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Party primaries set Tuesday

Key local races are for county judge and Pct. 4 commissioner

Both Republican and Democratic voting places open at 7 a.m. Tuesday. And when the polls close 12 hours later, Scurry County residents will know shortly the outcome of the race for county judge.

Republican primary voters will actually be the ones to decide the judge's race. GOP balloting, regardless of voting precinct, will take place in the council chambers at City Hall.

Election officials said voters should bring their blue 1998 voter registration card. If card is unavailable, picture identification is required.

Democratic primary voters will go to one of 11 polling places throughout the county. The only locally-contested race in the Democratic primary is to replace Precinct 4 County Commissioner Jerry Gannaway. Democratic candidates are Chloanne Lindsey and Scott Richburg. The winner of that race will face Republican Milton Adams in November.

Incumbent County Judge Ricky Fritz is seeking a second term, but he has faced a challenge by businessman Ted Crenwelge. That race has already resulted in a record turnout for a Republican primary.

The winner of the GOP nomination for county judge will actually be the next judge, as there is no Democratic candidate.

At the close of early voting Friday, 954 votes had been cast in the Republican primary and 149 had been marked on a Democratic ballot.

With 11,226 registered voters in the county, the early voting turnout of 1,103 is 9.8 percent of those eligible. There were 14 GOP and eight Demo mail ballots still out.

Republican Roy Idom, Precinct 2 county commissioner, is unopposed, but will face Democrat Linda Sellars in the November general election.

Others running unopposed are County Treasurer Charlie Bell and Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace John Williamson. Both are Democrats. Pamela Bryant, an independent, also is seeking the JP post in Precinct 2.

Running unopposed as Republicans are County Clerk Joan Bunch and Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds. Trina Rodgers is unopposed to replace Elois Pruitt who is retiring as district clerk.

On the state-wide Democratic ballot, former attorney general Jim Mattox is seeking his old office. Other Demo candidates are Gene Kelly and Morris Overstreet. Pete Patterson and Ernesto De Leon are candidates for agriculture commissioner and Joe Henderson and Gary Dugger are running for railroad commission as Democrats.

On the Republican state ballot, Gov. George Bush is opposed by R.C. Crawford. GOP candidates for attorney general are Tom Pauken, Barry Williamson and John Cornyn.

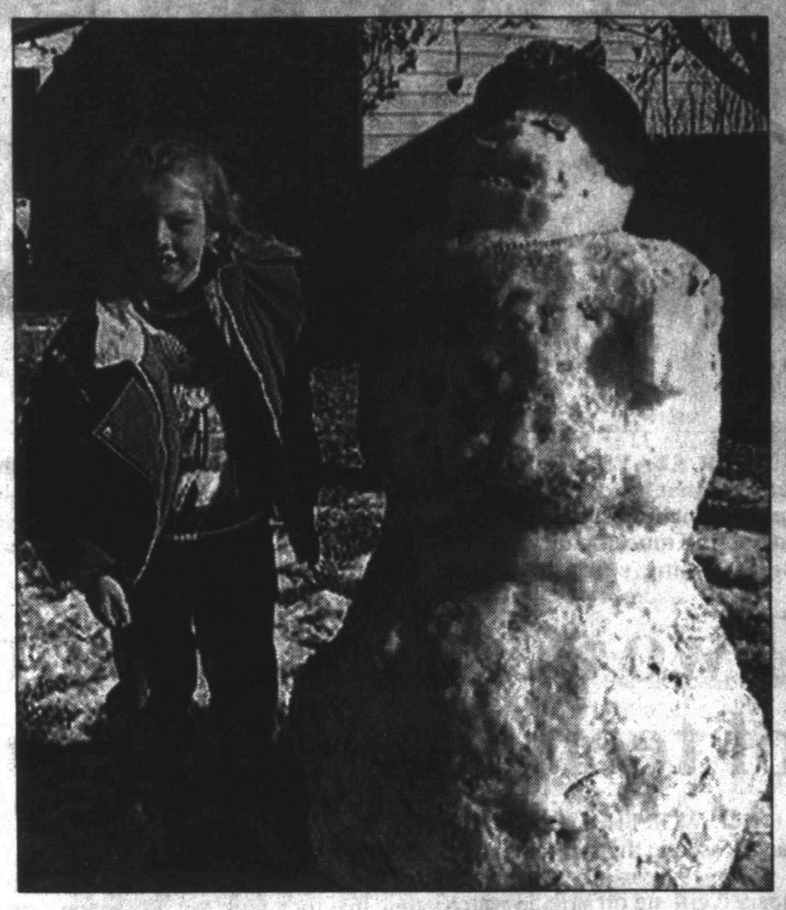
Land commissioner candidates are Jerry Patterson, Don Loucks and David Dewhurst.

Ag commissioner candidates are Susan Combs and Hamp Hodges. Railroad commission candidates are Tony Garza and Steve Stockman.

Candidates for Supreme Court Justice, Place 2 are Harriett O'Neill and Candace G. Tyson. For Place 4 on the supreme court, GOP candidates are Steve Smith and Deborah Hankinson.

Those running for Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1, are Mike Keasler, David Schulman, David Barron, Lloyd Oliver and Vicki Isaacks. Place 2 Candidates are Forrest Lumpkin, Murff Bledson, Jerry Smith, Jeffrey Keck, Harvey Hudson, Cheryl Johnson, William Ray and John Moncure. Place 3 candidates are Larry Meyers and Herb Hancock.

Candidates for 11th Court of Criminal Appeals on the GOP ballot are Kollin Shadle, Robert Pelton and Terry McCall.



ONE-DAY WINTER — Scurry County finally experienced some winter weather over the weekend. After sand, wind, rain, sleet, hail and snow — the sun came out and Lesa Jones made this snowman at 42nd and Denison. Lesa is the first grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones. (SDN Staff Photo)

Golf course lease proposal, employee pacts greet board

While contract renewals and approval of the college's formal response to the accreditation team's visit are on the agenda, the golf course may well dominate discussion at tonight's meeting of the Western Texas College board.

The regular March meeting starts at 7 o'clock in the college board room.

Three pre-bid items are on the agenda for discussion, and the first could impact direction on the other two.

The first concerns an inquiry to lease the college golf course to a private firm. Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, said there have been past discussions about the possibility of a lease since the golf course operates at a loss each year.

Krenek said the college had received a serious inquiry from a private company regarding the lease of the golf course, but that WTC is legally obligated to advertise for proposals.

Other pre-bid items include the possible construction of 20 additional cart sheds and for lighting of the driving range. Each project is estimated to cost $35,000.

Another pre-bid discussion will center around the college's food-service contract, presently in the fourth year with Great Western Dining. The new contract will be for three years.

Also on the agenda as a pre-bid item is a greenhouse and coldframe for the horticulture program.

Action items include the consideration of contract renewals for all 62 current faculty and staff members.

Trustees will also consider bids for a VTEL TC 2000 Team Conference System, for the distance learning lab. Other action items include consideration of policy changes resulting from the recommendations made by the Southern Association of Colleges and School's visiting committee.

The board also is expected to approve the institution's formal response to the committee's recommendations.

Other informational items on this evening's agenda are a report on a workers compensation award, status of work with Lorber Industries, distance learning instruction, extension center discussion and possible changes in the college health insurance program.

PANCAKE FEAST — Kaitlin Bass and Sarah Parmer, from left, are two five-year-olds who enjoyed their breakfast at the Noon Kiwanis Pancake Feast Saturday at West Elementary. Winner of the television set was Levi Hill. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Scurry countians weather the storm

There's an old saying about Texas weather — if you don't like it, stick around, it will change soon enough.

That was certainly true Saturday evening and Sunday morning for Scurry County residents, who were choked and blinded by a sandstorm, drenched by rain, jolted by lightning and thunder, pelted by hail and sleet, and buffeted by wet snow — all while bracing themselves against winds of upwards to 40 miles an hour.

First-year Department of Public Safety trooper Jeff Buuck had his first real taste of a West Texas winter over the weekend, too, including the slippery roads which accompany such adverse conditions.

"It was not fun," Buuck laughed, and told of his extended tour of duty beginning around 11 o'clock Saturday night.

Buuck responded to an accident on Highway 350 in Howard County where a 1988 Lincoln driven by Snyder resident Ruth Johnson hit a cow in the road. Neither she, nor her husband, Don, of 2201 43rd St. were injured, although their vehicle suffered extensive front end damage.

Buuck said he felt the fact that the Johnson's were wearing seat belts was what saved them from being injured.

After wrapping up details in that accident, Buuck went home, only to be called out again on Highway 84 near Inadale where an 18-wheeler slid off a slippery stretch of road which was to be the site of more accidents on Sunday.

He was on his way back to Snyder around 4 a.m. when he came across another vehicle which had beome a victim of the icy conditions and ended up off the roadway and stuck in the mud.

At 9 a.m. Sunday, Buuck was called back to the same area on Highway 84 where a one-vehicle roll-over occurred.

Four Dallas residents were en route to Lubbock and they too escaped injury due to the fact they were all wearing seat belts, said Buuck.

"That one could have been bad if they had not had their seat belts on," said the trooper.

Buuck said another slick area was on Highway 180 East, just past the Price Daniel Unit exit.

"At one time, I think there were eight cars off the road there," he said.

Buuck said he appreciated the help of the Texas Department of Transportation in assisting motorists and also of Game Warden Mel Reed in transporting the Dallas residents to a local motel after their accident.

"On days like Sunday, we just have to improvise," he said.

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School series shifts to SJHS

Public meetings to acquaint citizens with deteriorating conditions of Snyder schools continue tonight as architects will detail needed improvements at Snyder Junior High School at 7 o'clock.

In a study last fall, BGR architects and engineers identified more than $2.3 million in problem conditions that needed to be improved or replaced at the junior high school.

That figure included $1.7 for the main classroom building, $400,000 for the gymnasium and $200,000 for the band hall and shop areas.

Any new construction at the facility has been tabbed at $70 per square foot.

Meetings have been held at Northeast, West and East Elementary and at the high school. Meetings are set Tuesday at Central Elementary at 6 p.m. and on Thursday at Stanfield Elementary at 7 p.m.

Vote

WHEN?
Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE?
Republicans: City Hall.
Democrats: One of 11 locations, depending on residency. To determine your voting box number, look under Prec. No. in the center of your voter registration certificate. Match that number with the number below.

Box	Voting Location
5	Fluvanna Community Cntr
6	Union Community Cntr
7	County Library
8	SISD Ad. Building
9	Ira Community Cntr
10	Towle Park Barn
11	Dunn Community Cntr
12	South Side of Coliseum
13	Hermleigh Community Cntr
14	Northeast Community Cntr
15	North Side of Coliseum

ASK US

Q—One weekend of winter weather is too much! When is the last average freeze date for Scurry County?

A—According to the Texas Almanac, April 4.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 65 degrees; low, 26; .48 of an inch precipitation; high Sunday, 45 degrees; low, 27; 7 a.m. Monday, 27; total precipitation for 1998, 3.63 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low, around 25. Light wind. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High around 50. SE wind 5-15 mph.

Marcella Torres
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 6:48 p.m.
Sunrise: 7 a.m.
Of 67 days in 1998, the sun has shone 65 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

People are always neglecting something they can do in trying to do something they can't.

Edgar Watson Howe

WINTER STAYS AROUND — Residents of Snyder and the South Plains were reminded this weekend that it is still winter — despite fruit trees being in bloom for some time. Blowing snow early Sunday morning created interesting patterns on trees, fences and houses. Motorists on the highways did not find much beauty in the weather, however, as many found themselves sliding off the roadways and becoming stuck in plowed cotton fields. (SDN Staff Photo)

Two accused in kidnapping of teen-age girl arraigned

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two men accused in the capital murder of a 19-year-old mentally impaired girl are on suicide watch in isolated cells at the Tarrant County Jail.

Robert James Neville Jr., 23, and Michael Wayne Hall, 18, both of Arlington, were returned Saturday to Fort Worth from Eagle Pass, where they were arrested at the Mexican border during a routine customs check Tuesday.

During a televised interview, the two admitted to the slaying of Amy Robinson, saying she had made it easy by trusting them.

The interview was a motivating factor in separating the pair from each other and the general inmate population upon their arrival at the Tarrant County Jail, said Sheriff David Williams said. The two said they had set out to kill minorities.

"We handle over 50,000 prisoners a year in here, and I don't know that we've ever seen people that so frankly admit to such an atrocious crime with such a lack of remorse and lack of humanity," Williams said. "To most people in Tarrant County, that's incomprehensible."

The pair said during their interview that they took Ms. Robinson to a remote field in Fort Worth and used her for "target practice." The twosome said they shot the young woman with arrows, a pellet gun and a pistol.

Both men were arraigned and charged with one count of capital murder Saturday. Fort Worth Municipal Judge Danny Rogers set bail at $500,000 for each.

Both would face either the death penalty or life in prison, if convicted.

The slain teen's mother, Tina Robinson, was joined by another victim's mom in a candlelight vigil Sunday night. Donna Williams's 9-year-old daughter, Amber Hagerman, was abducted in east Arlington and killed two years ago.

Neville and Hall were transported back to Fort Worth under high security in separate cars.

"It just seemed that after watching the confessions and horrific comments made by these two men, they clearly don't have anything to lose," Williams said. "I did not think it was wise to transport them as run-of-the-mill criminals."

Each man had his hands cuffed in front of him. The cuffs were attached to a chain around each man's waist and each was restrained by leg irons which connected both men's feet with a metal and glass cage that separated the cars' front and back seats.

Sheriff's spokesman James Skidmore said the pair said little during their trip to Fort Worth.

He said when Neville first saw the deputies and their uniforms, he told them he wasn't a fugitive, "And the deputy said, 'Not any more.'"

No Mr. Roarke

NEW YORK (AP) — Mr. Roarke won't be returning to "Fantasy Island."

Ricardo Montalban, who starred on the television show that ran from 1978-84, says ABC has not called him about its remake of the series.

All-time N. American champ...

Disabled veteran surrenders after 14-hour standoff at VA

WACO (AP) — A Vietnam veteran says his anger at federal veterans officials' bureaucratic indifference to his disability led him into a 14-hour standoff with authorities.

Jason Leigh, 48, held police at bay with a rifle and the threat of explosives in the city's second major police standoff in five years.

This time, after a tense, daylong wait by police, Leigh emerged from the Veterans Affairs regional center in downtown Waco, bare-chested and unarmed.

Police negotiators said that Leigh thought his grievance had been heard.

"He had a point he wanted to make," police negotiator Patrick Swanton said. "He didn't want to hurt anybody. He was just concerned about a problem he was having with some veterans benefits."

Swanton declined to detail the complaint, but Leigh's mother told Dallas television station WFAA that the Veterans Affairs Department had lost her son's benefit paperwork.

"Apparently, they sent him a letter saying it would be another year. It's already been a year he's been waiting to hear from him," said Ruth Foster of Cleburne, Texas. "I think, I guess, that's what got to him."

A man who identified himself as Leigh told Fort Worth television station KXAS much the same thing in a telephone call during standoff.

"When the trouble started, my files got lost. My appeals got lost in the madness of the VA bureaucracy," the caller told the station.

The caller said he was fed up with how the VA treated him and fellow disabled veterans.

"I, Jason Leigh, do hereby defend this, my vested interest in the form of this building, to the death or until such time as Congress and or the U.S. Senate pass a law protecting our fallen, disabled and homeless veterans by depositing $1 million in the stated name of 'SOS,' Save Our Soldiers," he said.

Police say Leigh drove his Jeep Cherokee through the glass front door of the VA office about 6:45 a.m. Sunday. Then, he called police dispatchers on his cellular telephone, said what he had done, and told them he was armed with a rifle and explosives.

Dispatchers kept him on the line until 7:30 a.m., when the call was turned over to police negotiators.

Meanwhile, officers evacuated residents in a six-block area around the building and police were negotiating with the suspect.

A shelter was set up at the Waco Convention Center, where about 30 evacuees spent the night. Police said they hoped to allow them to return this morning.

Also, federal authorities also staked off a no-fly zone at a three-mile radius from the office and up to 5,000 feet altitude, said Charles Jefferson, supervising air controller at Waco Regional Airport.

Eventually, Leigh admitted to police that he had no explosives, and as time passed, an unidentified negotiator developed "a rapport" with a tiring Leigh, Swanton said.

"They became friends," he said. "The bond they developed made him (Leigh) come out."

About 9 p.m., Leigh surrendered.

The finale was far less dramatic than that of the Branch Davidian sect. Davidian leader David Koresh and 78 followers died in an April 19, 1993, inferno at their compound outside Waco.

Police said they were unsure of Leigh's hometown.

His mother said Leigh was a military policeman who was discharged on a full disability after suffering a back injury that required three surgeries.

In recent years, friends and relatives say Leigh has busied himself with a study of unidentified flying objects.

He has operated a Web site dealing with UFO encounters he says he's had. In writings posted on the site, Leigh accuses government officials and the news media of covering up information about such encounters.

Of one encounter, he wrote, "As the days passed and my dreams were filled with the memories of the details and the colors of the gigantic UFO, 'Who would believe me over them?' I concluded."

Meteor shower stalls traffic

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The sun had just set, and then the sky filled with flaming objects falling to the ground.

Traffic slowed to a halt on Interstate 80 in Northern California and police were flooded with worried calls about a possible plane crash. Not to worry — it was a 200-mile swath of meteors Sunday night.

"It was just getting dark and everybody was facing that direction just as the sun was coming down," Coast Guard Lt. Alan Tubbs said. "It was the king of all meteor showers."

'Titanic' poised to become No. 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Titanic" edged out a newcomer and stayed on top of the box office rankings for the 12th week in a row as it neared the title of North America's all-time box office champion.

James Cameron's epic took in $18 million over the weekend. The film has earned $444.6 million in North America, trailing only the $461 million collected by "Star Wars" in its original release and re-release last year.

"It's going to sail past $500 million in the next couple of weeks, which no film has ever done in the U.S.," said David Davis, vice president of Houlihan, Lokey, Howard & Zukin, investment bankers to the film industry.

"It will be interesting to see how high is up. Six months ago, $600 million was thought to be inconceivable," Davis said Sunday.

But counting admissions and adjusting for inflation, "Gone With the Wind" would have sold $1.29 billion in tickets at current prices, according to calculations by Variety, a Hollywood trade newspaper.

"U.S. Marshals," sequel to "The Fugitive," was given the best chance to unseat "Titanic," and it came close. "U.S. Marshals" opened at No. 2 with earnings of $17 million.

If "Titanic" stays atop the box office chart one more week, it will tie the record held by two 1980s films, "Tootsie" and "Beverly Hills Cop," which were No. 1 for 13 weeks in a row.

Listed below are estimated grosses for the top 10 movies at North American theaters for Friday through Sunday. Final figures were to be released today.

1. "Titanic," $18 million.
2. "U.S. Marshals," $17 million.
3. "The Wedding Singer," $6.2 million.
4. (tie) "Hush," $6 million.
4. "Twilight," $6 million.
6. "The Big Lebowski," $5.9 million.
7. "Good Will Hunting," $5.1 million.
8. "As Good As It Gets," $3.2 million.
9. "Dark City," $2.7 million.
10. "The Borrowers," $2 million.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 10, 1998

Awareness that you don't have to take a back seat to anyone will be ingrained in your mind in the year ahead. You are in a cycle that indicates a coming of age literally and figuratively.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A friend who is usually rather silent and laid-back might be in a talkative mood today. Be a good listener; what he or she has to say could be valuable. 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In competitive career involvements today, it isn't who you know but what you know that will count. Preparation ensures victory.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Friends will find you a delightful person with whom to communicate today. They will see that you have sincere interest in their lives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something that may appear insignificant to others could be of enormous importance to you. Your motivation for wanting it will be stronger than theirs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Let your companions have the same freedom of choice today that you expect from them, and your relationships will be very convivial.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, you might have to allocate some of your time and resources to another's project instead of focusing on your own. The demands won't be excessive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Spend your free time today with companions who know how to enjoy life. They will influence your evaluation of life's tangibles and intangibles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You might not be able to finalize all the little odds and ends you would like to today, but they can be reduced substantially if you make the effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It best not to wait until the last minute to make social arrangements today. People with whom you'll want to get together might make early plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be a comparison shopper today, even though you might not come across any super bargains. What money you do save, however, will add up to be impressive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Physical involvements could be a bit taxing today, so don't press yourself beyond your natural endurance. Concentrate instead on mental work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your instincts for spotting financial opportunities could be keener than usual today. You could start to build a constructive foundation for yourself.

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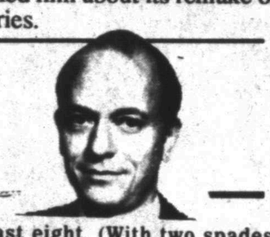
Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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East
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♥ Q
♦ J 10 5
♣ 4

South
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Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

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Opening lead: ♠ 2

The dilemma of communication

It is no good having a winner sitting in, say, the dummy if you cannot get over there; that is, if you don't have a dummy entry. Yet sometimes, although it appears impossible to reach the dummy, you can winkle a way over there — as in this deal.

After East opens four spades, usually showing a good eight-card suit with offensive, not defensive, values, South has a problem. However, assuming there are 11 spades between his hand and East's, he knows either the dummy will be short or West won't have one to lead. So, six clubs is a reasonable gamble. It's all North's fault: A decent partner would have a trump or two!

The spade-two opening lead confirms that West has only one spade and East eight. (With two spades, West would lead his higher card. If West has three spades, East doesn't have a four-spade opening.) But how can you avoid two spade losers? How can you get into the dummy to cash those red-suit kings?

There is one hope. After winning trick one, cash the ace, king and queen of clubs. Then, take your two red-suit aces. Finally, exit with the club *three*. With luck, West will have to win the trick and lead to dummy's kings.

This great play was found by Nancy Dominick of Hobe Sound, Fla. Yet West missed her chance to be the heroine. If she had unblocked the five, six and seven of clubs under the ace, king and queen, she could have played the two under declarer's three, leaving South to lose two spade tricks at the end.

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Oil Patch News

Howard County

Exxon Corp. has completed the No. 41-A Vealmoor field unit 19 miles northeast of Big Spring. The well was finaled to produce 436 barrels of oil and 262 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,292-298 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 27, H&TC survey.

Oryx Energy Company will drill the No. 26-A Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glasscock field, two miles south of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 137, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 45 Kloh in the Howard-Glasscock field, five miles west of Forsan. Planned depth is 2,900 feet, and location is in Section 13, Block 33, T2S, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 44 Kloh in the Howard-Glasscock field, five miles west of Forsan. Also scheduled for a depth of 2,900 feet, location is in Section 13, Block 33, T2S, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Robertson Resources Inc. will drill the No. 1 Anna in the Suggs field, 10 miles northwest of Blackwell. Planned for a depth of 7,000 feet, drill site is in Section 104, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Retired Teachers; Senior Center; speaker will give update on facts concerning medicare; noon.

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course; two-part: Monday and Tuesday; Snyder Savings & /Loan Community Room, 27th and College; more information by calling 573-2850; 6 to 9 p.m.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

Plainview Family Community Education Club; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Ladies in Banking," by Nelda Fields and Barbara McGee; hostess, LaDean Rhodes.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

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

Beta Sigma Phi; Brenda Hedges' office; program, "David's Bugs," by WTC professor David Cates; 7 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club, 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

AARP board meeting; Senior Center; 1 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building on W. 37th; program in oils by Janet Bybel of Levelland; hostess, Karen Rinker; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., break for lunch.

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

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's 10 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Three support groups—Divorce Recovery, Cancer/Grief and Caring for Aging Parents; First Baptist Church, enter east side; anyone welcome and nursery is provided; more information by calling church office at 573-2631; 6:30 p.m.

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

Horseshoe Pitching Contest; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; for further information call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; cost $30; Snyder Savings & Loan; no reservations needed, call 573-2850 for information; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Parasailing Mishap

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — A boat towing a parasailing spring breaker stalled in the surf off South Padre Island, launching its airborne passenger between a set of high-rise condominiums Saturday.

Christine McGrath, 18, of Missouri flew through the air after her tow line snapped and "drifted dangerously close" to the top of Saida Towers, a multistory beachfront condo, U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Luis Nieves said.

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My Lai: Little known after 3 decades

WASHINGTON (AP) — The notorious and the heroic have drifted into obscurity three decades after American soldiers slaughtered 500 villagers at My Lai, Vietnam.

Lt. William L. Calley, the only man convicted in the massacre on March 16, 1968, does not want to talk about it. Three soldiers who tried to stop it received public honors for the first time just three days ago.

Calley, a platoon leader, was sentenced to life imprisonment, but served just three years under house arrest. He now works as a jeweler in a family business in Columbus, Ga., only a few miles from Fort Benning where he served his time.

Reached at the jewelry store, Calley declined to discuss the massacre or his life since then.

"I'm not giving any interviews or anything. I don't care to participate in this," he said.

William Hammond, a historian with the U.S. Army Center of Military History, said, "My Lai was in many ways the focal point of the breakdown of the U.S. Army in Vietnam, the breakdown of morale within that army and the breakdown of leadership."

Although local commanders initially tried to cover up the massacre, it came to light through the efforts of Ron Ridenhour, an infantryman-turned-journalist who heard about it from fellow soldiers and began writing letters to Congress. By 1969, an official probe was in full swing, resulting in war crimes charges against 13 officers and enlisted men.

"I think My Lai confirmed the worst fears of many people and punctuated the fact that we were being lied to by the government about the nature of the war," Ridenhour said in a recent interview.

Author Seymour Hersh, whose latest book is "The Dark Side of Camelot" about President Kennedy, won the Pulitzer Prize as a freelance journalist in 1969 for his expose of the massacre.

Officers charged or punished over the incident included Charlie Company's commander Capt. Ernest L. Medina; the brigade leader Lt. Col. Oran K. Henderson; and Maj. Gen. Samuel W. Koster, commanding officer of the Americal Division.

The slaughter came to symbolize the American dilemma in the Vietnam war, forcing the United States to confront the reality that it was losing the battle for the hearts and minds of a people it supposedly was trying to save.

"What the GIs were told was that they were in South Vietnam to protect the population from the communists," said Ronald Spector, chairman of the history department at George Washington University.

"Then it turned out that many people did not want to be protected and a lot of them were actually working for the Viet Cong. The soldiers would quickly become very disillusioned and concluded they could not trust any Vietnamese because they couldn't distinguish between them and the enemy," Spector said.

Like Calley, Medina also has sought anonymity. Charges of mass murder against him were dropped, but his military career was over. Today, Medina lives with his wife in Marinette, Wis.

"All of this happened a long time ago ... there is nothing to talk about, nothing to explain," he said in a brief telephone exchange.

Among the enlisted men, the most infamous was Paul D. Meadlo, an infantryman who admitted to helping Calley execute a group of 80 assembled men, women, and children.

Meadlo, a factory worker in Clinton, Ind., testified at length at Calley's trial in exchange for immunity but today refuses to talk about the incident.

Henderson, the brigade commander, retired in 1974. Charges against him were dropped at the same time as those against Medina.

"It's something that happened. Nobody's proud that it happened. We who were on the other side of it got accused of a whole lot of things we didn't know anything about," he said when reached in his home in Carlisle, Pa.

Koster had to resign from his post as commandant of the military academy at West Point when the scandal broke.

"There was something drastically wrong that went undetected by the commanders in the field," Koster said, adding that he regretted what had happened.

Lt. Col. Frank A. Barker, the task force commander, died in June 1968 when his helicopter was shot down by Viet Cong guerrillas.

His role in the tragedy remains unclear. When Barker conceived the search-and-destroy mission, he pointedly avoided making any provisions for the evacuation of civilians — a standard clause in battle orders at the time — stating only that its purpose was "to destroy enemy forces and fortifications in a VC base camp."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Woman Who Solved Puzzle Thinks She Takes the Cake

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DEAR ABBY: A lady friend and I were recently in a gift shop where we found a wooden puzzle — the kind you have to take apart and put back together. We both tried the display model with no luck.

In another section, they were selling slices of a delicious-looking raspberry cheesecake. I told my friend, "I'll buy you the entire cheesecake if you can solve that puzzle."

She took the display model to the counter with the unopened puzzles, found one with an instruction sheet inside the clear plastic bag, and began to unroll the instruction sheet inside the bag until she could read the solution. Then she "solved" the puzzle and demanded her cheesecake.

I was upset. Not only had she cheated, what she did was unethical. The implied rule was that she had to solve the puzzle by herself, not with the help of the instruction sheet. I bought her one slice of cheesecake (a big slice), but now she's demanding the rest — with interest.

We've asked friends, and I was shocked to find that some sided with my lady friend. So now we've come to you — do I owe her the rest of the cheesecake or not?

HUNK-A-CHEESECAKE

DEAR HUNK: I'd say you owe her half a cheesecake because she solved the puzzle (but not quite legitimately), and she owes you half a cheesecake because she tricked you.

The next time you order, try a new flavor — razz-berry!

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DEAR ABBY: A former co-worker recently announced that she is getting married in the fall. This woman is in her mid-40s and this is her third marriage. Although she is not a close friend, I called her to congratulate her on the upcoming nuptials.

Imagine my shock when she asked me to host a bridal shower for her!

Abby, I do not want to give this woman a bridal shower, and I feel it was extremely tacky of her to ask me to do so. My co-workers agree. How can this be handled tactfully?

APPALLED IN COLORADO

DEAR APPALLED: Thank her politely and tell her that you regret that you are unable to host a bridal shower for her. Do not offer a reason — simply decline.

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DEAR ABBY: I have always been curious about something and am wondering if you can provide the answer. What is done with the illegal drugs (heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, etc.) that are confiscated during an arrest? Are they destroyed? If so, how?

CONCERNED CITIZEN

DEAR CONCERNED CITIZEN: Good question. I spoke to an official with the Los Angeles Police Department, who told me that the drugs are kept in the police station's property division until the particular case goes to trial. After the trial, the police destroy the drugs by burning them.

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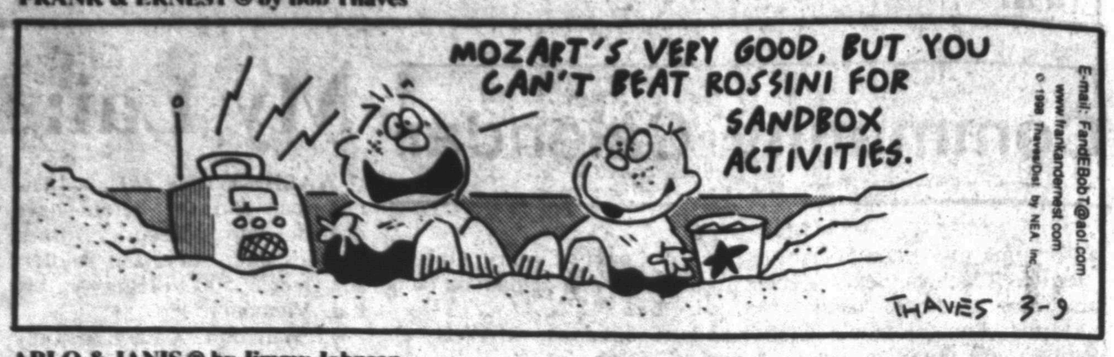

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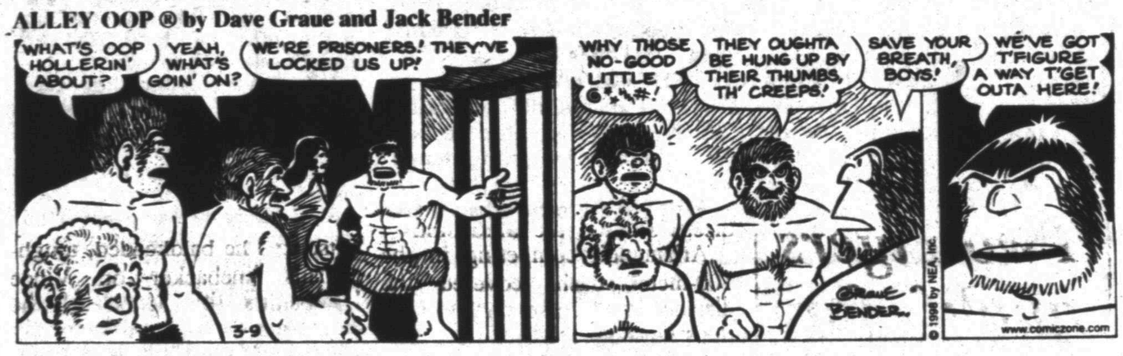

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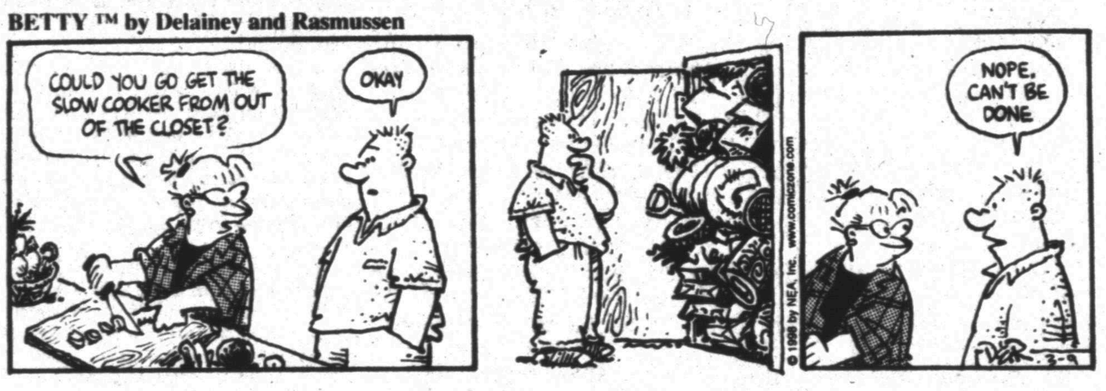

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7 Talks idly
13 Constellation
14 Dismay
15 Dilemma
16 Mrs. Marcos
17 Roman bronze
18 Lodge
20 Astronaut's ferry
21 Small songbird
23 Cashew or pecan
24 Strap on a falcon's leg
25 Large knife
27 Encompassed
29 Prefix for cycle
31 Floor covering
32 Explosive inits.
33 Droop
34 Athens' country
37 Business note
40 — Piper
41 Skirt edge
43 Tears
45 Concert sight
46 Once — — while
47 Part of RSVP
48 Coat part
51 Deny
54 Lendl's sport
55 Conceive
56 Certify
57 Fuel-carrying ship

DOWN

1 Tropical fruit
2 Measuring sticks
3 Gotten up
4 Musician's job
5 Yuck!
6 Have dinner at home (2 wds.)
7 Artists
8 LP speed
9 Circus animal
10 More like a basketball player
11 Earliest born
12 Shuts noisily
19 Gist
22 Yielded
24 Liquor measure
26 Sea eagle
28 Pacific island
30 Scratchiest
34 Vodka and lime drink
35 Feel regret
36 Poetic time
38 Prayer book
39 Sedative
40 Rigatoni or spaghetti
42 — - depressive
44 More crafty
49 Chemical suffix
50 Force (Lat.)
52 Fuss
53 Affirmative vote

Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	Y	C	E	U	M		Z	A	N	I	E	R
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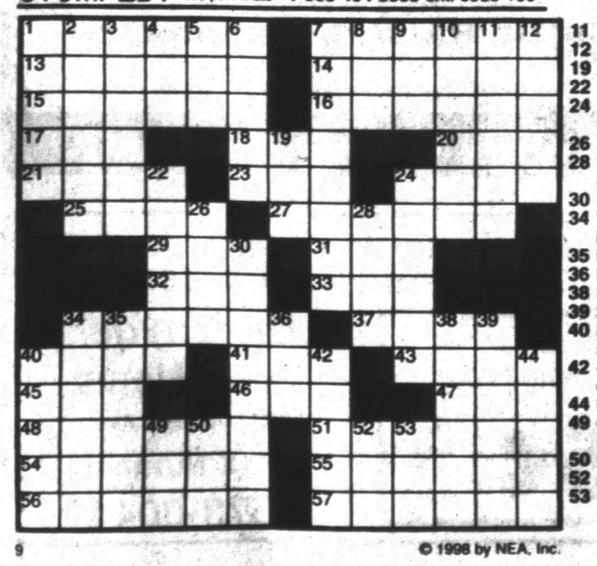

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SPORTS

Snyder grabs 3rd place in Frenship tournament

WOLFFORTH — Another strong performance on the mound and some power hitting notched the third-place trophy for the Tigers at the Frenship tournament.

Clay Berryman and Sonny Cumbie combined to give up only six hits Saturday, as Snyder routed Plainview, 14-4, for the third spot.

The Tigers got off to a fast start against the Bulldogs.

Following a lead-off walk by Chris Hernandez, Berryman blasted a home run as part of an eight-run first inning.

It was Snyder's eighth homer of the season, which is somewhat of a surprise, according to Coach Roland Hererra.

"I'm really pretty surprised by the number of home runs we've hit already," Hererra said. "I knew we would have some power, but I didn't think we would have eight this early in the year."

The eight runs in the opening frame would be all the Tigers needed.

Berryman and Cumbie struck out four batters apiece and the Snyder fielders committed zero errors behind them.

Plainview managed to score twice in the first and once in the second and third innings before the Tigers erupted for six more runs in the fourth.

Cumbie belted a two doubles and a single with four RBI on the day.

Berryman and Eric Lang, who knocked two base hits against the Bulldogs, were selected to the all-tournament team.

The Tigers, now 7-2 on the season, host San Angelo Central this evening.

Snyder JV Black will begin at 4 o'clock, with the varsity to follow.

The Tigers then open up the Snyder tourney Thursday at 4:30 against Monahans.

Also, the freshman gold squad's contest scheduled for 6 tonight in Abilene has been changed to Tuesday at the same time.

Snyder	8	0	0	6	0	—14
Plainview	2	1	1	0	0	— 4

Snyder: Berryman, home run and double; Cumbie, two doubles and single; Smith, double and single; Rodgers, double; Lang, two singles; Hernandez and Fish, single. Berryman, 2 innings, 3 R, 4 H, 0 BB, 4 SO; Cumbie, 3 innings, 1 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 4 SO.

Netters swat top spots in Sweetwater Invitational

SWEETWATER — The Snyder High School tennis team registered 11 top-three finishes Saturday at the Sweetwater Invitational.

In boys singles, Ryan Gibson gave the Tigers their only title, capturing the top spot in flight 6. Alan Smith notched second place, with Adrian Gonzales, Jamie Juarez and Todd Hall taking third in their respective flights.

In boys doubles, Gonzales and Juarez nabbed the runner-up spot in flight 1, with Hall and Brett Gibson securing third place in flight 2.

Laura Gonzales took the runner-up spot in flight 1 of girls singles, while Jordan Hardin was third in the sixth flight.

Angela Sanchez and Claire Cotton came in second, with Hardin and Natalie Alexander finishing third in their respective flights.

Snyder will be back on the courts Friday at the Abilene Invitational.

Delce helps Tigers hop to seventh at Andrews

ANDREWS — Ashley Delce jumped into a first-place finish Saturday at the Mustang Relays.

Delce's triple jump of 34 feet, 2¾ inches was tops for the day, as the Lady Tigers posted 27 points for seventh place.

The Snyder boys, who registered 26 points, were sparked by the efforts of Joe Esparza and Juan Arizmendi.

Esparza's toss of 129-5½ in the discus secured the third slot.

Arizmendi, competing in the 100-meter dash, covered the distance in 11.26 seconds to grab the runner-up spot.

In addition to her triple jump performance, Delce placed fourth in the 200m dash as well, posting a time of 29.3.

Also notching points for the Lady Tigers was Callie Bane. The freshman was third in the 110m intermediate hurdles with a time of 17.08 and fourth in the 300m low hurdles with 54.66 seconds.

Amanda Flores ran the 3,200-meter distance in 14:39.41 for sixth place, while Felsha Biggers was seventh in the shot put with an effort of 29-7.

In the high jump, Shannon Hall cleared 4-4 for the seventh spot, with the 800m relay team — comprised of Bane, Hall, Delce and Biggers — nabbing sixth place with a time of 2:06.

Both Snyder squads will host the Canyon Reef Relays on Saturday.

Two Tigers qualify for state meet

PLAINVIEW — Two Snyder Tigers are headed for state.

Brian Fisher and Kyle Beck finished second in their respective classes at the Regional Powerlifting Meet, earning them a trip to the state championships March 28 in Killeen.

Fisher, runner-up in the 220 class, set regional record in the bench press with an effort of 375-pounds. Fisher's total lift was 1,435 pounds.

Beck set a personal high, posting 1,320 pounds in the 242 division.

Shawn Duncan, John Border and Mark Cave also competed for Snyder. Duncan set a personal best with a total lift of 1305 in the 220-pound classification.

The top two finishers in every weight class advance from each region.

State Basketball Tournament Results

Girls State Basketball Tournament Championship Results

Class 5A: Alief Elsik 58, Amarillo Palo Duro 38
Class 4A: Canyon Randall 52, Bay City 23
Class 3A: Comanche 65, Winnsboro 56
Class 2A: Hamilton 54, Ozona 45
Class 1A: Karnack 69, Nazareth 45

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	43	19	.694	-
NewYork	34	26	.567	8
NewJersey	33	29	.532	10
Orlando	31	29	.517	11
Washington	32	30	.516	11
Boston	29	32	.475	13½
Philadelphia	21	38	.356	20½
Central Division				
Chicago	45	16	.738	-
Indiana	43	18	.705	2
Charlotte	38	23	.623	7
Atlanta	36	24	.600	8½
Cleveland	32	29	.525	13
Milwaukee	29	30	.492	15
Detroit	27	34	.443	18
Toronto	13	47	.217	31½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	43	16	.729	-
SanAntonio	41	20	.672	3
Minnesota	32	29	.525	12
Houston	30	30	.500	13½
Vancouver	15	45	.250	28½
Dallas	13	48	.213	31
Denver	5	57	.081	39½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	46	15	.754	-
L.A.Lakers	42	18	.700	3½
Phoenix	39	21	.650	6½
Portland	34	25	.576	11
Sacramento	26	36	.419	20½
GoldenState	13	47	.217	32½
L.A.Clippers	13	47	.217	32½

Saturday's Games
Miami 94, Dallas 88
Utah 110, Milwaukee 92
Houston 108, Phoenix 89

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 101, Cleveland 96
Indiana 104, Boston 100
Charlotte 109, New Jersey 100
Washington 100, Philadelphia 91
Seattle 99, Minnesota 98, OT
L.A. Lakers 96, Detroit 89
San Antonio 82, Portland 78
Vancouver 113, Toronto 106
Chicago 102, New York 89
L.A. Clippers 100, Denver 89

Monday's Games
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 10 p.m.

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MEN
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 12
At The Hartford Civic Center
Hartford, Conn.
North Carolina (30-3) vs. Navy (19-10)
North Carolina Charlotte (19-10) vs. Illinois-Chicago (22-5)
Michigan State (20-7) vs. Eastern Michigan (20-9)
Princeton (26-1) vs. UNLV (20-12)
At The MCI Center
Washington
Connecticut (29-4) vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (23-6)
Indiana (19-11) vs. Oklahoma (22-10)
South Carolina (23-7) vs. Richmond (22-7)
Xavier (22-7) vs. Washington (18-9)

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Duke (29-3) vs. Radford (20-9)
Oklahoma State (21-6) vs. George Washington (24-8)
New Mexico (23-7) vs. Butler (22-10)
Syracuse (24-8) vs. Iona (27-5)
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Kentucky (29-4) vs. South Carolina State (22-7)
Massachusetts (21-10) vs. Saint Louis (21-10)
Michigan (24-8) vs. Davidson (20-9)
UCLA (22-8) vs. Miami (18-9)

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At The Myriad
Oklahoma City
Kansas (34-3) vs. Prairie View (13-16)
Rhode Island (22-8) vs. Murray State (29-3)
Mississippi (22-6) vs. Valparaiso (21-9)
Texas Christian (27-5) vs. Florida State (17-13)
At The United Center
Chicago
Purdue (26-7) vs. Delaware (20-9)
St. John's (22-9) vs. Detroit (24-5)
Stanford (26-4) vs. College of Charleston (24-5)
Clemson (18-13) vs. Western Michigan (20-7)

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 12
At Arco Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Arizona (27-4) vs. Nicholls State (19-9)
Tennessee (20-8) vs. Illinois State (24-5)
Maryland (19-10) vs. Utah State (25-7)
Illinois (22-9) vs. South Alabama (21-6)
At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
Cincinnati (26-5) vs. Northern Arizona (21-7)
Temple (21-8) vs. West Virginia (22-8)
Utah (25-3) vs. San Francisco (19-10)
Arkansas (23-8) vs. Nebraska (20-11)

WOMEN
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At Norfolk, Va.
New Mexico (26-6) vs. Nebraska (22-9), 6 p.m.
St. Francis, Pa. (22-7) at Old Dominion (27-2), 30 minutes after first game
At Raleigh, N.C.
Memphis (22-7) vs. Youngstown St. (27-2), 6 p.m.
Maine (21-8) at North Carolina St. (21-6), 30 minutes after first game
At Tucson, Ariz.
Virginia (18-9) vs. Southern Methodist (21-7), 9:30 p.m.
Santa Clara (23-7) at Arizona (21-6), midnight
At Storrs, Conn.
Fairfield (20-9) at Connecticut (31-2), 6 p.m.
Georgia (17-10) vs. George Washington (19-9), 30 minutes after first game

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At Lubbock, Texas
SW Missouri St. (24-5) vs. Notre Dame (20-9), 7 p.m.
Grambling (23-6) at Texas Tech (25-4), 30 minutes after first game
At Tuscaloosa, Ala.
UCLA (19-8) vs. Michigan (19-9), 7 p.m.
UNC-Greensboro (21-8) at Alabama (22-9), 30 minutes after first game
Saturday, March 14
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Drake (25-4) vs. Colorado St. (23-5), 6:30 p.m.
Washington (18-9) at Purdue (20-9), 9 p.m.
At Ruston, La.
Clemson (24-7) vs. Miami (19-9), 7 p.m.
Holy Cross (21-9) at Louisiana Tech (26-3), 30 minutes after first game

MIDEAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
Florida International (28-1) vs. Marquette (22-6), 6 p.m.
Howard (23-6) at North Carolina (24-6), 30 minutes after first game
Saturday, March 14
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Western Kentucky (25-8) vs. Stephen F. Austin (25-3), 6 p.m.
Liberty (28-0) at Tennessee (33-0), 30 minutes after first game
At Ames, Iowa
Rutgers (20-9) vs. Oregon (17-9), 4 p.m.
Kent (23-6) at Iowa St. (24-7), 30 minutes after first game
At Champaign, Ill.
Vanderbilt (20-8) vs. UC-Santa Barbara (26-5), 7 p.m.
Wisconsin-Green Bay (21-8) at Illinois (18-9), 30 minutes after first game

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At Iowa City, Iowa
Kansas (21-8) vs. Tulane (21-6), 7 p.m.
Massachusetts (19-10) at Iowa (17-10), 30 minutes after first game
Saturday, March 14
At Stanford, Calif.
Hawaii (24-3) vs. Arkansas (18-10), 9:30 p.m.
Harvard (22-4) at Stanford (21-5), 30 minutes after first game
At Gainesville, Fla.
Wisconsin (21-9) vs. Virginia Tech (21-9), 6 p.m.
Montana (24-5) at Florida (21-8), 30 minutes after first game
At Durham, N.C.
Utah (21-5) vs. Louisville (19-11), 6 p.m.
Middle Tennessee St. (18-11) at Duke (21-7), 30 minutes after first game

Green Bay great Nitschke dies

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ray Nitschke, the baldheaded, tough-as-nails linebacker on Vince Lombardi's title teams of the 1960s, should be remembered for his off-the-field kindness as much as his dominating play, friends say.

The Hall of Famer died of a heart attack Sunday while on a drive with his daughter and granddaughter in Florida, where he had a winter home. He was 61.

"It's going to be a big loss for us," said Packers offensive lineman Adam Timmerman. "He was a great competitor on the field, and even if you've met him since his playing days, he still was a feisty competitor."

Nitschke, a third-round draft pick of Green Bay out of Illinois, played for the Packers from 1958-72, when the team won five NFL titles, including the first two Super Bowls. He was a member of the NFL's 75th anniversary all-time team.

Nitschke and the Bears' Dick Butkus set the standard for the punishing middle linebacker of the '60s and '70s.

In a recent poll, Nitschke was voted the fourth-best player in the team's history, behind receiver Don Hutson, current quarterback Brett Favre, and Bart Starr.

"He was one of the great players, not only in Packer history, but in NFL history," Packers spokesman Lee Remmel said. "He was a thunderous tackler. He didn't know the meaning of taking it easy on the football field. He did that every play of his career."

Snyder JV places 3rd at Odessa

ODESSA — Snyder's junior varsity baseball team improved their record to 3-2 on the season with a third-place finish at the Odessa tournament.

The Tigers opened the event with an 11-0 trouncing of Midland High.

Wes Wilson struck out 12 Bulldog batters, while surrendering only one hit.

Bebos Martinez belted a triple and a single for Snyder, with Wilson adding three base hits.

The Tigers kept rolling against Midland Christian.

Josh Ward fanned 12 opposing hitters and Matthew Grimmett busted two doubles in a 7-4 Snyder victory.

The Tigers' only loss of the tourney came to eventual champion Midland Lee, 14-4. Martinez and Wilson registered two singlkes apiece in the contest.

But Snyder responded in the third-place match-up with Andrews.

Collin Jones blasted four hits, including an inside-the-park home run, as the Tigers tamed the Mustangs, 12-6.

Snyder 11, Midland High 0
Snyder: Martinez, triple and single; Gordon, double; Wilson, three singles; Jones, single.
Snyder 7, Midland Christian 4
Snyder: Grimmett, two doubles; Hester, double and single; Ward, two singles; Martinez, Jones, Wilson and Beck, single.
Midland Lee 14, Snyder 4
Snyder: Martinez and Wilson, two singles; Jones, Gordon, Ward, Grimmett and Beck, single.
Snyder 12, Andrews 6
Snyder: Jones, home run and three singles; Ward, triple and two singles; Martinez and Grimmett, double and two singles; Hester, two singles; Wilson, Beck and Gordon, single.

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Washington	27	24	11	65	169	164
N.Y.Rangers	19	27	16	54	153	169
N.Y.Islanders	22	32	8	52	162	174
Florida	18	31	12	48	147	176
TampaBay	12	41	9	33	119	205
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	32	18	14	78	182	151
Montreal	29	25	7	65	174	158
Boston	26	23	13	65	157	148
Buffalo	25	22	14	64	154	146
Ottawa	25	28	10	60	143	156
Carolina	25	30	7	57	155	172

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	38	15	10	86	187	124
Detroit	34	17	13	81	191	146
St.Louis	35	22	8	78	196	156
Phoenix	24	27	12	60	170	179
Chicago	24	27	11	59	151	150
Toronto	21	32	8	50	145	178
Pacific Division						
Colorado	33	16	16	82	194	158
LosAngeles	28	22	11	67	176	161
Edmonton	23	30	10	56	160	181
SanJose	24	30	7	55	152	164
Calgary	19	31	12	50	164	189
Anaheim	20	33	9	49	146	189
Vancouver	19	34	10	48	177	223

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT
Phoenix 1, Dallas 1, tie
Carolina 3, Anaheim 1

Monday's Games
Calgary at Washington, 7 p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Toronto at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
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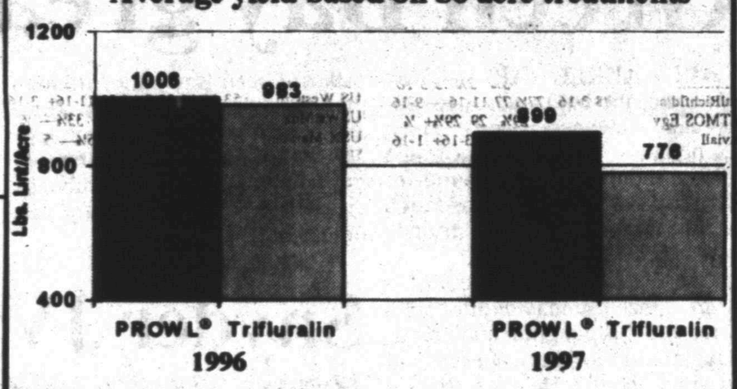

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Ms. Woodward was accused of violently shaking and slamming 8-month-old Matthew Eappen on Feb. 4, 1997. He died five days later.

Attorney Andrew Good argued that the murder case could have ended before it started if the defense had been able to examine the baby's skull fracture.

The defense contends that "conclusive, uncontested, scientific evidence ... establishes there was no murder on Feb. 4," Good said.

He was questioned by one of the seven members of the Supreme Judicial Court.

"You're asking us, who are not trained in this area, to say that your evidence is so clear that it simply shuts the case down?" asked Justice Charles Fried.

"That's correct, your honor," Good said.

Prosecutor Sabita Singh argued that the judge who presided over Ms. Woodward's trial improperly reduced the jury's second-degree murder verdict and that it should be reinstated.

"The only one who could say what the truth was was the jury, and the judge couldn't throw it out," Singh said. The jury, she said, rejected the medical evidence presented by the defense.

It could take months for justices to decide whether the former au pair should be allowed to go home to England or be sent back to prison in Framingham. She was ordered to remain in the state pending the appeal.

Ms. Woodward was released from prison in October after a judge reduced her second-degree murder conviction to involuntary manslaughter and sentenced her to the 279 days she already had served.

A manslaughter conviction can result in a sentence of up to 20 years.

Weather, arrests dominate activity

Sheriff's dispatchers were busy over the weekend as numerous calls were received on weather-related problems ranging from accidents to business alarms going off because of the electrical storm and accompaning winds.

Three people were also arrested.

A 17-year-old male was taken into custody at 6:49 p.m. Saturday in the 1900 block of 37th Street on outstanding DPS warrants out of Garza County for no driver's license, no liability insurance and failure to appear.

Officers were called to the Latin American Center shortly after midnight Saturday as a fight was reported in the building. Officers arrested a 33-year-old male for public intoxication.

Officers were called to the 2800 block of Avenue M shortly after 3 a.m. Sunday after dispatchers received a 911 hang-up call from the residence. A 39-year-old male was arrested for Class A assault/family violence.

In other activity over the weekend, a deputy was requested in the 8300 block of Blockline Road at 5:45 p.m. Saturday as a window had been damaged on a mobile home. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for family violence was submitted at 3:38 Sunday morning.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 6-Louie Ashley of Ira, Ida Turnbo, Mary Wampler, Juanita Kizer; March 7-None; March 8-Troy Crowder, Garrett Hale, Annie Wasson.

DISMISSALS: March 6-Jennifer Clark, John Leftwich, Aileen Molinar, Jim Underwood, Veronica Carrizalez and baby, Martha Torres and baby, C.A. Hall, Patricia Scott, Mary Villa; March 7-William Johnson, Louie Ashley, Vanice Lovett, Ida Turnbo; March 8-Troy Crowder.

CENSUS: 34 (Med., Surg.-8, Long-term Care-26.)

Markets

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	140	135⅝	138	7-16+3 1-16
AT&T Corp	61¼	60⅝	60	15-16— 1-16
AirTouch		43⅛	42	42⅛+ ⅛
Albertsons		51¼	50⅝	51⅛+ ½
AlldSignal s		42	41⅝	41 13-16+ ⅛
Alltel	47	11-16	47⅜	47 7-16— ¼
AmerOnline	123	15-16	121	123⅛+ 1⅜
AmOnline wi	62¼	60⅝	61	13-16+1 5-16
AmStoress	25	9-16	25¼	25 9-16— 1-16
Ameritech s	45	7-16	44	11-16 45⅛+ 5-16
Amoco	84⅜	83¼	83	15-16—13-16
AndarkPtr		64⅛	64⅛	64⅜— ¼
ArmcoInc		5¼	5⅛	5 3-16
AtlRichfld s	78	3-16	77½	77 11-16— 9-16
ATMOS Egy		29⅝	29	29⅛+ ¼
Aviall	15	3-16	15⅛	15 3-16+ 1-16
BakerHughes		40⅝	38	5-16 38⅜— 1⅜
BellAtl		95¼	94	9-16 94⅞— 7-16
BellSouth		61⅝	61	61 3-16+ ⅛
BethSteel		11⅛	11⅛	11 5-16+ 1-16
BritPet s		82⅝	82	1-16 82 5-16— ½
BurlNoSFe		103⅛	101¼	102⅛+1 7-16
CBS Corp	31	5-16	31	1-16 31 1-16— 9-16
Caterpillar s		53⅜	52	7-16 53 5-16
CenSoWst		26⅞	26	9-16 26⅞+ ⅛
Chevron	84¼	82	15-16	83 1-16— 1⅜
Chrysler		41	3-16	40⅝ 41 3-16+ ⅛
Coastal		64	7-16	64 3-16 64⅛— ¼
CocaCola		72¼	70⅝	72⅛+ 2¼
ColgatePalm s		86⅝	83⅛	86⅜+2 11-16
ComclMetals		32	31	13-16 32 + 3-16
CooperIn		59	57	13-16 58⅜+13-16
CyprusAmax		17⅞	17	3-16 17⅞+ ⅜
DallSemicn	41	11-16	40	9-16 40 13-16— ⅜
DeltaAirl		119⅞	118	118⅞— ⅛
DigitalEq		50	7-16	49⅛ 50⅛+ 1⅛
Dillards Inc		35¼	35⅛	35⅜+ 1-16
DowChem			91	7-16 90⅝ 91¼
DresserInd		46	44⅞	44 11-16— 1⅛
DuPont s	63	11-16	62⅛	63 7-16+ 7-16
EastmanChem	65	15-16	65⅛	65½— 9-16
EstKodak		64⅞	64¼	64 11-16+ ⅛
EDS Corp	43⅛	42	13-16	43 1-16— 1-16
Entergy	28	7-16	27	13-16 28 7-16+ 7-16
Exxon		62	15-16	62⅛ 62½— ¼
FstBksAm			23⅛	23⅛ 23⅛
Flowers s		25⅞	25	5-16 25⅞+ ⅜
FordMotor		60	7-16	59⅛ 60⅛+ 5-16
GTE Cp	55⅛	54	13-16	55 1-16— 7-16
GenDynam		88⅛	88	88 1-16
GenElecs		78⅜	77⅞	78 11-16+ 7-16
GenMills		71⅜	71⅛	71 7-16— ⅛
GenMotors	73	13-16	73	5-16 73⅝— ⅞
GaPacGP s	64	5-16	62	11-16 64 3-16+ 1⅛
GlobalMar		23⅜	23¼	23 5-16— ¼
Goodrich			50⅛	50 50⅛+ ¼
Goodyear s	69	15-16	69⅜	69 13-16+ 1-16
GtAtlPac		31	30	11-16 30⅝— ¼
Halliburtn s	47	13-16	46	9-16 46 9-16—1 9-16
Hanson ADS		27⅛	27⅛	27⅜+ 9-16
HarteHanks			42⅞	42⅞ 42⅞
HomeDepot s		66⅛	65	5-16 66 7-16+ 7-16
HoustonInds	26	7-16	26¼	26 7-16— 1-16
IBM s		98¼	96⅞	97⅜— ⅜
IntlPaper	49	15-16	49	1-16 49 15-16+1 1-16
JohnsonJn		74¼	73⅜	74⅛+ ¼
K mart		16	3-16	15¾ 16 3-16+ ⅛
Kroger s		45	9-16	44½ 44⅝— ¼
Litton		62⅝	62	5-16 62⅝— ¼
LockhdMart	114⅛	112¼	112	11-16— 2⅛
Lowes Cos		66	9-16	64⅞ 66½+ 1⅛
Lubys		17	11-16	17⅛ 17½— 3-16
LucentTech		108	3-16	106⅜ 107⅜— ⅛
LucentTch wi		54⅜	53⅜	54 3-16— 5-16
MayDeptStrs		63⅜	63	3-16 63⅜+ 5-16
Medtronic s		51⅞	51⅛	51⅜— ¼
Mobils		72	71⅛	71 13-16— 5-16
Monsanto		51	1-16	49¾ 50⅝— 1¼
MorganJP	123⅜	122¼	123	1-16— ⅜
Motorola		53⅜	52	5-16 53⅜+ ⅜
NCR Corp		32¼	31¾	32 — 5-16
NationsBk		69½	68⅛	69⅛+ 7-16
Navistar		31½	31⅛	31⅛+ ⅛
Norwests		43	5-16	42¾ 43⅛— ⅛
OryxEngy		24⅞	24¼	24 9-16— ⅛
Penney JC		74	3-16	73⅛ 74⅛+ ⅜
Pennzoil		69¼	68⅛	68⅜— 1⅛
PepBoys		25¼	25	25⅛+ 5-16
PepsiCo		39¼	38	7-16 39⅛+ 1⅛
PhelpDodge		65⅞	65	5-16 65⅞+ ½
PhilipPet		49⅝	49⅜	49 7-16— ⅛
PilgrmPrd		13	9-16	13⅛ 13 9-16
Polaroid		45⅝	44	15-16 45⅝+ 5-16
Praxair	47	1-16	46¼	46 15-16— 1-16
ProctGamb s		84¾	83½	84⅛+ 1⅛
PubSNwMx			23	22¾ 23 + 1-16
RoyalDut s		54¼	53	7-16 53⅞— 9-16
SBC Comm			77⅞	77⅛ 77⅞
SaraLee		57	7-16	57⅛ 57⅛+ 1-16
Scripps EW		54	1-16	54 1-16 54 1-16
SearsRoeb	56	13-16	54⅜	56⅜+2 1-16
SherwinW	34	11-16	34	7-16 34⅜— 3-16
SmthBc ADS s	66¼	65	7-16	66 3-16+1 3-16
SouthernCo		25⅛	25	3-16 25 5-16+ ⅛
SwstAirl s		30½	29⅝	30 5-16+ 7-16
Sprint		69	15-16	68 69⅜+ 1⅛
SunCo		41¼	40	11-16 40⅝— 1-16
TNP Ent	31	13-16	31⅛	31 13-16+ 1-16
Tandy s		44	1-16	43⅞ 44 1-16+ ½
TempleInland		61¼	60	11-16 61⅛+ ¾
Tenneco		43	42	11-16 43 + ¼
Texaco s		57	5-16	56⅝ 56⅝—15-16
TexInd		56	55	9-16 55 9-16—11-16
TexasInst s		54½	53¼	53 15-16— 9-16
TexUtil	39	9-16	39	5-16 39 7-16— 1-16
Textron s		73¼	72¾	73 3-16— 1-16
Travelers s		55⅝	55	5-16 55⅝—. ⅛
TriconGlbR n		29½	29⅛	29⅛— ¼
TrinityInds			52¼	51⅞ 52⅛
TritonEngy		32¼	31	5-16 31⅜— 7-16
Tyler			7	3-16 7 7 3-16+ ⅛
US WestCm	53	11-16	53	3-16 53 11-16+ 3-16
USWstMda		33⅝	33	1-16 33⅜— ⅛
USX-Marathn		35	5-16	35⅛ 35⅛— 5-16
USX-USS		37	7-16	36⅞ 37 3-16— ¼
UnCarbde			46⅝	45⅞ 46 5-16
UnionPacif			50	7-16 50⅛ 50⅝
UnitedTech			90½	90 90½+ ⅜
Unocal		38	37	13-16 37⅞— 3-16
WalMart		51⅛	50	5-16 51 3-16+ 1
WstnGasRs			17⅝	17 17⅝+ ¼
WinnDixie		55⅛	55¼	55½— 3-16
Woolworth	23⅜		23⅛	23 11-16— 3-16
Xerox Corp	91	9-16	89½	91 7-16+ ⅜
ZenithE		6¼	6⅛	6⅛— 1-16

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

B12 shots are worth a try

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother is 92. For 25 years, she has been treated with vitamin B12 injections because of pernicious anemia that was diagnosed after a bone-marrow examination.

Her original doctor died and she began going to a new young geriatric specialist, who insisted that Mother does not have pernicious anemia. He said that the B12 in her blood was at "toxic levels," and he stopped the shots about a year ago.

Since then, Mother's health has deteriorated. She has developed numb fingers and toes, as well as confusion. For the past two months, she's been unable to walk and has shown signs of constant dementia.

My sister is a nurse and has researched the subject of pernicious anemia. She has been unable to find any documentation that B12 can reach toxic levels.

While we understand that Mother may be simply suffering the consequences of old age, we wonder if the quality of her life wouldn't be improved if she were to get back on monthly B12 injections. Who is right? My sister or the doctor?

DEAR READER: In my view, your sister gets the gold star. From the information you supplied, I have to take issue with the doctor.

First of all, your mother's diagnosis sounds like the age-old "If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, it probably is a duck." Your mother was diagnosed with pernicious anemia, using a bona fide test: a bone marrow exam. Following this, her good health was maintained with B12 shots. Once the injections were stopped, she developed two common characteristics of pernicious anemia: neuropathy and dementia. What more proof does the doctor need? Of course, he could perform the gold-standard Schilling test for the anemia, but why subject an elderly woman to further, expensive testing when an inexpensive monthly shot is so easy?

Furthermore, vitamin B12 does not build up to toxic levels. Any excess quantities are merely excreted in the urine.

Finally, patients can be mildly deficient in B12 and suffer symptoms such as dementia without developing anemia at all (source: "Popular Nutritional Practices" by Jack Yetiv, M.D., Ph.D., Dell Books, 1988).

Therefore, I side with your sister and urge you to seek another doctor to care for your mother. It may be that her health has deteriorated too far for B12 shots to help her; on the other hand, they might significantly improve the situation, thereby improving the quality of her life. In either case, they're worth a try.

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

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ELECT TED CRENWELGE FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Ted Crenwelge is 59 years old. He is seasoned, experienced and mature. He knows this community and he has served this community.

As a farmer, rancher and family man he understands integrity in the face of adversity. In fact, Ted says that if he's elected he will turn over all his farming operations to his son, Scott, and devote full time to the office. "I've been self-employed all of my adult life, and I am willing to devote whatever time is necessary—40, 50 or 60 hours a week—to get the job done."

Long On Business Experience

Crenwelge says he believes his 35 years of business experience would be helpful to the running of county government. He says, "I also understand basic government, having served on various boards."

Committed To Our Community

Ted served 15 years on the Snyder ISD board of trustees, including three years as president. He served five years on the board of managers of Cogdell Hospital and also served as chairman of that board.

Today, he is a member of the board of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. He served three years starting in 1984 and was reappointed in 1995.

He is also a past member of the Scurry County Farm Bureau board and is currently a director of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

Seasoned Decision Maker

Ted grew up in Houston and earned his business degree from Texas Christian University. He moved to Snyder in 1961 and worked for one year at Snyder National Bank before going into farming.

In addition to his agriculture business, he has served as a director of Snyder National Bank since 1980, and he has served as chairman of the board since 1993. "In addition to my business background, I feel that I can offer voters maturity and flexibility in the office of county judge. I have had to adapt to changing conditions to survive in agriculture."

Ted has been a member of the Snyder Lions Club for 25 years, and he worked in Snyder youth league baseball for nine years.

Strong Family Values

Ted and his wife, Jane, have two married children. Scott and his wife, Lana, have three children. Carrie and her husband, Elliott Cox, also have three children. They are members of First Baptist Church.

Elect Ted Crenwelge for county judge in the March 10th Republican Primary.

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Another delay, price hike for space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — It's slipped from 1992 to 1994 to 1995 to 1996 to 1997 to 1998, and now it looks like NASA's space station will be delayed again.

Not only that, the stalled space station will cost more than promised because of all the setbacks and changes — at least $3.6 billion more, a whopping 21 percent increase.

"Of course, it disturbs me. It's an embarrassment," said Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., chairman of the House Science Committee.

In 1993, the Clinton administration set a $17.4 billion cost cap for the international space station through assembly. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration now estimates the U.S. share at $21 billion.

Neither figure includes the cost of some 30 shuttle flights to assemble the gigantic complex, or the $10 billion sunk into the program in the 1980s and early 1990s.

Both NASA and Congress have asked independent appraisers to determine the true cost.

"You ask 15 people who are familiar with the program and you'll get 15 answers," said Sensenbrenner, a Republican from Wisconsin. "I'm not even going to venture a guess."

No one's willing to guess when orbital construction will begin and end, either.

When President Reagan directed NASA in 1984 to build a space station, NASA promised to have one flying for $8 billion by 1992. The only thing soaring by then, though, was the price. Russia signed on in 1993; NASA insisted that Russian participation would save the United States money and speed construction.

But once again, NASA faces a delay because of the Russians.

Instead of hauling up the initial pieces of the international space station early this summer, NASA is considering bumping the start of assembly to summer's end, possibly even later if work continues to lag on a key Russian part.

NASA is quick to note that it shares the blame this time with the cash-strapped Russian Space Agency, which was responsible for last year's delay of seven months.

"It wouldn't be fair to say that it's just the Russians at this point," said NASA's Gretchen McClain, deputy associate administrator for space station. "We've got some problems in our own back yard."

The space shuttle flight schedule is in disarray because of a three-month delay in launching an X-ray telescope, now targeted for a December liftoff.

To spread out the missions and reorganize the work, shuttle managers have proposed hoisting the second space station component — a connecting passageway — in September instead of July. If that happens, the first station part would be launched by the Russians in August instead of June.

Also factoring into this potential two-month delay is the fact that the Russian Space Agency still is not getting enough money from its government to complete piece No. 3 — a space station module housing life-support and other critical systems. It's the same component that forced NASA last year to postpone the start of station construction from November 1997 to June 1998.

This so-called service module, needed before astronauts and cosmonauts can move into the international space station, is supposed to be launched by the Russians in December. But they're more than two months behind in work.

NASA officials doubt that the Russians can catch up; they anticipate a February 1999 launch at the earliest. That means the first permanent crew, commanded by American astronaut William Shepherd, would arrive in March 1999 at the earliest, two months late.

There's more.

NASA is 1½ months behind on its own lab module, which is supposed to fly in mid-1999 but likely will be delayed along with everything else.

If it sounds complicated, it is.

Everything is so intertwined — the U.S. shuttle schedule, the Russian money crunch, manufacturing snags in both countries — that some analysts wonder how the space station will be finished in the promised five to six years. It's the largest cooperative technological project ever undertaken in peace time, involving 16 countries and 1 million pounds of flight hardware.

"If all it takes is one late telescope to throw the whole thing into chaos, what else might go wrong?" asked Marcia Smith, a specialist in space policy for the Congressional Research Service in Washington. "The whole assembly sequence is success oriented, and it assumes there aren't going to be any failures."

As of now, the international space station is supposed to be completed by the end of 2003. It's uncertain whether additional delays at the outset would drag down the later assembly flights like dominoes, NASA's McClain said.

Space station proposed in 1984

By The Associated Press

Some key dates in NASA's 14-year-old space station program:

1984: President Reagan announces plans to build space station. National Aeronautics and Space Administration promises to have station in orbit by 1992 for $8 billion.

1987: NASA delays first launch to 1994 and estimates new cost at $15 billion.

1988: NASA delays first launch to 1995 and estimates new cost at $25 billion. Reagan names it Freedom.

1991: NASA redesigns station to make it cheaper, smaller and easier to assemble, estimates new cost at $30 billion.

1993: President Clinton directs NASA to redesign station to make it cheaper and more efficient, and his administration sets $17.4 billion cost cap for fiscal 1994 through assembly. NASA delays first launch to 1996. Russia becomes partner, and NASA aims for 1997 launch.

1997: NASA delays first launch to 1998 because of Russian money trouble.

1998: NASA considers delay of at least two months and estimates cost at $21 billion, $3.6 billion above budget cap.

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Mothers attend candlelight vigil

ARLINGTON (AP) — The mothers of two girls who were slain in two high profile cases joined Sunday night to hold a candlelight vigil for the latest victim.

Tina Robinson, whose 19-year-old daughter, Amy, was found last week in a field near Fort Worth, was joined by Donna Whitson, whose daughter, Amber Hagerman, 9, was abducted in east Arlington and killed two years ago.

'As Good As It Gets' wins SAG awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The "Titanic" cruise toward the Oscars has benefited from an important prize but "As Good As It Gets" is suddenly attracting equal award attention.

The oceanliner blockbuster won the Directors Guild of America's top prize Saturday night, making filmmaker James Cameron a heavy favorite to repeat at March 23's Academy Awards. The DGA winner has failed to repeat at the Oscars only four times.

One night after the DGA honors, however, the two leads in the romantic comedy "As Good As It Gets" — Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt — collected the top acting prizes from the Screen Actors Guild.

"Titanic" did earn a key SAG win: Gloria Stuart, one of the founding members of the Screen Actors Guild, won in a tie for supporting movie actress for her depiction of the film's modern-day Rose.

"After the birth of my beautiful daughter, this is the next best thing that's ever happened to me," the 87-year-old Ms. Stuart said at Sunday's event. "It's been a great voyage. I'm so grateful. I'll never be able to tell you how grateful."

Kim Basinger of "L.A. Confidential" shared the supporting actress award with Ms. Stuart. "I'm just thrilled to be here and wow, now I win," Ms. Basinger said.

The actors in the English stripper comedy "The Full Monty" collected a surprise SAG win for ensemble acting. "The clothes will stay on," fleshy cast member Mark Addy said in accepting the ensemble award.

"I'm kind of a patsy. I always get shook up," an emotional Nicholson said of his "As Good As It Gets" win for playing an obsessive-compulsive novelist. "I love what I do and I love all the people I get to do it with."

Ms. Hunt, the star of television's "Mad About You," appeared shocked at her victory for her role opposite Nicholson as a single mother who waits tables.

"I'm a 25-year member of the Screen Actors Guild. So I'm very proud to get this award," Ms. Hunt said. "And to be singled out among these actresses is just unfathomable."

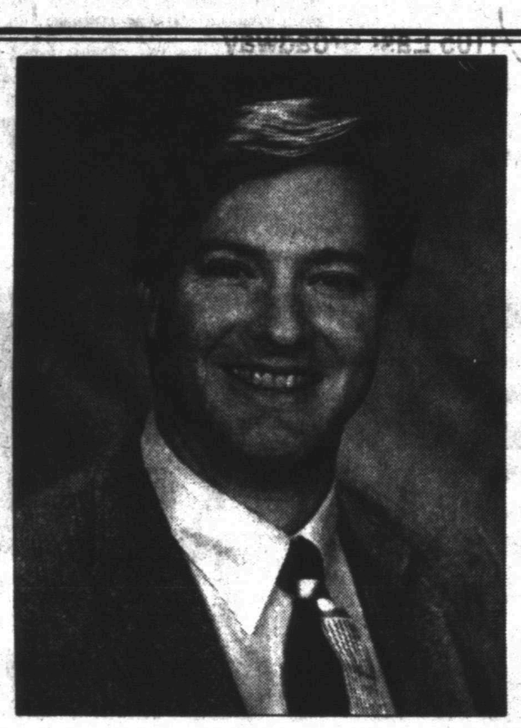
The other actress nominees were Helena Bonham Carter ("The Wings of the Dove"), Judi Dench ("Mrs. Brown"), Pam Grier ("Jackie Brown"), Kate Winslet ("Titanic") and Robin Wright Penn ("She's So Lovely").

Nicholson beat out Peter Fonda ("Ulee's Gold"), Robert Duvall ("The Apostle"), Dustin Hoffman ("Wag the Dog") and Matt Damon ("Good Will Hunting").

Robin Williams, who played the therapist in "Good Will Hunting," was named best supporting actor. "I was sitting over there sweating like Marlon Brando after Thai food," Williams said. "I am stunned."

The SAG awards, now in their fourth year, are too young to be a reliable predictor of Academy Award winners. Yet there is a significant overlap between the membership of the actors' union and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, and three of the four top SAG winners in 1997 also won Oscars.

The DGA award is one of the most reliable precursors of Oscar victory. And the director who wins the Academy Award typically directs the best picture winner.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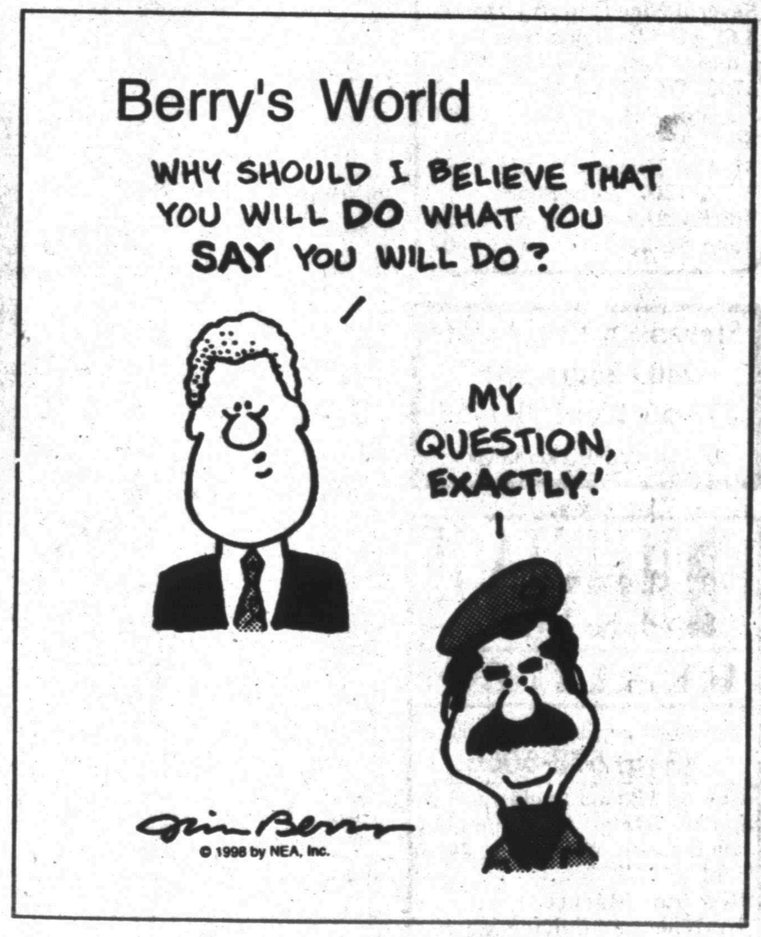

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Datebook

March 9, 1998

Today is the 68th day of 1998 and the 79th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1796, Napoleon married Josephine in Paris (Napoleon was two hours late).

On this day in 1822, Charles Graham of New York patented artificial teeth.

On this day in 1945, napalm was used on a large-scale basis for the first time in a raid over Tokyo.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Amerigo Vespucci (1451-1512), Italian navigator; Leland Stanford (1824-1893), financier; Mickey Spillane (1918-), writer, is 80; Yuri Gagarin (1934-1968), cosmonaut; Keely Smith (1935-), singer, is 63; Mickey Gilley (1936-), singer, is 62; Bobby Fischer (1943-), chess player, is 55; Benito Santiago (1965-), baseball player, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1980, golfer Ray Floyd shot a 66 in the final round to win the Jackie Gleason Inverrary Classic.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The world wants to be deceived." — Sebastian Brant

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1995, a 23-car accident occurred on Arizona's Interstate 10 due to a severe dust storm and zero visibility.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (March 5) and full moon (March 12).

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In wake of shooting rampage, mourning begins

COLCHESTER, Conn. (AP)— Flags flew at half staff today as this small New England town paid tribute to the four people who were killed at the Connecticut Lottery headquarters by an enraged co-worker.

"It's just a terrible thing," said Nancy LaFlamme, a neighbor of Michael Logan, a lottery information services officer who was killed in Friday's rampage. "It's mostly the kids and the wife that you think about, that we are praying for."

The mourning extended to the home of the gunman, accountant Matthew Beck, 35, who killed himself as police closed in.

His 71-year-old father, Donald, sobbed as he recalled to the Hartford Courant how he saved his son's life after Matthew Beck tried to commit suicide by overdosing on medication last year.

"That might have been a mistake," he said, rocking slightly. "That might have been a mistake."

Matthew Beck had gone years without a promotion at the lottery, then filed a grievance in August, one year after he was shifted from accounting to data processing work. After taking a stress-related medical leave in October and undergoing treatment, he returned to work Feb. 25.

He also had approached at least two newspaper reporters in recent months to claim the lottery exaggerated potential winnings to spur ticket sales, and that store clerks were taking winning scratch tickets for themselves by cracking the computer system.

Although Beck had been depressed over his job, as he left for work Friday morning he gave his family no hint of the violence he would unleash.

He woke up early, fed his cat and greeted his father. Dressed casually in jeans, he slung his black bag over his shoulder and headed out the door with the parting words of "Well, I'm off." He made plans to see "Titanic" with a friend that night.

Soon after, he stabbed and shot Logan, who had denied his grievance. He then shot Linda Mlynarczyk, the lottery's chief financial officer with whom he had recently discussed his new duties. He told her "bye bye" before firing three times, witnesses said.

He then shot Frederick Rubelmann III, to whom he had once appealed for help, before chasing down Otho Brown, the lottery president, in the parking lot.

On Sunday, parishioners crowded into Sunday services at St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church in Colchester, a town of about 12,000 people.

Energy Department to lease computer time

WASHINGTON (AP) — High-powered academic computers could help the government set up systems so fast that they could do 30 trillion calculations per second by 2001 — and 100 trillion by 2004.

The Energy Department has awarded a $4.5 million contract to lease computer time at the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center, which will test computer programs and techniques for universities involved in the project.

The government now owns the world's fastest computer, the Intel ASCI Red unit at the Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque. Although that computer is designed to perform some 1.5 trillion operations per second, the project still requires more capacity.

By shifting that work to Pittsburgh, the site of the most powerful computers in the academic community, the government can reserve precious time on its own computers for final runs.

The Pittsburgh center will help researchers at five universities develop and refine some of their computer simulation techniques, which involve breaking up complex calculation problems into pieces so that a powerful computer can work on them all at once.

Plans call for computers that can perform 30 trillion calculations per second by 2001 and 100 trillion by 2004.

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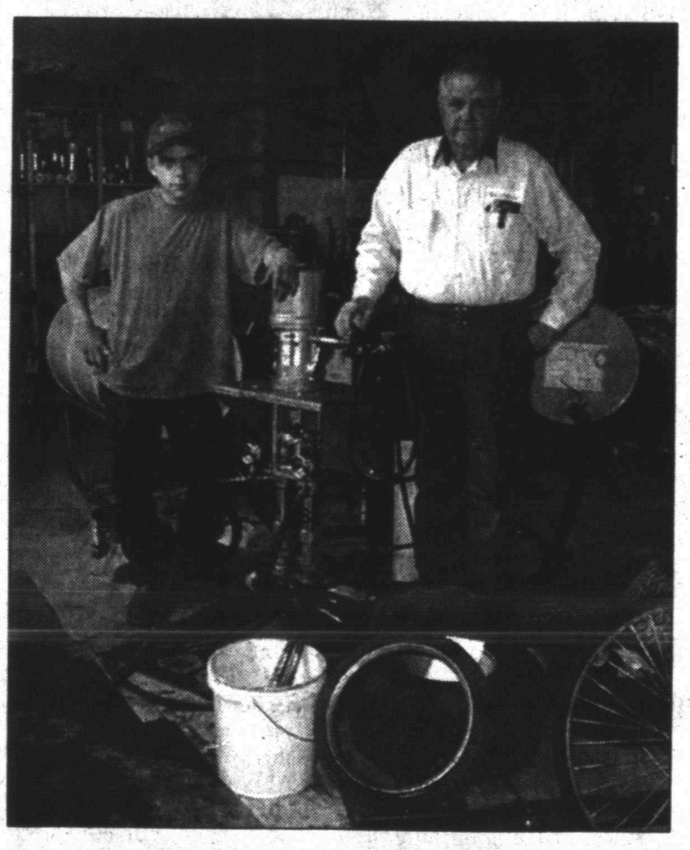

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Winter storm closes schools, highways

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Schools and highways were closed from the central Plains to the Great Lakes today as a powerful winter storm dropped more than a foot of snow and piled it into drifts up to 12 feet high.

A 275-mile stretch of Interstate 80 across Nebraska was closed for a third day today, and air travel also was disrupted, especially at Chicago. Snow, stalled vehicles and poor visibility also blocked roads in parts of Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin and northern Indiana.

"Roads are drifting shut almost as soon as they are being plowed out," said Deputy Mary Paisley in Wisconsin's Lafayette County.

Some 275,000 customers were without power in Illinois and thousands more were blacked out in northwestern Indiana.

The storm was blamed for two traffic deaths in Kansas and one in Wisconsin.

"Things really aren't getting any better," said Mary Jo Hall, Nebraska Department of Roads spokeswoman. "Motorists are going around barricades and that is making things worse. They are going on side roads and getting stuck. We need people to stay off the roadway."

The snow blew out of the central Rockies on Saturday, closing some roads in Colorado, and then blew across the Plains. By this morning, new snow was concentrated from eastern Missouri across Illinois and northwestern Indiana into Michigan, but wind gusting to 40 mph still whipped fallen snow in other areas.

It was the coldest part of a vast storm system that also poured heavy rain across the lower Great Lakes, the Northeast and the mid-Atlantic states today. Tornadoes damaged retirement communities, mobile home parks and campgrounds today in Florida, and flooding kept some 2,000 people out of their homes in southern Alabama.

Eight deaths were blamed on the weather across the Southeast.

The Plains bore the brunt of the snowfall with 15 inches in Kansas, 18 inches in central Iowa and 14 in parts of Nebraska. Drifts 12 feet high were reported in Des Moines.

Nonessential state workers were told to stay home today in Iowa and Kansas, and the Iowa House canceled its scheduled session. Nebraska's legislature called off its morning session.

Iowa's interstates remained open with at least one passable lane in each direction today but many exit and entrance ramps were clogged by drifts and county roads were largely impassable. Kansas started opening major highways but they remained slippery.

Blizzard-like conditions at O'Hare International Airport, a key hub in the nation's air traffic system, reduced flights and departures to just 20 percent of normal operations today, said Dennis Culloton, a spokesman for Chicago's Aviation Department. Conditions were similar at Midway Airport on the city's southwest side.

Flood waters drive people from homes

ELBA, Ala. (AP) — More than 5 feet of water flowed through the streets today, keeping some 2,000 people out of their homes, after a weekend of drenching rain sent a swollen creek gushing through a break in a levee.

At least eight deaths were blamed on the weather across the Southeast.

Emergency officials closed roads and warned the flooding might continue for the next couple of days. However, the Pea River, the main body of water flowing past the town, dropped about 3 inches overnight, they said.

"I don't know how much I've got, but I know all I have is in my station wagon," said Willie Lethcoe, who fled to Elba Elementary School with his cat and puppy. Others left their homes in boats or Army helicopters. "I want to go back and see how bad it is, but I'm afraid."

The water rose so fast that city workers didn't have time to go door to door to warn people," said Greg Hancley of the city water department. "This was the fastest I've ever seen it," he said.

The El Nino-powered storm also flooded creeks and streams in much of Georgia and caused tornadoes this morning in Florida, where 42 people died in twisters last month.

Damage was reported today across Florida in retirement communities, mobile home parks and campgrounds. About 150,000 people lost power this morning from Ocala, west of Daytona Beach, to the Miami area, utility officials said.

Monthly blood drive gets underway today

Snyder's Jimmy Hess was looking forward to his return from overseas. In addition to rest and relaxation, he looked forward to watching his daughter play basketball for the Lady Tigers.

But soon after returning home, Hess realized he had been infected by malaria. He spent the next five weeks in intensive care in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital and was given numerous blood tranfusions.

This week's blood drive is dedicated to assisting the Hess family. Blood donors may designate their blood as replacement for blood used by Hess.

The monthly drive, sponsored by the Scurry County blood drive advisory committee and Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary, started today at Western Texas College.

On Tuesday, the drive will move to the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, starting at 10 a.m. and continuing until 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, the mobile coach will be parked outside the doctor's lounge at Cogdell Hospital from noon until 5 p.m.

The drive then moves to the Price Daniel unit on Thursday, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

All donors will receive a T-shirt as a gift from TBI and will be eligible to win a weekend getaway to Lubbock for one night's stay at Residence Inn, dinner for two at 50th Street Caboose and Cinemark movie passes.

All donors also receive a free mini-physical, including blood pressure, temperature, pulse rate and iron and cholesterol level.

TBI also offers male donors prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing for a fee of $15.

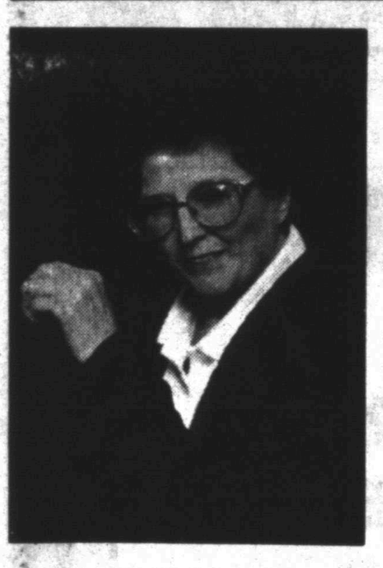
For donor convenience, appointments can be made by calling Martha or Bill Schiebel at 573-8626. For more information, call Bill Dickinson, lab manager at Cogdell Hospital, at 573-6374.

Donors will be eligible to receive coupons from Dairy Queen, Sonic Drive In, Whataburger, Taco John's, McDonald's, Wal-Mart, Long John Silver's, Golden Corral, Gill's Fried Chicken, Grandy's, Burger King, The Shack, Spanish Inn, Pizza Hut, Rudy's, Subway, Lota' Burger, Pizza Inn, Jaramillo's and Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Outdoor advertising for the blood drive is donated by Bar-H-Bar, Ben Wilson Supply, McWilliams Pharmacy, Scurry County Coliseum, The Shack, Pizza Hut and Golden Corral.

The Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary will provide fruit drink and cookies will be furnished by Texas Blood Institute.

Obituaries



Bonnie Elaine Sneed

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1929-1998

Bonnie Elaine Sneed, 68, died Sunday, March 8, at her residence in Gail after a lenghy illness.

Service is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. Dr. Craig Curry, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Clifton Igo will officiate.

Born on May 26, 1929 in Jestor, Okla., she married Norman (Slick) Sneed on Jan. 14, 1952 in Lovington, N.M. Mrs. Sneed retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone after 30 years. She was a member of Snyder's First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Norman (Slick) Sneed of Gail, a son, Bill Sneed of Abilene; two daughters, Kay Yeager of Quinlan and Saundra Bloom of Coahoma; three sisters, Leona Bradley of Fort Cobb, Okla., Winnie Green and Edith Eller, both of Lawton, Okla.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden County EMS, Gail, 79738.

Ramona Cole

1942-1998

Ramona Gayle Cole, a resident of Snyder since 1978, died Saturday, March 7, at her daughter's home in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cole, 55, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, was to officiate, and burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Dec. 18, 1942 in Lubbock, she was a homemaker and had worked for 18 years as a secretary for Monsanto Oil Co. She was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Jennifer Ham of Abilene; a son, Jeff Cole of Fort Worth; her parents, Ben and Thelma Odorizzi of Snyder; two brothers, Ben Odorizzi Jr. of Atlanta and Rolland Odorizzi of Snyder; three sisters, Sharon Odorizzi of Austin, Rebecca Walker of Boise City, Okla., and Betty Lucille Koch of El Paso; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Youngblood

1941-1998

LUBBOCK — Edwin Youngblood, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, March 7, at his home in Lubbock.

Services are pending at Sanders Funeral Home.

Mr. Youngblood, 56, worked as a mechanic in Snyder before moving to Lubbock. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Youngblood of Lubbock; and his in-laws, Ray and Irene Wagner of Snyder.

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Buuck was also quick to note the number of other motorists who were willing to help those involved in the accident and those who were stuck in the mud.

"It was good to see that," said Buuck.

High winds associated with the weekend storm also played havoc with electrical and cable TV lines inside Snyder's city limits as dispatchers began receiving calls beginning around midnight Saturday of lines down in the 2600 block of Avenue Q, at the Plaza Restaurant and in the area of Nix's Automotive.

Officially, Snyder received 48 hundredths of an inch of moisture. Residents in Fluvanna, Union, Ira, Dunn and Hermleigh reported varying amounts, but all in the half-inch range.

Mike Levens

Levens promoted to regional post

Mike Levens, a nine-year veteran with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, has been promoted as the assistant regional director for budget managment at the Plainview office of the TDCJ.

Levens will be based in the TDCJ Region Five satellite office, but will not relocate.

Before being promoted, he served the Price Daniel Unit as the purchasing/property supply officer, a post he has held since June, 1992.

He began his career with TDCJ at the Ramsey Unit in 1989.

Levens, who is serving his first term on the Snyder Independent School District board of trustees, had previously worked in oilfield-related sales.

He and his wife Marsha have three children — Jeff, a Snyder High School graduate; Josh, who is a sophomore at SHS, and Abby, who is in the sixth grade. Marsha is the manager of the Scurry County School Federal Credit Union.

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Northeast book fair

Northeast Elementary will hold a scholastic book fair starting today and ending Friday. The fair will be daily from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday only.

West book fair

West Elementary will hold a book fair from 8-11:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. through Thursday and 8-11:30 a.m. Friday in the school auditorium.

Hermleigh lodge pancake supper

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will sponsor a pancake supper from 6 to 8 tonight in the Hermleigh school cafeteria. The event is being held in conjunction with the school district's open house.

Stanfield book fair

Stanfield Elementary will have a book fair today through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Muffins for Moms will be held at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday and Donuts for Dads will be held at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes and "Hope for Life's Journey" tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Instilling Moral Values," followed by "Can God Forgive Even Me?," will begin at 7 this evening.

Free blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health Care of Post will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

SHS Choir Boosters

Snyder High School Choir Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the choir room. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

'True Colors' workshop

Price Brown will present his workshop on "True Colors" at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday at the high school student center. The workshop is sponsored by the Texas State Teachers Association. Everyone is invited.

Masonic Lodge meeting

The Snyder Chapter Council of Scurry Masonic Lodge will receive the deputy grand masters at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

SHS Classes of 1952 and 1953

Snyder High School Classes of 1952 and '53 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the home of Ned and Polly Underwood, 3009 Austin, to plan a reunion. All members are urged to attend.

Scurry 4-H Horse Club

Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at East Elementary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Central Parent Council

Central Parent Council will meet at noon Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

ABWA dinner

Deep Creek Chapter of the American Business Women's Association has an open invitation to all working women to attend a spring membership campaign dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday at The Shack.

Snyder Church of the Nazarene revival

Snyder Church of the Nazarene will host a revival Thursday through Sunday. Lay ministers include Oliver Butler, Thursday and next Saturday, and Dywaine Beal, Friday and Sunday.

Evening services are 6:30 p.m. Sunday services are 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. The church is located on the Colorado City Highway.

Senior Center's Recognition Banquet

The Senior Center's annual Recognition Banquet is planned for 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will be honoring 50-year Masons at 7 p.m. Saturday. Each will be given 50-year pins and certificates. Refreshments will be served. All Masons, family and friends are invited.

Childrens' Miracle Network

Both Snyder Dairy Queen locations will offer a Lemon Freezer for a 50-cent donation to Hendricks Hospital in Abilene to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. The offer is good while supply lasts.

Pick 3

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

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-17-43-46-49.
Estimated jackpot: $8 million.
Number matching six of six: zero.
Matching five of six: 94. Prize: $1,827.
Matching four of six: 5,681. Prize: $108.
Matching three of six: 110,910. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $12 million.