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Clinton readies to give State of Union address

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conceding that families with only one breadwinner need tax relief too, President Clinton is proposing a credit to offset costs borne by parents who choose to stay home and care for their children.

Clinton's budget proposal for fiscal 2000 will include a tax credit of up to $500 per child age 1 or younger, according to a White House official who spoke Sunday on condition of anonymity. It is expected to cost $1.3 billion over five years, allowing for an average tax credit of $178, the official said.

Clinton is expected to outline the proposal in his State of the Union address Tuesday night before a joint session of Congress.

The proposal is part of a larger child care package that seeks a total of $18 billion over five years to aid working poor and middle-class families.

Last year, the president put forth a $22 billion child care package that was tied to revenue from the proposed tobacco settlement. The proposal went nowhere because Republicans said it failed to address parents who do not work outside the home.

With this plan, the White House hopes to deflate that argument and give GOP leaders what amounts to a political dare.

The child care package is the latest policy item to be previewed from Clinton's speech. Others have included plans to reduce violence against children, improve military readiness and food safety and meet Americans' long-term health care needs. But the White House has revealed little about how the president would ensure that Social Security remains solvent as the huge baby boom generation retires.

In yet another proposal expected to be in the speech, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala told The Washington Post in an interview in today's editions that Clinton will call for $1 billion over five years to improve health care for many of the nation's 32 million uninsured adults. The money would be used to encourage community clinics and hospitals to work together to keep track of patients and make sure they get needed treatment. The administration has now made health proposals that would cost about $10 billion over five years.

White House officials said today the president also plans to propose restructuring $20 billion in federal education money to require school districts to meet standards such as ending social promotions, better informing parents of school performance, enhancing teacher training and improving classroom discipline. If they do not, they could risk losing some or all their federal assistance.

Clinton spent much of Sunday practicing his delivery of the State of the Union address. He rehearsed into the night, testing and retesting themes that are likely to resonate with members of Congress and the 70 million to 80 million Americans expected to watch on television.

The president donned a suit jacket and tie and rehearsed before about 20 aides, who tried to listen with the ears of lawmakers who voted to impeach him so the White House can try to anticipate reactions that can either help or hurt the president. "The dynamic in the room matters," one senior official said privately.

Clinton stood at a podium, his remarks queued on prompting devices; nearby were two computer terminals for making revisions.

"We're beyond drafts now," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart. "There were three or four real drafts, and there were considerable changes from draft to draft. They're in the stage now that they're just throwing out pages and writing in the margins."

On the Sunday television talk shows, some lawmakers renewed a plea for Clinton to skip the speech, noting they won't find it easy to segue from trying his impeachment case in the Senate chamber a few hours earlier. Still, they said they planned to be on hand to hear it.

"Quite frankly, I'd rather go to the dentist. But I intend to go," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said on ABC's "This Week." "I'm going to applaud. I'm going to be respectful. Despite all the political rhetoric, I don't hate Bill Clinton."

TREE TRIMMING TIME — Nick Long was manning a chain saw Saturday morning as he and Cooper Wadleigh were trimming pecan trees at Wadleigh Studio on 30th Street. Seventy-degree weather may fool some area trees into blooming early, but there is still lots of cold weather left as the average last freeze day for the county is April 4. (Staff Photo By Joyce May)

Tornadoes hit in Tennessee

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) — A fierce storm system including several tornadoes raced across western Tennessee, ripping apart homes and killing at least eight people.

Six of the deaths Sunday evening came when a tornado touched down in Madison County, said Kurt Pickering, spokesman for the state's Emergency Management Agency. At least 71 county residents were hospitalized, including 11 in critical condition.

Three of the deaths came in a subdivision just south of downtown Jackson, a town of nearly 50,000 in west-central Tennessee.

"I tell you, I've never seen anything like it," sheriff's Capt. Dexter Bowles said. "Mobile homes, cars and trucks have been overturned, and power lines are down. The whole area is totally demolished."

At least 60 homes and businesses in the Jackson area were damaged or destroyed. A new Tennessee National Guard armory and two UH-60 helicopters were destroyed at McKellar-Sipes Airport.

Officials opened two shelters and extra state troopers and military police were dispatched to the area.

Mark and Jemma Fuggent were among about 40 people who spent the night at the Jackson Civic Center. They were watching television when the storm hit their apartment building.

"I grabbed my wife and hid in the linen closet," Fuggent said. "When it was clear, there wasn't even a front to the apartment. The walls the TV and radio were plugged into were gone."

His wife said they lost most of their possessions, "but we're alive and that's what counts."

In Henderson County, some 25 miles east of Jackson, about 30 homes were damaged or destroyed. A woman's body was found in the ruins of her home and her husband was seriously injured, officials said.

Another person was killed in Hardeman County in southwestern Tennessee, authorities said, but details on how that person died were not immediately available.

Parties, prayers, parade to begin Bush's 2nd term

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush officially takes office for a second term Tuesday, but inaugural activities started today.

Bush and Lt. Gov.-elect Rick Perry will take their oaths of office at noon Tuesday, a pledge that's the peak of a two-day run of parties, prayers and a parade.

"The important thing is to show this is a great celebration of democracy in action," said Allan Shivers Jr., chairman of the Texas Inaugural Committee.

First on today's agenda was a morning tribute honoring slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Bush and Perry were to address the Houston event sponsored by the Black Heritage Society.

In Austin, an afternoon of children's theater was planned, with groups such as the Big Brothers-Big Sisters and Girl Scouts invited.

On Tuesday morning, a prayer service was planned two hours before the swearing-in ceremony on the Capitol's south steps.

After Bush and Perry deliver their speeches, a barbecue will be held on the Capitol grounds, followed by an 81-unit parade in the afternoon and four inaugural balls beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mindy Tucker, spokeswoman for the committee, said about 20,000 Texans are expected to attend Tuesday's festivities. The eight-block parade will include more than 7,000 participants, she said.

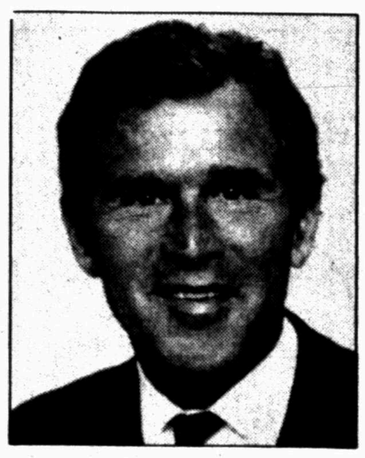
The inaugural committee has raised about $1.5 million in donations to cover the expenses, Shivers said.

Bush, who's beginning a second term amid speculation he will run for president in 2000, is the headliner. Yet Perry will make a bit of history on his own.

It appears that Perry will become the first Republican to take the oath of office as lieutenant governor but be the second Republican elected to the post.

Several historical accounts show that Republican James Winwright Flanagan won an election for lieutenant governor in 1869.

While he presided over the Senate at a provisional session of the Legislature in early 1870, Flanagan apparently wasn't inaugurated. He left the office a short time later when the Legislature appointed him to the U.S. Senate.



George W. Bush

Prescription assistance...

Court votes to turn program over to county department

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Scurry County Commissioners voted this morning to implement a 90-day transitional period to turn the reins of a community prescription assistance program, currently being overseen by Cogdell Memorial Hospital, over to the county.

The move will save tax dollars as it negates the need to hire an additional employee.

The transitional period begins immediately as county employee Luann Grice is being trained to handle the necessary paperwork involved in the program.

Grice is also the clerk at the Scurry County Health Unit.

CMH originally requested $20,000 from the county to hire an additional person as a prescriptions assistance counselor, citing the increase in the number of applications and paperwork created work burdens on hospital social worker Tammy Tyler.

In order to allow time to develop a plan that would benefit everyone involved, commissioners tabled the item during their Jan. 4 meeting.

Some confusion arose originally as to how the program worked and whether it would adversely impact local pharmacies.

Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz said, however, the confusion was cleared up after the pharmacies spoke with the pharmaceutical companies.

"We finally got the right information in the hands of the right people and from the information we have received, I think the consensus is it is a beneficial program," Fritz said.

The prescription assistance program, Fritz explained, is for people who do not have the necessary funds to purchase prescription medications.

It is primarily for patients with long-term prescription needs.

"It is not for everybody and not everyone qualifies," Fritz said. "There is an application process."

He explained the way the program works is pharmaceutical companies set aside a certain percentage of these long-term medications, ones that are used, for example, for the treatment of heart disease or liver disease, and make them available to indigent people.

The program benefits people that right now either do without their medicine and eventually wind up in the hospital at the taxpayers' expense, or the people who have their prescriptions paid for by the County Welfare Department.

What it amounts to, Fritz said, is a savings in tax dollars.

"It's a win for everybody involved."

In other business, the court received a favorable report from Texas Department of Transportation engineer Jerry Conner on the condition of county bridges.

"You're in pretty good shape," Conner said. "Overall most of these bridges received good condition ratings."

Conner did point out two bridges that needed the court's attention, including one in Precinct 3 that could possibly be closed.

The bridge, located northeast of Ira on CR 379 over Canyon Creek, received a rating that would lower its load limit almost to the point of closing the bridge. Another option could be to build additional support.

Conner said blueprints need to be located to determine structurally what's in the bridge's concrete, as that might change the load limit if it's determined to be stronger.

"If we can't find the blue prints," Fritz said, "we may have to run another beam under there for extra support."

Conner also recommended adding rubble around the footings on one bridge located in Precinct 4 so the bridge will not wash out.

In other business, commissioners once again tabled action on making an appointment to the County Welfare Board and voted to pay the bills.

Fritz presided and all were present to include Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom, Howard Limmer and Chloanne Lindsey.

Witnesses may be called in impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conceding witnesses "may be inevitable," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle signaled today that if Senate Republicans choose to have live testimony at President Clinton's impeachment trial Democrats might object to placing limits on who can be summoned.

"Who are we to tell either the House or the White House how they're going to run their case?" Daschle asked in an interview with The Associated Press.

Daschle said he continues to believe witnesses are unnecessary but acknowledged the political momentum was moving toward having some witnesses.

White House lawyers were busy today putting the final touches on their opening arguments, set to begin when the trial resumes Tuesday.

ASK US

Q—Why can't the cable company put C-Span II on in Snyder?

A—The company has reached its capacity in the number of channels it can provide. To provide new programming, a current channel would have to be changed.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 65 degrees; low, 43; high Sunday, 71; low, 33; 7 a.m. Monday, 34; no precipitation.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low near 40. SW wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy, warm. High 75-80. W-SW wind 10-20 mph, gusty.

Josh Christensen
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 6:06 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:42 a.m.
Of 17 days in 1999, the sun has shone 17 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Have patience with all things but mostly with yourself."

St. Francis de Sales

INVITED — The 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial), headquartered in Lubbock, has been officially invited to participate in Gov. George Bush's inaugural parade in Austin on Tuesday. The parade will be from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and the route, about one mile in length, will be down Congress Avenue from 3rd St. to 11th St. Bruce Stewart of Snyder is seated to the right of the flag bearer. Not shown is Wendell Sollis of Odessa, former Snyder resident, who is also a member of the regiment. (Contributed Photo)

Domestic violence in military higher than national average

NEW YORK (AP) — A CBS television program that reviewed Pentagon records found that 50,000 military spouses were victims of domestic violence, five times higher than the civilian population rate for the same five-year period.

The newsmagazine "60 Minutes" also reported that the U.S. military routinely fails to punish service members convicted of even extreme cases of domestic violence.

Of the accused, fewer than five percent were court-martialed, according to Pentagon statistics cited by the television program on Sunday.

The program reviewed Pentagon records from 1992 through 1996 and compared them to Department of Justice records for the same period.

Secretary of Defense William Cohen declined to speak to "60 Minutes" about the issue.

Robert Clark, the commanding general of Ft. Campbell, Ky., where several particularly violent incidents have occurred, said the military does a good job handling domestic violence cases.

In a written statement to the program, Clark said the U.S. Army has "taken active measures to prevent, identify and intervene at the earliest known occurrence of domestic violence."

But Peter MacDonald, chief district court judge in Kentucky with jurisdiction over Ft. Campbell, said the Army routinely ignores his court orders designed to protect abused spouses. "They have no conception of what's going on in domestic violence," he said.

In one case, MacDonald issued an emergency protective order requiring Sgt. Bill Coffin to stay away from Ronnie Spence, his ex-fiance. Coffin violated the order and fatally shot Spence.

"They're not taking this seriously," MacDonald said. "And if they can't take my order seriously, how can they take the issue of domestic violence seriously?"

Sherry Arnold, a licensed family therapist, was hired by the Marines at Camp Pendleton, Calif., to investigate cases of domestic violence and make recommendations.

She told "60 Minutes" that when she requested military protective orders to keep servicemen away from abused spouses, superior officers often would say, "No. I know what's best. This is my Marine, and I will take care of him."

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., was scheduled to announce plans today to introduce legislation mandating harsher punishment for military personnel convicted of domestic violence.

Ex-state prosecutor, convicted of murder, now fights for life

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Thomas Capano's descent from Delaware's highest political and legal circles ended when a jury pronounced him guilty of murdering his mistress, the governor's scheduling secretary.

Now the only question is whether the conviction will cost the 49-year-old former state prosecutor his life.

The six-man, six-woman jury that found Capano guilty Saturday of murdering Anne Marie Fahey will begin a new hearing Wednesday — this time to determine whether or not it will recommend the death penalty.

Following the announcement of the verdict Sunday, lead defense lawyer Joseph Oteri said that before exploring an appeal he first needs to protect Capano from execution.

"We hoped we had convinced the jury there was reasonable doubt," Oteri said. "We will go on to the penalty phase and save Tom's life."

The guilty verdict against Capano came after three days of jury deliberation that capped a 12-week, high-profile trial.

Without a body, a weapon or any concrete evidence to prove how Ms. Fahey died, prosecutors used circumstantial evidence to show Capano had planned her death. Jurors had to believe the crime was premeditated to convict on the sole charge of first-degree murder.

Capano — a member of one of Wilmington's most powerful families and a former aide to both former Gov. Michael Castle and former Wilmington Mayor Daniel Frawley — admitted dumping Ms. Fahey's body at sea, but said another mistress had killed her by accident.

The trial had Delawareans transfixed, exposing sensational details about some of the most influential people in this usually staid financial center, with its tightly interlocking circles of law, politics and business.

Capano, who Oteri said "fully believed he was going to be acquitted," stared stone-faced as the verdict was read to Superior Court Judge William Swain Lee's silent courtroom.

Capano's mother, Marguerite, burst into tears and his daughters held each other. On the other side of the room, Ms. Fahey's sister, Kathleen Fahey-Hosey, cried tears of relief.

"Tom Capano put a lot of people through a lot of distress, suffering and pain," prosecutor Colm Connolly said after the verdict. "Our hearts go out to the Fahey family."

"While we have a just result and someone will pay a price for that, we also do not have Anne Marie Fahey here. That's a loss Anne Marie Fahey's family and friends will never be fully compensated for," Connolly said.

When asked what punishment the Fahey family wished for Capano, her brother Robert Fahey said the family will remain silent.

"It's really up to the judge and jury to decide. We will be very comfortable with any decision they make," he said. "In some ways, life in prison could be a crueler punishment than death."

For 2½ years, Capano had maintained he didn't know what had happened to Ms. Fahey, 30, after they dined at a posh Philadelphia restaurant on June 27, 1996. She was never seen again.

Bloodstains were found in Capano's house and investigators learned that Capano had replaced a rug and dumped a bloodstained sofa at a family construction site not long after Ms. Fahey vanished.

In a stunning turnaround, Capano admitted on the stand that Ms. Fahey was killed at his house and he disposed of her body with his brother's help.

He said another mistress, Deborah MacIntyre, had found him and Ms. Fahey together and threatened suicide. When she produced a gun, Capano said, he lunged for it and it went off, killing Ms. Fahey.

Capano said he lied to protect Ms. MacIntyre, a former administrator at a prestigious private school who had been his lover for 18 years.

The jury didn't believe it.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Pennzoil Exploration has completed the No. 147-10 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 200 barrels of oil with perforations from 6,686-974 feet. Location is in Section 294, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Pennzoil has completed the No. 147-11 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 43 barrels of oil with perforations from 6,668-976 feet, and location is in Section 294, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Apache Corp. will drill the No. 649-1R P.L. Fuller Acct. 1, a 5,600-foot wildcat located 18 miles northeast of Snyder. Location is in Section 649, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Union Oil of California will drill the No. 86 Reinecke field unit, 10 miles northwest of Vincent. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 7,030 feet, and location is in Section 53, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

ACT Operating Co. has completed the No. 2 Whitworth in the Rough Ride field, 10 miles south of Roby. The well was finaled to produce three barrels of oil and 12 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,986-994 feet, and location is Gillespite CSL survey.

Nolan County

Chisholm Exploration has completed the No. 2 Texaco Fee in the Mulberry Canyon field, four miles northeast of Nolan. The venture was completed to produce 20 barrels of oil and 10 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,876-882 feet, and location is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

a U.S. president) was taken prisoner by the British during the American Revolution when he was 13 years old.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Cosmorama Study Club will have its annual January salad supper at Dorothy Rosson's, 2510 31st; 6:30 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; for more information, call 573-5144; 7 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

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

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

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th St.; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

Vermont high court rules in dispute

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — A $3 million dispute among the family immortalized in "The Sound of Music" was settled in the Vermont Supreme Court.

The court ruled Friday that the Trapp Family Lodge Inc., founded by Maria von Trapp in 1962 to bring the family's financial holdings together, must pay dissenting shareholders $3 million.

The decision capped a battle that started after the 1987 death of Maria von Trapp, played by Julie Andrews in the 1965 movie. The dispute grew in the mid-1990s when her youngest child, Johannes, who headed the corporation running the lodge, re-organized it.

Minority shareholders, including his sister and the children of two brothers, objected and cashed in their shares.

Berry's World

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"If it REALLY comes to an end, I'm going to miss 'the politics of personal destruction.'"

White wheat planted

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — By the year 2000, Kansas farmers expect to bring to market their first bushels of hard white winter wheat, which they hope will help maintain the state's reputation as the world's breadbasket well into the next century.

For now, just 1,000 acres of the new crop — in two varieties and all destined for use as certified seed — have been planted in eight locations around Kansas. About half of that acreage is irrigated, according to the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers.

By comparison, Kansas farmers have planted 10 million acres of hard red winter wheat, the crop that won Kansas its top ranking as a wheat state.

Kansas has been preparing for years to make the shift to hard white wheat — which is increasingly preferred in the global marketplace, particularly in Asia.

"White wheat will become the majority wheat in Kansas between five and 10 years," said Ron Madl, director of the Wheat Research Center at Kansas State University.

This coming harvest is critical because it marks the first time the two white varieties, dubbed Betty and Heyne, left the research fields after their public release last fall. Farmers will be watching carefully how well the foundation seed does under real field conditions, and how well grain elevators are able to keep the white separate from the red wheat.

Madl said the state hopes to harvest between 50,000 and 70,000 bushels of registered seed come spring. That seed would be planted next fall, producing enough crops for both certified seed as well as for market consumption.

"We are talking year 2000 harvest for when we will have initial market introduction," Madl said.

Date Book

Jan. 18, 1999

Today is MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY; it is the 18th day of 1999 and the 29th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1778, English explorer Captain James Cook discovered the Hawaiian Islands.

On this day in 1911, Eugene Ely landed an airplane on the U.S.S. Pennsylvania. It was the first time that an airplane had been brought to a landing on the deck of a ship.

On this day in 1956, Bill Haley's album "Rock Around the Clock" entered the national record charts. It was the first rock album to do so.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles de Montesquieu (1689-1755), political philosopher; Daniel Webster (1782-1852), U.S. statesman; A.A. Milne (1882-1956), writer; Oliver Hardy (1892-1957), comedian; Cary Grant (1904-1986), actor; Danny Kaye (1913-1987), entertainer; Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968), civil-rights leader; Curt Flood (1938-1997), baseball player-labor figure; Kevin Costner (1955-), actor, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Dallas Cowboys 21-17 to win Super Bowl X.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love." — Martin Luther King Jr.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (Jan. 17).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Fiance's Lengthy Affair Casts Long Shadow on Wedding Plan

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I recently discovered that my fiance has been seeing another woman for the past year and a half. He swears that I am the one he loves, and he still wants us to get married. However, I'm having difficulty digesting all that has happened. To make matters worse, the other woman is pregnant.

What should I do? I love him, but will I be able to trust him? Should I marry him and live with the knowledge of his affair and love child for the rest of my life?

DEVASTATED IN NEW YORK

DEAR DEVASTATED: I can't decide that for you. The question you must ask yourself is how will it affect you as your husband supports the child he fathered during your engagement, and your own ability to accept the child if your husband wants it to be part of your lives. After all, it's his flesh and blood.

Your fiance has committed a serious breach of trust, and you are right to question both his truthfulness and his ability to be monogamous. A relationship that has lasted a year and a half isn't a "fling" or a one-night stand. Proceed with caution.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are in our 20s and have the first grandchild on both sides of the family. Naturally, they all want to spend time with her. Because of a divorce/remarriage in the family, there are three sets of grandparents and two sets of great-grandparents. Some of them see her at least twice a week, the rest at least once a week.

Abby, my mother is offended that we asked another grandparent to baby-sit for us once. Another problem is a couple of the grandparents think our 5-month-old daughter should taste adult food. We have advice from nurses about our daughter's care, but the grandparents think they know better than us or the nurses.

We know that it is good for our child to know all her grandparents and that she is special to them, but we need time with her without them.

Please print our letter. Maybe they will recognize themselves, and then my wife will not have to feel guilty for no reason, and perhaps they will back off and let us parent our daughter without our having to move far away.

YOUNG FATHER IN CANADA

DEAR YOUNG FATHER: With three sets of grandparents competing to see who will spend more time with the child, I don't blame you for feeling overwhelmed. Ignore any advice that conflicts with your pediatrician's — and establish a strict schedule for them to see your daughter.

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DEAR READERS: Today we celebrate the birth of a great American, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose life was dedicated to furthering equality for those to whom it had been denied. His speech, which began, "I have a dream ..." is a classic.

However, another quote of Dr. King's bears repeating: "The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human, and therefore, brothers."

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New ex-lawmakers join lobbying firms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Rep. Vic Fazio will continue to track legislation. He will still meet with friends on Capitol Hill. He will still be able to walk onto the House floor or enter the cloakroom, both off-limits to the public.

But Fazio will be doing all these things on behalf of corporate clients rather than his former constituents in California.

Fazio, a former member of the House Democratic leadership, is among several recently retired lawmakers who have gone, R-Ind.; Wendell Ford, D-Ky.; and Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y.; and former Reps. Scott Klug, R-Wis.; Bill Paxon, R-N.Y.; and David Skaggs, D-Colo.

"They have that most precious commodity — instant access," said Rogan Kersh, a Syracuse University political science professor. "They don't have to spend a lot of time building relationships on the Hill. They have longstanding relationships."

Though legally prohibited from formally lobbying Congress for a year, the ex-lawmakers bring high value to their clients. They can lobby the White House and federal agencies immediately. They can guide their clients through the congressional maze that all legislation must pass. And they can tell their clients what is going on in Congress, and about issues on the horizon they need to be concerned about.

"What we're valued for is our ability to help people strategize on what they ought to do," said Fazio, one of two partners running the Washington office of Clark & Weinstock. The other is former Rep. Vin Weber, R-Minn., who began the D.C. operation after he retired in 1994.

"This is a continuation of what I've been doing to a large degree. Instead of doing it for constituents, I'm now doing it for people who want to retain my services," Fazio said.

These lawmakers are following the well-worn path of their predecessors, entering the lobbying business where they can trade on their legislative contacts and knowledge of the government.

The nameplates on the doors of the capital's top firms are filled with ex-lawmakers. Former Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn., heads a company whose clients include American Airlines, Federal Express and RJR Nabisco. Former Rep. Robert Walker, R-Pa., is president of the Wexler Group, whose clients include Anheuser-Busch, Burger King and Visa.

Paxon joined one of Washington's top law and lobbying firms — Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld — which represents such blue-chip clients as Johnson & Johnson, the National Basketball Association, and Philip Morris.

"This firm represents some of the strongest and most enduring corporations in America," Paxon said. "One of the things we can do is provide them counsel on how the system works."

Former Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., set up his own company, and is sharing clients, employees and space with former Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., whose successful lobbying firm's clients include Lockheed Martin and the Nevada Resort Association.

"Any of these people coming into a firm bring Rolodexes," said Bill Hogan, director of investigative projects for the Center for Public Integrity, a watchdog group. "With ex-members, they have a lot of people left on the Hill whose livelihoods they're responsible for. They brought them to Washington, they employed them, and those people owe them something."

Home purchased

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Frank Sinatra Jr. has bought a home in the Beverly Hills area for about $3.5 million.

Sinatra, who married lawyer Cynthia McMurrey in October, bought a seven-bedroom, 8,200-square-foot home with city and ocean views, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

RECEIVES BONUS GRANT — Debra Perez, assistant manager at Wal-Mart, recently presented a $675 bonus grant to Snyder High School's varsity cheerleaders. Kaye Carter accepted. The funds, part of the bonus involvement fund from the Wal-Mart Foundation, will help the cheerleaders attend the National Cheerleading meeting set Feb. 12-14 in San Antonio. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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♣ K J 9 8

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The defenders began with a diamond to East's ace, a diamond to West's king, and the club-six exit: two, jack, ace.

From the bidding, East was marked with a singleton spade. From the play, it was likely to be an honor, because West hadn't led the spade king at either trick one or trick three. Also, West's 6-2-3-2 distribution was easy to read.

After drawing trumps, the declarer, Marc Schneider, continued with a spade to dummy's ace, felling East's king, and a low club from the dummy.

If East won with the king and exited with a club, South would win with the 10, overtake his heart five with dummy's six, and discard his spade loser on the club queen. So, East played low. Yet now Schneider led a spade toward dummy's jack, establishing a discard for his club loser.

Note that this pretty double-avoidance also works when East has one low spade. West must either establish dummy's spade jack or concede a ruff-and-discard.

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The power of water

The 1982 world bridge championships were held in Biarritz, in the southwest corner of France. One afternoon, while walking between the two playing sites, I came upon Gabor Salgo standing in the pouring rain, watching the waves lashing against the rocks.

"Amazing," he said to me, "the force of the sea."

Coming from Hungary, a landlocked communist country, he had never seen anything like it before.

This deal occurred during last year's Biarritz Festival. West's weak two-bid wouldn't please a purist, but there are few of those left. And presumably South decided he was too strong for a balancing three-heart overcall.

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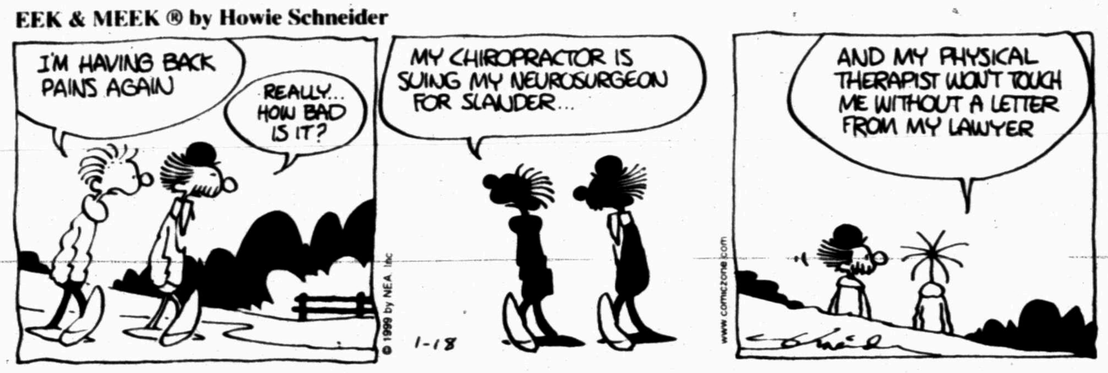

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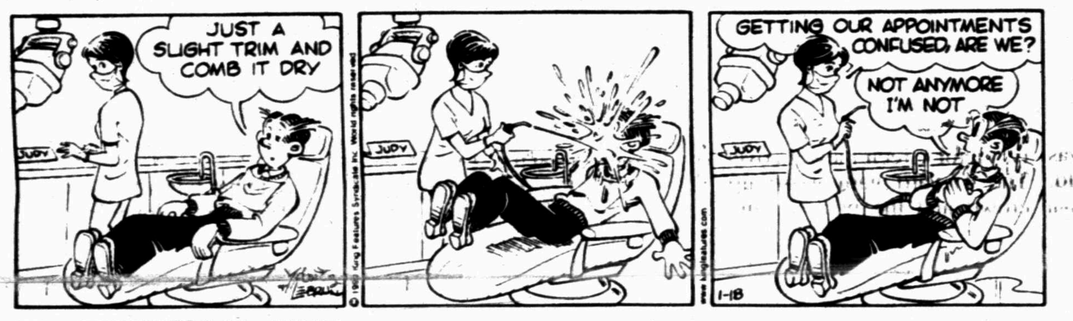

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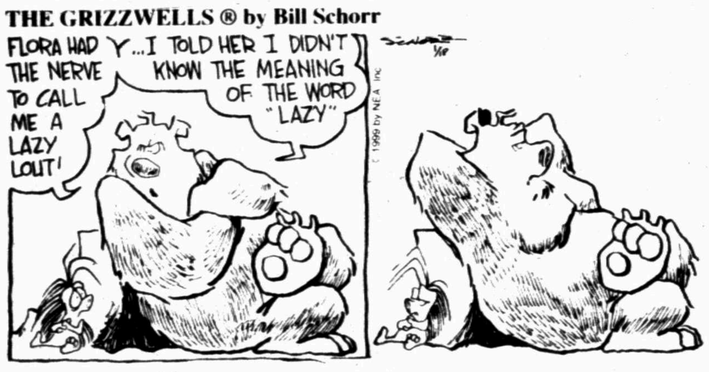

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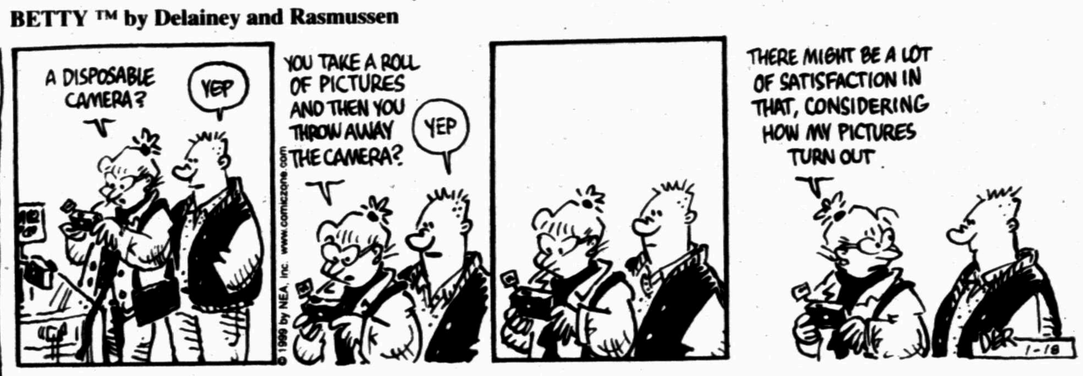

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7 Sags
13 Certain refusal
14 Male pilot
15 Slow musical movement
16 False
17 Craving
18 Cook's need
20 — de France
21 Indisposition to motion
25 Los Angeles ball club
28 Inclination
32 Praying figure
33 Seaweeds
34 Understand? (2 wds.)
35 Furlough
36 Make very happy
37 Horse's gear
39 Building
41 Canine sound
44 Weir
45 Mamie's guy
48 Type of engine
51 Line on a map
54 Real — agent
55 Certain absentee
56 Appeared
57 Evening party

DOWN

1 1944 invasion date
2 Advise, old-style
3 — — even keel
4 Hairpiece
5 Capuchin monkey
6 One who runs off to wed
7 Cow
8 — Tin Tin
9 Meal fragment
10 Ahab's dad
11 Actor Newman
12 Old knife
19 Letters of the alphabet
21 Set on fire
22 Earned after taxes
23 Style of type
24 Actress Dahl
25 Venetian official
26 Pitcher Hershiser
27 Computer input
29 Drat!
30 Church area
31 Bambi, e.g.
37 Artist's deg.
38 Bounds
40 Ran (the motor) without moving
41 Fruity drinks
42 Stand
43 Gala
45 Construction beam (2 wds.)
46 Citizen —
47 Art deco illustrator
49 Famous uncle
50 Parisian season
52 Inits. at a hit show
53 Yes, Pierre

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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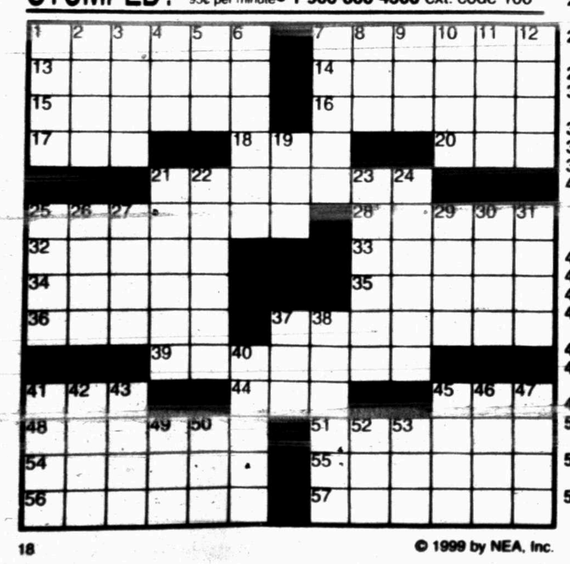

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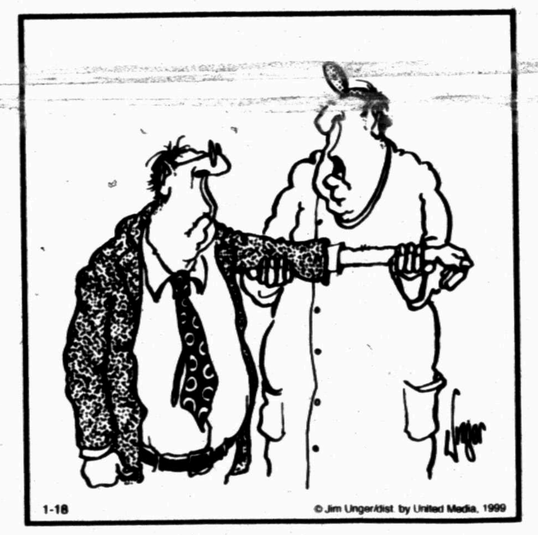

"That must have been one heavy suitcase!"

SPORTS

Falcons shock Vikings with late TD, overtime field goal

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Surprise.

Two weeks from now, it will be the Atlanta Falcons, not the high-scoring Minnesota Vikings, who will be facing Denver in the Super Bowl.

An improbable 30-27 overtime win over the Vikings set off exultation among the Falcons' long-suffering fans and some of their long-suffering players.

"All I can remember is the ball going through the uprights," said Jessie Tuggle, who has played 12 seasons in Atlanta, most of them for losing teams. "I can't remember one play I made."

The ball that went through the uprights was kicked from 38 yards away by Morten Andersen with 3 minutes, 8 seconds left in overtime.

But this game, one of the best championship games ever, was decided as much by a ball that didn't go through the uprights — the first miss this season by Minnesota's Gary Anderson. It also came from 38 yards out and gave Atlanta possession with 2:07 left in regulation.

That left it to another of Atlanta's heroes, Chris Chandler, to drive the Falcons 71 yards in eight plays for the tying touchdown, a 16-yard pass to Terance Mathis with 49 seconds left in regulation. Another drive by Chandler, this one for 70 yards, set up Andersen's winning kick.

In many ways, Chandler is the archetypal Falcon — he's with his sixth team in 11 seasons and had never been to the playoffs before this season. He was 27-of-43 for 340 yards on Sunday.

"I had to overcome a lot and I never gave up, despite some poor years," Chandler said.

"That drive when we tied the score ranks right up there with any of the big-time quarterbacks," said coach Dan Reeves. "He's done it with the pressure on him, made some big-time throws, hung in there."

Still, Reeves may have been the one who went through the most, taking over a team that was 3-13 in 1996, started 1-7 last season and turned it around to finish 14-2 this season atop the NFC West. But the Falcons finished the regular season without Reeves, who underwent quadruple bypass surgery a month ago but has been on the sideline now for two playoff victories.

"If I can stand today, my heart's got to be in good shape," said Reeves, who coached the Broncos in three losing Super Bowls a decade ago and joins Don Shula and Bill Parcells as the only coaches to reach Super Bowls with three different franchises.

The Falcons scored on their first possession. But Minnesota tied it on a 31-yard pass from Randall Cunningham to Randy Moss, then took advantage of two Atlanta turnovers to take a 20-7 lead.

But the game may have turned with 1:17 left in the first half when Minnesota got the ball at its own 18.

Instead of running out the clock, Cunningham threw two passes. On third down, he dropped back, Chuck Smith stripped the ball and Travis Hall recovered at the Minnesota 14.

On the next play, Chandler threw a 16-yard TD pass to Terance Mathis and suddenly it was 20-14 at halftime.

Andersen's field goal with 6:03 left in the third quarter made it 20-17. Minnesota responded with Cunningham's 5-yard TD pass to Matthew Hatchette that made it 27-17 as the Vikings appeared ready to put it away again.

But it wasn't to be.

"Our offense was supposed to have been so explosive, but we just couldn't make it happen in the clutch," said Randy Moss, who had five catches for 75 yards, but just one catch for 4 yards in the second half and overtime.

"They were prepared for the noise," Minnesota cornerback Jimmy Hitchcock said of the home-field advantage. "In certain situations where they made plays, they took the crowd out of it."

Now it's on to Miami and the defending champion Broncos, who beat the New York Jets 23-10 on Sunday.

For Minnesota, which had such high expectations, it's wait until next year.

HERE IT COMES — Ira's Richard Wilkins (14) passes the ball to Jerek Brown (12) during district action Friday night against Sands. After whipping the Mustangs, the Bulldogs now visit Borden County at 8 p.m. Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Denver 23, NY Jets 10...

Broncos earn shot at another crown

DENVER (AP) — As he took a Mile High victory lap, the cheers and chants of "One More Year" cascading from the stands, John Elway had the appearance of a triumphant king. The only things missing were trumpets and a chariot.

Maybe after the Super Bowl in two weeks, the faithful from Denver will break those out, too.

"I got a chance to see the fans and look into their eyes and I had a chance to really concentrate on them," Elway said after a 23-10 AFC Championship victory over the New York Jets on Sunday gave him his fifth trip to the NFL title game. "Usually, I'm so involved in the football game, it's hard to concentrate on them. So it was nice to be able to do that."

And it was very nice to have Terrell Davis with him against the bumbling Jets. If this was Elway's farewell performance at home, let the memories of the celebrations suffice. His play (13-for-34 for 173 yards) wasn't all that special.

No problem when Davis, the league's Most Valuable Player and fourth 2,000-yard rusher ever, is around. Davis gained 167 yards on 32 carries, scored a touchdown and, once the Broncos (15-2) stopped falling all over themselves to keep things close, was the dominant player on the field.

Bill Parcells had done a great job with his team, taking over a 1-15 squad and, in two seasons, transforming it into a division winner. In pursuit of their first Super Bowl appearance in three decades, the Jets even built a 10-0 lead, aided greatly by Denver's spotty early play.

Then they fell apart, committing six turnovers, making defensive blunders and special teams mistakes.

First, however, New York (13-5) got John Hall's 32-yard field goal to close the opening half — the first time since September 1993 Denver was shut out at halftime. Then, Blake Spence blocked a punt early in the third quarter and Fred Baxter recovered at the Denver 1. A play later, Curtis Martin had his only fruitful run of a distressing day (13 rushes for 14 yards), a 1-yard score.

That's when the game turned. On the Broncos' first play, Ed McCaffrey got wide open as safety Victor Green blew a coverage. The 47-yard gain woke up the crowd and the home team.

"They were shutting down our short game, so we decided to go for the bomb," McCaffrey said.

The touchdown came on an 11-yard pass to Howard Griffith. Then Jason Elam's blooped kickoff into a 25 mph wind spun back toward Denver territory and Keith Burns got it before the Jets knew where the ball was. Elam nailed a 44-yard field goal to tie it, then added a 48-yarder for the lead.

Snyder powerlifters secure fourth place

SWEETWATER — In their first competition of the season, Snyder's powerlifting squad muscled its way to a fourth-place finish.

Paced by a first-place effort from Sam Bedell, Snyder ended the event only seven points out of the lead, behind Abilene High, Sweetwater and Abilene Cooper.

Bedell notched the top spot in the 181-pound classification with a total lift of 1,025 pounds.

Joe Esparza grabbed second place in the 275-pound class with an effort of 1,165 pounds, while four Tigers secured third place.

Corey Knipe, who wasn't in the top-five heading into his final event, rallied with a 490-pound effort in the deadlift to finish with 1,145 total pounds, giving him the third spot in the super-heavyweight division.

Also capturing third place were Cheyenne Robinson, Jeff Fuentes and John Ortegon.

Robinson lifted 1,055 pounds in the 198-pound class, while Fuentes totalled 970 pounds in the 242-pound division. In the 148-pound class, Ortegon tallied a total of 860 pounds.

Rad Eicke nabbed the Tigers' only fourth-place finish with a total lift of 830 pounds in the 148-pound division.

Other totals for Snyder were Tremain Johnson, 1,005 pounds; Aaron Stansell, 920 pounds; Joe Salinas, 910 pounds; Toby Zalman, 895 pounds; Jeff Knowles, 815 pounds; Stephen Ortegon, 785 pounds; Monty Smith, 765 pounds; Craig Bowen, 735 pounds and Brandon Hall, 680 pounds.

Snyder, coached by Joe Granato, will be in competition again Jan. 30 at Lubbock High.

Snyder JV boys thrash Ft. Stockton

FT. STOCKTON — After a long trip, Snyder's JV boys took care of business in a hurry.

Snyder put up 19 first-quarter points, while holding Ft. Stockton to only two en route to a 76-27 thrashing Friday night.

Paced by stellar defensive play and Michael Loper's 16 points, the Tigers dominated the action.

After opening a 42-13 halftime lead, Snyder extended the margin to 54-16 entering the final period.

Loper led all scorers, while Jared Thornhill poured in 12 points.

Heath Pinkerton, Phillip Broadwater and Greg McAnaw netted eight points, with Tovares Brandon and Jessie Haines posting six.

Layne Scott notched five points. Brandon McGraw dropped in four points and Trevor Kerr added three.

The Tigers will be in action again Tuesday when it visits Sweetwater at 6 p.m.

Ira Jr. High nabs title

HIGHLAND — The Ira Jr. High boys made a clean sweep for the title of the Highland tournament, while the Lady Bulldogs rallied to grab third place.

Ira's boys knocked off Loraine and Blackwell, before downing the host Hornets, 39-25, in the championship tilt.

Jake Barnes poured in 11 points and Eric Dickerhoff netted 10 to pace the Bulldogs' against Highland.

Jess Wall notched 13 points in the 46-37 opening-round victory over Loraine, while Dickerhoff drained 14 points in the 41-33 semifinal win over Blackwell.

In girls' action, Ira answered a 39-34 setback to Blackwell in the second round, by topping Highland, 25-20, for the third spot.

Celeigh Sterling notched eight points and Michelle Nettles added seven to lead Ira against the Lady Hornets.

The Lady Bulldogs knocked off Loraine, 48-37, to begin the tourney. Sterling's 18 points paced Ira in the opener.

Sterling had the hot hand once again in the semifinals, pouring in 18 in the setback to Blackwell.

Both Ira squads will be on the court again tonight when they visit Sands at 6 p.m.

BOYS

Ira 46, Loraine 37

Ira: Jess Wall, 13; Jake Barnes, 12; Jeff Fine, 9; Eric Dickerhoff and Tyler Frey, 6.

Ira 41, Blackwell 33

Ira: Dickerhoff, 14; Wall and Fine, 7; Frey and Bubba Walker, 4; Barnes, 3; Michael Allen, 2.

Ira 39, Highland 25

Ira: Barnes, 11; Dickerhoff, 10; Fine, 8; Wall, Frey, Allen, Nathan Wilkins and Colter Brown, 2.

GIRLS

Ira 48, Loraine 37

Ira: Celeigh Sterling, 18; Kali Clements, 9; Amanda Calley and Michelle Nettles, 7; April Lollar, 4; Stephanie Kirk, 2; Amanda Ramirez, 1.

Blackwell 39, Ira 34

Ira: Sterling, 18; Calley, 6; Clements, Nettles, Ramirez, Lollar and Lindsey Wilson, 2.

Ira 25, Highland 20

Ira: Sterling, 8; Nettles, 7; Clements and Lollar, 4; Calley, 2.

OSU downs Tech, 69-55

LUBBOCK (AP) — Adrian Peterson and Desmond Mason made sure the Oklahoma State Cowboys had something positive to show for a difficult week.

Peterson had seven points and Mason scored four of his game-high 24 in a late 15-6 spurt as No. 22 Oklahoma State beat Texas Tech 69-55 on Sunday. The victory came five days after the Cowboys shot 28 percent from the field in an embarrassing 54-43 home loss to rival Oklahoma.

The late run allowed the Cowboys (12-4, 4-1 Big 12) to take a 65-51 lead with 2:57 left.

Rayford Young led Texas Tech (10-8, 2-3) with 13 points.

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Local Sports Schedule

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Basketball: Western Texas at Clarendon, 5:50 p.m.

Snyder 7th and 8th grade A girls vs. Brownwood at Merkel, 5 p.m., 6:15 p.m.

Ira Jr. High at Sands, 6 p.m.

Hermleigh Jr. High hosts Blackwell, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Basketball: Snyder Lady Tigers at Sweetwater, JV at 4:30 p.m., varsity at 6 p.m..

Snyder Tigers at Sweetwater, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Hermleigh at Trent, girls at 6:30 p.m., boys at 8 p.m.

Ira at Borden County, girls at 6:30 p.m., boys at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Basketball: Western Texas hosts Frank Phillips at WTC gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Basketball: Snyder Lady Tigers host Lake View, JV at 4:30, varsity at 6 p.m.

Snyder Tigers host Lake View, 9th grade at 4:30, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30.

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Snyder's freshman boys trip Wylie for third-place finish

SWEETWATER — Holding a definite height advantage over Abilene Wylie, Snyder's freshman basketball squad decided to put the ball in the hands of Jamaal Pruitt.

And Pruitt decided to put the ball in the hole — a lot.

Pruitt poured in 32 points, all from the field, to lead Snyder over Wylie, 56-47, securing third place at the Sweetwater tournament.

The Tigers posted 14 points in all four quarters and held the Bulldogs to only eight in the second period to grab a 28-21 halftime lead.

Pruitt's 16 buckets lead all scorers. Snyder's Wade Pinson also finished in double digits with 10 points.

The victory came on the heels of a 72-58 setback to Abilene Cooper in the semifinals.

The Cougars notched 26 points in the second quarter to build a 36-25 advantage at the midway point, before extending the margin in the second half.

Nick Landes paced the Tigers' effort with 12 points, while Brandon McGuire registered nine.

Snyder will be in action again Friday when it hosts Lake View at 4:30.

Snyder 56, Wylie 47

Snyder: Jamaal Pruitt, 32; Wade Pinson, 10; Chris McLeod and Brandon McGuire, 4; Brooks Nunley, Tate Thompson and Ricki Dorsett, 2.

Cooper 72, Snyder 58

Snyder: Nick Landes, 12; Brandon McGuire, 9; Chris McLeod, Jamaal Pruitt and Wade Pinson, 8; Brooks Nunley, 5; Ricki Dorsett, 4; Tate Thompson and Shay Franks, 2.

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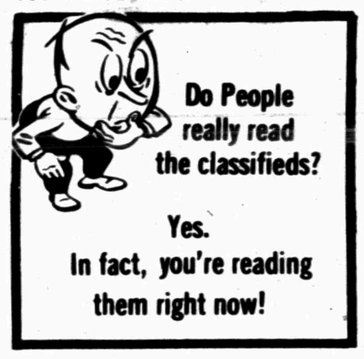

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By Peter Gott, M.D.

Using diet to control arthritis

DEAR DR. GOTT: At age 54, I developed severe osteoarthritis that wasn't helped by the usual medications. In an attempt to improve my symptoms of pain and stiffness, I tried a diet that eliminates red meat, dairy products, eggs and citrus fruits. I also eliminated caffeine, alcohol, soft drinks and cigarettes. I now limit my diet to poultry, vegetables, cereals and grains.

After six weeks, I felt better. Perhaps the arthritis would have gone into remission anyway, but the diet worked for me. Although not an ideal solution for everyone, is there any scientific rationale for this diet therapy?

DEAR READER: Some people with arthritis discover that they feel better after eliminating certain foods. I do not know of any scientific basis for this phenomenon. Osteoarthritis is caused by the age-related, gradual wearing down of joint surfaces; it is usually helped by the use of selected anti-inflammatory medications.

Nonetheless, I respect the experiences of patients who are able to control their symptoms of arthritis by dieting. Except for low calcium levels (which you can easily overcome with supplements), your diet seems to be nutritionally sound. I certainly endorse your choice to eliminate caffeine, alcohol and smoking. Don't forget to check periodically with your doctor to make sure that your new diet provides enough nutrition to stay healthy.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: When I was 15, I broke my leg. About 11 or 12 years later, X-rays were taken, without shielding my reproductive organs. I'm now 28 and eager to have children. However, I'm worried about my ability to produce normal, healthy sperm after all that radiation. Can my sperm be tested for abnormalities?

DEAR READER: The number of X-ray films taken of your leg seems inordinately high, even for examinations done 13 years ago. Perhaps you are mistaken about the amount of radiation you received. If you are concerned about the state of your reproductive organs, you can obtain a sperm count. This test involves the microscopic investigation of the quantity, motility and quality of your sperm. I believe that any genetic damage is unlikely this long after your radiation exposure, so what you really want to know is whether your testicles are producing sufficient quantities of normal sperm. A sperm count should provide this information.

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'Varsity Blues' in black with strong opening at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Varsity Blues," starring James Van Der Beek as a high school football star coming of age in a Texas town, rumbled past "A Civil Action" into the No. 1 box office spot over the weekend, estimates showed.

"Varsity Blues," a collaboration between Paramount and MTV, debuted at No. 1 with $14.3 million. It was the strongest opener ever during a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, moving ahead of the previous record of $14 million held by 1994's "Legends of the Fall."

"This movie appeals to the young male audience," said Wayne Lewellen, president of distribution at Paramount. "There really hasn't been a lot of product out for that audience. They were pent up."

"A Civil Action," about a real-life legal battle against tainted drinking water, dropped to second place with $10.9 million after taking the top spot last weekend in its expanded release, estimates showed Sunday.

In its first weekend of wide release, the World War II epic "The Thin Red Line" jumped to a respectable No. 3 with $10.5 million in ticket sales.

Robin Williams' heartwarmer "Patch Adams" fell to the No. 4 spot with $10.2 million in its fourth week.

"At First Sight" opened in the No. 5 spot this weekend with $7.7 million in ticket sales. Val Kilmer stars in this story of a blind masseur who falls in love with Mira Sorvino and regains his vision — but stumbles when thrown into the world of sight.

Dropping again this weekend were "Stepmom" to sixth place with $6.3 million; "You've Got Mail" at seventh with $5.9 million; and "The Prince of Egypt" in a tie for eighth place with $5 million.

"Virus," the science-fiction adventure starring Jamie Lee Curtis and William Baldwin, also took eighth place in its opening weekend, selling $5 million in tickets.

Another movie opening this weekend, the thriller "In Dreams," starring Annette Bening and Robert Downey Jr. tied with "Shakespeare in Love" for the No. 10 spot with $4 million in ticket sales.

Hates to watch

NEW YORK (AP) — She appears on screen as a regal, commanding, even frightening presence— the kind of character who "if she just glanced at you, you'd be pretty dodgy."

But watch how British actor Judi Dench — who plays Queen Elizabeth I in "Shakespeare in Love" — quivers on the other side of the screen.

Dench, 64, tells Time magazine in its Jan. 25 editions that she can barely stand watching her own performances.

"I'm very squeamish about it," she says. "Once I see it, I regret what I've left undone."

Report of assault being checked at Price Daniel Unit

The internal affairs division at the Price Daniel Unit is investigating a report of a sexual assault which allegedly occured at the unit early Sunday morning.

Deputies were called to the emergency room at Cogdell Memorial H spital at 3:14 a.m. Sunday, and the matter was then turned over to Texas Department of Criminal Justice personnel.

Warden T.J. Medart said this morning that the matter is still being investigated.

Medart said both the accused and the alleged 24-year-old victim are in isolation at the unit pending the outcome of the investigation.

Tax Update

By The Associated Press

Roth IRA still smart

By CURT ANDERSON
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Last year was the best time to convert a traditional individual retirement arrangement to a new Roth IRA, but for millions of taxpayers it makes sense to consider making the change in 1999.

What makes Roth IRAs different is that although contributions are not tax deductible — as they may be in a traditional IRA — people don't have to pay taxes when the money is withdrawn for a qualified reason or after age 59½ if the money has been there at least five years.

Because the contributions are invested and the money would be expected to grow significantly, the Roth IRA can provide sizable financial advantages, said Joan Vines, partner at the Grant Thornton LLP accounting firm.

"For a great number of people, it shifts earnings from being taxable to being totally tax-free," Vines said.

People can convert traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs, provided their adjusted gross income is under $100,000 and they are not a married couple filing separately. The only catch is that taxes must be paid up-front on the money converted.

For those conversions made in 1998, Congress is allowing people to spread their taxable income over four years, although that can be reconverted only for 1998 if a person wanted to pay off the entire debt.

Although the four-year installment plan doesn't apply to post-1998, Vines said people should still consider the switch to a Roth IRA provided they don't have to pay the up-front taxes out of IRA funds.

"Generally, the Roth IRA should be the way to go, but it's important that you pay the taxes out of other funds. Otherwise it's a net break-even," she said.

In addition, IRA money used to pay taxes is subject to a 10 percent penalty because it's not a qualified purpose for the money. Early withdrawals are now allowed penalty-free for some purposes, such as higher education expenses, some medical expenses and up to $10,000 for a first-time home purchase.

Annual contributions to all IRAs are limited to $2,000 per person, but Roth IRAs have one other difference: people can continue to contribute after reaching age 70½ if they have earned income and don't have to withdraw the money while they are living.

Some people may have converted to a Roth IRA in 1998 only to lose some of their investment due to the stock market dips last year, so they switched back to a regular IRA to avoid the tax liability.

Previously, the Internal Revenue Service permitted people to switch back and forth as many times as they liked, but new rules permit only one "reconversion" in 1999. One reason to recharacterize a Roth to a traditional IRA would be an unexpected boost in income that puts someone over the $100,000 limit.

"People should look at it again in 1999 to see if they should leave it alone or recharacterize it," Vines said. "They should look at the relative values, and remember they'll also be giving up the four-year spread on paying taxes."

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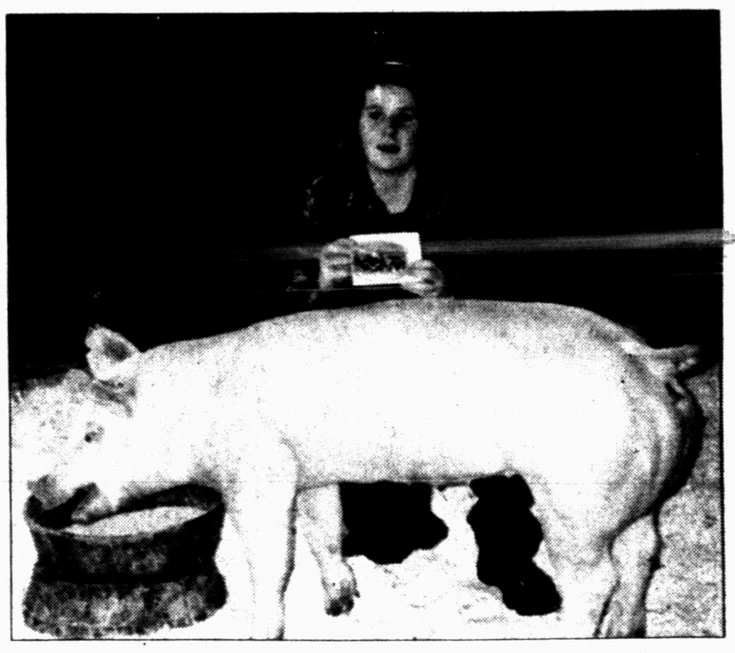
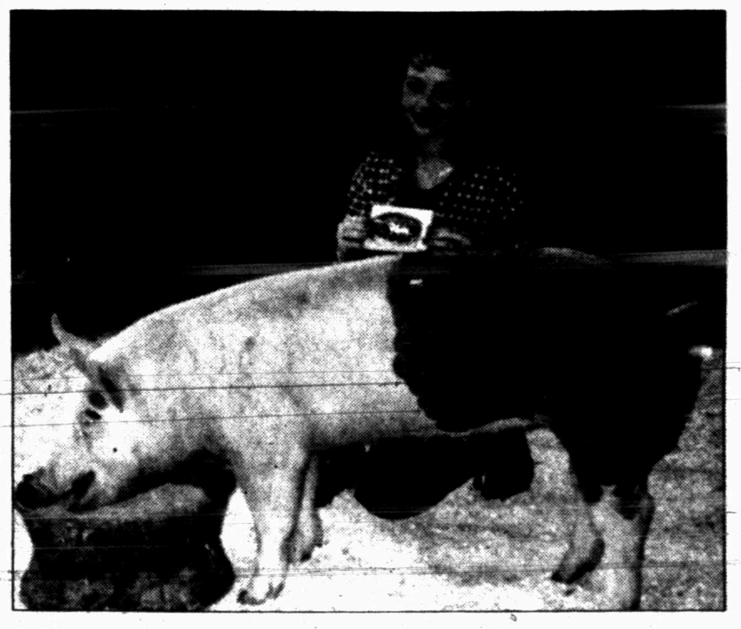
PIG SHOWMANSHIP — Receiving showmanship awards during Ira's recent stock show were Candace Sanchez, the junior recipient, and Bryce Wilkins who won the senior recognition. Joel Lanier was the stock show judge. (Contributed Photo)

LAMB SHOWMANSHIP — During Ira's recent stock show, Audra Oliver received the senior showmanship award for lambs and Tyler Frey received junior showmanship recognition. (Contributed Photo)



GRAND CHAMPION PIG — During Ira's recent stock show, Celeigh Sterling showed the grand champion pig. (Contributed Photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION PIG — During Ira's recent stock show, Audra Oliver showed the reserve champion pig for Wesley Keilner. (Contributed Photo)

Geriatric prisoners posing problems for state

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — As violent offenders get longer sentences and serve more time behind bars, the state's prisons are swelling with older inmates.

The number of inmates aged 60 to 65 rose nearly three times as fast as the overall prison population from 1994 to 1998, officials say. They also report a sharp increase of inmates 71 and older.

Those numbers are expected to continue rising, requiring significant spending on medical care — prisons spend three times more caring for older inmates than younger ones — and special housing, according to prison officials.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice operates a 60-bed geriatric unit near Huntsville. A prison medical center is a short walk away. The prisoners' average age is 71. The youngest man is 54, and the oldest is 86. The average sentence is 59 years, compared with 20 years for general-population inmates.

One of the inmates, Jesse Trevino, 64, said he has been in and out of prison since he was 17. He returned to prison 11 years ago after stabbing his landlord in Houston. While hiding from the law in Corpus Christi, three men robbed and stabbed him, costing Trevino his eyesight.

"I'd rather be here," Trevino told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. In the general prison population, he said, "there's too much fighting all the time. They used to steal my food off my plate."

All the men in the geriatric unit were transferred from regular units when they became too old or sick to keep up with younger inmates, said prison Capt. J.D. Hosea. If they become too feeble to eat and shower on their own, they are moved to a prison hospital or hospice, Hosea said.

The number of inmates 60-65 years grew 120 percent between 1994 and 1998, while the overall prison population increased 58 percent, prison officials said. The number of inmates 71 and older grew 70 percent.

The Criminal Justice Policy Council is expected to report this month on the aging of the prison population. Melinda Bozarth, the criminal justice department's assistant director of programs and services, said the report will be used for budgeting.

"We know the population is aging, and we need to come up with a plan for meeting their needs," said Ms. Bozarth, who led a committee that examined the issue last fall.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999

In the year ahead, conditions will be ripe for you to attain several secret ambitions and desires you've been unable to fulfill in the past. Don't give up on your dreams, for success is right around the bend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Acknowledgment for your past efforts could be forthcoming today. This recognition for a job well done may come in the form of compensation or some special type of perk. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take the time to concentrate on ways to further your personal ambitions and interests today. This is the right time frame for constructive deliberation on finding your direction in life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Share your thoughts and objectives today only with individuals who are directly involved in your affairs. Secrecy enhances your possibilities for success in a matter of great importance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone you've known purely on a social basis could begin to take on greater importance in you life starting today. The relationship could turn out to be quite valuable and binding.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Having the right ally today could become extremely valuable when a task that was once thought to be laborious turns out to be relatively simple because of the proper support.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you take things one step at a time and don't lump things together today, a delicate matter that has serious ramifications can be handled effectively. Don't rush yourself or others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It might annoy you at first that changes affecting you might be initially screened from your view, but what transpires will work out to your advantage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) By putting forth equal effort at this time with your partner on a mutually enriching project, your collective chances for success are excellent. Work together, not apart.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Returns will be generated along more traditional lines today, and not from gambles. If you use practical and prudent procedures, your financial affairs should work out rather well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Although it might take some reorganization, something complicated you are presently involved with can be sorted out to your advantage today. Prioritize and be patient, for success doesn't happen overnight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When the bottom line is tallied today, you should find yourself on the plus side of the ledger, even though you might not have gotten everything you wanted. Be grateful, not greedy!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try to make some time today for a friend who comes to you for advise. What this person needs to discuss is of immense importance to him or her. Lending your ear and shoulder will mean a lot.

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Jury puts confessed killer on probation

LAREDO (AP) — Jurors who found a man guilty of aggravated assault in the shooting death of a store owner have sentenced him to probation after he cried for sympathy on the witness stand.

Ronald Lemos sobbed and asked jurors not to separate him from his baby. Two female jurors cried during the plea. The defense introduced pictures of Lemos' family.

The eight-man, four-woman jury deliberated punishment for almost seven hours on Friday before sentencing Lemos to 10 years probation.

"They saw the kid crying on the stand and talking about his baby, and that is what they see," said prosecutor Rolando Garza. "They don't get to see the victim, who in this case was violently killed."

Garza had asked for a 60-year sentence.

Lemos was 18 when Benjamin Flores was shot to death during a robbery at his store in 1994. Lemos confessed to police that he killed Flores, but he was convicted only of aggravated assault and sentenced to 50 years in prison.

An appeals court reversed the conviction because Lemos was tried with an alleged accomplice instead of separately.

Although Lemos could only be retried for aggravated assault, jurors in the second trial saw his confession and found him guilty. In addition to probation, they fined Lemos $10,000, but the victim's family won't get the money.

Garza said he spoke to members of the Flores family after the trial and they said Lemos wasn't punished.

"And what do you tell them? The jury saw the evidence, and they found him guilty but did not send him to prison," Garza told the Laredo Morning Times.

Garza said jurors told him they were split, with some favoring prison time for Lemos and others wanting probation.

Lemos' alleged accomplice, Antonio Silva, also faces aggravated robbery charges. No date has been set for his retrial.

Man to go on trial for mutilation murder

EDINBURG (AP) — David Cardenas was a little boy hanging out with grown-ups.

One weekend night last spring, the 12-year-old partied with a group of older people in Donna. Five days later, his body was found under some aluminum slabs in a bushy field. His arms had been cut off. He also was missing a foot, his scalp and several teeth.

"When I saw this child and the way they did the things they did to him, I said, 'Jesus Christ, I don't think these people have a heart or anything,'" Donna Police Chief Miguel Carreon said at the time. "It affected all of us."

On Tuesday, Pablo Lucio Vasquez, 21, goes on trial for the boy's murder. He faces the death penalty.

Seven others also are charged in connection with the crime. Andy Chapa, 15, will face trial as an adult for capital murder. Six people, including two teen-age girls, are accused of helping to cover up the murder.

Since David's jewelry was taken, robbery has been the official motive for the boy's murder. But the mutilation and the timing of the killing gave rise to talk of a link to the occult.

The killing came on the heels of reported occult activity in Donna, a town of 14,000 in the mid-Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Donna gang investigators have identified several gangs they said had connections to the occult, and officers report occult graffiti images have been found around town.

Police also say a "satanic calendar" indicates the murder occurred at a significant time — April 17-18 — in relation to such practices. The calandar calls for human sacrifice at the time, officials say.

Authorities have investigated other such activities in Donna over the past year. Two dogs were mutilated, including one that was skinned and its limbs and tail cut off. Police interpreted symbols found with the dog to mean that the animal was part of a magic spell intended to kill someone.

The centerpiece of the prosecution's evidence against Vasquez is a taped confession in which he describes striking the boy and carrying him across a street. Vasquez also admits possessing a gold chain that belonged to the victim.

Defense attorneys have since argued that the statement was made under duress, but state District Judge Fernando Mancias has allowed it into evidence.

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Tests under way to predict, detect turbulence

DALLAS (AP) — In December 1997, a 32-year-old Japanese woman died of head injuries and more than 100 people were hurt when a United Airlines jet suddenly plunged while flying from Tokyo to Honolulu.

Officials believe the plane hit turbulence, smacking into one of the atmosphere's invisible rogue waves that crop up without warning and just as quickly disappear.

In the last 15 years, three people have been killed and 1,000 injured aboard commercial airplanes that ran into turbulence. Now aviation officials are hoping an experiment aboard United, American and Northwest airlines jets will help meteorologists predict turbulence before it occurs, The Dallas Morning News reported in Sunday's editions.

Within two years, up to 500 jetliners will become mobile weather stations, continuously reporting atmospheric conditions as they speed through the sky.

Most newer jets have built-in sensors that already measure vertical acceleration, temperature and wind. They also have special computers, called the Aircraft Communications and Reporting System (ACARS), that keep almost constant contact with computers on the ground.

New software being added will make it possible for weather information to be included in ACARS transmissions. That information would be used by meteorologists to develop what is known as a "nowcast."

"The goal is to have enough information out there to make a real-time picture of the atmosphere that would be available to the airlines on a Web page," said Larry Cornman, a scientist with the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo. "Not only would we know where turbulence is, but just as importantly, where it isn't."

Such information is being gathered now from four United jets. By the end of the year, an estimated 200 airplanes from the United fleet will be outfitted with the new software. American and Northwest will follow with their fleets.

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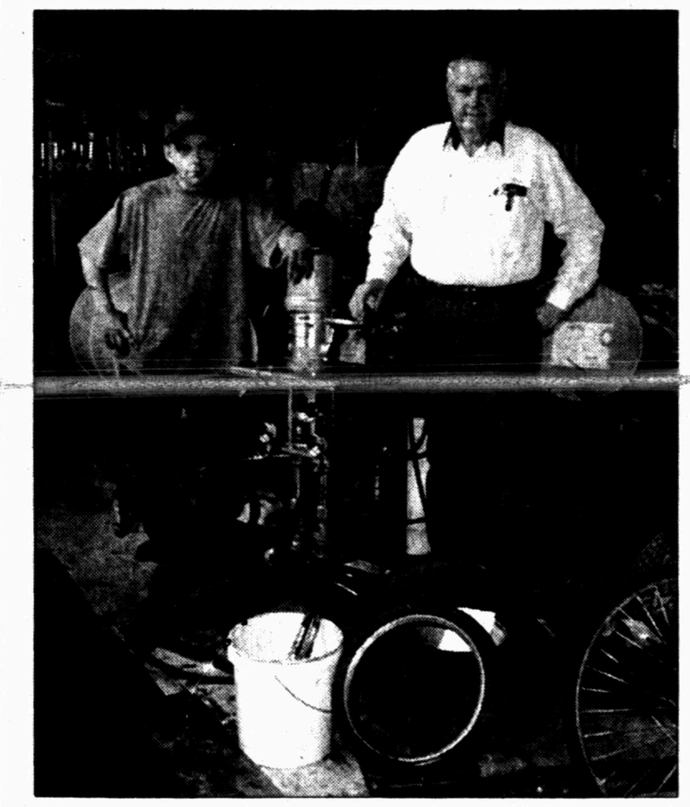

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MLK remembered at 2 church services

ATLANTA (AP) — Crowds gathered at two churches where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. preached today to hear him hailed as a man who "paid the ultimate price" so that others could be free.

No other man in modern times has done more to lift the dignity of the common man, U.S. Rep. Sanford Bishop told a packed Ebenezer Baptist Church today during the Atlanta service marking the King Day holiday.

"He demonstrated that nonviolence is a way to effect change," Bishop said, speaking from the same pulpit where King once preached. "He lived under constant threat of harassment ... and he paid the ultimate price — death — so that we may have life and have it more abundantly."

In Montgomery, Ala., Gov.-elect Don Siegelman attended a service in the church where King preached during the period of the 1955 bus boycott that was a landmark in the history of civil rights.

"What happened in this small sanctuary, what happened in these streets outside, changed this nation," Siegelman said at the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church. He said that in the boycott, which began after Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man, "a spark ignited that changed this nation."

The national holiday honors King and his teachings of nonviolence and social justice. Last Friday would have been King's 70th birthday; he was assassinated in 1968.

In Washington, President Clinton was marking the day by visiting with senior citizens at a local retirement home as part of an Americorps service project. The visit was part of a national focus on service in the spirit of the King.

In Columbia, S.C., today, Gov. Jim Hodges said he wants to make King Day a permanent state holiday, removing the stigma as the only state without the mandate.

"There is strong support for making Martin Luther King Day a state holiday," Hodges, newly sworn in as the first Democratic governor in 12 years, said at a breakfast honoring the slain civil rights leader.

"I can assure you support of my administration to try to bring that dream into reality," said Hodges, who won election in November with strong black support.

State law currently allows employees to pick any day as an optional holiday.

A bill calling for the day as a required state holiday passed the Democratic-controlled Senate last year, but failed in the Republican-controlled House.

During the Atlanta service, King's widow, Coretta Scott King, presented the 1999 Martin Luther King Jr. Non-Violent Peace Prize to John Hume, who last year shared the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to bring peace to Northern Ireland.

The Rev. Joseph Roberts, current pastor of Ebenezer Baptist, told the audience that there is still a long way to go to achieve King's dream.

"We are still in the backwater of yesterday," he said. "The jury is still out on American apartheid, even in the state of Georgia."

Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga., echoed King's words that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." He said every day needs to be dedicated to creating a just society.

Primary suspect in slayings captured in West Texas town

ODESSA (AP) — An Arizona man and his girlfriend, who were both featured in a national law enforcement program in connection with two slayings, were in custody today.

Shad Daniel Armstrong was arrested at apartments in this West Texas city. His girlfriend, Russette Anne Medina, was arrested over the weekend.

Armstrong, 25, is the primary suspect in the murders of his sister, 22-year-old Farah Armstrong, and her fiance, 24-year-old Frank Williams, in Tucson, Ariz. Their bodies were found in a shallow grave in Pima County last June.

Ector County sheriff's officers said Armstrong was arrested about 3 a.m. today in a laundry room at an apartment complex. Law officers were tipped that the suspect liked to escape from the cold by sleeping in laundry rooms.

Armstrong had no weapon and did not offer resistance, sheriff's officers said. He was booked at Ector County Law Enforcement Center.

An afternoon news conference was scheduled on the arrest.

Ms. Medina, 21, was arrested at a house Saturday night while officers staked out her apartment, Odessa police said. SWAT officers stormed the apartment in search of Armstrong, but he wasn't there.

Ms. Medina and Armstrong had been featured in an episode of "America's Most Wanted," and police received a tip that they had been living in the Odessa area.

Medina was being sought on a charge of hindering prosecution for allegedly helping to clean up the murder scene and bury the victims.

The fugitive pair had been tracked to San Diego, Calif., Colorado, Oklahoma, Michigan and Mexico.

Brazil is committed to economic reforms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brazilian Finance Minister Pedro Malan today sought to reassure nervous investors, the International Monetary Fund and the Clinton administration that his country remains committed to economic reform.

Malan said he spent the weekend explaining to the IMF and the administration how the government of President Fernando Hernique Cardoso will implement the decision to stop defending the nation's currency and continue meeting its economic commitments to the IMF, including a key pledge to reduce a soaring government budget deficit.

"We will undertake all efforts we have submitted to the fund," he told reporters at IMF headquarters. "We know additional measures may be required."

The Cardoso government pledged to boost taxes and slash spending to trim the deficit as part of an agreement in which the IMF assembled a $41.5 billion rescue package intended to keep Brazil from being pulled into the economic maelstrom that has already hit a number of Asian nations and Russia.

Investors began a renewed rush for the exits last week amid mounting signs that Cardoso was having trouble meeting his budget goals.

After a temporary decision last week to stop wasting dwindling reserves to defend the currency, the real, the government announced today that this decision would be made permanent.

While Brazil had held out hope that the IMF would decide to accelerate its loans to the country, no such announcement was made today.

Malan told reporters he would be in intensive discussions with IMF officials in order to renegotiate whatever targets must be changed in light of the devaluation.

"I see no reason why we will not be able to quickly re-establish the parameters of the program," Malan said.

Malan spent several hours discussing Brazil's situation Sunday with Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, the administration's point man on the global currency crisis.

Obituaries

Marie Moffett

1923-1999

Funeral service for Ella "Marie" Moffett will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Moffett, 75, died Saturday, Jan. 16, in Codgell Memorial Hospital.

Born June, 15, 1923 in Snyder, she married Bishop P. "Boe" Moffett on Sept. 12, 1941 in Lubbock.

Mrs. Moffett was a homemaker and retired nursery coordinator at First Baptist Church, having served more than 20 years.

She was preceded in death by a son, Maxie Maurice Moffett, in 1947.

Survivors include her husband Boe Moffett of Snyder; a son, Ferris K. Moffett of Lubbock; two daughters, Arettus A. Sullivan of Snyder and Barbara J. Moffett of Abilene; a sister, Naomi Nadine Slack of Snyder; and three grandchildren, K. Evan Moffett of Annalopis, Md., and Jason Sullivan and Megan Price, both of Odessa.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m. today at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or to a favorite charity.

John Curry

1921-1999

JACKSON, Miss. — Graveside service was held in a Jackson, Miss., cemetery at 10 a.m. today for John Mac Curry, formerly of Snyder and father of Camille Fisher of Snyder. Burial was under the direction of Lakewood Funeral Home in Jackson.

Mr. Curry, 77, died Friday, Jan. 15, at his home in Clinton, Miss.

Born June 18, 1921 in Emerson, Ark., Mr. Curry was a charter member of Snyder's Colonial Hill Baptist Church. He was a World War II veteran, moving to Snyder in 1951 with Standard Oil of Texas, later Chevron U.S.A. He had also been employed at Snyder Gasoline Plant and coached Little League for several years. Mr. Curry moved to Jackson in 1968.

He was preceded in death by one son, John K. Curry in 1974.

Other survivors include his wife, Mary Curry of Clinton; a son-in-law, David Fisher of Snyder; a stepson, David Pigg of Clinton; one sister, Nina Carlock of Longview; one brother, James Curry of Granbury; three grandchildren, Melissa Olson of Lubbock, Amy Vollet of Durham, N.C., and Cory Fisher of Tacoma, Wash.; and one great-grandchild, Cameron Fisher of Tacoma, Wash.

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Four burglaries worked here over the weeklend

Four burglaries were worked over the weekend by local law enforcement personnel.

At 6:58 a.m. Saturday, Kenneth Breedlove requested an officer in the 1900 block of Coleman Street in reference to a burglary. An offense report for burglary of a habitation was filed.

Officers were again called to the 1900 block of Coleman Street at 11:35 a.m. Saturday in reference to Pat Outlaw reporting a burglary.

An offense report for burglary of a business was filed at 5:40 a.m. Sunday at McD's Phillips 66 on College in reference to someone forcing entry into the building. Only one box of cigars was taken.

Dennis Gartman requested an officer at his residence in the 2800 block of 23rd Street at 2:53 p.m. Sunday in reference to someone stealing his property. An offense report for burglary of a residence was filed.

Three arrests were also made over the weekend.

At 7:58 p.m. Saturday, officers took a 21-year-old male into custody in the 1500 block of 23rd Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

A passenger in the vehicle, a 24-year-old male, was arrested for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

DPS troopers arrested a 44-year-old female at 8:58 a.m. Sunday for no drivers license and expired vehicle registration. The woman was stopped by the trooper after she failed to pay for $11.29 worth of gas at Allsup's in Hermleigh.

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CENSUS: 39 (Med., Surg.-14, Long-term Care-25).

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Fluvanna fire department

Residents of the Fluvanna Community are invited to a meeting at 7 tonight in the community center for the purpose of re-organizing the volunteer fire department.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "The Two Elements of Coming to Christ," followed by "Giving Your Child Roots and Wings."

Parkinson's Disease support group

The Parkinson's Disease community support group will meet Tuesday from 10 until 11:30 a.m. at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room. Guest speaker will be Loretta Lee, speech/language pathologist.

Library storytime change

Beginning this month, Storytime for 4-5-year-olds at the Scurry County Library will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays.

A&M Mom's Club

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mother's Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the home of Pat Anderson, 2609 47th Street. All Aggie moms, former students or interested persons are invited to attend. For more information call 573-3178 or 235-1031.

Stanfield parent-council meeting

The Stanfield Elementary parent-council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the library.

Clogging lessons

Deep Creek Cloggers will start beginner lessons at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the American Legion. For more information, call after 5 p.m. to 573-3315 or 573-0807.

Planetarium shows

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is again available for group shows Thursday evenings and all day on Fridays. The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are three presentations available in the 59-seat auditorium, one for pre-K, another for K through 4, and one for general audiences. For reservations contact Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Jeremiah People to sing

The Jeremiah People, a Christian musical theatre group, will be presenting their new program from 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Scholastic book fair

Snyder Head Start will have a scholastic book fair from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1-6 p.m. Jan. 25-29. For more information call 573-7403 or 573-1784.

Ira Bulldog annual

Ira's 1999 Bulldog annuals are on sale until Jan. 26, the last time they will be offered this school year. The cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact Becky Hudgins at the school. Only a few are left.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak trees. Both evergreens and hardwoods are available. Call 573-6317, or come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Pick 3

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

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(five, five, four)

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated $14 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 6, 8, 30, 32, 34 and 35.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $18 million.