode
27 Tee- —
30 Van Gogh, for one
32 Neuter pronoun
34 One who lifts
35 Stupid person
36 CIA's predecessor
37 One, in Munich
39 Desert stops
40 Participant
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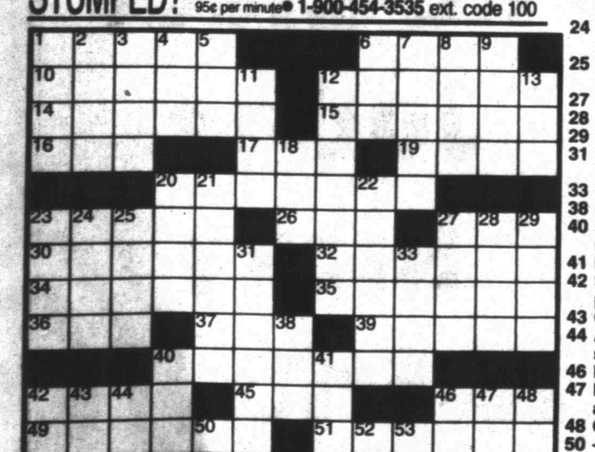
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8 Nile queen, for short
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11 Cut
12 Ointment ingredient
13 Poor grade
18 I get it!
20 Protection
21 Invisible
22 Country
23 Gambling game
24 Important times
25 How sweet — —
27 Uses an ax
28 Author Wiesel
29 Newts
31 Most hackneyed
33 Photocopy
38 Gun grp.
40 Kate Nelligan movie
41 Rat- — - —
42 Sharp projection
43 Gravel ridges
44 Anglo-Saxon serf
46 Beaver skin
47 Roll-call answer
48 Great — (dog)
50 — Commandments
52 Use the microwave
53 St. crosser

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"ANYBODY TURN IN A FROG?"

SPORTS

Lue outbattles Carr in scoring match-up

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nobody knows whether Tyronn Lue will play another game at the Devaney Sports Center. If the junior point guard decides to go to the NBA, at least he got a warm sendoff.

With three minutes to play in Nebraska's 82-65 win over Texas Tech on Wednesday night, a near-capacity crowd of 10,694 chanted "One more year" each time the junior point guard had the ball.

Lue scored 23 points and had seven assists and four steals as quick-starting Nebraska won its fifth straight game. But with the Cornhuskers (18-10, 9-6 Big 12) closing the regular season Saturday at Iowa State, it might have been Lue's final appearance in Lincoln.

Playing amid published reports this week that he might leave school for the NBA, Lue outdueled Texas Tech's Cory Carr in a battle of the top two scorers in the Big 12.

The win assured the Cornhuskers of no worse than the fourth seed in next week's Big 12 tournament. It also gave Nebraska its first winning record in league play since going 8-6 in the Big Eight in 1992-93.

This one was decided early, and Texas Tech (13-12, 7-8) offered little resistance.

Lue scored eight points during Nebraska's 11-2 opening run. The Huskers converted a series of steals into fast-break baskets, leading 20-6 midway through the first half after two free throws by Chad Johnson.

Carr, leading the Big 12 with 24.1 points per game, missed his first four shots and had another attempt blocked before hitting a 3-pointer — his first field goal — near the 6-minute mark to trim the deficit to 25-17.

Nebraska was ahead 42-24 at halftime and the Red Raiders never trimmed the margin below 16 points in the second half. Nonetheless, fans stayed to watch Lue.

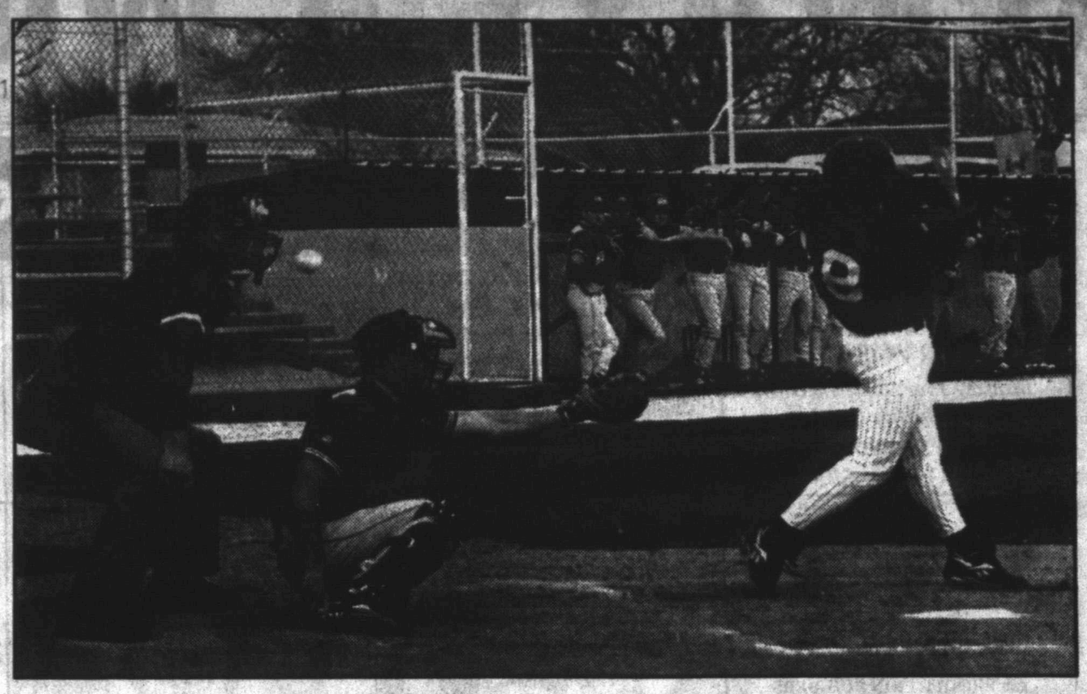
Stangs' coach set to resign

Sweetwater basketball coach Kenny Chandler, who led his Mustangs to a state semifinal appearance a year ago, will resign at the end of the season.

Chandler will become the new assistant prinicipal at Sweetwater Middle School.

The Mustangs, 25-12 overall last year, were knocked out of the state tournament by San Antonio Fox Tech, which went on to claim the 4A crown.

Chandler currently has his squad preparing for Friday night's regional quarterfinal against Lamesa. The contest is slated for 7:30 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring.



HEADS UP UMP! — McMurry's David Fernhough foul tips a ball over the head of Howard catcher Keith Kubiak toward umpire Bobby Foust. The Hawks took both games from the Indians in a doubleheader Wednesday at Moffett Field. (SDN Staff Photo)

Police find Rice at massage parlor

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice was found by police in a massage parlor with a history of prostitution, authorities said today.

Police were serving papers to shut down the MV Spa on Wednesday when Rice emerged from a bathroom. He and other customers were not detained.

"It was more civil than criminal — the business was abated because they did not have a proper permit," said Mountain View police spokeswoman Julie Rand. "There have been cases of prostitution in the past — I don't know how recent they were."

No arrests were made.

Rice told local media he was in the establishment for only a few minutes. He said teammates had told him the "hot towel wrap" spa was a good place to get a deep-tissue massage.

"I think they played a trick on me. I was there five minutes. ... It didn't take me long to put two and two together."

Rice said as soon as he realized the parlor was not legitimate, he excused himself to the bathroom in preparation to leave. That's when police walked in.

"I was blown away," Rice said.

He said he would not allow the experience to affect him.

"I'm not going to turn this into a circus," Rice said.

Hawks rout McMurry

Moffett Field hosted a college doubleheader Wednesday evening and Howard College held an exhibition on how to play it.

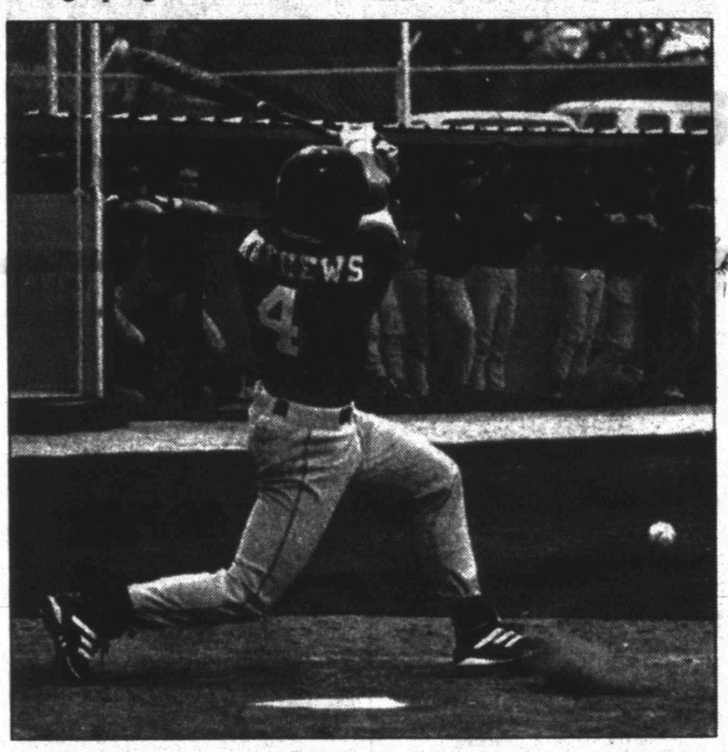
The Hawks overpowered McMurry University's JV 14-0 in the opener and 7-1 in the nightcap.

Howard blasted four home runs in the first contest, including back-to-back bombs in the first. Kelly Pettit, who knocked two out of the confines of Moffett Field, crushed an offering over the "Iron curtain" in center field in the fourth.

Hawk hurler Keith Lant allowed only two McMurry batters to reach base, before the game was called in the middle of the fifth inning due to the scoring deficit.

The Indians managed to get a runner home in the second game, but couldn't tame the Howard bats.

The Hawks belted two more homers as part of a four-run third inning, before cruising to the 7-1 victory.



GROUNDBALL — Howard College's Ryan Matthews pounds a pitch into the dirt Wednesday at Moffett Field. Matthews, who belted a home run in his first at bat, grounded out to the second baseman on the play. (SDN Staff Photo)

Local Sports Schedule

BASKETBALL
Today
Midland at WTC, conference finale, 7:30.
Friday
Coahoma vs. Jim Ned, boys' 2A bi-district, 7:30, Scurry County Coliseum.
GOLF
Friday-Saturday
WTC at Bronco Invitational, NMMI Golf Course, Roswell, N.M.
Snyder varsity girls at San Antonio Invitational.
Snyder varsity girls at Midland Classic.
TENNIS
Friday-Saturday
Snyder varsity at Odessa Invitational.
SOFTBALL
Friday-Saturday
Snyder varsity at Brownwood tourney.
BASEBALL
Friday
Snyder varsity vs. Ft. Worth Castleberry, 11 a.m., Mineral Wells tourney.
Snyder varsity vs. Bridgeport, 1:30.
Saturday
Snyder varsity vs. Springtown, 10 a.m.
Snyder varsity vs. Mineral Wells, 12:30.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	38	18	.679	-
NewYork	31	23	.574	6
NewJersey	32	24	.571	6
Orlando	29	27	.518	9
Washington	28	28	.500	10
Boston	26	30	.464	12
Philadelphia	18	36	.333	19
Central Division				
Chicago	42	16	.724	-
Indiana	38	17	.691	2½
Atlanta	33	23	.589	8
Charlotte	33	23	.589	8
Cleveland	30	26	.536	11
Milwaukee	28	27	.509	12½
Detroit	25	30	.455	15½
Toronto	12	42	.222	28
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	37	16	.698	-
SanAntonio	37	18	.673	1
Minnesota	30	24	.556	7½
Houston	27	28	.491	11
Vancouver	14	42	.250	24½
Dallas	10	45	.182	28
Denver	5	51	.089	33½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	42	13	.764	-
L.A.Lakers	38	16	.704	3½
Phoenix	37	17	.685	4½
Portland	33	22	.600	9
Sacramento	24	33	.421	19
GoldenState	12	42	.222	29½
L.A.Clippers	12	44	.214	30½

Wednesday's Games
Boston 111, Sacramento 94
Orlando 100, Dallas 79
Cleveland 106, Vancouver 101
Charlotte 98, Detroit 88
L.A. Lakers 96, Indiana 89
Portland 106, Chicago 101
Atlanta 112, Denver 88
L.A. Clippers 117, Philadelphia 108
Thursday's Games
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.

BOWLING NEWS

Roll & Hope

2-16-98

Teams	W	L
Baze Gun Repair	57½	38½
IGA 400	54	42
Redman Pipe Supply	53	43
IGA 100	49½	46½
Rose Barber Shop	46	50
TCA Cable	44	52
Martin Herefords	42½	53½
City National Bank	37½	58½

High series scratch: Wanda Johnson, 551.
High series handicap: Donna Smith, 658.
High game scratch: Rosemary Hernandez, 188.
High game handicap: Alma Posey, 227.
Splits and special mentions: Michelle Ewing, 5-7; Wanda Johnson, 5-7, 228, 551; Nelda Hill, 9-10; Bernie Sealy, 3-10, 527; Robin Jones, 5-6; Norma Seabourn, 2-7; Rosemary Hernandez, 4-5-7, 3-7; Donna Smith, 225, 526.

Mens' Commercial

2-17-97

Teams	W	L
The Shack	62	36
Reef Chemical	60	38
Stooges	56	42
Bar-H-Bar	53	45
Stephens Office	48	50
Eddins-Walcher	41½	56½
Whits Auto	37	61
P&P Longhorns	34½	63½

High series scratch: Charles Bennett, 630.
High series handicap: Charlie Collins, 670.
High game scratch: Roger Batchelor, 225.
High game handicap: Barney Tate, 231.
Splits and special mentions: Whit Parks and Barney Tate, 5-7; Bob Motley and David Hoops, 3-10; Marcus Carroll and David Carroll, 6-7-10.

Jack & Jill

2-18-97

Teams	W	L
House of Antieks	60	36
Landes Storage	56	40
Stephens Office	53½	42½
Musslewhite	50	46
Stone Welding	47½	48½
Just in Time	46	50
Dr. Bryan Cave	45	51
J.C. Wells Drilling	42	54
York Transport	41	55
KSNY	39	57

High series scratch: Wanda Johnson, 555.
High series handicap: Daphne Thompson, 654.
High game scratch: Joel Hook, 210.
High game handicap: Gerald Wilson, 217.
Splits and special mentions: Debbie Beall, Susan Rogers and Paula Daniels, 2-7; Mary Batchelor and Wanda Johnson, 3-10; Ricky Daniels, 5-10, 7-10.

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WTC ready for season's final outing

Tonight, the Lady Westerner basketball season comes to an end.

Western Texas College, 2-11 in conference play and 7-22 overall, hosts Midland at 7:30 this evening in the WJCAC finale. There will be no admission charge to Scurry County Coliseum for the contest.

Despite not making the playoffs, WTC coach Valery Jackson is pleased with her players.

"Considering all the adversity we faced this year, the injuries and loss of players, the girls have always had a real good attitude about everything," Jackson stated. "Even though our record doesn't show it, we had a pretty productive season. We have a lot of freshman who got some valuable experience and they're excited about next year."

Two of the Lady Westerners' newcomers are all-conference candidates.

Guard Christy Wells and post Pamela Odhuoug'o could be named to the All-WJCAC squad, which should be released this evening.

Wells is WTC's leading scorer and is considered by coaches around the league to be the most dangerous Lady Westerner.

Odhuoug'o, a 6'2" inside power from Nairobi, Kenya, leads the conference in rebounds.

"Pam has improved 110 percent since the season began," Jackson remarked. "She started off good, but then kind of got in a slump. But she has really stepped up her play in conference.

"Christy also had to adjust to the college game. But she has done a tremendous job for us all season long and is an outstanding player."

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division						
NewJersey	35	16	6	76	161	112
Philadelphia	29	17	9	67	160	123
Washington	26	20	11	63	159	147
N.Y.Rangers	17	24	16	50	140	154
N.Y.Islanders	20	30	8	48	149	162
Florida	18	28	12	48	140	163
TampaBay	11	37	9	31	108	188
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	30	16	13	73	166	134
Montreal	28	22	7	63	170	147
Boston	23	22	11	57	140	138
Buffalo	22	21	13	57	145	140
Ottawa	23	26	10	56	132	145
Carolina	21	29	7	49	139	161
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
Dallas	37	13	8	82	178	116
Detroit	31	15	13	75	178	137
St.Louis	30	21	8	68	173	145
Phoenix	24	23	11	59	164	163
Chicago	22	25	9	53	134	133
Toronto	19	29	8	46	131	164
Pacific Division						
Colorado	30	13	16	76	176	140
LosAngeles	26	20	10	62	162	147
Edmonton	20	28	10	50	146	166
SanJose	21	28	7	49	139	152
Anaheim	19	29	9	47	139	176
Calgary	16	30	11	43	149	178
Vancouver	17	33	8	42	158	205

Wednesday's Games
Toronto 2, Buffalo 2, tie
Tampa Bay 4, Washington 3
Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 2
Dallas 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
New Jersey 3, Florida 2
Los Angeles 1, Detroit 1, tie
Colorado 4, Phoenix 2
Edmonton 5, Ottawa 2
Vancouver 5, Anaheim 2
Thursday's Games
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New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Colorado, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Florida at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

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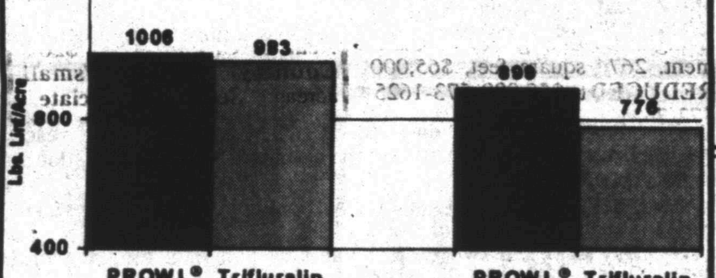
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Mother of quadruplets...

San Antonio man said seeking deal in slaying in Florida

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio man accused of conspiracy in the slaying of Sheila Bellush will voluntarily go to Florida to begin negotiating a deal with prosecutors, his attorney says.

Daniel Alex Rocha, 29, will no longer fight extradition to Florida, according to defense lawyer Patrick Peranteau.

Ms. Bellush, former of San Antonio and the mother of quadruplets, was murdered in her new home in Sarasota, Fla., on Nov. 7.

"I think the prosecutors in Florida have expressed a great interest in our client," Peranteau said. "I think that they at least believe that he has information that will be very valuable to them on other aspects of the case.

"There is information that I can't reveal. It's too early," Peranteau said. "But I think probably over the course of the next three or four days we may know more."

Florida prosecutors could not be reached for comment, the newspaper reported. The Sarasota Herald-Tribune reported that prosecutors declined to discuss a possible deal with Rocha.

Rocha, a golfing partner of Bellush's ex-husband Allen Blackthorne, has been held in Bexar County Jail since Nov. 17 on Texas charges of solicitation of capital murder.

In Florida, he faces charges of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder.

Before his arrest, Rocha told the San Antonio newspaper he was playing golf with Blackthorne the day Ms. Bellush was slain.

The two men frequently played golf and wagered at area courses, Rocha said.

Four people jailed for alcohol offenses

Four people were arrested Wednesday on alcohol-related offenses.

Officers were called to the 2500 block of 27th Street at 3:43 p.m. in reference to a possible intoxicated person. Officers arrested a 58-year-old man for public intoxication.

At 8:46 p.m., officers arrested a 20-year-old male in the 3200 block of College Avenue for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. A 21-year-old male passenger was taken into custody for public intoxication.

One person was arrested early this morning, also on an alcohol-related charge.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old male in the 3200 block of College Avenue for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated at 2:27 a.m.

In other activity Wednesday, officers investigated a report of criminal mischief at 6:43 p.m. at 2605 Ave. K. Ector Rodriguez told officers that property had been damaged at the location. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Skeet Dunn requested a deputy at a residence on CR 3186 at 6:48 p.m. as his vehicle had been damaged by vandals. Deputies filed an offense report for burglary of a vehicle.

The fire department responded to three reports of fires on Wednesday.

At 12:25 p.m., the department went two miles west of Snyder on CR 241. A grass fire had been started by a short in an electrical line that had blown down during the high winds Wednesday.

At 1:20 p.m., a fire started in the bed of a 1987 Ford truck owned by Hartman Roofing of Lubbock. Minor damaged occurred to the metal bed of the truck.

At 5:15 p.m., the department responded to a small grass fire some 12 miles south of Snyder.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	128⅛	126	13-16	127 —⅜
AT&T Corp	62¾	61	11-16	61 15-16+⅛
AirTouch	44	15-16	44	7-16 44 13-16+⅜
Albertsons	47	46	5-16	46 13-16—⅜
AlldSignal s	42⅞	41¼	42	7-16+ 5-16
Alltel	44	9-16	44⅜	44 7-16—⅛
AmerOnline	121	11-16	119	13-16 121½+2 9-16
AmStoress	24	15-16	24	13-16 24 13-16— 3-16
Ameritech s	42	7-16	41	7-16 41⅜+ 3-16
Amoco	88⅜	83	1-16	84 3-16+15-16
AndrkPtr			64	62 64 +1 15-16
ArmcoInc			5⅜	5⅜ 5¼+⅛
AtlRichfld s	75	11-16	75	1-16 75 11-16+1 3-16
ATMOS Egy			28¾	28⅛28⅜+ 5-16
Aviall	14⅛	14	7-16	14 7-16— 1-16
BakerHughes			40¾	40⅛40¼+ 3⅛
BellAtl	88	13-16	88¼	88 11-16— 3-16
BellSouth	60	15-16	60	3-16 60 9-16+⅜
BethSteel			10	9-16 10⅛10⅜+ 3-16
BritPet s	81⅛	80⅞	81	13-16+2 11-16
BurlNoSFe	99⅛	99	99	3-16— 1-16
CBS Corp	30	15-16	30⅜30⅞+ 1-16	
Caterpillar s	52	15-16	52⅜	52 15-16— 3-16
CenSoWst			27	1-16 27 27 — 1-16
Chevron			80⅛	79⅛80⅛+ 1
Chrysler			39¼	39 39⅛
Coastal			64¼	63¼ 64 3-16+ 1
CocaCola	68⅞	68⅜	68	13-16+ 3-16
ColgatePalm s			78	15-16 78¼78⅞
ComclMetals			31	11-16 31 11-16 31 11-16
CooperIn			56¼	55¾ 56 1-16+ 5-16
CyprusAmax			16⅛	15¾16¼+ 3-16
DallSemicn	50	1-16	48	31-32 49 9-16— 7-16
DeltaAirl	117	15-16	115¾	115½—1 3-16
DigitalEq			59	57 15-16 58 15-16—¾
Dillards Inc			36	3-16 35 15-1636 — 3-16
DowChem			90¼	88⅛90⅛+ 1¼
DresserInd			48	44¼ 44⅝+5 15-16
DuPont s			61	3-16 59⅝ 61 +1 3-16
EastmanChem			64	15-16 64¼64¼
EstKodak	65	3-16	64	1-16 64 3-16—15-16
EDS Corp			43	15-16 43 7-16 43 13-16
Entergy			29	1-16 29 29
Exxon s			63¾	62¾ 63 5-16+½
Flowers s			25¼	25 9-1625⅞+ 3-16
FordMotor			55¼	55⅛ 55 11-16+¼
GTE Cp	54	11-16	54	3-16 54 5-16— 5-16
GenDynam			86¼	85 9-16 86 3-16+11-16
GenlElecs			76¼	76 1-1676⅝—⅛
GenMills			72	9-16 72⅛72⅜— 1-16
GenMotors			68¼	68 1-1668⅜+ 3-16
GaPacGP s			58⅜	58 3-1658⅛— 1-16
GlobalMar			23¼	23⅛23¾+ 1⅜
Goodrich			49⅜48⅜	49 9-16+1 1-16
Goodyear s			69	68⅜69 +⅛
GtAtlPac	30	9-16	30	1-1630⅛—11-16
Halliburtn s			48¾45⅞	46 5-16+2 5-16
Hanson ADS			24⅜	24⅛24⅜+⅛
HarteHanks			44	43 15-1644 +⅛
HomeDepot s			66⅛	65⅛65⅝—13-16
HoustonInds			26	25 13-16 25 15-16—⅛
IBM s	105	9-16	104⅛	105 9-16+ 5-16
IntlPaper	47	7-16	47	1-16 47 3-16— 3-16
JohnsonJn			75¼	74 9-16 74 15-16+11-16
K mart			13	5-16 13 1-1613⅜
Kroger s			40	13-16 39⅞40 —⅜
Litton			60⅜	60 3-1660⅞+ 9-16
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Lowes Cos	59⅜	59	1-16	59 11-16— 9-16
Lubys			17	7-16 17⅜ 17 5-16
LucentTech	108⅜	106⅛	107⅞+ 1⅜	
MayDeptStrs	61⅛	60	13-16	60 13-16—1 3-16
Medtronic s			52	15-16 52⅝52⅜— 7-16
Mobils	70	13-16	69⅛	70⅛+1 1-16
Monsanto			5049	5-1649⅜— 1-16
MorganJP	118	117⅛	117⅞—⅜	
Motorola			57⅜	56 15-1657⅛—⅜
NCR Corp			31⅞	31⅜ 31 13-16
NationsBk	68⅛	67	13-16	67 15-16—15-16
Navistar			30¾	29 13-16 30 3-16+⅜
Norwests			41⅞	40 5-16 40 5-16+ 1-16
OryxEngy			25¼	24⅛ 25 9-16+⅞
Penney JC			70⅞	69 9-1669⅛+ 7-16
Pennzoil			65⅛	64 1-1665⅛+ 1
PepBoys			25¼	24 15-1625¼—⅜
PepsiCo	36	13-16	36	3-16 36 11-16+ 5-16
PhelpDodge			64	63¼63¼
PhilipPet	47	11-16	46	11-1647⅜+ 1
PilgrmPrd			12	7-16 11⅞12⅜+⅜
Polaroid			46¼	46 1-16 46 1-16—⅜
Praxair			48	1-16 46⅛ 48 +1 11-16
ProctGamb s			83¼	82 9-16 83 1-16—⅜
PubSNwMx			23⅜	23 7-16 23 7-16—¼
RoyalDut s			53¾	53 3-16 53 11-16+ 1¼
SBC Comm			76½	76 76 7-16+ 1-16
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SaraLee			57¼	56 15-16 57 1-16+ 1-16
Scripps EW	52	15-16	52⅛	52 15-16+ 3-16
SearsRoeb			54	7-16 54 1-1654⅛—11-16
SherwinW			31	1-16 30⅞31 + 1-16
SmthBc ADS s			61¼	61¼ 61 11-16— 1¼
SouthernCo			24¾	24 9-1624⅝—⅜
SwstAirl s			29¼	28⅛ 28 15-16— 3-16
Sprint			63	15-16 62¾ 63 7-16+ 1
SunCo			40⅜	39 13-1640 +⅜
TNP Ent			32	1-16 32 32
Tandy s			46⅜	45⅝45⅞
TempleInland			59⅜	58 9-16 59 1-16+½
Tenneco			41	7-16 41 41⅛— 7-16
Texaco s	55	5-16	54	9-16 55 5-16+15-16
TexInd			57⅜	56¾ 56 15-16— 7-16
TexasInst s			62¾	60⅝62 +¾
TexUtil	40	15-16	40⅛	40⅝— 5-16
Textron s			73	7-16 72 13-1673⅜+ 1¼
Travelers s			55	15-16 55 9-1655⅜—⅜
TriconGlbR n			27½	26 15-1627½+½
TrinityInds			49¼	48¾ 48 15-16
TritonEngy	31	15-16	30¾	31 15-16+1 3-16
Tyler			8¾	8¼ 8⅜+ 1-16
US WestCm	52	3-16	51	15-16 51 15-16— 7-16
USWstMda			31	30⅜31 + 5-16
USX-Marathn			33	32 5-3233 + 1
USX-USS			34½	34⅛ 34 7-16+½
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Unusual events mark 'crazy and volatile' Grammy show

NEW YORK (AP) — A stage-crashing rapper, a painted mystery dancer, a 19-year-old soul singer who called Bob Dylan "Bill" and a series of surprise winners — did MTV take over the Grammy Awards and not tell anybody?

The unexpected breathed some life into the formerly stodgy music awards show Wednesday night, almost upstaging big winners Dylan, soul singer R. Kelly and veteran folk artist Shawn Colvin.

Colvin was walking to the Radio City Music Hall stage to accept the first of her two awards for "Sunny Came Home" when the microphone was hijacked by a red-shirted ODB of the rap group Wu-Tang Clan.

Apparently upset at losing the best rap album Grammy to Puff Daddy, he complained that he spent a lot of money for new clothes because he thought he was going to win. "Puffy is good, but Wu-Tang is the best," he said.

"I'm confused now," Colvin said when the microphone was recovered. ODB was later escorted from the building.

Later, when Dylan was performing his song "Love Sick," a shirtless man with the words "Soy Bomb" painted on his torso — who knows why? — jumped on stage to gyrate next to him.

Dylan's response? Quizzically raised eyebrows.

Perhaps flustered a few minutes later, the young singer Usher called Dylan "Bill" when reading names of the best album nominees.

"Everybody has a bad day," he said sheepishly afterward.

Dylan won that best album award for his critically praised "Time Out of Mind" disc. He also won a Grammy for best contemporary folk album and best rock performance, for "Cold Irons Bound." To cap his family's good night, son Jakob won two Grammys for "One Headlight," the song he wrote for his band, the Wallflowers.

Bob Dylan seemed moved by the best album award, saying that he felt the spirit of the late Buddy Holly watching over him as he made the record.

"In the words, you know, of the immortal Robert Johnson, 'the stuff we got will bust your brains out,'" said Dylan, who recovered from a potentially fatal heart infection last year to play for the pope and receive Kennedy Center honors.

R. Kelly's inspirational ballad, "I Believe I Can Fly," brought him three Grammys: best male rhythm and blues performance, best rhythm and blues song and best song specifically for a motion picture. He performed the song backed by a gospel choir.

"'I Believe I Can Fly' is the type of song that God wrote," he said backstage. "I didn't have anything to do with it."

Colvin won song and record of the year for "Sunny Came Home." Together with best album and best new artist (Paula Cole), they're considered two of the four most prestigious Grammys.

"You never know what will strike the imagination of people," said Colvin, a 20-year veteran of the folk circuit who has enjoyed her biggest commercial success with the song. "If we knew, we'd write 15 more and buy a Winnebago and go around."

Country and bluegrass artist Alison Krauss won three awards. Puff Daddy, Lilith Fair founder Sarah McLachlan, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, soul newcomer Erykah Badu and the late newsman Charles Kuralt were also multiple winners in the 40th annual show that aired on CBS.

The late classical conductor, Sir Georg Solti, won his record 31st Grammy, for best opera recording.

First-time winners included former Creedence Clearwater Revival front man John Fogerty and the late John Denver, who won for best children's recording. "He really wanted one," said his 23-year-old son Zachary.

The least surprising win: Elton John's best male pop vocal performance award for "Candle in the Wind 1997," his eulogy to Princess Diana that became the best-selling single of all time.

Singer Aretha Franklin deserved a most versatile Grammy Award. A half-hour after singing her signature song, "Respect," she returned to sing the aria "Nessun Dorma" from Puccini's "Turandot" to fill in for an ailing Luciano Pavarotti. Barbra Streisand also backed out of an expected performance with the flu.

The show also boasted some eyebrow-arching results. Veterans Van Morrison and John Hooker won for best pop collaboration, besting two Streisand duets and Grammy favorites like Babyface, Tony Bennett and Celine Dion.



THE PHILADELPHIA — Western Texas College's "All In The Timing" premieres tonight at 8 o'clock. Charles Sweat, from left, Krista Tydlaska and Patrick Hancock perform a scene from "The Philadelphia," one of six one-act plays to be presented. Performances continue Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for the general public and $3 for students and senior citizens. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Date Book

Feb. 26, 1998

Today is the 57th day of 1998 and the 68th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from Elba and began his second conquest of France.

On this day in 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had produced its own atomic bomb.

On this day in 1970, the Beatles released "Hey, Jude."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Christopher Marlowe (1564-1593), writer; Victor Hugo (1802-1885), writer; Honore Daumier (1808-1879), artist; Buffalo Bill Cody (1846-1917), Western scout-hunter; Grover Cleveland Alexander (1887-1950), baseball great; Tex Avery (1908-1980), animator; Jackie Gleason (1916-1987), comedian; Tony Randall (1920-), actor, is 78; Fats Domino (1928-), musician, is 70; Johnny Cash (1932-), singer-songwriter, is 66.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1941, both Pat Carroll and Sammy Secreet were so battered that the referee ruled the fight a double knockout.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Accurst be he that first invented war." — Christopher Marlowe

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1992, brief afternoon storms removed roofing sheets from hostels in Harare, Zimbabwe.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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FDA warns of depression among users of Accutane

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration says doctors who prescribe the powerful acne drug Accutane should watch their patients carefully for signs of depression.

Manufacturer Hoffman-La Roche argued that there is no proof cases of depression and a few suicides among Accutane patients reported to the FDA can be blamed on the drug.

It said people with severe acne are at risk for depression anyway.

But the FDA counted about a dozen patients who became depressed while taking Accutane, then found that their depression disappeared after they stopped the medication and recurred once they took it again.

That was enough of a link to prompt the precautionary warning, FDA said.

Roche wrote thousands of doctors Wednesday that it is relabeling Accutane to warn: "Accutane may cause depression, psychosis and, rarely, suicidal ideation, suicide attempts and suicide."

Patients should tell a doctor if they're feeling depressed, said FDA dermatologic drugs chief Dr. John Wilkin. And at every visit, doctors should "ask questions to the patient about changes in mood," he said.

Roche officials refused to say how many depressed patients or suicides they know of but stressed that more than 4 million Americans have taken Accutane since it was approved in 1982, and the possible side effect is very rare.

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Death penalty recommended

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A jury recommended the death penalty for convicted killer Lawrence Singleton a day after hearing from a woman he raped and mutilated 20 years ago.

Singleton, 70, showed no emotion as the verdict was read after only an hour of deliberation Wednesday. He was convicted last week of stabbing Roxanne Hayes to death in his home last year. Ms. Hayes was a 31-year-old prostitute and mother of three.

The jury voted 10-2 in favor of sending Singleton to the electric chair. Only a majority vote is needed and Florida judges usually follow the jury's recommendation.

A sentencing hearing was set for March 30.

Singleton first grabbed headlines in 1978 when he picked up a 15-year-old hitchhiker in California, raped her and chopped off her forearms. Mary Vincent, now 35, survived to testify against him then — he was sentenced to 14 years in prison — and now.

"He left me to die," she said.

She survived after walking naked for almost two miles on a remote ranch, holding the remains of her arms up to slow the flow of blood.

Several California towns refused to let Singleton in after he was paroled in 1987.

He was arrested a year ago in Tampa after a house painter walked in and saw him attacking Ms. Hayes, who was dead when police arrived.

Singleton, a retired merchant marine, told jurors she had attacked him with a knife and he was trying to grab the weapon when the blade plunged seven times into her body.

Singleton denied attacking Ms. Vincent, but he admitted stabbing Ms. Hayes, telling reporters after his arrest: "I was framed the first time. But this time I did it."

Defense attorney John Skye begged for Singleton's life.

"Rather than hearing a news story about how the state of Florida fried Lawrence Singleton, we can hear a story like this: 'Lawrence Singleton died in his jail cell today, lonely and alone and despised,'" he said.

Prosecutor Jay Pruner urged the jury not to give Singleton the only other option — life in prison.

"He's an old, mean-spirited drunk, who hates women and has pickled his brain through alcoholism," Pruner said.

Bentsen recuperating

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen Jr. is recuperating at home from a mild stroke that landed him in the hospital for a few days.

"The doctors have strongly recommended that I cut back on my travel. For the first time, I am listening," the 77-year-old Bentsen told reporters Wednesday from his bed at Methodist Hospital.

"It certainly doesn't mean retirement for me," he said before his release later in the day.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Scam Artists Find Targets In Online Classified Ads

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DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter recently warning your readers that ads for lost items placed in local newspapers might wind up on the Internet. The writer said that scam artists would contact them offering to return the item — after receiving money "to pay the shipping charges." This seems illogical to me.

Why is there a good chance that one's "lost" classified ad would be placed on the Internet? Who would do that? Certainly not the scam artist, who wouldn't want to share his source of income with anyone else.

Didn't it occur to your letter writer to ask for a complete description of the lost item? Even if a scamster were able to provide a description of my "lost" wristwatch, I could always trip him up by asking, "Is it engraved on the back, 'To my darling husband from Mary'?" When the scamster answers, "Yes," I'd then respond, "Then you found someone else's watch. Mine is not engraved."

Abby, it's pretty hard to be taken advantage of if you stay one step ahead.

DAVE BARRY,
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DEAR DAVE: Some newspapers that have online editions publish the entire contents on the Internet, including the classified ads. That's how someone's lost-and-found ad could reach a wider audience than the immediate neighborhood or city.

Your second point, however, is well taken. When people have lost a beloved pet or a treasured possession, they do not always think logically. The victims' desperation is what makes them vulnerable.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter about the child with the abusive stepfather could have been about me. I, too, commend the child for speaking up to an adult.

I was a victim of physical and mental abuse from my stepfather. I contemplated running away, but feared the consequences if I were found. For years I believed I had no place to run.

My mother was not abused by this man. She was aware of what he was doing to me and covered for him when a confrontation arose. I did not know that by seeking advice from another adult, a remedy to my pain could be found. I called the police one day, but nothing came of that call. Finally, I told my grandparents and a school official what was happening, and the gates of freedom began to open.

I now live with my grandparents and enjoy a life I never before thought possible. I'd like to tell the child who wrote to you to keep the faith and continue trying to get out. I would, however, add one more note: When he and his family escape, they should seek counseling. The scars of such a trauma are long evident. I know from personal experience that therapy will help.

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DEAR FREE: Thank you for encouraging that child, and any other child in an abusive situation, to continue to reach out to adults until someone believes and acts to establish a safe haven for them. And you're absolutely right that the quickest way to heal the scars is through therapy.

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U.S. bearing most of Iraq deployment cost

WASHINGTON (AP) — Costs for supporting the massive U.S. military force on alert in the Persian Gulf are rising rapidly, exceeding $600 million, according to the Pentagon's estimate.

Congressional officials say the costs are far beyond that.

Money for increased fuel consumption, special deployment pay, shipment of supplies, transport of soldiers and increased flying time adds up quickly as the U.S. presence around Iraq reaches a post-Gulf War high. In contrast to the 1991 conflict, no large coalition of other countries is giving money to support the U.S. deployment.

And with the Clinton administration suspicious of Iraqi intentions, the troops aren't going home any time soon.

Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre told reporters Wednesday that the cost of managing military operations in the Persian Gulf since the crisis with Iraq erupted last fall has been "well over $600 million."

Hamre, the Pentagon's No. 2 official, said that figure represents spending "above ordinary operating costs." An aircraft carrier, for example, is already fully budgeted for a six-month cruise whether it steams in the Persian Gulf or elsewhere.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that based on briefings he has received, the total is already closer to $750 million.

And two congressional staffers who spoke on condition of anonymity put the total cost since November at more than $1 billion, based on information provided by military commanders.

The Pentagon says it is still calculating the total, but based on Hamre's and Warner's estimates, the military has equaled or exceeded the entire sum it was allotted by Congress for the Persian Gulf region, with more than half the fiscal year still to go.

Congress budgeted $700 million for Gulf operations for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1. That amount would sustain the basic force of 15,000 to 20,000 troops along with perhaps 120 planes and one aircraft carrier battle group. With the U.S. force in the Gulf nearly doubled and operations stepped up, Hamre's $600 million estimate brings the new minimum total for the year to $1.3 billion.

Hamre said Saudi Arabia paid the United States about $300 million to support military operations last year. He said he did not know whether the Saudis or Kuwait or Bahrain would contribute to the most recent deployments.

To be sure, the Pentagon, with more than 30,000 troops in the region, is spending nowhere near what it cost to field a force of more than half a million to eject Iraq from Kuwait in 1991.

But neither is the international support for today's mission anywhere near what it was seven years ago. The Gulf War cost $61.1 billion, according to a 1992 Pentagon estimate. But international contributions pared the cost to U.S. taxpayers to $7.4 billion.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., says the cost of the Gulf mission should come out of the Pentagon's hide.

"We have a military on a contingency basis. Whenever they're actually going to do anything, they're going to charge us extra," Frank said.

Interviews with defense experts and testimony from senior officers pointed to some of the ingredients of the cost of deploying forces:

—Deployed Navy ships typically steam 50 days out of three months; in the Gulf, the deployed ships are steaming 70 days per quarter, according to Ron O'Rourke, a Navy analyst with the Congressional Research Service. Carriers in the Gulf are launching 100 sorties per day as opposed to 40 to 60 during routine deployments.

—The Air Force spends $30 million a month to deploy a 30-aircraft expeditionary force.

Student loan rate compromise proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is offering a scaled-down plan to reduce the interest rates charged for student loans in order to keep banks from abandoning the student lending business.

A previously scheduled cut in interest rates for such loans would go into effect on July 1, and banks would make a lower return on those loans than they do now. But the drop under the administration proposal would be less than it would have been under changes required by a 1993 law intended to make college cheaper.

Vice President Al Gore and Education Secretary Richard Riley on Wednesday announced the plan to keep a promise to students while assuring that the pool of willing lenders does not dry up.

They released a Treasury Department report showing that unless revised, the July changes would cause banks to quit providing the federally guaranteed loans.

"We will ensure that more students can afford to go to college and that lenders can afford to make the loans that will get them there," Gore said at the White House briefing.

Treasury said that under the proposal made Wednesday, lenders would lose money the first two years but make enough over the next three years to average what it considers to be a reasonable rate of return over five years.

The government is expected to guarantee more than $24 billion worth of new loans this year to more than 5.5 million borrowers. The new proposal is subject to congressional approval.

The issue was politically delicate. The administration did not want to be seen as caving in to pressure from banks after backing the formula change in 1993. Nor could it afford to anger students.

The interest rate on student loans now combines the rate on 91-day Treasury bills with a fixed markup, producing a current student-loan rate of 7.8 percent over five years.

Starting in July, the 1993 law requires a switch to longer-term, higher-rate Treasury bills but allows a smaller markup.

The compromise would rely on the 91-day Treasury bill but reduce the margin, so students would pay 7 percent.

The return to lenders, according to the Treasury Department, would be slightly more than half what is projected under the current formula. If the currently scheduled changes were to stand, the return to lenders would have been cut by two-thirds.

For a student borrowing $12,000, the drop to a 7 percent rate would mean $650 in interest savings over 10 years, about $65 a year, the administration said. For a student borrowing $20,000 for a masters degree, savings would amount to $1,050 over 10 years. For a student borrowing $60,000 for a professional degree, the savings would amount to $3,200 over 10 years.

"Combined with the White House proposal to reduce up-front fees on student loans, this proposal will deliver education at a lower cost to millions of students," said Ivan Frishberg, student loan specialist with the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, a consumer organization.

Patty Cinelli, spokeswoman for the American Bankers Association, said no one there had seen the report. Although she said it is encouraging that the short-term bill rate would be kept, she added:

Republicans on the House Education and Workforce Committee were upset that the administration offered a proposal so quickly, but they were not necessarily opposed. The committee will consider the proposal when it rewrites the law on student loans.

"Let's make good policy, not election-year politics on this issue," said Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Pa., the committee chairman. "We will review the administration's proposal in short order, and we expect to have one of our own soon."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Feb. 27, 1998

Those secret ambitions you've been nurturing will be achievable in the year ahead. What you accomplish and the way you fulfill them may be a big surprise to friends and co-workers.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are in a favorable cycle for fulfillment of expectations. Couple this trend with optimism and you'll be assured a good outcome with things that look bad now. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Everything you do today will be observed closely by your peers. Your mode of behavior will invite applause instead of criticism.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even though your concepts might contain grains of wisdom your associates lack, be careful how you present them today so that you don't deflate their egos.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Strive to be adaptable today regarding a development you can not change personally. If your adjustments are pragmatic, everyone will look like victors.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In order to maintain harmony in important relationships, be tolerant and forgiving today. Others will excuse in you what you excuse in them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You could be pleasantly surprised when you receive more in return today than you gave to another. Being considerate generates rewards.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are extremely charismatic today and wherever you go your presence will be felt, even though you won't be seeking attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If there is something nice you've been wanting to do for a loved one, make an effort to do it today. The timing is ideal and its impact will be effective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today will be more enjoyable if you are mobile instead of lethargic. Move around and try to make as many meaningful short excursions as possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your material prospects look very good today. You might find a lot more on your plate than others will; that's because you deserve it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If conditions warrant it, assert yourself as a leader today. Encourage others to do what you know they can do while you take care of things they can't handle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not keep your feelings bottled up today. Friends will appreciate you more if you express yourself. Be open and honest regarding your emotions.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Long shifts hurt patient care

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why are doctors-in-training expected to work such ridiculously long hours in hospitals? It seems to me that under such circumstances, their judgment would be impaired.

DEAR READER: As indeed it is.

Interns and residents have traditionally been required to put in long shifts during their hospital training: 36-hour stretches were often the rule.

I believe that this unnecessary commitment was the result of a "basic training" mentality. Young doctors, very much like new military recruits, were supposed to become tough and "hardened" by the sleep deprivation inherent in such working hours.

However, this pattern is undergoing change. Prodded by several media reports of medical mistakes made by exhausted young physicians, many hospitals are now modifying their on-call requirements by limiting intern and resident shifts to no more than 24 hours. I think that it won't be long before all teaching hospitals adopt this humane approach.

As someone who survived the traditional, brutal system, do I believe that new doctors are "softer" than us old fogies? Yes and no. By surviving the ordeal, we certainly did experience a feeling of accomplishment and pride; we knew we could handle even the most rugged on-call schedule. Yet we surely made mistakes during our periods of sleep deprivation. Therefore, I agree that the new system is not only gentler, but probably leads to better patient care. To this end, we have clearly been assisted by technology.

Here is an example. When I was an intern in a large New York City hospital in the 1960s, we young physicians were expected to stay up with our patients until the diagnosis was made and treatment was instituted. This wasn't much of a problem when patients were admitted during the day. However, if a person entered the hospital with, say, a bowel obstruction at 2 a.m., the rest of the night would be torture for both the patient and his doctors because of the array of testing that was required. Today's technology simplifies this. The patient has a CT or MRI scan on admission. Within half an hour, the diagnosis is made and treatment is begun. Problem solved. Intern and patient can get a few hours of sleep.

Therefore, I am in favor of modifying on-call schedules. These changes should improve patient care.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Will eating chocolate or artificial food coloring worsen my condition?

DEAR READER: COPD, which causes breathlessness and difficult respiration, is not affected by eating certain foods. Obviously, however, if you are overweight, you should reduce your caloric consumption because obesity will aggravate COPD. On the other hand, if you are slim and do not have an allergy to chocolate or food additives, you can safely eat them.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." 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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CDC: asthma rates doubles since '80, blacks hit hardest

BOSTON (AP) — The number of Americans with asthma has more than doubled since 1980, federal researchers say, and blacks are more than twice as likely than whites to die from the disorder.

New figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were released Wednesday as public health officials met in Boston to discuss ways to control asthma among minorities hit hardest.

The data compiled by Dr. Stephen Redd at the CDC in Atlanta show that about 13.7 million people had asthma in 1994, the most recent year for which data is available. In 1980, that figure was 6.8 million.

Today, an estimated 15 million people suffer from asthma, a chronic lung inflammation that makes it hard for patients to breathe.

"The numbers were not unexpected, but they are disappointing," said Dr. Christopher Fanta, an asthma specialist at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. "We knew about this problem from previous reports. But despite the efforts, the statistics suggest the burden of asthma continues to grow."

The data also showed that blacks were more than twice as likely to die from an asthma attack than whites. In 1994, 38.5 people out of every million black Americans died from asthma, compared with 15.1 of every million whites.

The doctors at the Boston conference, which was sponsored by the Latino Health Project, said the high asthma rate among minorities has more to do with socioeconomic status than with race.

Asthma attacks are often triggered by allergens such as dust, mold, and cockroaches and can become more severe when the disease is not managed with medication. The combination of poor housing and lack of access to medical care means low-income people are at higher risk for severe asthma attacks.

"If your housing has cockroaches, rain dripping through the ceiling, dust in the carpet and there's no vacuum, you're going to have more problems," Fanta said.

Dr. Howard Koh, the Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health said such simple moves as helping residents buy mattress covers that block allergens could save lives and lower medical costs.

"There are about 5,000 asthma deaths a year" Koh said. "That's 5,000 preventable deaths."

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Senators probe arms inspection deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators stepped up their attack today on the arms inspection deal U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan struck with Iraq despite Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's assurance she did not trust President Saddam Hussein and would put the accord to a test.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms said Annan "gave away the store" in making a deal with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Helms, in an interview today, proposed that the United States, as an alternative to bombing, impose a naval blockade on Iraq, cutting off all commerce, including food.

"Who knows?" Helms said. "Someone might do him in," referring to Saddam.

House Minority Leader Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said he hopes Republicans won't try to make a partisan issue of the decrease in tension. "I am pleased with the accord ... It gets everything we wanted," he said.

The critics again overtook a hearing today designed initially to deal with State Department spending as they blasted the Iraqi leader and, somewhat softer, the Clinton administration's acceptance of Annan's accord.

On Wednesday, Republican lawmakers reacted angrily to Annan's assessment of Saddam as someone he could do business with and blasted the Clinton administration for ceding its diplomacy to the United Nations.

At issue is whether Iraq will live up to its written promise to Annan to allow full inspections of sites suspected of concealing evidence of Iraqi chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

According to a draft resolution obtained by The Associated Press today, Britain and the United States are pushing the entire Security Council to warn Iraq of the "severest consequences" if it breaks its deal with Annan.

At a Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing today, a senior Democrat, Sen. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, lined up with Republicans who have led the charge. He said "that agreement cannot be enforced" and Iraq's disarmament cannot be guaranteed "unless you get rid of Saddam."

Only Israel, he said, was willing to wipe out Baghdad "kit and kaboodle" if Iraq landed one missile on Tel Aviv.

An even tougher line was taken by Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., who said the Iraqi leader emerged from the agreement with a higher standing in the Arab world, U.N. permission to sell more oil and more time to build a bigger arsenal.

Albright insisted the Iraqi president had reversed course, agreeing to U.N. inspections even of sites never monitored before, and said triumphant declarations in the Iraqi press were meaningless since Saddam controlled the media in his country.

"I do not believe his word," Albright told the subcommittee. "The proof will be in the testing" of the agreement.

Campbell, while praising Albright's diplomatic efforts, was not convinced.

New York City...

Five police officers indicted on federal civil rights charges

NEW YORK (AP) — Five New York City police officers were indicted today on federal civil rights charges in the case of a Haitian immigrant who was allegedly tortured at a police station.

The indictment alleges that officers violated the civil rights of Abner Louima and another immigrant, Patrick Antoine, who was held at the stationhouse the same night.

The 12-count indictment includes conspiracy charges against four officers — Justin Volpe, Charles Schwarz, Thomas Wiese and Thomas Bruder — who already had been indicted in state court in the attack on Louima.

The fifth officer named in the federal indictment is Michael Bellomo, a sergeant, who is accused of helping the other four cover up crimes.

As in the state indictment, Bruder, Volpe, Wiese and Schwarz are charged with assaulting Louima in a police car after his arrest outside a nightclub Aug. 9.

Volpe and Schwarz also are charged with attacking Louima later, in the bathroom at the 70th Precinct stationhouse, kicking him and shoving a stick into his rectum and mouth while his hands were cuffed behind his back. The same charge was made in the state indictment.

Volpe's lawyer, Marvyn Kornberg, had said his client would plead innocent to any federal charges.

Volpe and Bellomo also are charged with conspiring to falsely arrest and deprive Antoine of his civil rights. According to the indictment, the two officers tried "to conceal an unlawful assault of Patrick Antoine by the defendant Justin Volpe."

The indictment said Volpe assaulted Antoine, then arrested him. Bellomo then falsely reported that Antoine had tried to interfere with Volpe's arrest of Louima by hitting Volpe, prosecutors say.

Bruder and Bellomo also are charged with lying about the arrest to the FBI when questioned in October.

Antoine has said he was arrested and beaten at the same time as Louima, but these are the first charges filed arising from the claim.

Charges against both Louima and Antoine were dropped.

Obituaries

Richard White

1940-1998

COLORADO CITY — Funeral service for Richard A. "Dickie" White, 58, of Colorado City was set for 2 p.m. today in the Calvary Baptist Church.

The Rev. Sammy Elliott was to officiate, assisted by Surry Gillum. Burial was to follow in the Dunn Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. White died Tuesday, Feb. 24, in an Abilene hospital.

Born on Feb. 6, 1940 in Snyder, he married Frances Jackson on March 19, 1965 in Colorado City. He was a correctional officer at the TDCJ Wallace Unit in Colorado City. Mr. White was a former secretary of the CISD board of trustees, a former member of the Mitchell County Appraisal Board and director of the China Grove Gin.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charlie White; and one sister, Charlene White.

Survivors include his wife, Frances White of Colorado City; his mother, Johnnie White of Snyder; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gary and Patti White of Hurst, Randy and Christi White of Midlothian and Brad White of San Angelo; one sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Louis Garcia of China Grove; an uncle, Dr. R.N. Gray of Loraine; three grandsons, Landon and Colby White of Hurst and Brayden White of Midlothian.

Survivors include his mother, Geneva McKnight of Snyder; two daughters, Stephanie McKnight of Florida and Tawanna McKnight of Temple; two sisters, Linda Emerson of Colorado City and Joyce Smith of Denver; three brothers, Don McKnight of Peoria, Ill., Leon McKnight of Phoenix and Issac McKnight of Snyder; and three grandchildren.

Bertha Strawn

1908-1998

Funeral service for Bertha S. Strawn, a longtime Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. C.J. Smith, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Strawn, 89, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, at her residence following a sudden illness.

Born on April 24, 1908 in Denton County, she married Aubrey Seabourne on March 30, 1931. He died in 1968. In 1975, she married Earl Herbert Strawn. He died June 13, 1976. Mrs. Strawn, a homemaker, had lived in Snyder since 1917.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Bessie Lay, Maggie Griffin and Etta Caldwell; and two brothers, Bob Lunsford and R.C. Lunsford.

Survivors include a sister, Emma Harbaugh of Roswell, N.M., and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. McKnight

1949-1998

Sylvester McKnight Jr., 48, died Monday, Feb. 23, at his home in Snyder following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mr. McKnight is set for 10 a.m. Friday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Raymond Dunkins will officiate. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born July 13, 1949 in Big Spring, he was a former city of Big Spring employee.

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Cogdell Hospital board meets

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to the contract, the emergency room will be handled by local physicians from 7 a.m. Sunday to 7 p.m. Friday, and for the other 36 hours by EmCare Physician Staffing. That will be on a one-year contract beginning in March.

Local physicians taking ER shifts are Dr. Nussey, Dr. Jim Burleson, Dr. Thomas Kerr and Dr. Marcia Odal. Dr. Odal has been employed by EmCare, but will now contract with Cogdell. Her employment with Cogdell makes up for a substantial part of the "shift" from an outside service to locally-provided service.

announced his intent to curtail his private practice to two afternoons a week and take on a 24-hour shift in the emergency room. This morning, he announced that Dr. Robert Rakov will be joining St. Mary Family Healthcare Clinic later this year. Dr. Rakov is currently participating in a rural fellowship which will end in June. He is expected to come to Snyder in August and begin his practice in September, though there are no firm dates yet, Dr. Nussey said.

In other business, the board appointed Helen Hatter, Lynn Heard, Sammie Jarrell and Wilma Dillard to the Cogdell Foundation board. They join Dr. Weaver, Tate and G.A. Parks Jr. as directors.

Board members were told that the physical therapy department will be moving to its new location at 1503 Trinity this weekend and will reopen on Monday.

The board also approved previous minutes and the financial report. The financial summary for January showed an operating loss of $45,471 but net income of $105,022 and a cash balance of $1,124.27.

There were 17 newborns for the month, 708 emergency room visits, 40 endoscopy procedures and 80 surgical patients.

All board members were present at the meeting.

Halliburton, Dresser to merge

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on the New York Stock Exchange, while Halliburton gained $3.37½, or 8 percent, to $47.37½.

Other big names in the oil-service sector also advanced, with Baker Hughes up 10 percent and Schlumberger up 4 percent.

The new company will carry the Halliburton name and remain in Dallas.

Dick Cheney, who took over at Halliburton in 1995 after serving as defense secretary under President Bush, will be chief executive of the combined company.

William E. Bradford, chairman and chief executive officer of Dresser, will become chairman of Halliburton.

"Together we will be able to do more for our customers than either of us could have done separately," Bradford said.

Based on Halliburton's closing price Wednesday, the transaction is currently valued at $44.00 per Dresser share, or a total of approximately $7.7 billion.

Both companies started business decades ago. Dresser began in 1880 in Pennsylvania, serving the state's booming oil business. Halliburton was founded in 1919 in Oklahoma, picking up a big boost from an oil boom in Texas in 1922.

Plane passenger sent to prison

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — An airplane passenger received prison time for forcing an emergency landing because he joked about carrying explosives.

Richard Josephson, 38, of Elsmere, Del., pleaded guilty in December to endangering the safety of an aircraft. He was sentenced Wednesday to six months in prison, as recommended by prosecutors in the plea bargain.

U.S. District Judge Walter Rice said there was "nothing funny at all" about causing a plane to make an emergency landing.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Internet seminar

Scurry County Extension Service will sponsor a program on computer and internet trends from 7 to 9 tonight in the Science Lecture Hall on the WTC Campus. The free program will help inform the public what type of equipment or computer they need, modem speed, how to use the Internet, and service providers and how they work.

Mt. Olive anniversary

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Ave. M and 35th St., will celebrate its 78th anniversary Friday and Sunday. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Refreshments will follow Friday's service and lunch will follow the Sunday afternoon service.

St. Elizabeth Fish Fry

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will hold its fish from from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday at the Parish Center, 30th Street and Avenue A. Tickets are $6 each or $4 for children 6-12 and will be sold at the door.

Last chance for Ira annual

The last chance to order a 1998 Ira Bulldog annual is Friday. The cost is $22 with your name on the cover or $20 without. The supply will be limited, so order as soon as possible.

Class of 1983 reunion

A meeting to plan a reunion for the SHS Class of 1983 will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at 2701 30th Street. Call 573-3204 for more information.

Girls Softball Association

Snyder Girls Softball Association will have a work day Saturday at Cates Field, beginning at 8 a.m.

Hearts on Fire meeting

A Hearts on Fire meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at The Church of the Hills. Everyone is invited to attend. Call 573-7794 for more information.

Texas celebration at museum

Celebrate Texas Independence Day from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus. There will be door prizes, refreshments and introduction of the book, "Historical Markers in Scurry County."

No classes at WTC Friday

Classes will be dismissed at Western Texas College on Friday while instructors attend the 51st annual convention of the Texas Community College Teachers Association.

The convention, being held in Dallas, opened today.

Girl Scout cookies

Local Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at Wal-Mart Saturday.

Free tax counseling

Free tax counseling for the elderly and low-income persons of any age will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for more information.

Book "Tiger Jazz"

Snyder High School show choir "Tiger Jazz" is interested in performing for local organizations. The group has a 25-to-30-minute show of popular favorites from the 1930s to the 1980s. To book a performance call 573-6301.

Noah Project fund-raiser

A barbecue luncheon fund-raiser will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Funds raised will benefit the Noah Project. Tickets, available at the door or in advance by calling 573-1822, are $6 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under.

Kiwanis Pancake Feast

Snyder Noon Kiwanis Pancake Feast will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 7 in the West Elementary cafeteria. Cost is $4. Children under six may eat free. There will be a drawing for a remote control television.

Support group ministry

Three support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Please enter on the east side, which faces the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome; child care will be provided. For more information, call 573-2631.

Conversational Spanish

WTC Continuing Ed is offering a Conversational Spanish class from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday. Robert Adams is the instructor. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Pick 3

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

2-9-7

(two, nine, seven)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn for an $8 million jackpot Wednesday night in the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $12 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 1-22-25-36-37-44.