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WTC coach not recommended for renewed contract

Western Texas College trustees will act on personnel recommendations this evening, including contract renewals, and one person not on the list is Lady Westerner basketball coach Anthony Portley.

"In the best interest of Western Texas College, the women's basketball program and Mr. Portley, we are not recommending his contract be renewed," college president Dr. Harry Krenek said this morning.

Dr. Krenek would not say why administrators, including athletic director Milton Ham, were making the recommendation.

Portley came to WTC last year from Quincy University, where he served as an assistant women's coach. A graduate of Abilene Christian University, he had previously coached at Big Spring High School, Ranger Junior College and West Texas A&M University.

His Lady Westerners team was 4-26 last season and 2-12 in conference play.

Portley's is the only contract not being recommended for renewal. The board also is expected to accept the retirement of long-time secretary to the president, Mavis Brumbelow, and resignation of Michael Squires.

Mrs. Brumbelow has spent nearly 28 years as an administrative assistant. She was the first administrative assistant hired by the original board of trustees.

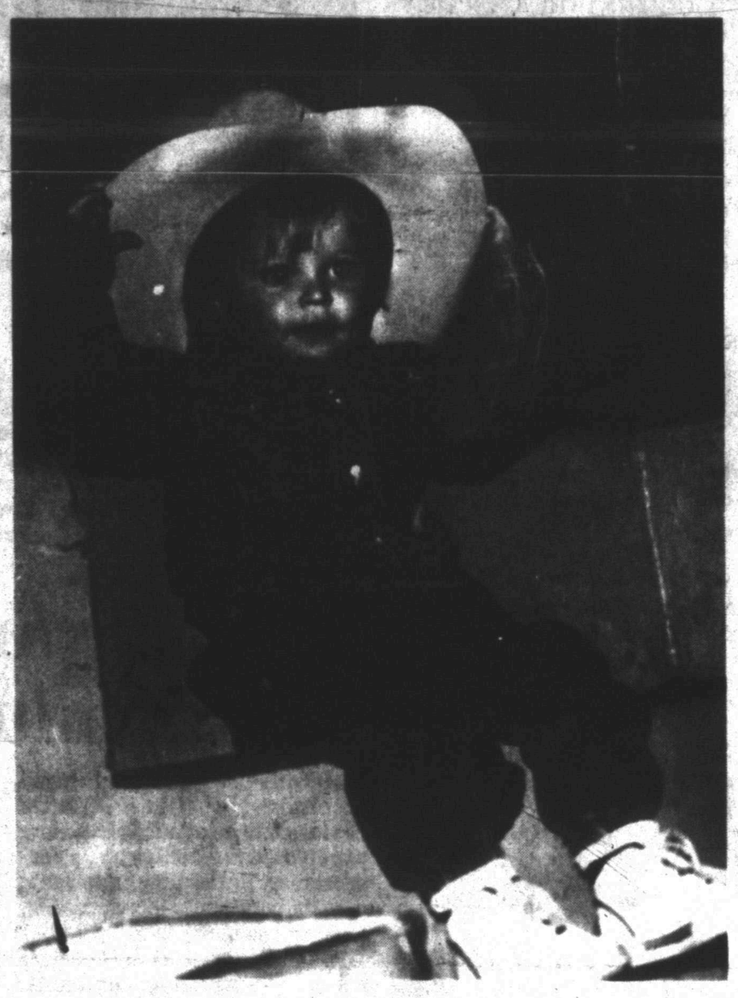
Squires, an instructor in the Golf, Landscape/Technology and horticulture department, is resigning to accept a position out of state.

Trustees are expected to name Sara Fritz as administrative assistant. She has been employed at WTC for the past several years, working in the Continuing Education Office, the Fine Arts Department and the business office.

John Robin Fields, former owner and operator of Botanical Services Ltd. in Midland, will replace Squires.

In other action, trustees will consider a request from the WTC Scholarship Foundation related to raising funds for scholarships. Trustees will also consider appointing someone to the museum board of directors.

Informational items make up the rest of the agenda. The board will recognize several departments, individuals and former students for outstanding achievement, hear legislative information, and briefly look at proposals for campus renovation.



LET'S RODEO - Eighteen-month-old Blake Bethel takes in action at the Western Texas College NIRA Rodeo over the weekend held at Scurry County Coliseum. The WTC women's team came in second place while the men's team ended up in fifth place. (SDN Staff Photo)

At City Hall...

Early balloting box opens today

Early voting began today at City Hall for the May council and mayorial elections.

Those are the only elections to be held, because candidates in all three school districts are unopposed. The law allows entities to waive an election if there are no contested races.

Snyder ISD waived its election in a board meeting last week and Ira and Hermleigh are expected to do so in meetings tonight.

The only contested election is for at-large city council members. Two terms are expiring on the council and there are three candidates.

Listed in ballot order are Dayton Robertson, Ron Shaw and Terry Jon Martin. Robertson, an engineer with Y-Z Industries, and Shaw, a postal employee, are incumbents seeking re-election. Martin is a retired oil field supervisor.

Because that race is contested, citizens will also notice ballots for mayor and the District 3 seat on the council. However, both are uncontested.

Local businessman David Holt is seeking re-election as mayor and Kerry Bredemeyer, owner of the Rental Store & More, is seeking to finish out District 3's unexpired term.

Early voting runs through April 29 at City Hall.

Tax returns go to drop box inside

Snyder Post Office has no plans to keep a window open late Tuesday, but local citizens running behind in filing their tax returns can still get them postmarked in time.

Postal employees advise that anyone sending off tax returns Tuesday evening should deposit them in the inside drop box. As long as they are deposited there by midnight, they will receive an April 15 postmark.

Returns posted at any other location, including the outside box at the post office, will not be postmarked April 15 after the last regular pickup.

Republicans irate...

Reno to reject call for special prosecutor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno was expected to reject Republican requests to seek an independent counsel to look into Democratic campaign fund raising, and Republicans reacted angrily even before her announcement.

Reno was under attack from GOP lawmakers as she prepared to announce her decision today. They said the attorney general should be investigated if, as seems likely, she turns them down.

Justice Department officials told The Associated Press over the weekend they expect the attorney general to reject the GOP demands. Speaking on condition of anonymity, the officials said Reno believes the legal requirements for appointing an outside counsel have not been met.

Reno has said she regularly asks a task force of career prosecutors, who are investigating campaign financing allegations, to let her know if and when their evidence would warrant calling for appointment of an independent counsel.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" that it appears Reno will reject GOP calls for the outside investigation. "That's the sort of vibrations I'm getting, too. I think she will say no," he said.

That could have serious repercussions for Reno, Republicans said. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said Hyde's committee should investigate Reno if she says no. House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said she should resign rather than continue associating with a scandal-ridden administration.

Under the independent counsel law, the attorney general can seek an independent counsel when a legal matter involves senior executive branch officials such as the president, vice president or Cabinet member.

Even without the special counsel, the Justice Department would continue investigating Democratic fund-raising activities and extensive hearings planned for both the House and Senate would go on.

Gingrich said Reno herself is involved in a possible conflict of interest because of her failure to inform President Clinton or other senior officials of FBI evidence that China might be trying to funnel money into the Democratic Party to influence elections.

"If she can look at this mound of evidence .... and not conclude that it's time for an independent counsel, how can any serious citizen have any sense of faith in her," he asked on "Fox News Sunday."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said on ABC that at the least, Reno should ask for a preliminary 90-day investigation into the need for an independent counsel. If she does not, "she becomes a major issue ... If she doesn't, then I think there's going to be a swirl of criticism that's going to be I think very much justified."

Armey, like the other Republicans, praised Reno as a woman of integrity but said "she's in a hopeless situation" because she represents a corrupt administration.

"If I were Janet Reno in her current circumstance, I'd resign, I wouldn't have any further truck in this whole business," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "My heart breaks for Janet Reno. I think she deserves better than this."

The Republicans are accusing the administration of major campaign violations and security breaches in accepting donations from foreign nationals. Gingrich called it "the most extraordinary act of systematically violating American law ... a specific effort to raise enormous sums of money illegally involving foreigners."

Armey, half-jokingly, said the only purpose of Vice President Al Gore's recent trip to China was to fulfill a campaign promise to alleged Chinese contributors. Gore, he said, was "standing before some of his party's most generous financial contributors and naturally he was going to try to be conciliatory toward them."

Altschuler is sentenced to 6-year term

LUBBOCK — A U.S. District Judge has sentenced Heather Altschuler to almost six years in prison for her part in a $1 trillion bogus banking scam.

Along with Snyder brothers Johonnas and Arlie Eckie, Altschuler had been indicted in 1994 on 21 counts involving conspiracy, wire fraud, mail fraud, and interstate transportation of falsely-made securities.

Prosecutors had originally intended to try all three defendants together, but Altschuler fought extradition after she was arrested in London, England, delaying her trial until this year.

The Eicke brothers were found guilty in August of 1995 and are serving federal prison sentences — Johonnas to 71 months and Arlie to 38, plus an additional six when he failed to report to prison.

Altshuler, 31, received 20 five-year terms and one 71-month term, to be served simultaneously. Judge Sam Cummings also ordered her to pay $6,666 in restitution.

Charges in the case stemmed from what prosecutors said was a $1 trillion bogus banking scam. During the trials, prosecutors presented testimony showing that bogus cashier's checks were written on a non-existent bank, Central Dominion Trust, which was purportedly located in Snyder.

Dr. Thomas Kerr

Dr. Kerr joins group at new St. Mary facility

Dr. Thomas L. Kerr, internal medicine specialist, has joined St. Mary Family Healthcare Center, located at 5009 College Ave.

At the center, Kerr joins Drs. James Burleson, Gary Nussey and Paul Thompson and nurse practitioner Beth Ashley.

Dr. Kerr was in private practice in Perth, Ontario, Canada before moving to Snyder in February of 1994.

Kerr has been board certified in internal medicine in the United States since 1978 and has a particular interest in cardiology, pulmonology and gastroenterology, in which he has received additional training.

In 1994, Kerr listed three main reasons for relocating his practice to Snyder: the people, the hospital and its CEO and the fact that a brother practices medicine in Lubbock.

He also said Cogdell Memorial Hospital presented an interesting opportunity that he "could not turn down."

Kerr received his M.D from the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada; residency/internship at St. Michael's Hospital and Wellesley Hospital Toronto, Canada.

Kerr and his wife Carol have eight children — Kevin, Trevor, David, Daniel, Tyler, Pamela, Jonathan and Matthew.

County opens depository bids

Scurry County commissioners, meeting briefly this morning, opened bids from Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank to serve as the county's bank depository.

The court tabled action on the bids until April 21.

Snyder National Bank currently serves as the depository.

Under new state regulations, a county can designate a despository for a four-year term, as opposed to the current two-year period.

County Treasurer Charlie Bell has said he recommends the longer period because it will save the county money.

Blood drives start Tuesday

Scurry County Advisory Council for Texas Blood Institute and Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary are sponsoring a series of blood drives this week.

A community drive is set for Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The drive will be held from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Texas Blood Institute will have a mobile coach at Cogdell Memorial Hospital from noon until 5 p.m.

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

The finale will be at Snyder High School for students and staff on Friday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to other incentives, each donor will receive a mini-physical which covers blood pressure, temperature, pulse rate and cholesterol level.

Everyone who registers to give blood during one of the drive dates will receive discount coupons from 20 local merchants, a "1997 Year of the Donor" T-shirt from TBI and will be eligible to register for an $800 bicycle to be given away June 4.

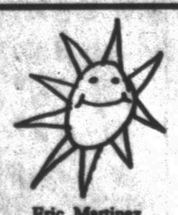
ASK US

Q—When was gambling legalized in Las Vegas?
A—In 1931.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 47 degrees; low, 25; high Sunday, 53; low, 30; 7 a.m. Monday, 33; no precipitation; total for 1997, 7:57 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 40-45. SE wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, sunny. High around 75. SE wind 5-15 mph.



Eric Martinez
Sunny

Sunset: 8:12 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:16 a.m.
Of 103 days in 1997, the sun has shone 93 days in 1997.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Behavior is what a man does, not what he thinks, feels, or believes.

--Unknown

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Community refuses to give up searching for 12-year-old

FRIENDSWOOD (AP) — Beneath the optimistic yellow ribbons that drape Friendswood, this Quaker-founded community clutches tightly to the hope Laura Kate Smither will return to them alive.

But as the search for the 12-year-old — missing since April 3 — entered its 10th day Sunday, traces of frustration slid from behind smiles.

"There are a lot of questions. Where's the piece to the puzzle that will bring Laura home?" an emotional Rev. Robert E. Wareing asked during his sermon at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

A phalanx of news cameras recorded the teary pastor and congregants, many who worked hard at averting their eyes from the pew holding a solemn Gail "Gay" Smither, the missing girl's stepmother and David Smither, Laura's nine-year-old brother.

Laura's father, Miles A. "Bob" Smither, did not attend the service. The man described by one worshiper as a "peripheral member" was at home, waiting by the phone for possible word of his daughter's whereabouts.

A few blocks away from the church, volunteers continued to pour into the makeshift Laura Recovery Center, where those wanting to search, pick up maps and marching orders from a fleet of coordinators, sign in and get started.

"I don't feel like they're giving up," said Lucy Woltz, who has stepped into the role as "logistics" coordinator of the volunteer effort.

"It should have slacked off by now," she admits.

Whether it's the thought that a 12-year-old is outside, alone and helpless, or the poignancy of Friendswood's quick mobilization that has drawn even the Texas State Guard, National Guard and Marine reservists units to the scene, Mrs. Woltz can't say.

She doesn't care, and she puts worst-case scenarios out of her mind.

"No. I still believe she's alive," Mrs. Woltz said. "I just have to. It's keeping me going."

Last week, Laura's story caught the eyes and hearts of Kari and Jason Hayden, who commute from their Pasadena home to Friendswood where they attend school.

"I thought 'Why am I sitting her doing nothing?'" Mrs. Hayden said. So the two came on Thursday and again on Saturday to comb through woods and grass for the girl.

"I think the scariest thought is that we may never know," Mrs. Hayden said during a lunch break. "We're not looking for Laura, we're looking for clues."

Those clues are spelled out to searchers in icy black-and-white.

"If you find a body, DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING OR MOVE ANYTHING," one handout to volunteers reads.

"Look for possible disturbance of soil indicating a grave," it continues. "Take note of vultures circling and where. Take special note of any smell of a decaying animal — check it out and determine where and what is causing the odors."

Those that don't search find other ways to help. A nonstop flow of businesses and individuals drop off equipment and food for the searchers.

Becky Mariani of League City brought freshly-baked chocolate chip cookies to the volunteers gathered for lunch.

"I just felt horrible for this family and you know I've been praying hard," said Mrs. Mariani, who has two children of her own. "It's just touched everyone's heart, you know, to know that this can happen so close."

'YEAR OF THE DONOR' — Citizens who donate blood during the four-day drive that begins Tuesday will receive a T-shirt like the ones being held here by J.B. Tate Jr., Bill Dickinson and Jeff Mason, left to right. Tate has donated almost four gallons and Mason more than seven. Dickinson is lab manager at Cogdell and chairman of the county advisory council for the Texas Blood Institute. The drives are Tuesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at the FBC Family Life Center; Wednesday, 12-5 p.m. at Cogdell; Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Price Daniel Unit; and Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Snyder High School. (SDN Staff Photo)

East Texans battle companies that produce hydrogen sulfide

HOUSTON (AP) — An oil and gas drilling boom in East Texas has raised fears of public exposure to hydrogen sulfide, a foul substance five times more toxic than carbon monoxide, according to a newspaper report.

Much of the work is in an oil and gas formation known as the Smackover zone and a deeper, contiguous zone called the Cotton Valley pinnacle reef, the Houston Chronicle reported in a copyright story Sunday.

Both are considered "sour" deposits, especially Smackover, because the oil and gas contain significant amounts of hydrogen sulfide.

The lethal gas, known for its distinctive rotten-egg odor, can be unleashed through improperly secured wells, pipelines and natural gas treating plants, the newspaper said.

As a result of this renewed drilling activity, East Texas residents once vaguely aware of hydrogen sulfide are now educating themselves, pooling limited resources and doing battle with companies such as Ultra Petroleum Corp. of Vancouver, B.C., and Mitchell Energy Corp. of The Woodlands.

It's an uphill battle.

"You've got companies with a lot of legal and technical firepower coming up against citizens who are always underfunded and outmanned and generally get smashed," said Jack Matson, a former member of the now-defunct Texas Air Control Board who now teaches at Pennsylvania State University.

Skirmishes have broken out in a handful of counties.

In the unincorporated Anderson County community of Cayuga, 20 miles northwest of Palestine, school officials and others are upset about a sour-gas treating plant about two miles from a campus of 650 elementary and secondary school students and 100 teachers.

Pinnacle Gas Treating Inc., a subsidiary of Denver-based Western Gas Resources Inc., seeks a state permit to operate the plant, maintaining any hydrogen sulfide emissions would be minimal.

"I can't say there's no other place it could have gone," Western spokesman Ron Wirth said about the plant's proximity to schools. "It certainly was a very logical place for it to go in terms of the pipeline systems" in the area.

But many Cayuga residents fear a catastrophic release during a school day.

"It's a real concern of mine," said E.G. Scarborough, the Cayuga schools superintendent.

Some who live near the Anderson Gas Treating Facility in Grimes County are also concerned.

The plant, owned by Southwestern Gas Pipeline Inc., a subsidiary of Mitchell Energy, began operation in August 1995.

Maggie Laskowski lives about a half-mile away with her husband and son. Her three sisters, brother and elderly mother live nearby.

All describe bouts of nausea, dizziness, shortness of breath, rashes and other ailments, and say they have seen both black and white clouds escape from the plant.

"This used to be nice country," Mrs. Laskowski said. "We know the plant's not going to go away; we just want it cleaned up. We don't deserve this."

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy has completed the No. 1 Williams-Boone in the Cubello field, three miles north of Camp Springs. The well was finaled to produce 65 barrels of 40 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 6,322-7,399 feet, and location is in Section 98, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Baytech Inc. will drill the No. 1-46 Holdridge in the Mirage field, four miles east of Dunn. Planned for a depth of 7,900 feet, drill site is in Section 46, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Phillips Petroleum will drill the No. 2-A Fuller in the Cogdell field, 16 miles north of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 4,430 feet, drill site is in Section 651, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Allegro Operating Inc. has completed the No. 4 Simpson in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. The venture was finaled to produce 40 barrels of oil and 58 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,065-192 feet, and location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating has completed the No. 15-A Mary Womack in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. The well was finaled to produce 57 barrels of 25 gravity oil and 250 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,020-204 feet, and location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Merit Energy Corp. has completed the No. 817 Coleman Ranch field unit, two miles west of Cuthbert. The well was completed to produce 40 barrels of 24.5 gravity oil and 90 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,632-3,833 feet, and location is in Section 70, Block 97, H&TC survey.

SDX Resources Inc. has completed the No. 8 Tom Morrison in the Turner-Gregory field, five miles northwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce nine barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 2,979-3,183 feet, and location is in Section 36, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

Merit Energy Corp. will drill the No. 508 Coleman Ranch unit, two miles west of Cuthbert. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 70, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Merit Energy will drill the No. 609 Coleman Ranch field unit, two miles south of Cuthbert. Also contracted for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 70, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Merit Energy will drill the No. 608 Coleman Ranch field unit, two miles west of Cuthbert. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 70, Block 97, H&TC survey.

SDX Resources Inc. will drill the No. 6-A Elliott in the Turner-Gregory field, five miles northwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, location is in Section 25, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

SDX Resources will drill the No. 7-A Elliott in the Turner-Gregory field, five miles northwest of Westbrook. The venture will be drilled to 3,400 feet, and drill site is in Section 25, Block 29, T1N. T&P survey.

SDX Resources will drill the No. 2 Elliott in the Turner-Gregory field, four miles northeast of Iatan. Planned depth is 3,400 feet, and location is in Section 25, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

SDX Resources will drill the No. 7-B Langley in the Turner-Gregory feild, five miles east of Iatan. Scheduled depth is 3,400 feet, and location is in Section 25, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

SDX Resources will drill the No. 8-B Langley in the Turner-Gregory field, five miles east of Iatan. Planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, drill site is in Section 25, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

Kent County

Gunn Oil Co. will drill the No. 2 Godfrey in the Maben field, 21 miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 6,000 feet, location is in Section 105, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Garza County

HAT Oil and Gas Inc. has completed the No. 1 Crooked Stick in the Tobe field, three miles southwest of Justiceburg. The well was completed to produce 170 barrels of 38.5 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,484-490 feet, and location is in Section 30, Block 6, H&GN survey.

Ausland Production Co. will drill the No. 1 Burkett in the Two Scotts field, eight miles northwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 4,500 feet, location is in the Pete Talley survey.

George Brown Partners will drill the No. 48-A Post Estate in the Garza field, three miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 6, Block 5, K. Aycock survey.

Wheeler Operating Corp. will drill the No. 10-B Post-Montgomery in the Arleen field, eight miles northeast of Post. Contracted for a depth of 5,000 feet, location is in Section 6, Block 18-D, D&SE survey.

Wheeler Operating will drill the No. 11-WB in the Arlene field, eight miles northeast of Post. Also set for a depth of 5,000 feet, drill site is in the T. Loftin survey.

Howard County

Costilla Energy Inc. has completed the No. 2001-D Hamlin in the Talbot field, 12 miles north of Big Spring. The well was finaled to produce 87 barrels of 42.0 gravity oil and 1,085 barrels of water. Perforations were from 8,660-672 feet, and location is in Section 20, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Marathon Oil has completed the No. 8 Scott in the Howard-Glasscock field, nine miles southeast of Coahoma. The well was completed to produce 25 barrels of 30.4 gravity oil and 68 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,468-548 feet, and location is in Section 87, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Costilla Petroleum has plugged and abandoned the No. 1-48 Christian in the Talbot field, 10 miles northeast of Big Spring. Drilled to 9,050 feet, location was in Section 48, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

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

Nolan County

Amerac Energy Corp. has completed the No. 1-244 Patterson, seven miles west of Blackwell. The new discovery was finaled to produce 66 barrels of 42.4 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 6,820-837 feet, and location is in Section 224, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

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Today is the 104th day of 1997 and the 26th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated at Ford's Theatre in Washington.

On this day in 1918, Lt. Douglas Campbell became the first American fighter ace when he shot down his fifth German plane.

On this day in 1986, U.S. warplanes bombed the Libyan cities of Tripoli and Benghaze in retaliation for the bombing of a Berlin disco frequented by U.S. servicemen.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Arnold Toynbee (1889-1975), historian; John Gielgud (1904-), actor, is 93; Rod Steiger (1925-), actor, is 72; Bradford Dillman (1930-), actor, is 67; Julie Christie (1940-), actress, is 57; Pete Rose (1941-), baseball great, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1910, President William Howard Taft became the first U.S. president to throw out the first pitch at the opening of the baseball season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts." — Abraham Lincoln

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1986, parts of Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota were raked by a spring blizzard.

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TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

Morris Shaw School of Defensive Driving Course; starts Monday and second part is on Tuesday in the community room of Snyder Savings and Loan; for more information, call 573-2850; no reservations needed; 6 p.m. 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.

573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6 p.m.

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

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Study Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 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

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

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; noon.

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park;

Large drop in violent crime reported

WASHINGTON (AP) — Suburbs became safer in 1995, but urban and rural areas also shared in the largest apparent drop in violent crime since the Justice Department began surveying Americans on it in 1973.

Americans suffered 12.4 percent fewer rapes, robberies and assaults between 1994 and 1995, according to the department's annual National Crime Victimization Survey.

The broadest decline occurred in the suburbs. Crime rates there fell an overall 15.1 percent in all areas of personal victimization except rape and sexual assault, said the report, released Sunday.

Urban areas saw a 10.7 percent drop. The number of violent criminal incidents declined 11 percent in rural communities.

Among white people age 12 and older, violent crime declined 12.8 percent. Aggravated assaults with white victims dropped 24.7 percent.

The decline was less dramatic for black Americans.

"Although there was some evidence of a decline in violent crimes rates for black men and women (down 10.4 percent), the only statistically significant change for them was a 24 percent drop in aggravated assault," the report said.

In a statement, President Clinton said the numbers show that his administration's anti-crime program is working.

"Now we must press forward. Fighting the scourge of juvenile crime and violence is my top law enforcement priority for the next four years," he said, calling on Congress to pass anti-gang legislation he has submitted.

Attorney General Janet Reno said: "These statistics show that we can make a difference in our efforts to combat crime. Crime has declined every year since President Clinton's crime act became law."

But Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., said Clinton signed the 1994 crime bill in September of that year, so it probably had little effect on crime in 1995.

Americans should be bracing themselves for a jump in crime as the number of teen-agers increases over the next few years, said McCollum, chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on crime.

"We shouldn't feel too secure. ... Crime is not down nearly enough," he said. "And it's going to go back up."

A Northeastern University crime specialist said, however, the decrease could be long term.

An aging population is contributing to declining crime rates, said Jack Levin, director of the university's Program for the Study of Violence. But parents also should receive some credit because they are taking their responsibilities more seriously, he said.

"For the last 20 or 25 years, we've asked our teen-agers to raise themselves," Levin said in an interview. "We're finally doing the right thing. We're getting back into the business of supervising our youngsters."

Justice Department officials compile the survey statistics each year after interviewing 100,000 people age 12 and older about crimes they experienced during the previous six months. The survey includes both crimes reported to police and those that went unreported.

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JonBenet investigation continues at slow pace

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Ask Boulder authorities about the JonBenet Ramsey case and they will confidently tell you that the search for the little girl's killer is moving forward.

Listen to prosecutor Alex Hunter, who says the extremely complicated case demands slow progress.

"I am confident this case will be resolved," says Hunter, Boulder's district attorney. "There are cases that take a long time. It is critical that there is no rush to judgment."

But as the the unsolved and high-profile case enters its fourth month, others fear the 6-year-old's killer will never be caught.

The conflicting viewpoints coexist uneasily in this college town and across the country as authorities work on an investigation they concede is a difficult one. No suspects have been named.

JonBenet, a former Little Miss Colorado, was found strangled and beaten in the family's basement Dec. 26, eight hours after her mother found a ransom note in the home. The girl may have been sexually assaulted.

Authorities have been widely accused of bungling the case. Detectives did not secure the crime scene, allowing possible suspects, including JonBenet's father, John Ramsey, to search the house for clues.

"One can be critical of the police in (the) early hours," said Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz, whose clients have included Claus Von Bulow and O.J. Simpson. "I have no criticism in the fact they are taking an enormous amount of time."

The acquittal of O.J. Simpson on charges that he killed his ex-wife and her friend may hang over police here, experts say. Simpson's attorneys accused police of contaminating and even planting evidence.

The Ramsey case is "clearly a post-Simpson investigation with police going very slowly, very carefully," Dershowitz said. "The worst thing they could do is pick the wrong person."

Authorities here have put together a team of experts, which includes a veteran detective who will review evidence. It also includes two key figures from the Simpson criminal defense team: forensic scientist Henry Lee and DNA expert Barry Scheck.

The Ramseys, meanwhile, have their own team — criminal defense attorneys, a media consultant and investigators.

And while Patricia Ramsey agreed last week to provide a fourth handwriting sample to police, the parents still have not been formally interviewed.

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'Anaconda' tops 'Liar' in weekend box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Anaconda" slithered to the top of the box office with $16.5 million in weekend ticket sales, toppling "Liar, Liar" from the No. 1 spot, according to industry estimates.

Though it received its share of harsh reviews, the movie about monster serpents in the Amazon opened well enough to finally dump Jim Carrey's hit comedy into second place with a $14.3 million gross.

The film co-stars Jennifer Lopez — star of the hit movie "Selena" — and rapper Ice Cube. They may have helped lure ethnic and young audiences, said Ed Russell, executive vice president of publicity for Columbia-Tristar, on Sunday.

Also, "it's a fun movie," he said.

"Anaconda" had little competition in the action-adventure genre, which is saving its big guns for summer. Val Kilmer's "The Saint" did creditable business, winding up in third place with $11.2 million.

The other big-name action film, "Double Team," starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and basketball star Dennis Rodman, sank to eighth place with $2.1 million, a 58 percent drop in its grosses.

Coming weeks will tell whether "Anaconda" has legs. "Liar, Liar" already has shown its staying power. The movie about a slick lawyer forced to tell the truth for 24 hours saw only a 22 percent dip in its ticket sales from the previous weekend, considered good for major films.

It had the biggest March opening ever and was the first new movie of the year to break the $100 million mark. It now has grossed $119.8 million in four weeks, according to Exhibitor Relations Co., Inc.

Another new film, "Grosse Pointe Blank," was fourth with $7 million. The black comedy stars John Cusack as a professional killer who returns to his hometown for a high school reunion.

The reissue of the recent horror film "Scream" did surprisingly well, earning $2 million for ninth place.

"Return of the Jedi," the last installment of the 20-year-old "Star Wars" trilogy, tied with the basketball comedy "The Sixth Man" for 10th place with $1.7 million each.

Three films debuted in limited release. "Paradise Road," starring Glenn Close in a drama about women POWs of the Japanese during World War II, grossed $61,000 while the murder mystery "Keys to Tulsa" earned $29,630. "Cosi," an Australian comedy about mental patients putting on a production of a Mozart opera, grossed $20,000.

Final weekend box office figures were to be released today.

The top 10 films from Friday through Sunday:

1. "Anaconda," $16.5 million.
2. "Liar, Liar," $14.3 million.
3. "The Saint," $11.2 million.
4. "Grosse Pointe Blank," $7 million.
5. "The Devil's Own," $4.3 million.
6. "That Old Feeling," $3.5 million.
7. "Jungle 2 Jungle," $2.3 million.
8. "Double Team," $2.1 million.
9. "Scream," $2 million.
10. "The Sixth Man," $1.7 million.
10. "Return of the Jedi," $1.7 million.

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	South ♠ K Q 10 3 ♥ Q 6 2 ♦ A 10 7 5 ♣ A 5	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ??

This reaction or that

By Phillip Alder

When Tiger Woods hits "an easy nine-iron" a few inches from the pin on a 155-yard par three, everyone applauds his shot. We high-handicappers are amazed he can carry so far with that club.

At bridge, though, successful out-of-the-ordinary plays don't receive universal admiration. Judging from letters, some readers are impressed, but a few react unfavorably, saying I should write only about deals that everyone could get right. It is an interesting dichotomy.

With a halfhearted apology to this minority, here is another coup from Zia Mahmood, who makes far more than his fair share of "crazy" plays.

The deal occurred in England, where the weak no-trump, showing 12-14 points, is king; hence, South's opening bid.

Against three no-trump, West had an unappetizing lead. Most would start with the heart jack. West, though, imagined that South held the heart king and East the queen. Not wishing to give declarer this "free" trick, West led the spade six.

Zia, East, knew the lead wasn't fourth-highest, because that would give West the K-Q-10-6, from which he would have led the king. So, winning with the spade ace and attacking hearts was indicated.

However, Zia was afraid that if he switched to the "textbook" heart seven and declarer played the queen, partner might duck. This would be the only winning defense if Zia had the 7-6-2 of hearts and the club ace. So, to clarify matters for his partner, Zia tabled the heart *king* at trick two. A moment later, the defenders had raked in the first five tricks.

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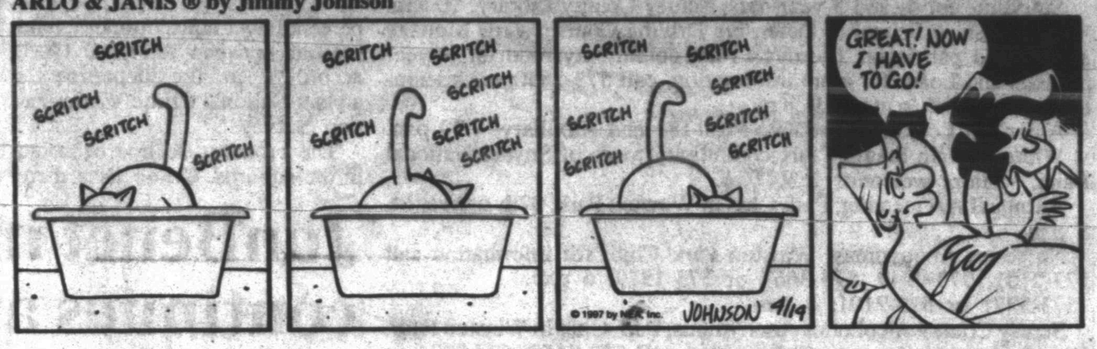

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ACROSS

1 Tennis player Tracy —
7 Summer month
13 Shrewd
14 Type of dressing
15 Destroyed
16 Really dirty
17 Scrap of food
18 Roman 502
20 Computer acronym
21 Head support
23 Craving
24 Confident
25 Actress Perlman
27 Jack the —
29 Assn. for poodles and dachshunds
31 Even score
32 Sesame plant
33 Cry of affirmation
34 Made amends
37 Beehive
40 Early part of the day
41 French city, —-en-Provence
43 Smack
45 Exist
46 Compass pt.
47 Important time period
48 Supplies with workers
51 Chewy candy
54 Rider's need
55 Kickoff type
56 Some writings
57 Settler

DOWN

1 Producer Spelling
2 Loan shark
3 Use a sewing machine
4 Wine barrel
5 Inhabitant (suffix)
6 Donkey
7 Attraction
8 Psychic Geller
9 Salon purchase
10 Disloyal
11 Newsman Daniel —
12 Seasoning
19 Comparative suffix
22 Actress Diane —
24 Talks
26 Similar
28 Dessert items
30 Washes
34 Large arteries
35 Walks
36 Loud clamor
38 Legal writ
39 St. Patrick's Day event
40 Billiards shot
42 Rare gas
44 Father (Brit.)
49 Drug agcy.
50 Take a jet
52 Individual
53 Navy-ship pref.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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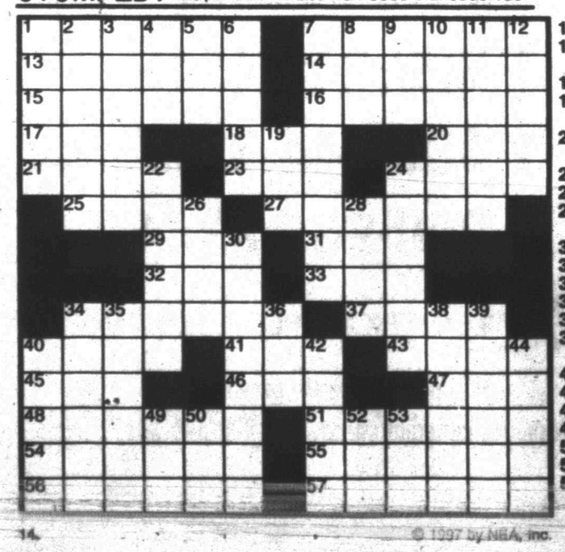

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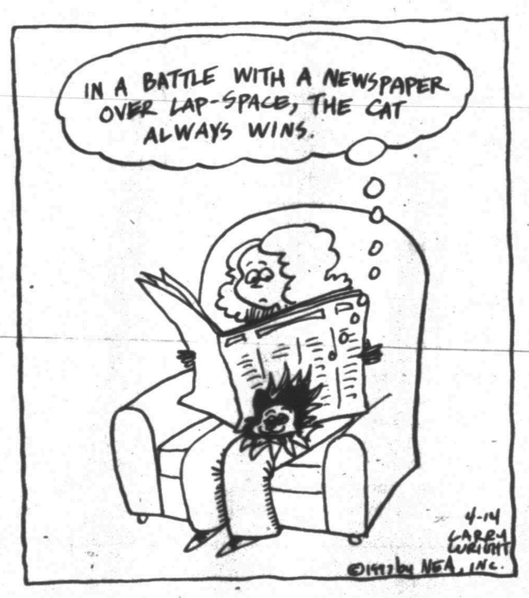

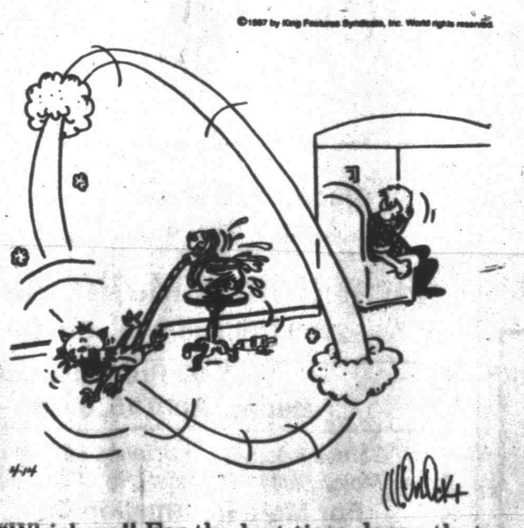

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SPORTS

HANG ON — WTC's Chad Maynard hangs on for dear life as he tries to go the full eight seconds. Maynard finished fourth in the short-go and fifth in the average Saturday night in the Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo By Jamie Sharp)

Led by Berryman, Cumbie...

Tigers dust off Lamesa

LAMESA — Clay Berryman pitched a one-hitter and knocked a homer over the wall and Patrick Cumbie blasted two homers in leading the Snyder Tiger varsity diamond team to a 10-0 shutout of the Lamesa Tornadoes Saturday.

Berryman, the third leading pitcher in the area, allowed no Tornado to reach second base, fanned nine and walked only one.

The win improved Snyder's loop record to 2-3-1 and brought its season mark to 12-8.

Snyder avenged a 2-0 shutout loss at the hands of Lamesa in the Tigers' district home opener.

The Tigers wasted no time in putting runs on the board, scoring four runs in the first on three hits.

Eric Lang started it off with a walk and then John Border singled, bringing up Berryman.

Berryman ripped a double, scoring Lang to put Snyder up 1-0. Trevor Thompson then scored two runs when he drilled a single, allowing Berryman and David Smith to cross the plate.

Lamesa's only hit of the game came in the first inning when Eric Gonzales singled. Berryman regrouped and then fanned the next two batters to end the first with Snyder up, 4-0.

The Tigers kept their offense going in the second, scoring three more runs on one hit.

That one hit came from Cumbie who sent his first homer of the night over the fence, scoring Border to give Snyder a 6-0 lead.

Berryman kept the Lamesa offense quiet again in the second, striking out two and forcing a pop up.

The highlight of the game for Snyder came in the fifth inning when Beryman rocketed a 1-1 pitch over the fence to put Snyder up 9-0. Cumbie then stepped to the plate and sent the first pitch he saw over the wall, scoring Snyder's final run of the game at 10-0.

Berryman was two for three at the plate with two RBIs and Cumbie was two for three with four RBIs.

The Tigers will look to continue their winning ways Tuesday when they host the Levelland Loboes at 6 p.m. at Moffett Field.

Levelland and Snyder ended their first loop contest deadlocked at 5-5 March 28 in Levelland.

District 2-4A Baseball

Standings

	District W	District L	District T	Overall W	Overall L
Plainview	5	1		15	8
Frenship	5	1		20	4
Estacado	2	4		8	11
Lamesa	?	4		7	13
Snyder	2	3	1	12	8
Levelland	1	4	1	7	13

Saturday's games: Snyder 10, Lamesa 0; Frenship 2, Estacado 1; Plainview 22, Levelland 7.

Tuesday's games: Levelland at Snyder; Plainview at Estacado; Lamesa at Frenship.

Western Texas women ride to second place

The Western Texas College rodeo women rode to a second place finish and the men took fifth in the final night of competition at the WTC Rodeo Saturday night at the Scurry County Coliseum.

The women scored 185 points behind Vernon Regional Junior College's 270. Tarleton State was third with 175.

The men had a total of 150 points while Tarleton scored 303 for first place. West Texas A&M was second with 232 and Howard College took third with 175 points.

"We didn't have as good a night as we did on Thursday," said coach Todd Danley. "Tarleton had a real strong showing."

In the bareback event, Kyle Bowers and Heath Kenney split third in the short-go with a 67. Chad Maynard was fourth in the short-go with a 64. Bowers also took third in the average with a 134 while Kenney was fourth with a 132. Maynard was fifth with a 130.

Frank Phillips' Kenny Gee was first in the short-go with a 70 and Jody Wiggins of Tarleton was first in the average with a 141.

Tarleton's Clint Townsend was first in the short-go in calf roping with a 9.9 and Vernon's Trevor Brazile was first in the average with a 20.3.

Jeff Decker and Pete Ellis split second in the short-go in bareback with a 68. Ellis also placed third in the average with a 135 while Decker was fourth with a 133.

Howard's Shawn Mays was first in the short-go with a 72 and first in the average with a 141.

In steer wrestling, Ryan Weaver bulldogged his way to a second place finish in the average with a 10.3. Weaver was fifth in the short-go with a 5.9 while Matt Eakin of West Texas A&M was first in the short-go with a 4.7 and West Texas' Matt Thomas took first in the average with a 10.1.

Paige Burelsmith was third in the short-go in goat tying with an 8.1 and third in the average with a 16.6. Sahala McCloy was fifth in the short-go with an 8.6 and fifth in the average with an 18.0.

Chasity Rickman took eighth in the short-go with a 9.9 and eighth in the average with an 18.9 and Shanna Ferguson was ninth in the short-go with an 11.2 and ninth in the average with a 20.2.

Tarleton's Dane Driver and Howard's Ben Clements were first in the short-go in team roping with an 8.4 and first in the average with a 14.9.

In barrel racing, Jaime Stewart was second in the short-go with a 13.54 and Rickmand was ninth in the short-go with a 24.22 and second in the average with a 37.0.

Cory McFadden of Tarleton took first in the short-go in bull riding with a 74 and Howard's Matt Coffee was first in the average with a 143.

Next up for WTC is the Hardin-Simmons Rodeo April 24-26 in Abilene.

Woods masters Augusta

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Tiger Woods' victory walk up the 18th fairway was detoured by a wild hook off the final tee at the Masters, which was probably just as well.

It is hard to imagine anyone capable of following in these footsteps.

His romp over Augusta National Golf Club evoked memories of the cold stare and hardened heart of Ben Hogan, the charisma of Arnold Palmer and the sheer power of Jack Nicklaus.

Shortly after he drained a bending 4½-foot putt for par on the final hole Sunday that gave him the lowest score in the 63-year history of the Masters, Woods choked back tears as he embraced his parents.

"Every time I hug my mom and pop after a tournament, I know it's over," he said. "I've accomplished my goal."

His 3-under-par 69 gave him a 270, breaking by one stroke the record that Nicklaus first set in 1965 and Raymond Floyd matched in 1986.

His 12-stroke victory over Tom Kite was not only a Masters record by three strokes, but the greatest winning margin in any major since Old Tom Morris won in the 1862 British Open by 13 strokes.

He also became the youngest Masters champion at age 21.

Woods wasn't thinking about any of these records when he teed off Sunday afternoon with a nine-stroke lead, or when he made his final climb to a spectacular salute at the 18th green.

Instead, Woods said a prayer of thanks to other blacks in golf who paved the way — Ted Rhodes, Charlie Sifford and Lee Elder, the first black to get invited to play at the Masters in 1975.

Elder stood by politely as Woods chipped onto the practice green, then said hello and wished him well.

"It might have more potential than Jackie Robinson breaking into baseball," Elder said. "No one will ever turn their head again when a black walks to the first tee."

They will turn their head to see Tiger only because of his greatness, which can no longer be questioned.

From the time Woods was soaking in the golf swing from a high chair as a toddler, to the television appearances as a 3-year-old to national amateur titles for six straight year, he had dreamed of winning the Masters.

But not like this.

"You envision dueling it out with Faldo, or Nicklaus or Watson, someone who is always tough to beat down the stretch," Woods said. "You dream of doing that, or getting into a playoff ... but never to do it in the fashion that I did it.

"That's's just something you never really dream of," he said. "It's just kind of nice that it actually became a reality."

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
y-Miami	59	19	.756	—
x-NewYork	54	24	.692	5
x-Orlando	44	34	.564	15
Washington	40	38	.513	19
NewJersey	24	54	.308	35
Philadelphia	21	57	.269	38
Boston	14	65	.177	45½
Central Division				
z-Chicago	68	11	.861	—
x-Atlanta	54	24	.692	13½
x-Detroit	52	26	.667	15½
x-Charlotte	52	26	.667	15½
Cleveland	40	38	.513	27½
Indiana	38	40	.487	29½
Milwaukee	31	47	.397	36½
Toronto	28	50	.359	39½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
z-Utah	60	18	.769	—
x-Houston	54	25	.684	6½
x-Minnesota	38	40	.487	22
Dallas	23	55	.295	37
Denver	20	58	.256	40
SanAntonio	20	58	.256	40
Vancouver	13	67	.163	48
Pacific Division				
x-L.A.Lakers	54	25	.684	—
x-Seattle	54	25	.684	—
x-Portland	46	33	.582	8
x-Phoenix	39	40	.494	15
L.A.Clippers	35	43	.449	18½
Sacramento	32	46	.410	21½
GoldenState	29	50	.367	25

z-clinched conference title
y-clinched division title
x-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games
New York 100, Miami 99
Seattle 96, San Antonio 91
Indiana 100, Toronto 89
Charlotte 99, Washington 97
Cleveland 125, Philadelphia 118
Orlando 121, Boston 98
Atlanta 80, Minnesota 66
Vancouver 96, Dallas 85
L.A. Clippers 116, Denver 94

Sunday's Games
Detroit 108, Chicago 91
Milwaukee 132, New Jersey 123
Houston 113, Seattle 73
L.A. Lakers 100, Utah 98
Phoenix 105, Golden State 97

Monday's Games
Washington at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
New Jersey at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 9 p.m.

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	7	2	.778	-
Detroit	6	6	.500	2½
Toronto	4	4	.500	2½
Boston	5	6	.455	3
NewYork	5	6	.455	3
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	-
Minnesota	6	5	.545	-
Cleveland	5	5	.500	½
KansasCity	4	5	.444	1
Chicago	3	7	.300	2½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	7	4	.636	-
Seattle	6	5	.545	1
Anaheim	4	6	.400	2½
Texas	3	5	.375	2½

Saturday's Games
Seattle 5, Boston 1, 10 innings
Anaheim at Cleveland, ppd., rain
Chicago at Detroit, ppd., rain
Texas at Baltimore, ppd., rain
Oakland at New York, ppd., rain
Minnesota 11, Kansas City 6
Toronto at Milwaukee, ppd., snow

Sunday's Games
Boston 7, Seattle 1
Anaheim 8, Cleveland 3
Baltimore 9, Texas 0
Kansas City 6, Minnesota 1
Milwaukee 3, Toronto 2
New York 3, Oakland 2, 1st game
Oakland 7, New York 4, 2nd game
Chicago 11, Detroit 8, 12 innings, 1st game
Detroit 4, Chicago 2, 2nd game

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	8	3	.727	-
Florida	8	3	.727	-
Montreal	4	5	.444	3
NewYork	3	8	.273	5
Philadelphia	3	8	.273	5
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	7	5	.583	-
Cincinnati	5	6	.455	1½
Pittsburgh	4	6	.400	2
St.Louis	3	7	.300	3
Chicago	0	10	.000	6
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	8	3	.727	-
Colorado	7	3	.700	½
SanFrancisco	7	3	.700	½
SanDiego	7	4	.636	1

Saturday's Games
Cincinnati 2, Florida 1, 10 innings
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain
San Francisco at New York, ppd., rain
Houston 7, St. Louis 5
Atlanta 2, Chicago 1
Colorado 12, Montreal 8
San Diego at Philadelphia, ppd., rain

Sunday's Games
Los Angeles 14, Pittsburgh 5
San Diego 3, Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 6, Florida 4
Atlanta 6, Chicago 4
Montreal 8, Colorado 3
San Francisco 5, New York 1, 1st game
San Francisco 7, New York 6, 2nd game
St. Louis 6, Houston 2

Fambro advances to regional meet Saturday

Matthew Fambro had a stellar performance at the District 2-4A track meet Saturday, bringing home four medals and earning a trip to the regional meet April 25-26 in San Angelo.

Fambro was first in the high jump, the 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles and third in the long jump.

Fambro had a height of 6-4 in the high jump, a distance of 21-7¾ in the long jump, a time of 14.25 in the 110-meter hurdles and a time of 40.45 in the 300-meter hurdles.

With the top two finishers in each event qualifying for the regional meet, Fambro will compete in the high jump, the 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles.

Joey Medley also had a strong showing, placing second in the discus with a toss of 142-8½ and third in the shot put with a distance of 48-5¼.

Chris Post also had a good meet, taking fourth in the discus with a toss of 137-11¾ and sixth in the shot put with a heave of 44-2¾.

Juan Arizmendi was fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.26.

Jesus Esparza finished fourth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:04.32. Esparza also placed sixth in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 11:27.27.

The boys finished fifth as a team, compiling 79 points. Estacado was first with 177, Lamesa was second with 102 and Plainview took third with 95 points.

Devon Reed missed qualifying for the regional meet in the 200-meter dash by one second. Reed was third with a time of 27.09 behind Levelland's Graves who had a time of 26.30.

Reed also placed fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.96.

Alicia Peoples was fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.96.

The girls team was sixth overall with 22 points. Estacado took first with 148, Lamesa was second with 126 and Levelland won third with 105.

Sports Briefs

LL opening ceremonies

The Snyder Little League will host its opening ceremonies at 5 p.m. today at Logan Field.

A ceremony will be held to honor the late Buck Logan, founder and longtime supporter of Snyder Little League. Ten games will be played.

All-Sports Banquet

The annual Snyder High School All-Sports Banquet that recognizes all varsity athletes, will be held 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the high school office and at the door.

Hermleigh cage tournament

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Whites turn backs on black marchers in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — White residents of a racially tense neighborhood came out onto their front steps today and turned their backs to blacks holding a peaceful march against race-related violence.

Hundreds of police kept watch in the Grays Ferry section, where racial divisions have been heightened since the beating of a black family by a mob of whites and the killing of a white teen-ager during a robbery.

"We as black Americans must insist that this will never again happen in this city," former NFL defensive back Johnny Sample told the crowd at a rally before the march.

"If my babies, my wife, my mother walked down that street and was attacked, I would face the same questions: Do I go back and blow their heads off? Or do I organize in peace?" state Rep. Anthony Hardy Williams told the crowd.

The march preceded a midmorning interfaith ecumenical service, led by Nation of Islam Leader Minister Louis Farrakhan and Mayor Edward G. Rendell, that had drawn its own share of protests.

The march and service were in response to the Feb. 23 beating of Annette Williams, her son and nephew by a mob of white men outside a Roman Catholic church social hall. A month later, a white 16-year-old, Christopher Brinkman, was shot and killed during a drugstore robbery. Two blacks were arrested; police said the killing was not racially motivated.

The crimes widened a historical racial divide in the mostly white working-class South Philadelphia neighborhood surrounded by overwhelmingly black homes.

As white residents stood on their steps and on the street with their backs turned, several white men held up signs with the names of slain members of their community, including Brinkman.

One white woman yelled at the top of her lungs: "Hold that sign higher! That's the real story right there, babe!"

There were no early reports of violence at the march, but a small group of black marchers briefly broke through the police line and charged toward a group of taunting white spectators.

The mayor had organized today's service at Tindley Temple United Methodist Church as part of a deal with the local Nation of Islam, which in turn dropped its plans to march 5,000 black men through white sections of Grays Ferry.

Jewish leaders sharply criticized the Jewish mayor for inviting Farrakhan, citing the minister's history of acerbic remarks against Jews, Catholics, gays and others. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia declined to participate.

"I think it is a mistake that the church won't be present," Farrakhan said Sunday on NBC's "Meet The Press." "I think it is a mistake that members of the synagogue won't be present. ... The church is the bastion of love, but all of this hate is coming toward us out of the church."

After the Feb. 23 beating of the black family, police arrested two white men that night and charged them with ethnic intimidation.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	82	81¼	81⅞— ⅜
AT&T Corp	33⅝	33⅜	33⅝— ⅜
AirTouch	22⅝	22⅜	22⅝— ⅜
Albertsons	31	30⅝	31 + ⅜
AlldSignal	68⅛	67⅞	68⅛— ⅛
Alltel	31⅝	30⅝	30⅝— ⅜
AmerOnline	46⅝	45⅝	45⅝—1⅛
AmStores		43⅝	43⅝ 43⅝
Ameritech	56⅛	56	56⅛—1
Amoco	81⅛	80	81⅛— ⅛
AndarkPtr		52⅝	51⅞ 51⅞
ArmcoInc		4	3⅝ 3⅝
AtlRichfld	128⅝	127⅞	128⅝+ ⅜
ATMOS Egy	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛+ ⅛
Aviall	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛+ ⅛
BakerHughes	35⅝	34⅞	35⅛+ ⅜
BellAtl	57⅛	57	57⅛— ⅜
BellSouth	40⅝	39⅝	39⅝— ⅜
BethSteel	8	7⅞	7⅞— ⅛
BritPet	134⅝	133⅝	133⅝+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe	72	71⅛	71⅜— ⅜
Caterpillar	77⅛	76⅛	77 + ⅛
CenSoWst	19⅝	19	19⅝— ⅜
Chevron	62⅝	61⅞	62⅝+ ⅜
Chrysler s		29⅝	28⅞ 28⅞
Coastal	44⅞	44⅝	44½+ ⅛
CocaColas	55⅛	54⅛	55⅛+1⅜
ColgatePalm	99⅝	98⅝	99⅝— ⅜
ComclMetals	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛— ⅛
CooperIn	42⅛	41⅛	41⅛— ⅛
CyprusAmax	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝— ⅛
DalSemicn	32⅝	31⅛	31⅛— ⅜
DeltaAird	86⅝	86⅝	86⅝— ⅛
DigitalEq	26⅛	25⅞	26 — ⅜
Dillard	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝— ⅛
DowChem	79	78⅛	78⅝— ⅜
DresserInd	28⅞	28⅝	28⅛+ ⅛
DuPont	100⅝	99⅝	100⅝+ ⅜
EastmanChem	51⅛	51⅛	51⅛— ⅛
EstKodak	75	74	74⅞— ⅜
EDS Corp	38⅝	38⅝	38½— ⅜
Enserch	19⅝	19⅝	19½— ⅛
Entergy	22⅝	22 7-16	22⅝— ⅛
Exxon s	51⅛	49⅝	50⅝+ ⅜
FstBkxAm		12⅝	12⅝ 12⅝
Flowers	23⅛	22⅝	22⅝— ⅛
FordMotor	32⅝	32⅛	32⅝+ ⅜
GTE Cp	42⅝	42⅝	42⅝— ⅛
GenDynam	64	63⅛	63½+ ⅛
GenElec	98⅝	97⅞	97⅞— ⅛
GenMills	58⅝	57⅞	58 — ⅜
GenMotors	53⅝	53⅛	53⅝+ ⅜
GePacif	72⅝	72⅛	72⅝— ⅛
GlobalMar	20⅝	20	20⅝+ ⅜
Goodrich	35⅝	35⅛	35⅝— ⅛
Goodyear s	50⅝	49⅝	50 — ⅛
GtAtlPac	23⅝	23⅛	23⅝— ⅛
Halibrtn	67⅝	65⅛	67 +1⅛
Hanson ADS n	24⅛	23⅞	24 + ⅛
HarteHanks	29	28⅞	28⅞— ⅜
HomeDepot	55⅛	54⅝	55½+ ⅞
HoustonInds		20⅝	19⅝ 20⅝
IBM	135⅝	133⅝	134⅝+1
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Monsanto s		38⅝	37⅞ 37⅞
MorganJP	94⅝	93⅝	94⅛+1
Motorola	58⅝	57⅞	58 — ⅜
NCR Corp n	33	32⅝	32⅝— ⅛
NationsBk s	55⅛	55	55⅝— ⅛
Navistar	9⅝	9⅛	9⅛— ⅛
NoramEngy		14⅝	14⅝ 14⅝
Norwest	45⅝	44⅝	45 + ⅜
Nynex	43⅝	42⅝	42⅝— ⅜
OryxEngy	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝+ ⅛
PanEnergy	42⅝	42⅛	42⅝— ⅜
Penney JC	45⅝	45⅛	45⅛+ ⅜
Pennzoil	46⅝	45⅞	46⅛+ ⅜
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PhilipPet	38⅛	38	38⅛+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd		10⅝	10⅝ 10⅝
Polaroid	37⅛	36⅝	36⅝—1
Praxair	43⅝	42⅝	42⅝— ⅜
ProctGamble	116⅝	115⅝	116⅛— ⅛
PubSNwMx		17⅛	17⅛ 17⅛
RoyalDutch	169⅝	168⅝	169⅝+1⅛
SBC Comm	50⅝	49⅝	49⅝—1⅛
SaraLee	39⅝	39⅛	39⅛— ⅛
SearsRoeb	46	45⅛	45⅛— ⅛
SherwinW s	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝— ⅛
SmthBchADS	72⅝	72⅛	72⅝+ ⅜
SouthernCo	21	20⅝	20⅝— ⅛
SwstAirlines	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝— ⅛
Sprint	44⅛	43⅝	43⅝— ⅛
SunCo	24⅝	24⅛	24⅝+ ⅛
TNP Ent		19⅝	19 19
Tandy	50⅝	49⅝	49⅝—1
TempleInl	50⅝	49⅝	49⅝— ⅜
Tenneco	38⅝	38	38⅛+ ⅛
Texaco	103⅝	101⅝	103 +2
TexasInds	27⅝	27⅛	27⅛— ⅛
TexasInst	81⅝	80⅝	81⅛— ⅛
TexUtil	33⅝	33	33 — ⅛
Textron		100	99⅝ 99⅝
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TrinityInds	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝— ⅛
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USX Delhi	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝+ ⅛
USX-Marathn		26⅝	25⅞ 26⅝
USX-USS	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝+ ⅛
UnCarbde	44⅛	44⅛	44⅝— ⅛
UnPac s	57	56⅝	56⅝— ⅛
UnitedTech s	71⅛	70⅝	71⅛—1
Unocal		37⅛	36⅝ 36⅝
WalMart	27⅛	27⅛	27⅝— ⅛
WstnGasRs	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝— ⅛
WestghEl	18	17⅞	18 + ⅛
WinnDixie	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝— ⅛
Woolworth		21⅝	21⅛ 21⅛
XeroxCp s	56	54⅝	55 — ⅜
ZenithE	12	11⅞	11⅞— ⅛

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ADMISSIONS: April 11-None; April 12-Manuel Benitez, 2507 Ave. V; Brian Jackson, 2105 26th; Lola Tedder, Eden; Alton Davis, 3757 Avondale; April 13-Dolly Hood, 2405 41st; Erica Vasquez, 2405 30th; Jessie Leyva, 1112 26th; Shirley McCartney, Colorado City.

DISMISSALS: April 11-Jerry Beasley, Brandi Cortez and baby girl, Evelyn Mebane, Jerrod Ward; April 12-Jana Edmonds, Jacob Graves; April 13-Alton Davis.

CENSUS: 57 (Med., Surg.-17, Long-term Care-36, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Dolly Hood of Snyder announces the birth of her son, weighing six pounds, 11 ounces. He was born at 2:47 p.m. on April 13 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Erica Vasquez of Snyder announce the birth of her daughter at 4:43 p.m. on April 13 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 15 ounces.

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Some foods studied as possible cancer fighters

SAN DIEGO (AP) — For years, cancer experts have been telling folks to eat fruits and vegetables. Now they are trying to answer the next obvious question: "Which ones?"

They are still far from having a firm answer. But studies presented at a cancer conference this week suggest tomatoes are looking good. So are oranges and several other kinds of food, including tofu and spaghetti.

Teasing out specifics about the health effects of different kinds of foods is difficult, in part because it may take many years for a particular nutrient to have even a small effect on health.

However, scientists are trying. And tomatoes appear to be the food of the moment.

Last year, Harvard researchers reported that men who get at least 10 servings a week of tomato-based foods are up to 45 percent less likely than usual to develop prostate cancer.

No one knows why, but it could be because tomatoes are the primary source in the diet of a nutrient called lycopene. Now a team from Columbia University has preliminary evidence that this may be especially important for smokers.

Dr. Jean G. Ford and others looked at levels of various vitamins and other nutrients in the blood of 204 people, half of whom had lung cancer. They found concentrations of lycopene were was significantly lower in the lung cancer victims.

After taking smoking into account, they found that those with low levels of lycopene have triple the cancer risk of those with high levels. The association was especially strong in people currently smoking. The lower their lycopene levels, the higher their cancer risk.

Ford cautioned that low lycopene levels might be a result, rather than a cause, of lung cancer. Nevertheless, the findings raise the possibility — still to be proven — that this nutrient might somehow help protect smokers from the cancerous effects of cigarettes.

"This is a preliminary report, but it raises questions about whether there are dietary risk factors that we need to take a closer look at for lung cancer," Ford said.

Among other reports on the effects of food released Sunday at the American Association for Cancer Research meeting:

—Animal studies suggest that orange juice protects lab animals from cancer. In an effort to find out why this might be, Dr. Najla Guthrie and others from the University of Western Ontario evaluated limonoids, the bitter stuff in limes, lemons, grapefruit and oranges. They found that a particular limonoid called nomilin was an especially powerful inhibitor of cancer in the test tube.

—Dr. Rashmi Sinha of the National Cancer Institute looked for links between meat consumption and lung cancer in 1,216 women in Missouri. Women who ate a lot of red meat were twice as likely as those who had it sparingly to get lung cancer, but fish and chicken had no apparent effect on risk.

—People in Mediterranean countries have traditionally had relatively low risks of colon cancer, and some wonder whether pasta might be the reason. In a study at the University of Florence, Dr. Giovanna Cademi compared the effects of sugar and pasta in rats. She found that pasta-eating rodents had a lower risk of getting precancerous polyps.

—People with high intake of tofu and other foods made from soybeans also seem less likely to get some kinds of cancer. To test this, Dr. Jin-Rong Zhou from Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center in Boston fed soy concentrate to mice with bladder cancer. He found their tumors were about one-third smaller than would have been expected.

Most at cult leader's high school reunion do not remember him

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — When Marshall Herff Applewhite's former high school classmates got together over the weekend, they had little more than vague memories of the man who led the Heaven's Gate cult into mass suicide.

"The general consensus is that he was a nice, quiet, intelligent boy from a wonderful family," said Margaret Haney Levy, the organizer of the joint reunion of Corpus Christi High School's classes of 1947-49.

Ms. Levy said Applewhite — a 1948 graduate who went by his middle name while growing up — was president of the National Honor Society, belonged to the science and Bible clubs and sang in the choir.

However, in spite of last month's decision by 38 members of Heaven's Gate to follow Applewhite into suicide, only a smattering of the 270 people at Saturday's gathering even remembered him.

Some recalled him only as a face in the crowd.

"Since the suicide, I have been racking my brain to remember more about him," said Jack Best, a local dentist and city councilman. "I know he lived down the street from me, but I can't visualize him."

Best said Applewhite's name came up only once at a smaller reunion party Friday night.

"Someone said that the mass suicide was really tragic, but that was it," he said. "We didn't stand around talking about what Herff was like in high school and why he did what he eventually did."

Jimmy Moye, a retired Houston dentist, said he and Applewhite went to high school together and met again in their 20s in Sherman, where they both sang in a Presbyterian church choir.

When Moye moved to Houston, he joined a Unitarian church choir directed by Applewhite.

Moye lost touch with Applewhite for a while, but more than 15 years ago he read in a Houston newspaper that a group led by Applewhite was getting ready to leave Earth in a spaceship.

So, Moye said, the mass suicide didn't shock him.

"When this came about, I said, 'it figures,' " Moye said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Colon blockage is serious business

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My friend recently died of a colon blockage. What is this and why is it fatal?

DEAR READER: It is a biological imperative that no living thing can exist for very long in its own waste. The same is true of humans.

Fecal waste enters the colon from the small intestine. After moisture has been removed from the residue, it is expelled through the rectum. The body is very sensitive to any disruption of this normal process.

If there is an obstruction in the colon (for example, from infection or cancer), evacuation is affected, gas accumulates, the colon swells and distends, causing severe pain and a medical emergency.

If the colon is not decompressed and the blockage removed within a matter of hours, the patient cannot rid his body of waste and will die.

As you can imagine, the surgical treatment of such a dangerous situation is fraught with risk. These patients are usually very ill and are often far from being ideal surgical candidates. Therefore, there is ample chance for complications (such as shock and bleeding) to set in.

Still, the surgical rule is: Without the operation, the patient will certainly be lost. Hence, in this situation, an operation — although risky — is mandatory.

I don't know whether your friend died of the colon blockage or from the surgery itself. But I do know that without surgery, he would have succumbed without a chance for survival. This is the reason why intestinal blockage (which is diagnosed by special X-ray tests) is such a serious disorder.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My intellectual wife is not easily lured into trying unorthodox medical recipes, but her arthritis pain overrode her common sense.

A friend told her to try raisins soaked in gin. Is there any validity to this therapy? She hates raisins.

DEAR READER: If she hates raisins, she'll REALLY hate them soaked in gin.

This recipe is not a good idea. First of all, it's ineffective and, second, I worry about any alternative medical therapy that is based on alcohol.

It wasn't too long ago that a generation of women walked around with a "buzz," because they swore by Lydia Pinkam's tonic for the "vapors," a product that enjoyed modest success because it was about 80 proof.

I understand that the gin-soaked raisins nostrum has appeared on the Internet, which goes to show that you can't necessarily trust the information derived from this source.

I believe that your wife would be better served by using ibuprofen — or, if necessary, prescription anti-inflammatory drugs (Lodine, Indocin and others) — and leaving the gin and raisins alone.

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

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Rome's quickly growing population was housed in three-story tenements.

Travis Tritt weds

ATLANTA (AP) — Country singer Travis Tritt kissed bachelorhood goodbye by serenading his fiance with a song he penned just for her: "More Than You'll Ever Know."

Tritt and model Theresa Nelson were married over the weekend at his home outside Atlanta. Tritt, 34, had written the song for Ms. Nelson, according to his publicist, Nancy Russell. The song was also a No. 1 single.

More than 300 guests attended Saturday's wedding, including Tanya Tucker, Lari White and Gary Rossington of the group Lynyrd Skynyrd.

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Crack cocaine sentencing upheld

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today rejected an appeal challenging as racially discriminatory the federal sentencing laws that punish crack cocaine offenders more harshly than those caught with powdered cocaine.

The court, without comment, let stand the 10-year prison sentence of a man convicted of distributing crack cocaine in the District of Columbia.

"There is a perception among African-Americans that there is no more unequal treatment by the criminal justice system than in the crack vs. powder cocaine, racially biased federal sentencing provisions," the justices were told by lawyers for Duane Edwards.

In other action, the court:

—Agreed to clarify when people forced by federal agencies to pay civil fines can also be criminally prosecuted for the same conduct. The justices will use an Oklahoma case to review the double-jeopardy issue.

—Rejected an appeal by a Miami firefighter seeking reinstatement of a $1.3 million award he won from the city over sexual hazing by his fellow firefighters.

—Declined to consider compensating two Maryland girls whose pet ferret was killed by state health officials testing for rabies after the animal bit someone.

The appeal in the cocaine case was submitted in Edwards' behalf by John C. Floyd III, who chairs the National Bar Association's criminal law section; Harvard law professor Charles Ogletree; and Los Angeles lawyer Johnnie Cochran, who successfully defended O.J. Simpson against murder charges.

The appeal noted that it takes 100 times more cocaine powder than crack to draw the same 10-year minimum sentence for drug trafficking.

People convicted of selling at least 50 grams of crack must be sentenced to 10 years, while a cocaine powder offender gets the same sentence only if 5,000 grams or more are involved.

"Can Congress pass a law that targets young poor African-American urban males?" Edwards' lawyers asked rhetorically.

Minnesota town joins forces to face down threat of flood

HENDRUM, Minn. (AP) — Trooping about town in mud-caked white boots, Mayor Donovan Kolness surveys the 36-foot-high dike, sandbag crews and knots of volunteers streaming into Main Street.

Like the leader of a small army, he boasts about how folks here have united to face down the flood. There are 24-hour dike commanders who watch the wall. There are pump specialists to drain homes. Everyone has a task. And a message: We're prepared.

"I think we're going to fight this thing and beat it back," Kolness said Sunday as he took a break. "People here are jovial."

"We're not going down with the ship," added Carla Torgerson, who bought a home last fall in this hamlet 30 miles north of Fargo, N.D. "It's not a panic thing. We feel confident, secure and safe."

A crest of up to 33.5 feet — 2½ feet lower than the top of the dike — was predicted for today or Tuesday at the community sitting at the confluence of the Wild Rice and Red rivers.

Upstream at Fargo, the river was slightly higher today, rising less than an inch to 37.68 feet, just barely above Saturday's crest of 37.6 feet. That's the highest in a century, but below the top of the dikes and short of the all-time record of 39.1 feet, set in 1897. Flood stage is about 17 feet.

"What we have is kind of an unusual situation," said Dennis Walaker, Fargo's city operations manager. He said the water rose again because the Sheyenne River broke out of its banks, running into another tributary upstream from Fargo.

Administration readies tax simplification plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the eve of the federal tax-filing deadline, the Clinton administration is unveiling a package of 60, mostly minor, tax simplification proposals.

They're not designed to cut taxes, but they should make calculating them a bit less time consuming for some taxpayers.

One would make life easier for parents by raising the amount a dependent could make without having to file a separate return. Another would simplify the rule for claiming a dependent younger than 19. Under the proposal, the parent could claim any child that lives with them for more than half the year. Under current law, parents must show they provided more than half the child's support.

The plan also would exempt 95 percent of all corporations — those with gross revenue of less than $5 million — from the alternative minimum tax, which is designed to ensure that businesses pay some tax even if they have enough deductions and credits to eliminate their tax liability.

And it would make it easier for taxpayers to win exemption from penalties by showing reasonable cause for failing to make payments.

The administration had revealed in its budget in February that it was working on simplification package. The timing of the announcement, scheduled today at a news conference with Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, appears aimed at blunting criticism.

14 arrests keep officers busy during the weekend

It was a busy weekend for local law enforcement agencies as 14 people were arrested on various charges, including one for felony driving while intoxicated.

At 7:56 p.m. Sunday, officers took 41-year-old Fernando Orosco of 1709½ Ave. T into custody in the 600 block of 28th Street on felony driving while intoxicated charges. Two passengers, a 27-year-old female and a 34-year-old male, were charged with public intoxication.

A 27-year-old female was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated Sunday morning in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

Ten people were arrested on outstanding city warrants over the weekend. They were:

—a 49-year-old male at 12:04 p.m. Saturday in the 1900 block of Avenue I on a warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection sticker and failure to appear;

—a 21-year-old male in the 1700 block of 18th Street at 6:51 p.m. Saturday on warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear;

—a 33-year-old female at 3:20 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion on four warrants, including no driver's license and failure to appear;

—a 22-year-old male at 3:28 p.m. Sunday in the 2000 block of Avenue O on warrants for disorderly conduct and failure to appear;

—a 25-year-old male at 4:02 p.m. Sunday in the 600 block of 30th Street on a capias pro fine warrant from city court;

—a 25-year-old female at 4:11 p.m. Sunday on warrants for no seat belt and failure to appear;

—a 23-year-old male at 5:49 p.m. Sunday on an outstanding capias pro fine warrant;

—an 18-year-old male at 6:37 p.m. Sunday in the 3200 block of Avenue G on warrants for no liability insurance and failure to appear. He was also charged with resisting arrest.

—an 18-year-old male at 7:45 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of 14th Street on warrants for no liability insurance and failure to appear;

—a 40-year-old female at 10:04 p.m. Sunday on two capias pro fine city warrants.

In other activity over the weekend, three juveniles were issued citations for minor in possession at 9:37 p.m. Saturday in the 3300 block of Avenue I.

A person went to the police department at 9:55 p.m. Sunday in reference to an assault that had occurred earlier in the week. She said her 12-year-old daughter had been assaulted by a 15-year-old male.

A report of a loud music disturbance was made at 11:51 p.m. Saturday in the 4200 block of Avondale.

A person requested to speak to an officer at 12:51 a.m. Sunday in reference to receiving threatening telephone calls.

A report for criminal mischief was made at 8:03 p.m. Sunday at the Park Village Apartments in reference to a juvenile breaking a window and painting a door.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 2:08 a.m. Monday in the 400 block of 33rd Street.

Obituaries

Essie Orms

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1892-1997

Mrs. Essie Laura Orms, 104, died Sunday, April 13, in University Medical Center in Lubbock. Service has been set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Emmanuel Baptist Church in White Oak, Tex. Burial will follow in the Grace Hill Cemetery in Longview.

Her great-grandson, Dr. Michael Orms, M.D., will officiate. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Orms was born on Sept. 3, 1892 in Cooper. She married Lewis Orms on Sept. 13, 1911 in Elmo, Tex. He died in 1935. A resident of Snyder Healthcare Center, Mrs. Orms had operated a day care center on 23rd Street and was a homemaker. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Rea Jordan of Snyder; several daughters-in-law, including Una Orms of Snyder; 26 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and 30 great-great-grandchildren.

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Mrs. Patterson

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Alice Emmaretta Patterson, 89, died this morning in Carmbarie Assisted Living Center in El Paso after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Patterson, a former resident of Snyder, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Emie McGaughey, pastor, will officiate, and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 17, 1907 in Poplar Bluff, Mo., she was married to William Kee Patterson. She was a retired school teacher and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Snyder.

Mrs. Patterson was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Survivors include her husband, Kee Patterson of Snyder; a daughter, Jane LaGrone of El Paso; a son, William Marlin Patterson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; three sisters, Pauline Caffey of Abilene, Melba Anderson of Weatherford and Ora Lee Morris of Arlington; a brother, Howard Marlin of Virginia; and four grandchildren.

Neil Perdue

1918-1997

KNOX CITY — Funeral service was set for 2:30 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church for Forrest Neil Perdue, 78. Burial was to follow in the Knox City Cemetery.

Mr. Perdue, the grandfather of Laurie Chandler of Snyder, died Saturday, April 12, in a Knox City Hospital.

A stock farmer, Mr. Perdue had retired from Skelly and Getty Oil after 32 years of service. Born in Gladewater, he attended Denton High School and North Texas State University.

Mr. Perdue married Marion R. Clonts in 1938 and moved to Knox City. He was a Methodist, a Mason and chairman of the Skiles Brothers Social Club.

Survivors include his wife, Marion Perdue of Knox City; two sons, David Perdue of Knox City and Duane Seay of Lufkin; five other grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

What's Up?

Ira trustees to convene

Ira ISD board will meet at 7:30 this evening to consider canceling the May 3 trustee election, budget amendments and local policy updates.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The seventh Bible tape, "Overcoming Hardship," will air at 7 this evening. It will be followed by "The Forever Marriage."

HISD board to convene

Hermleigh ISD trustees will meet at 8 o'clock tonight. Agenda items including cancellation of the May election, options for health insurance and hiring a firm for the outside audit.

Parents of seniors to meet

Parents of 1997 Snyder High School seniors will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday to plan graduation activities. The meeting will be held in the high school student center.

SHS choirs in concert

Snyder High School choirs will give a concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. Everyone is invited. There is no admission fee.

High school registration

Snyder High students will register this week according to the following schedule:

Tuesday — 2, 3 and 4 periods, Cotton
Wednesday — 5, 6 and 8 periods, Cotton

CMH auxiliary volunteers

Cogdell Hospital employees will honor auxiliary volunteers with a reception from 2 until 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the hospital board room.

Morningside revival

Morningside Baptist Church, 119 36th St., will have a revival Wednesday through Sunday. Services will be at 7 p.m., except for Sunday, when they will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. There will be a fellowship following each service.

BCD to convene

Scurry Board of County Development will meet at noon Wednesday in the DCOS board room to consider funding a sprinkler system at the airport. Also on the agenda are bills, financial statements and previous minutes.

Ministerial Alliance

Scurry County Ministerial Alliance has moved its meeting to 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

TASP review slated

Western Texas College instructors are offering a TASP review for students who will be taking the TASP test Saturday. Students may come to either the 1-2 p.m. or the 5-6 p.m. session Thursday in the 7D Building, Room 101. Call 573-8511, ext. 296, for more information.

'Nunsense' returns Thursday

"Nunsense," a popular Dan Groggin comedy, will return to the Ritz Theatre on Thursday for a four-day run. Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening performances start at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees will begin at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $7. Call 573-4035 between 2 and 5 p.m. for reservations.

Wastella reunion

The Wastella reunion will be held Saturday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Call 863-2437 and make reservations if you have not already sent in money for the meal.

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival is slated from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Parish Center. Ticket prices are $3 for children, $6 adults, $6 takeout. Sausage will also be sold by the pound: $2.75 uncooked; $3.75 cooked. Included will be raffles, game booths and the Country Store.

SNS needs financial help

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

Senior Swimnastics

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

Wildflower tours available

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

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-4-3
(four, four, three)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-15-25-28-33-47.
Estimated jackpot: $9 million.
Number matching six of six: none
Matching five of six: 116. Prize: $1,639.
Matching four of six: 6,379. Prize: $107.
Matching three of six: 121,530. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: estimated $15 million.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Those With Mental Illness Suffer From Being Shunned

DEAR ABBY: Why does mental illness, which affects millions of Americans, remain so stigmatized and misunderstood?

My son, Mike, finally heard the last voice calling out to him from nowhere and saw the last terrible scene that was only in his mind. He died in his sleep on July 28, 1992. He often told me that, if he could, he'd just "lie down and go to sleep forever, to end it all." He had battled the devastating illness of schizophrenia for many years — and although the disease did not kill him, it made him pray to die.

No one should have to endure what schizophrenia does to the mind, but worse is what society does to its sufferers. If my son had been stricken with cancer, he would have received sympathy. Because he suffered instead from a mental illness that sometimes made him do weird things, he was treated as less than an animal by some people. Professionals in the judicial system referred to him as a "sorry piece of human flesh." He was shunned by people with whom he yearned to be friends, and ignored by some family and church members. He once confided that sometimes people would say they would be his friend and then, when they found out about him, they left.

Please, Abby, urge your readers who don't understand mental illness to try to. There is such a volume of information available today that there's no excuse for being ignorant about it. Mental illness affects one out of every four families. Please tell your readers that if they know anyone who's suffering from mental illness, to reach out. Look beyond the illness to the inner person. They need friends.

I only wish more people had gotten to know the Mike that a few in his life looked beyond the illness and found.

JEAN KEY, PRESIDENT,
UPPER-CUMBERLAND
ALLIANCE FOR THE
MENTALLY ILL,
COOKEVILLE, TENN.

DEAR MRS. KEY: Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved son. Perhaps your letter will provide insight to people who label the mentally ill as "weird" or "crazy," and fail to recognize that they are people with biologically based brain disorders.

More than 12.5 million families in the United States face the challenge of mental illness. For too many years the mentally ill and their families have been blamed and stigmatized. Often the stigma is more difficult to deal with than the disease itself, compounding the pain and sense of isolation.

In many parts of the country, it is difficult to find nonmedical services for those with mental illness. Social, vocational and housing services are not available — leaving the family to shoulder the entire burden of attending to the daily needs of their mentally ill family member.

More than half of the American public knows someone who has been diagnosed with a serious mental illness — a family member, a friend or a co-worker — yet stigmas and stereotypes persist. This shame keeps people who need it from seeking treatment and from reaching out for support from their communities. Yet with treatment, many people with mental illness can function in society.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is a national umbrella organization for local support and advocacy groups for individuals and families affected by serious mental illness. The toll-free helpline (1-800-950-NAMI; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT) provides emotional support, referrals to local organizations and printed information to persons with serious mental illness and their family members. For further information, write: NAMI, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 1015, Arlington, Va. 22203-3754.

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Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Preemptive mastectomy prevents cancer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The increasingly common practice of surgically removing both breasts while they are still healthy is an effective, if radical, way of preventing breast cancer in women at high risk of the disease, a study finds.

Until recently, bilateral prophylactic mastectomy, as doctors call it, was rare. But the development of screening tests for the inherited bad genes that can trigger breast cancer has increased demand for this approach.

When a woman discovers she has a high genetic susceptibility to cancer, there is little she can do besides frequent checkups or having her breasts removed. Some doctors are reluctant to offer the genetic screening test because of uncertainty about whether a preemptive mastectomy actually works as well as common sense would suggest it should.

To help settle the issue, doctors from the Mayo Clinic followed up on 950 women who have had bilateral prophylactic mastectomies, mostly because of a strong family history of breast cancer. They found that it reduced their breast cancer risk by 91 percent.

It was not, however, totally effective. Even when the breasts are cut off, surgeons often leave behind tiny bits of breast tissue on the chest wall. These remnants can still turn cancerous. Furthermore, undetected cancer may sometimes have already spread to other parts of the body before the breasts are removed.

The study, directed by Dr. Lynn C. Hartmann, followed women who had the surgery between 1960 and 1993 — before screening for breast cancer genes became common over the past two years.

Nevertheless, Hartmann said her findings are the first to suggest that mastectomies in women with cancer genes will work as intended.

"It's an extreme approach," she said. "For a woman who decides to proceed, at least she now has some clear information instead of a question mark."

Hartmann presented her results Sunday at a conference sponsored by the American Association for Cancer Research.

While there are no clear figures on how many women are opting for mastectomies to prevent cancer, Dr. Henry T. Lynch of Creighton University said, the numbers have clearly increased since the discovery of two powerful cancer genes in 1994 and 1995.

Mutant forms of these genes, called BRCA1 and BRCA2, together cause about 5 percent to 10 percent of all breast cancer and 5 percent of all ovarian cancers. While rare, they greatly increase the cancer risk for those who get them.

A woman with either BRCA1 or BRCA2 has about an 85 percent lifetime risk of breast cancer. BRCA1 also gives her a 40 percent to 60 percent risk of ovarian cancer, while BRCA2 causes a 10 percent to 20 percent risk of ovarian cancer. They also cause less dramatic increases in the risk of colon cancer as well as prostate cancer in men.

The genes are suspected in women whose families include many people with breast or ovarian cancer, often at unusually young ages.

In the Mayo Clinic study, two-thirds of the women had their breasts removed because of their family histories of the disease, while the rest were concerned by frequent biopsies that produced worrisome findings.

The researchers suspect that many of these women have bad BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes and are now following up with tests to check for them.

The women's average age when they had the surgery was 43, and they have been followed for an average of 17 years. Based on their risk factors, the doctors would have expected 76 cases of breast cancer by now. Instead, seven occurred.

'Old Ironsides' ready to sail, after 116 years

BOSTON (AP) — Navy Cmdr. Michael Beck is studying his orders.

"The ship, perceiving danger to windward, puts the helm to port, hauls up the mizen, down the mizen staysail and shivers the mizen topsail by letting go the lee brace and hauling in the weather one," he reads.

Shivers the mizen? The lee brace?

It's not your standard naval manual. But, after all, this involves the oldest commissioned warship in the world, the 200-year-old USS Constitution.

Beck's crew is training to do what no one has done in 116 years — take her to sea under sail. He says it isn't as hard as the lingo might indicate.

"There was great logic and simplicity to this," he says. "They weren't brain surgeons in the Navy 200 years ago, they were sailors."

Yet all the sailing hasn't been, well, smooth.

On their fourth day of training last week, the crew attempted a port tack but turned the yardarms at steep angles to each other rather than in tandem. Had this been done at sea, with the sails unfurled, it would have put "Old Ironsides" in irons — stalled it, in other words.

Beck has plenty of time to iron out the flubs. The Navy's oldest ship is due to sail into Boston Harbor on July 21 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of its launching.

"On July 21, when we go on a port tack, we'd better go on a port tack," grumbled Bob Burbank, a civilian from the Naval Historical Detachment helping prepare the ship to sail.

Says Beck, who relies on an 1819 sailing guide: "That was an important mistake to make, because they were very embarrassed and I'm sure they will not make that mistake again."

The ship, which earned the nickname in the War of 1812, is one of six frigates ordered built by Congress in 1794.

The 204-foot, three-masted ship traditionally has ventured from its dock only once a year — on the Fourth of July, when it was turned around to weather evenly.

This summer, it will sail under its own power for the first time since 1881 after a four-year, $3.7 million renovation that replaced copper plating, strengthened the keel and replaced rotting planks and broken pegs. Six sails will be unfurled; fully rigged, the Constitution could raise 36 sails.

Beck pledged to take the ship out under sail almost as soon as he took command — and to do the job right.

"It's going to look like a ballet," he said. "Nobody will have to say anything. You'll get up on the rail and move smoothly to the top. It will look like ants on all three masts doing the job at the same time."

The rigging was worked up with the help of 1920s-era photographs, and crew members wear hardhats and use safety harnesses. But the procedures are the same.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 15, 1997

An involvement that started off slowly last year may resurface with some major improvements. In the year ahead, your chances of success will be significantly enhanced.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Several impediments might pop up today, but don't let them cause you to back away from a promising commitment. The roadblocks will take care of themselves. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Domestic matters should be resolved by kith and kin; avoid discussing them with outsiders today. Their contribution could be detrimental.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Shortcuts aren't apt to work out too well today. Ironically, you might have to resort to an old procedure in order to complete a difficult assignment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are willing to try harder than your competition, career conditions are in your favor today. Take care not to step on the wrong person's toes, however.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not lose faith in your own ideas today; by the same token, though, keep an open mind, as your thoughts might be improved by the suggestions of others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It is best not to prejudge commercial developments today. Someone about whom you're not too sure might present you with a better deal than you give him or her.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A past experience should govern your behavior today, especially if you're involved with the same people in similar conditions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you hope to succeed today, keep your mind fixed upon your objective. If not, some insignificant distractions might cause you to drift off course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be aware of your limitations today. If there is something you can't manage unaided, don't be afraid to turn it over to competent persons who can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It might be advantageous today to make some changes that you feel would be good for everyone involved, even if your concept is unpopular.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might have to spend time today buttering up a person who bores you to tears in order to get his or her approval in a matter of personal importance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In order to accomplish your purposes today, you might do some things that will annoy associates. If you realize you've been out of line, resolve it immediately.

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Toddler girl killed in gang battle

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 2-year-old girl sitting in a car with her parents was shot to death, a victim of a gunfight between rival gangs.

Priscilla Gutierrez was sitting in the car as her parents dropped off a friend in when the shooting erupted at 11 p.m. Saturday, Officer Don Cox said. She was shot in the back and died at a nearby hospital.

"They were sitting in the car and got caught between this thing," Cox said.

"She was innocent. She didn't hurt nobody. She didn't know nothing," said the toddler's mother, 18-year-old Priscilla Zavala.

Berry's World

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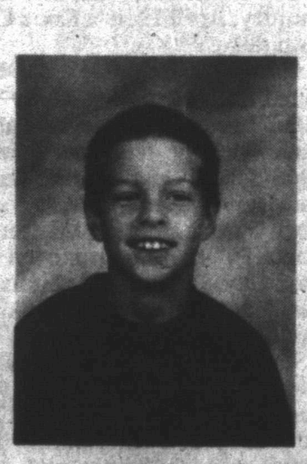

Happy 10th Birthday Tyler Thompson