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Home Of Sam Bedell

Water pact to pour out of Tuesday conference

Officials with the Colorado River Municipal Water District and Lower Colorado River Authority have called a press conference to announce an agreement in regards to releasing stored water in CRMWD's reservoirs.

The LCRA is expected to announce an agreement to amend the 1985 settlement pact between the two entities that will remove provisions allowing the LCRA to call for release of stored water.

That would insure that CRMWD water district members have a more adequate supply of water.

In addition, the CRMWD is expected to lend its support to LCRA's pending purchase of the Garwood Irrigation Company.

The announcement will be made at 10 a.m. Tuesday at CRMWD offices in Big Spring.

Among those expected to attend are Rep. Rob Junell and Rep. David Counts.

The CRMWD office is located at 400 East 24th Street.



COLISEUM ACTION — Professional wrestling made its way back into Scurry County Coliseum Saturday night before approximately 400 fans. Here, L.A. Steele is being up-ended by Gentleman Chris Adams. (SDN Staff Photo)

Justices hold off on request for Foster notes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today delayed efforts by Whitewater investigators to obtain notes taken by the lawyer for White House aide Vincent Foster during a meeting shortly before Foster's 1993 suicide.

The court said it will hear lawyer James Hamilton's argument that attorney-client privilege protects against disclosure of the notes even after Foster's death. A decision is not expected until sometime next year.

Hamilton also says the notes are protected as "work product," reflecting his judgments about the matter.

Kenneth Starr wants the notes to help determine whether presidential aides lied about whether Hillary Rodham Clinton had a role in a White House purge of its travel office staff. She has said she had no role.

Starr had urged the justices to let stand a lower court ruling that said the notes were not necessarily protected by attorney-client privilege.

If the highest court had done so, he could have immediately asked a federal judge to decide whether the notes should be surrendered to a grand jury that subpoenaed them in December 1995.

In other action today, the court:

— Agreed to study a sweeping constitutional challenge to the federal law against carjacking, in tackling a case from Bakersfield, Calif.

— Let stand the federal government's deregulation of local rates for pay phones.

— Rejected the appeal of a U.S. soldier facing a bad-conduct discharge for refusing to wear a United Nations shoulder patch and U.N. blue beret for a peacekeeping mission.

Hamilton took the three pages of notes on July 11, 1993, during a meeting with Foster about the investigation of the travel office firings.

Nine days later, Foster was found dead of what authorities say was a self-inflicted gunshot wound in a park outside Washington.

Whitewater investigators said they were entitled to Hamilton's notes since they can no longer call Foster as a witness in their investigation.

A federal judge ruled the notes were protected by attorney-client privilege. A federal appeals court reversed the decision, saying the notes are not necessarily protected because Foster is no longer alive.

In criminal cases, such notes can be turned over to prosecutors if they "bear on a significant aspect of the crimes at issue" and other reliable evidence is scarce, the appeals court said.

It ordered a judge to study the notes and decide whether they should be given to prosecutors.

Hamilton's Supreme Court appeal said the appeals court's ruling "defeats the fundamental purpose" of the attorney-client privilege.

"All citizens — including the elderly and seriously ill — still have a right to talk to an attorney in confidence," Hamilton said.

People may be hesitant to talk to their lawyers about criminal matters involving family or close friends if those statements could be disclosed after their own death, he added.

Starr urged the justices to reject Hamilton's appeal, saying, "This court's review would further delay an important grand jury investigation."

Proffitt takes 1st runner-up

Wendy Proffitt, Snyder's perennial champion speller, finished as the first runner-up in Saturday's regional spelling bee in Lubbock.

In the 11th round, she misspelled "quadruped," in losing to Bianca Diaz of Seminole, who correctly spelled "circumnavigate" to win. Diaz will advance to the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C., the week of May 24-29.

The regional bee was held at Cavazos Junior High School. Eleven spellers competed in all and, as round 10 began, judges decided to use an additional list of words.

Proffitt, a seventh grader at Snyder Junior High School, won the county bee in March and her school's campus bee in February.

She also won last year's county bee and finished as the second runner-up in the regional bee.

In previous years, Proffitt won campus bees at East, Northeast and West.

She is the daughter of Doug and Jill Proffitt.

'Black Widow' executed in Florida

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — Without the worldwide attention heaped on the last woman executed in the United States, the woman known as the "Black Widow" died in Florida's electric chair today for poisoning her husband in 1971.

Former nail salon owner Judy Buenoano, 54, also drowned her paralyzed son and tried to kill her fiance with a car bomb. She was suspected of poisoning a boyfriend in Colorado, but never was charged because she had already been sentenced to death in Florida.

Prosecutors contend she became a killer because she wanted to collect about $240,000 in insurance money.

She died at 7:13 a.m., becoming the first woman executed in Florida's 75-year-old electric chair.

Ms. Buenoano, barely walking and being helped by guards on either side, was brought into the death chamber at 7:02 a.m. Looking small and frail and barely filling the seat of the large oaken chair, she was strapped in and asked if she had a final statement.

"No, sir," she answered weakly, squeezing her eyes shut and keeping them shut, not looking at the witnesses on the other side of a glass partition. Once, she leaned her head back and opened her mouth widely. She grimaced as they tightened the leather straps.

While on death row, Ms. Buenoano crocheted blankets and baby clothes and said she wanted to be remembered as a good mother. She continued to deny killing her husband and boyfriend and adamantly maintained her son's drowning was an accident.

"Seeing the face of Jesus, that's what I think about," she recently told a Florida television station. "I'm ready to go home."

In her final days, she completed a third of the novel "Remember Me," a murder mystery by Mary Higgins Clark. It tells of a young couple who retreat to Cape Cod to escape the horrors of their past — only to become trapped in a nightmare beyond their understanding and out of their control.

The state's last execution of a woman was in 1848, when a freed slave named Celia was hanged for killing her former master, Jacob Bryan, who also was her father and may have been the father of her four children.

Only two other women have been executed since the U.S. Supreme Court lifted the ban on the death penalty in 1976, and both were by injection.

In 1984, Velma Barfield was executed by North Carolina for poisoning her boyfriend. Texas put Karla Faye Tucker to death on Feb. 3 for a double-pickax murder.

"As a born-again Christian, I don't have any fear about where Judy is right now and she had no fear," said Jeanne Eaton, a cousin from Houston. "Judy was a born-again Christian. She may not have been as photogenic, as young, as pretty as Karla but she was just as good a Christian."

Until she tried to kill her fiance, John Gentry, in 1983 by bombing his car in Pensacola, Ms. Buenoano had not been suspected of the other killings. Gentry said she had given him "vitamins" that made him sick.

When investigators realized Buenoano was Spanish for "goodyear," and learned she had been married to Air Force Sgt. James Goodyear, they exhumed his remains and found he had lethal amounts of arsenic in his body when he died in 1971.

Prosecutors in Colorado found evidence Ms. Buenoano poisoned boyfriend Bobby Joe Morris in Trinidad, Colo., in 1978, but decided not to charge her.

Her 19-year-old son, Michael Goodyear, was partially paralyzed and wearing leg and arm braces when she pushed him out of a canoe in 1980. Authorities said she also fed him arsenic, which caused his paralysis. Monday would have been his 37th birthday.

Ms. Buenoano was born in 1943 in Quanah, Texas, a little town 200 miles northwest of Dallas. Her mother died when she was 4 and Ms. Buenoano spent her early years passed among relatives and foster families in Texas and Oklahoma.

Prosecutor readies for bombing trial

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Two federal trials and at least one death sentence in the Oklahoma City bombing are not enough for conspiracy theorists, survivors and relatives of the 168 victims — or for the prosecutor who is gearing up for his own bombing trial.

District Attorney Bob Macy says he plans to seek the death penalty for Terry Nichols and Timothy McVeigh on 160 counts of murder — all who died in the blast except the eight federal law enforcement officers whose deaths were prosecuted in federal court.

"The crime was committed in Oklahoma City and was directed at Oklahoma citizens. They should be tried in front of an Oklahoma judge and an Oklahoma jury," Macy said.

Bombing survivor Martin Cash said he wants justice.

"There's a lot of folks who feel that there should be a trial for those other 160 people," he said.

A federal jury convicted McVeigh on murder and conspiracy counts in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that killed 168 people and injured more than 500. The panel recommended he die for his crimes, and a federal judge agreed.

Nichols was convicted in December of conspiracy and eight counts of involuntary manslaughter for his part in the blast. His jury deadlocked over whether he should be executed, so Nichols is awaiting sentencing by a federal judge. Last week the judge said he intends to give Nichols life in prison without parole unless he answers key questions about the case.

Macy, who frequently wears cowboy hats, bolo ties and packs a sidearm — leading McVeigh to call him "Cowboy Bob" and a "bow-tie bozo" — said he is waiting for Nichols to be sentenced before pushing ahead with his plans.

In the meantime, a county grand jury is weighing allegations of a larger conspiracy and government cover-up.

"Everywhere I go people say there's something else to this," said Republican state Rep. Charles Key, who led the petition drive to convene the grand jury. Macy opposed the petition, saying it was vague and didn't specify how long the investigation could go.

"There are likely suspects in other areas," Key said. "There were some in government who knew something was likely going to be attempted, like the bombing of a federal building. It's being intentionally covered up by some in the FBI and other agencies."

Republicans may expand health insurance tax breaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican tax writers are considering a major expansion of tax breaks to allow small businesses and the self-employed to afford health insurance.

The package, which is expected to cost $10 billion over five years, could be financed with revenues from the pending tobacco settlement, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer said today. If that agreement fails, the Texas Republican is tentatively considering an increase in tobacco taxes to discourage teen smoking.

"The end result of all of this is it will make health insurance more affordable, on a net basis, to more people, and at the same time level the playing field" for small businesses and the self-employed, Archer said.

Archer emphasized that discussions on using tobacco taxes to finance such a plan are preliminary. "I'm not absolutely sure that we're going to have a cigarette tax increase," he said.

If that decision was made, Archer added, "Overwhelmingly, the Republican members of the House believe since it's a tax increase on the American people, it should be returned to them in some form of tax relief."

In this case, Archer said "the most appropriate form of tax relief" would be something "health related."

ASK US

Q—A few days ago there was an Ask Us in which the paper confirmed there is a leash law for dogs in Snyder. Is there such a law for cats?

A—No, there is no law concerning cats.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 89 degrees; low, 60; high Sunday, 85; low, 48; 7 a.m. Monday, 64; no precipitation; total for 1998, 4.79 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Lows around 40. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs around 70.



Paul Villanueva
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 7:02 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:34 a.m.
Of 88 days in 1998, the sun has shone 86 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When you look for the good in others you discover the best in yourself.

Martin Walsh

MAR 30 1998

How does rarely used process of impeachment really work?

AP news analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that many people in the capital are talking about impeachment in the investigation of President Clinton, it is time to try to understand how this rarely used procedure works.

The Constitution is clear on two points: The House has the sole power to vote impeachment, and the process then moves to the Senate for trial — something that has happened only 14 times in U.S. history.

Beyond those jurisdictional questions, impeachment gets a little murkier.

Here, in question-and-answer form, is a primer on how the process works. The answers come from a Congressional Research Service study of impeachment.

Q. What is impeachment?

A. An impeachment is a formal accusation of wrongdoing, like an indictment. Conviction can only occur at a Senate trial. In the case of Richard M. Nixon, the House Judiciary Committee voted articles of impeachment against the president, but he resigned before they were acted on by the full House.

Q. Who can be impeached?

A. The answer is not as simple as it might seem. The Constitution says that "The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States" are subject to impeachment. Civil officers are recognized as officials of the executive and judicial branches. But the first official impeached and brought to trial in the Senate was Sen. William Blount of Tennessee. He was acquitted on the ground that members of Congress are not subject to impeachment.

Q. By what margin must the House vote articles of impeachment?

A. A simple majority is enough.

Q. What about the Senate?

A. It would take two-thirds majority of those voting to convict.

Q. What are the grounds for impeachment?

A. The Constitution says "Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors." The first two are self-explanatory. The last is a catchall that can cover everything from covering up a political burglary to lying about your sex life.

Q. What happens to most impeachment resolutions?

A. Nothing. They are referred to the House Judiciary Committee and never heard about again. Impeachment resolutions were filed against President Reagan in 1983 and 1987 and against President Bush in 1991. They also were filed against Presidents Hoover and Truman and against Andrew Young when he was U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Q. What would be the basis for any House inquiry into the possible impeachment of President Clinton?

A. Undoubtedly, a report by special counsel Kenneth Starr. Under the Independent Counsel Act, Starr must "advise the House of Representatives of any substantial and credible information which such independent counsel receives, in carrying out the independent counsel's responsibilities that may constitute grounds for an impeachment." But regardless of what Starr might or might not recommend, the decision on whether to proceed with impeachment would rest solely with the House.

Q. Is impeachment the only way to bring legal action against a sitting president?

A. There is no definitive answer to that question. The courts have never ruled on whether a president could be prosecuted for a crime while in office. In a speech to the Constitutional Convention, Alexander Hamilton said the president could be impeached and removed from office and "he may afterwards be tried and punished in the ordinary course of the law."

Q. What punishment is called for when a president is convicted in an impeachment trial?

A. Removal from office and disqualification to hold any other federal office.

Q. Does that end the matter?

A. No. After removal from office, a person could be indicted and tried in the criminal courts.



ONE-ACT WINNERS — These Hermleigh students won individual awards at last week's zone one-act play contest. From left, Jennifer Roemisch, all star cast; Ester Martinez, best actress; and Jason Hernandez and Larry Lambaren, honorable mention all star cast. District one-act competition is today at Grady High School. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

No one calls 911...

Residents watch as cab driver beaten, placed in trunk of car

DENVER (AP) — Taxi driver Mostapha Maarouf dutifully sent his tips back to his family half a world away. The 27-year-old planned to join them in July, at his wedding, and he was collecting gifts to bring back to his tiny hometown of Youssofia, Morocco.

That dream died before dawn Sunday when four assailants beat him to the edge of death and then dumped his body in the trunk of his own cab as people watched from the safety of their high-rise apartments.

"Eyewitnesses saw him being beaten and dragged by his feet and thrown in the trunk, but no one called 911," Detective Virginia Lopez said. "It's disgusting."

If police had been notified of the man's location sooner, he might have lived, Lopez said.

The attack may have started with a fight over a parking space in the area two blocks from the University of Denver, a neighborhood of middle- to high-income residences with some student housing.

About 40 of Maarouf's friends gathered in an apartment Sunday night to mourn. Wails were heard coming from the bedroom as one friend telephoned Morocco to inform Maarouf's brother of the murder.

"People are killed like flies in this country and nobody cares," said Halima Kasson, a close friend.

Police were alerted to the attack when one of his friends called from a nearby convenience store and said they were being robbed and beaten by four men.

Officers then searched for Maarouf in the area while neighbors quietly watched from their windows, Lopez said.

"They didn't tell police the body was in the trunk," she said.

Only when police went door-to-door did residents start talking — nearly an hour later.

By that time, Maarouf had died.

"We've received loud-music complaints from that area. People will call the police to complain about loud music, but not to report a murder," Lopez said.

One man was arrested late Sunday on first-degree murder charges and police said they were looking for at least three other men.

Apartment building manager John Contreras said Maarouf's taxi was parked in a suspect's spot before the attack.

Contreras' wife said the building's residents may have been afraid to report the crime because other tenants are involved with gang members.

Maarouf's death was reminiscent of the 1964 murder of bartender Kitty Genovese in the New York City borough of Queens.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man admits to worshipping the feet women walk on

DEAR ABBY: I need your opinion on a very unusual subject. I am a single guy with a "foot fetish." I have this tremendous fantasy of worshipping women's feet — bare or with stockings. I love to do everything from kissing and sniffing their feet to sucking their toes.

My question to you, Abby: How common is this fetish among guys, and is it curable?

RAY IN CANADA

DEAR RAY: Having a foot fetish simply means that you are "turned on" (sexually stimulated) by feet. It's nothing new, and it's not dangerous. If you want to know what causes it, a psychotherapist could probably dig it out of your subconscious. Or, if you find a willing "foot-mate," you can explore the reason together.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are hurt and angry about a thank-you note our niece sent us for the $50 we gave her for her high school graduation. Her friends might think it was funny, but we don't.

The note read: "Uncle Jack and Aunt Judy: Thank you for the dollars and the card. Screw college! The cash will be used on wiser things, like a trip to Acapulco, Mexico (and alcohol). Love, Sally."

Should we let Sally and her mother know how we feel? Or should we just give her gifts instead of money from now on?

IRRITATED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR IRRITATED: Don't be so hard on your niece. She is no doubt feeling independent now that she is about to be out on her own, and she was trying to be funny. At least you received a thank-you note. There is nothing to be gained by confronting Sally and her mother. And by all means, in the future, send her gifts instead of cash if you're afraid she'll spend the money frivolously.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 53-year-old widow with four grown children who are not financially well-off. My deceased husband left me fairly well-fixed financially. I have several bank accounts that I share jointly with my 28-year-old son. The house is in my name alone.

I recently met a very attractive man. We're discussing marriage, and he has moved in with me. He is twice-divorced and claims he doesn't have anything — just an old car and some furniture he's had in storage since he moved in with me. I have a small joint bank account with him.

Abby, do you think I need a prenuptial agreement? He is an honest, decent man.

UNCERTAIN IN UTAH

DEAR UNCERTAIN: I think a prenuptial agreement is an excellent idea. Put everything in writing before you tie the knot. Good luck and best wishes.

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DEAR ABBY: I'd like to add to your collection of random acts of kindness.

I live in a retirement community of about 125 ranch homes. Two neighborhood men get up for an early walk every morning. As they pass the homes that have newspapers delivered there, they pick up the papers that have been pitched into bushes or slightly off the porches, and place them near the front doors — rain or shine. Isn't that nice?

SUN CITY SENIOR

DEAR SENIOR: Yes, it's very nice. The two men who perform this generous service daily receive instant rewards from the healthful exercise, but they also deserve verbal thanks. Hooray for them — and hooray to you for citing their daily good deeds.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: I am a pastor and have been involved in marital and premarital counseling during my 10 years of ministry. My experience has taught me that happiness and passion in marriages do not come from finding the "right" partner, but in *being* the right partner.

I once heard about a woman who was unhappy in her marriage and angry at her husband. When she went to her lawyer to begin divorce proceedings, she asked his advice on what she could do to really hurt her lousy husband. The lawyer thought for a moment, and suggested that for the next couple of months she love him and romance him with every ounce of her being, and once he was happy and fulfilled, she serve him with the divorce papers. "It will rip his heart out," the lawyer promised.

The woman followed his advice. Several months later she returned to the lawyer's office. He handed her the divorce papers to examine before serving them to her husband, and the woman replied, "I won't be needing them now. We're getting ready to leave on our second honeymoon."

THE REV. SCOTT WOODDELL, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

DEAR REV. WOODDELL: There is much wisdom in your letter. The secret to a successful marriage is two people willing to work and sacrifice for the happiness of each other.

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Oil Patch News

Borden County

Read and Stevens Inc. has completed the No. 1 Hoss in the RGS field, three miles southeast of Midway. The well was finaled to produce five barrels of oil and 59 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,236-244 feet, and location is in Section 9, Block 34, T&P survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 4 Brothers Horizon in the Happy field, 10 miles southwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,100 feet, drill site is in Section 31, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Mitchell County

Chevron will drill the No. 23 Brennard in the Westbrook field, six miles northwest of Westbrook. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 3,400 feet, and location is in Section 10, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Howard County

Lyco Energy Corp. will drill the No. 1 Goodman in the B.C. field, four miles north of Big Spring. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block 33, T1N, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 46 KLOH in the Howard-Glasscock field, five miles southwest of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 2,900 feet, location is in Section 13, Block 33, T2S, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 40 Kloh in the Howard-Glasscock field, five miles southwest of Forsan. Also scheduled for 2,900 feet, drill site is in Section 13, Block 33, T2S, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy has completed the No. 5-D Settles in the Howard-Glasscock field, one mile south of Forsan. The well was finaled to produce 12 barrels of oil and 95 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,276-706 feet, and location is in Section 158, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Oryx Energy has completed the No. 4-D Settles in the Howard-Glasscock field, one mile south of Forsan. The well was finaled to produce 22 barrels of oil and 123 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,355-697 feet, and location is in Section 158, Block 29, W&NW survey.

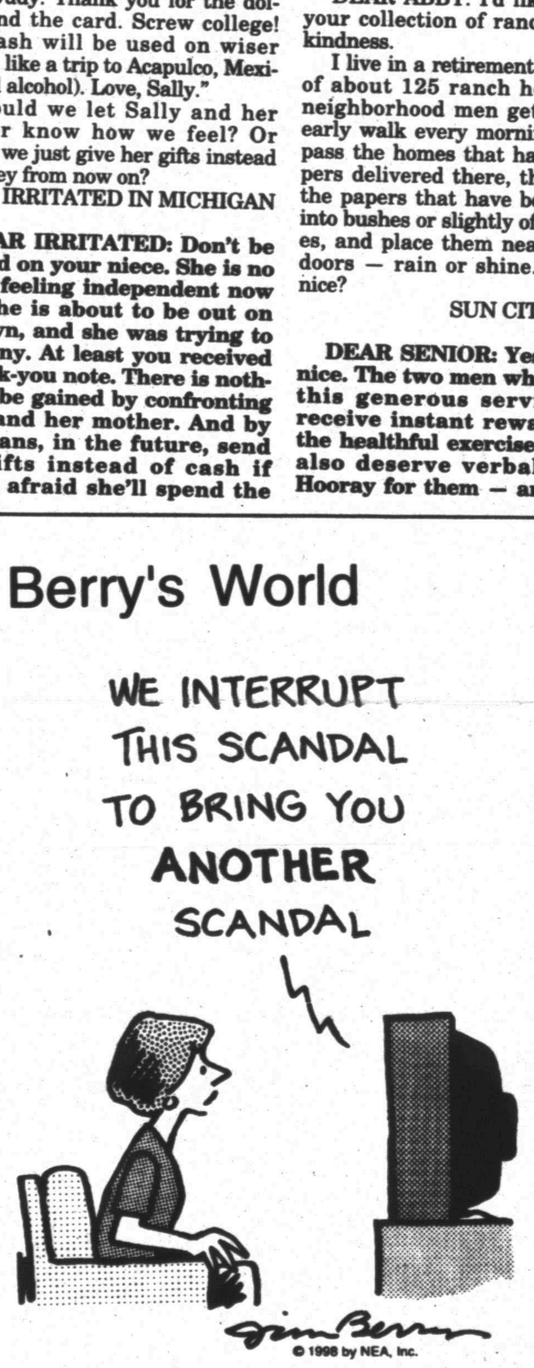
Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 13-B J.W. Davis in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 85 barrels of oil and 550 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,347-857 feet, and location is in Section 2, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Fisher County

San Antonio Gas and Oil will plug and abandon the No. 1 Scherwitz, eight miles south of Roby. Drilled to a depth of 6,650 feet, location was in the Gillespie CSL survey.

ACT Operating Co. has completed the No. 9101 Aldridge in the Rough Ride field, five miles southwest of Longworth. The well was finaled to produce 49 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 6,018-030 feet, and location is in the Gillespie CLS survey.

Berry's World



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Boulder Dam, now known as Hoover Dam, was dedicated in 1936 by President Franklin D. Rooseveltr. Roosevelt pressed a golden key in Washington to signal the startup of the first hydroelectric generator in Nevada.

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Court to rule if HIV-infected people disabled

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court case of a dentist found to have discriminated illegally against an HIV-infected woman could clarify the sweep of a federal law that protects disabled people's rights.

Maine dentist Randon Bragdon says he refused to fill Sidney Abbott's cavity while she was in his office because he believed a hospital setting would provide him better protection against the AIDS virus.

"The law should not compel every qualified dentist to provide the service," his lawyers said in papers filed in advance of arguments today before the high court. "Here is the space for civil liberty among dentists."

But lower courts agreed with Ms. Abbott that Bragdon violated the Americans With Disabilities Act, which bars discrimination against the disabled in jobs, housing and public accommodations.

Patients with HIV can be safely treated in dentists' offices, her lawyers said in court briefs, adding: "Health care providers are as susceptible as anyone else to the fears and stereotypes which accompany contagious diseases."

After today's arguments, the justices must decide whether HIV-infected people who do not yet suffer symptoms of AIDS are considered disabled.

If they are, Bragdon argues that dentists must be allowed to use their own judgment on how, or whether, to provide them routine treatment.

The court never has decided a case involving an HIV-related issue or the disability-bias law, signed in 1990 by President Bush.

The justices' ruling could provide clues as to whether the law covers other kinds of disabilities, such as cases of epilepsy or diabetes that are controlled by medication.

The law says people are disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment that "substantially limits one or more major life activities" or are "regarded as having such an impairment."

It also says disabled people can be treated differently if they pose a "direct threat to the health or safety of others."

Ms. Abbott says all people with the HIV virus should be considered disabled because it interferes with their ability to have sexual relations and produce children.

But Bragdon contends reproduction is not a major life activity comparable to walking, seeing, hearing or speaking.

Ms. Abbott visited Bragdon's office in Bangor, Maine, in September 1994. On her patient information form, she indicated she was HIV-positive but had no AIDS symptoms.

Bragdon examined her and found a cavity near the gum line. He told her that under his infectious-diseases policy, he would fill the cavity only at a hospital, and she would have to pay the extra cost.

Ms. Abbott sued. A federal judge ruled for her, as did the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeals court said Bragdon did not prove it would have been unsafe to fill her cavity in his office.

The American Dental Association and American Medical Association said in court papers that HIV-infected patients can be treated safely in private dental offices with proper infection-control precautions.

But the dentists' group supported Bragdon's appeal, saying HIV-infected people should not necessarily be considered disabled. The doctors supported Ms. Abbott and said she should not have been denied treatment in Bragdon's office.

The case is Bragdon vs. Abbott, 97-156.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

AA and NA; Park Club; noon.

First Presbyterian Church Women's Group; MAWC; 12:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Butterflies" program by Gertrude League; Betty Wood and Marie Armstrong, hostesses; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180, potluck supper; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 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.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Eric Clapton to build facility

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eric Clapton could become the Betty Ford of the 21st century.

The singer-songwriter announced plans to build a 36-bed drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility, modeled after the Betty Ford Center in Palm Springs, on the West Indies island of Antigua.

The center, called Crossroads, has already named as its executive director Anne Vance, a former Betty Ford Center administrator.

Clapton is spending $5 million of his own money on the project, which he called "a Robin Hood type of thing" when he spoke publicly about it during a recent interview on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Crossroads will treat local addicts for a nominal fee while outsiders will pay about $9,000 for the 30-day treatment.

"The target is one-third of the beds for all the islands, but particularly for Antiguans, because Eric loves Antiguans," Vance told the Los Angeles Times on Sunday.

Clapton owns two homes on the island. The Antiguan government sold him the secluded 10-acre waterfront Crossroads site for about $100,000.

Mercy killings may be impossible to prove

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Despite a full confession, investigators could have a tough time verifying claims by a hospital worker that he suffocated or drugged up to 50 terminally ill patients.

"It's going to be very difficult," said Dr. Cyril Wecht, a nationally known forensic pathologist who serves as a county medical examiner in Pittsburgh.

Efren Saldivar, a respiratory therapist, told police in suburban Glendale on March 11 that he committed the mercy killings of 40 to 50 patients at Glendale Adventist Medical Center over the last decade.

Police, unable to uncover any independent evidence to back up Saldivar's claims, have released him. By state and federal law, a confession alone isn't sufficient to bring a case.

The Los Angeles Times reported today that police have a preliminary list of 30 of Saldivar's potential victims, based on tips from people who said their sick family members had died prematurely at the hospital.

Saldivar told police that he killed some gravely ill patients by giving them surgical drugs that can relax muscles to the point that the victim is unable to breathe.

The drugs — one is called Pavulon and the other goes by the initials SUCC — break down quickly in the body and may not leave a trace by the time the body is autopsied, Wecht said Sunday.

"They both are (nearly gone) in terms of minutes when they are given by injection," he said. "If the person lives for half an hour or an hour or two, it almost all is going to be metabolized."

Wecht advised authorities to take their time and be "very selective" if they decide to exhume some of Saldivar's alleged victims.

"If you're going to nail this guy, and make sure he's not a kook or a nut or something. One case against him is as good as 50," said Wecht, who has been involved in cases like the JonBenet Ramsey killing and became famous for disputing the single-bullet theory in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Even signs of the drugs could prove only that the patients underwent surgery — not that they were killed. The drugs are administered to help keep a patient still while the surgeon operates.

Saldivar's other admitted method of killing, decreasing the oxygen supply to patients on respirators, is tantamount to the perfect murder: it can't be determined in an autopsy, Wecht said.

Adding to the difficulties facing investigators is the likelihood that most of the alleged victims were old and extremely ill with a variety of terminal diseases.

"Who in the hell knows when such people die," Wecht said. "They could die any day anyway."

A six-member task force has been combing through hospital records and interviewing staff and patients' relatives in a methodical investigation that police say could take months to complete.

Although Saldivar's state license was temporarily suspended and he was fired two days after his confession, no criminal charges were pending against him. He faces an administrative hearing Tuesday on whether his license should be permanently suspended.

Snow-covered highway reopened

LA RUMOROSA, Mexico (AP) — A strong snow storm stopped traffic on the only highway between the Mexican border cities of Tijuana and Mexicali for 15 hours before the road was reopened Sunday.

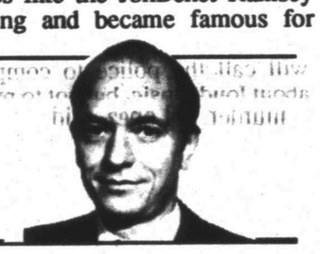
The Federal Highway Police closed a 16-mile stretch of Highway 2 late Saturday near the town of La Rumorosa, about 70 miles east of Tijuana, the police bureau in Tijuana said. Traffic had been diverted south toward Ensenada.

The highway was reopened Sunday afternoon. Authorities urged drivers to use extreme caution.

The storm dumped about a foot of snow near La Rumorosa, which sits at an altitude of 4,950 feet, police said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 03-30-98
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♥ A K Q 9
♦ A Q 4
♣ A 10 7 5

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

East
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♥ 10 7 5
♦ K J 9 8 6 3
♣ 2

South
♠ A K 10 9 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 7 5
♣ Q 9 8 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
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3 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	6 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

Robin Hood plays again

By Phillip Alder

Some books arrived too late for last year's pre-Christmas publicity. My favorite was David Bird's second volume featuring the exploits of Robin Hood and his merry men, "Robin Hood's Bridge Memoirs" (Batsford). It is classic Bird: amusing narrative written around interesting deals in which apparently certain tricks disappear as quickly as a highwayman who has just relieved a wealthy baron or merchant of his purse of gold.

This deal comes from the chapter in which Robin and Nazir the Saracen dress up as pig farmers. They are trying to win the St. Bonaventure gold chalice from under the eyes of the Sheriff of Nottingham.

Against six clubs, Robin led his singleton diamond. The declarer, Guy of Gisburne, won with dummy's ace and cashed three heart tricks, discarding his diamond losers. Now came a low club from the dummy, Gisburne finessing his nine. Smoothly, Robin won with the *king* and exited with a spade. After taking East's jack with his ace, declarer led a low trump to dummy's ace. When Nazir discarded, Gisburne was forced to concede one down.

"How can you be fooled by a mere pig farmer?" cried the Sheriff, who was the dummy. "Win the spade switch with my queen. Then lead a low club, intending to finesse your eight."

"Does that make any difference, my Lord?" queried a flustered Gisburne.

"Of course it does, you idiot," continued the Sheriff. "When East shows out, you can win with the queen and pick up the trumps."

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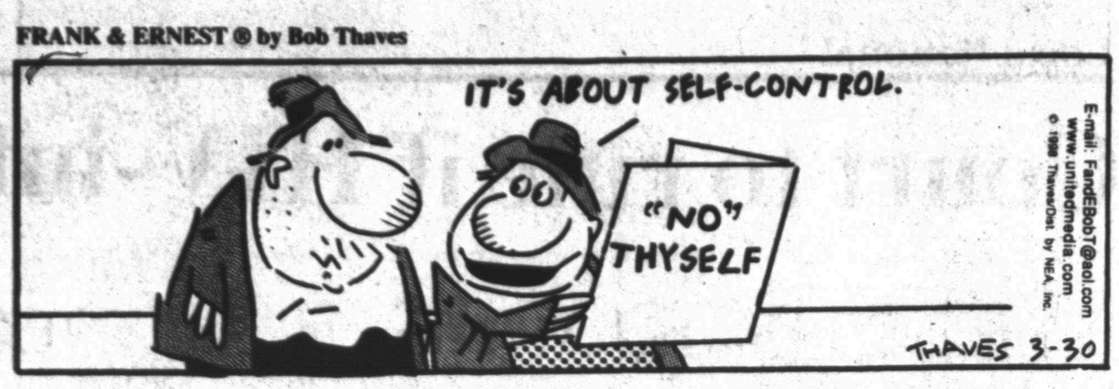
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12 Antenna
13 Make fizzy
14 Retaliate for
15 Body of water
16 Unit of energy
17 Paid athlete
18 JFK sight
21 Have dinner at home (2 wds.)
23 Greek letter
26 Of the dawn
28 Old Norse poem
29 Poetic time
30 Thrash soundly
31 Sells
33 Business-person's case
36 Sailor's patron saint
37 Man's neckwear
38 Golf-course unit
40 Con's room
41 Without end (poet.)
42 Reacted to the alarm
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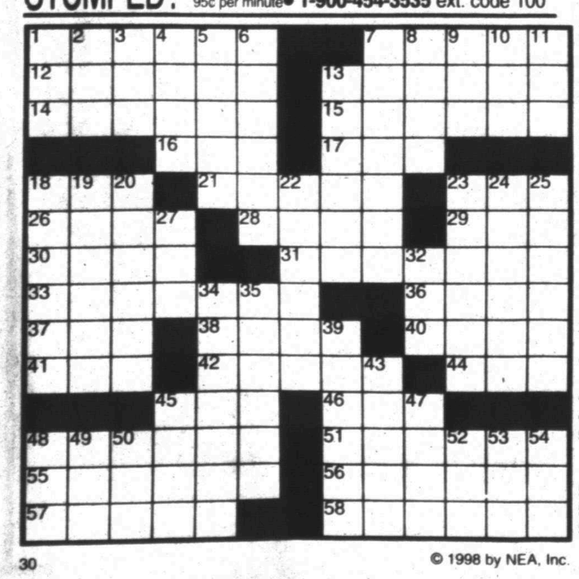
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22 Gum tree
23 Air rifle projectile
24 Appropriate
25 Shoe part
27 Knicks' org.
32 Last mo.
34 Canterbury Tales author
35 Doogie —, MD
39 Actress Anita —
43 Fudd or Gantry
45 The Return of the —
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48 Alias (abbr.)
49 Greek letters
50 Bank-statement abbr.
52 Tear
53 Golly!
54 Curly letter

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SPORTS

Wildcats, Runnin' Utes meet again, this time for national championship

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — For Utah, payback time has arrived against Kentucky in the national championship game. The Wildcats' plan: ending the Utes' season with a loss for the third straight year.

Utah and Kentucky have played each other in the NCAA tournament the last two seasons, with the Wildcats winning both times. The stakes have grown each year and tonight at 8:o'clock they will be as big as they get in college basketball.

The championship pits a Utah team that pulled off two of the tournament's biggest upsets against a Kentucky team that used two thrilling comebacks to advance to the title game for the third straight year, this time under new coach Tubby Smith.

Two years ago, Kentucky crushed Utah 101-70 in the second round on the way to its sixth national championship. Last season, the Wildcats beat the Utes 72-59 in the regional semifinal and went on to lose in the title game to Arizona.

"The main thing I remember about those two games is that we lost. That's about all you need to know," Utah senior center Michael Doleac said of the recent postseason history with Kentucky. "Sophomore year it was more like we were just watching Kentucky play instead of being in the game. ... Last year it was a lot different. We could play with those guys and we did play with them until they had that spurt at the end when we fouled.

"It's always a bad memory getting knocked out of the tournament. This year we are a different team and a lot better defensively and a great rebounding team."

Utah's 65-59 upset of top-ranked North Carolina on Saturday may have been an even bigger surprise than its 25-point laugher over No. 1 seed Arizona in the West Regional final a week before. But the common thread was excellent defense; the Utes lead the nation in field goal percentage allowed at 38 percent.

"We look to go out and keep teams under 60 points, and if we can do that we have a great chance of winning the game," Utah junior guard Andre Miller said.

Even though this is Kentucky's third straight championship game — the first team to do that since Duke from 1990-92 — the Wildcats (34-4) may have changed more than the Utes (30-3).

Gone to the NBA are Antoine Walker, Ron Mercer, Tony Delk and Derek Anderson. Even with the loss of All-American Keith Van Horn, the Utah roster with Doleac, Miller and sophomore forward Hanno Mottola may have more future NBA players than Kentucky. And the Wildcats, who beat Stanford 86-85 in overtime Saturday, have a new coach in Smith, a former assistant to Rick Pitino.

The coaches are as different as the school's tournament success. Smith is quiet and rail-thin and got his name as a child for how much he liked to sit in the bath tub. Rick Majerus is outgoing and rotund and has been known to have the media eating out of his hand.

"He has had an outstanding career in developing players and building programs and I think those have been some of the areas I feel strong in from Tulsa and Georgia," Smith said, referring to his earlier head coaching jobs. "I don't know him as well as I'd like to know him but I've always been a fan of Rick Majerus in the way he had coached. He is a much funnier guy than I am."

Widmark powers WTC to third spot in Alabama

DADEVILLE, Ala. — Competing on the toughest course faced all year, the WTC Westerners held their own.

Western Texas College fired a tourney-low 294 Sunday to secure third place in the Southern Jr./Sr. Invitational.

The Westerners' three-round total of 896 was seven shots behind first-place Wallace-Dothan College, which posted an 889. Scottsdale Community College nabbed the runner-up spot with an 891.

"Our guys played extremely well," WTC coach Milton Ham said. "This was the toughest golf course I've seen. They didn't allow anybody to walk. Everybody had to ride in carts and it still took us 6½ hours to play 18 holes."

The Westerners were paced by the play of Fredrik Widmark, who finished second in the medalist race with a 69-75-75—219.

Andreas Ljunggren fired a 74-78-72—224, while Jonas Wahlstedt posted a 79-75-75—229.

Peter Gustavsson turned in a 75-77-80—232, with Michael Stenger coming in at 81-82-72—235.

The Westerners will be back on the links Sunday at the Midland College Invitational.

SHS outlasts Greenwood

The Lady Tigers are back above .500, but it took 12 innings to get there.

Snyder outlasted Midland Greenwood, 11-10, in 12 innings Saturday to up its mark to 13-12 on the season.

"I'm really proud of the way our girls played," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said. "We kind of got off to a slow start again, but the girls hung in there the whole game."

Trailing 9-3 in the bottom of the seventh, the Lady Tigers posted six runs to end the contest into extra innings.

After both squads went scoreless for three frames, Greenwood took the lead in the top of the eleventh, before Snyder knotted it again in the bottom.

Lady Tiger pitcher Kristin Martinez then held Greenwood at bay, before CiCi Valadez knocked the game-winning base hit in the bottom of the twelfth.

Amanda Huff, who slapped two doubles and a single, and Starla Davis, who belted three singles and a double, paced the Lady Tigers from the plate.

Snyder will be in action again Friday when it hosts Lubock High at 4 p.m.

Midland	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Snyder	2	0	0	6	0	0	1	1	1	8

Snyder: Huff, two doubles and single; Davis, double and three singles; Valadez, double and single; Fisk, Drummond and Rinehart, two singles; Tomlinson, Martinez and Helms, single. Drummond, 4 innings, 8 H, 6 SO, 2 BB; Martinez (WP), 8 innings, 6 H, 5 BB, 9 SO.

Penders reports UT violation to NCAA

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas basketball coach Tom Penders turned the university in for a possible violation of National Collegiate Athletic Association rules, Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds says.

Dodds said Sunday that the coach reported that the parents of freshman center Chris Mihm flew to a basketball game at Oklahoma State University on Feb. 24 in a private airplane owned by a UT alumnus.

Nina Mihm, the player's mother, denied the charge, saying the owner of the small jet is not a UT alumnus. She also said Penders is "trying to find any dirt he can to muddy the waters."

Penders notified Barbara Walker of the university's compliance department on Saturday in person, Dodds said. He said Penders told her that the plane was owned by Rick Hawkins of Austin, whom he identified as a UT alumnus.

Hawkins told The Austin American-Statesman Sunday that he is a season-ticket holder and a member of the Longhorn Foundation, but said he is not a graduate and never attended the university in any capacity.

But he did say that the Mihms flew with him to the game at Stillwater.

Tiger netters finish second

HEREFORD — Snyder High School's tennis team is starting to get into the swing of things.

With the district tournament closing in, Snyder posted its best finish of the spring, nabbing the runner-up spot at the Hereford Invitational.

The girls doubles duo of Laura Gonzales and Whitney Graham captured first place, downing the Cordero-Smith team of Dumas, 7-6, 7-6.

Snyder will compete Friday and Saturday in the Midland Lee Invitational, before hosting the 2-4A tourney April 17-18.

Hereford Invitational

Boys singles: Allan Smith def. Cameron Jones 6-0, 6-0; Ryan Gibson lost to Andrew Farrar 3-6, 4-6; Smith lost to Brent Berend 2-6, 4-6; Gibson def. Armando Saledo 6-0, 6-1; Smith def. Cody Strickland; Gibson lost to Aaron Kozak 4-6, 2-6; Smith lost to Andrew Carr 3-6, 2-6; Gibson def. Cameron Jones 6-1, 6-3.

Boys doubles: Gonzales/Juarez def. Horrell/Patel 6-1, 6-1; Hall/Gibson lost to Viney/Breithaupt 0-6, 6-4, 5-7; Gonzales/Juarez def. Bailey/Yarborough 6-1, 7-6; Hall/Gibson def. Burgess/Coronado 6-0, 6-1; Gonzales/Juarez lost to Jones/Ames 2-6, 0-6; Hall/Gibson def. Leeper/Muniz 6-2, 6-0; Gonzales/Juarez def. Coggins/Tebest 6-3, 6-3; Hall/Gibson lost to Lewis/Harris 6-7, 4-6.

Girls singles: Natalie Alexander def. Leann Bivens by default; Jordan Hardin def. Amber Pichcuskie 6-4, 6-4; Alexander lost to Brenda LeFebre 6-7, 6-4, 6-7; Hardin lost to Holly Welshar 6-3, 0-6, 1-6; Hardin def. Kelsey Lynch 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; Alexander lost to Andrea Burrows; Hardin lost to Burrows 2-6, 1-6; Alexander def. Lynch 6-0, 6-3.

Girls doubles: Gonzales/Graham def. Pendergrass/Ames 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; Sanchez/Cotton def. Tavarez/Falcon 6-3, 6-3; Gonzales/Graham def. Murdoch/Love 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; Sanchez/Cotton lost to Cordero/Smith 0-6, 1-6; Gonzales/Graham def. Overbeck/Thompson 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; Sanchez/Cotton def. Detten/Kriegshauser [illegible]-3; Gonzales/Graham def. Cordero/Smith [illegible], 7-6; Sanchez/Cotton def. Oekerman/Hand 7-6, 3-6, 7-5.

BOWLING NEWS

Roll & Hope

3-23-98

Teams	W	L
JGA 400	67	49
Baze Gun Repair	66½	49½
Red Man Pipe Supply	64	52
JGA 100	57½	58½
TCA Cable	56	60
Rose Barber Shop	55	61
Martin Herefords	51½	64½
City National Bank	46½	69½

High series scratch: Dorris Martin, 537.
High series handicap: Alma Posey, 644.
High game scratch: Wanda Johnson, 226.
High game handicap: Linda Blum, 231.
Splits and special mentions: Laurie Johnson, 5-10; Cinday Aikin, 3-10; Terri Blocker, 3-10, 4-5; Georgie Tarver, 5-6; Milred Baze, 2-7; Wanda Johnson, 226, 527; Dorris Martin, 209, 537; Alma Posey, 512.

Mens' Commercial

3-24-97

Teams	W	L
The Shack	112	56
Reef Chemical	97	71
Bar-H-Bar	91	77
Stooges	86½	81½
Stephens Office	86	82
P&P Longhorns	68½	99½
Eddins-Walcher	67	101
Whit's Auto	64	104

High series scratch: Rick Mammolite, 548.
High series handicap: David Hoops, 627.
High game scratch: Barney Tate and Marcus Carroll, 202.
High game handicap: Tom Seaboum, 256.
Splits and special mentions: Barney Tate, 4-5; Jeff Smith, 3-10; Elbert Klein, 3-9-10; Harold Komegay, 4-5-7.

Jack & Jill

3-25-97

Teams	W	L
House of Antieks	72½	45½
Musslewhite	65	47
Stephens Office	60½	51½
Landes Storage	60	56
J.C. Wells Drilling	56	61
Stone Welding	54½	57½
Just in Time	53	63
KSNY	51½	64½
Dr. Bryan Cave	51	65
York Transport	50	66

High series scratch: David Lyle, 624.
High series handicap: Brenda Hook, 586.
High game scratch: Jeff Smith, 252.
High game handicap: Penni Coffee, 219.
Splits and special mentions: David Fisher, Joel Hook and Lionel Crisp, 3-10; Darrel Grant, 1-7; Tom Seabourn, 5-10; Jeff Smith, 252, 597; David Lyle, 232, 624.

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Orlando	37	35	.514	14
NewJersey	36	35	.507	14½
Washington	36	36	.500	15
Boston	31	40	.437	19½
Philadelphia	26	45	.366	24½
Central Division				
x-Chicago	55	17	.764	-
x-Indiana	49	22	.690	5½
Charlotte	45	26	.634	9½
Atlanta	42	28	.600	12
Cleveland	40	31	.563	14½
Detroit	34	38	.472	21
Milwaukee	30	41	.423	24½
Toronto	15	55	.214	39
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	53	17	.757	-
x-SanAntonio	49	23	.681	5
x-Minnesota	38	34	.528	16
x-Houston	37	34	.521	16½
Dallas	18	54	.250	36
Vancouver	16	55	.225	37½
Denver	9	63	.125	45
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	53	18	.746	-
x-L.A.Lakers	51	20	.718	2
x-Phoenix	47	25	.653	6½
x-Portland	40	31	.563	13
Sacramento	26	47	.356	28
L.A.Clippers	16	55	.225	37
GoldenState	15	57	.208	38½

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Philadelphia 99, Boston 94
Minnesota 104, Sacramento 96
Portland 99, Golden State 83
L.A. Clippers 108, Dallas 86
L.A. Lakers 116, Washington 89

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Local Sports Schedule

Today

Golf: Snyder varsity boys and girls at Lamesa.

Baseball: Lamesa at Snyder JV, 7:30.

Baseball: Lake View at Snyder freshmen, 4:30.

Tennis: Levelland at Snyder JV.

Tuesday

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Lamesa, district opener, 5:30.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-NewJersey	45	19	9	99	203	140
Philadelphia	37	24	11	85	213	171
Washington	33	28	11	77	190	184
N.Y.Rangers	22	33	18	62	181	206
N.Y.Islanders	24	37	10	58	185	204
Florida	21	39	12	54	174	225
TampaBay	16	46	9	41	139	228
Northeast Division						
x-Pittsburgh	36	20	17	89	202	168
Montreal	34	29	9	77	212	183
Boston	32	26	13	77	186	167
Buffalo	31	26	15	77	183	165
Ottawa	28	31	13	69	168	179
Carolina	29	35	7	65	175	193
SanJose	29	36	7	65	177	191
Calgary	24	35	13	61	193	215
Anaheim	24	38	11	59	180	227
Vancouver	22	39	13	57	203	253

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	43	18	11	97	214	143
x-Detroit	39	20	15	93	225	179
St.Louis	38	26	8	84	211	172
Chicago	29	32	12	70	178	178
Phoenix	28	32	12	68	193	202
Toronto	26	37	9	61	165	205
Pacific Division						
x-Colorado	37	20	16	90	214	180
LosAngeles	33	27	11	77	205	192
Edmonton	28	35	10	66	183	202

x-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games
Florida 3, Boston 2, OT
N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 2, tie
Carolina 4, Philadelphia 2
St. Louis 3, Detroit 2
San Jose 4, Dallas 1
Colorado 5, Anaheim 3
Calgary 5, Los Angeles 2
Montreal 8, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
New Jersey 3, Phoenix 0
Washington 3, Vancouver 2

Sunday's Games
Ottawa 1, Pittsburgh 1, tie
Florida 4, Chicago 0
Philadelphia 3, Carolina 1
Detroit 4, Buffalo 2
Dallas 3, New Jersey 1

Monday's Games
Colorado at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	-
Florida	0	0	.000	-
Montreal	0	0	.000	-
NewYork	0	0	.000	-
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	-
Central Division				
Chicago	0	0	.000	-
Cincinnati	0	0	.000	-
Houston	0	0	.000	-
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	-
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	-
St.Louis	0	0	.000	-
West Division				
Arizona	0	0	.000	-
Colorado	0	0	.000	-
LosAngeles	0	0	.000	-
SanDiego	0	0	.000	-
SanFrancisco	0	0	.000	-

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 1:40 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 4:10 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Florida, 4:35 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Florida, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 9:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 1:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Florida, 4:30 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:40 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 9:05 p.m.

American League				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	0	0	.000	-
Boston	0	0	.000	-
NewYork	0	0	.000	-
TampaBay	0	0	.000	-
Toronto	0	0	.000	-
Central Division				
Chicago	0	0	.000	-
Cleveland	0	0	.000	-
Detroit	0	0	.000	-
KansasCity	0	0	.000	-
Minnesota	0	0	.000	-
West Division				
Anaheim	0	0	.000	-
Oakland	0	0	.000	-
Seattle	0	0	.000	-
Texas	0	0	.000	-

Tuesday's Games
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 2:35 p.m.
Kansas City at Baltimore, 3:05 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Minnesota at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 10:35 p.m.
Boston at Oakland, 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Boston at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 8:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

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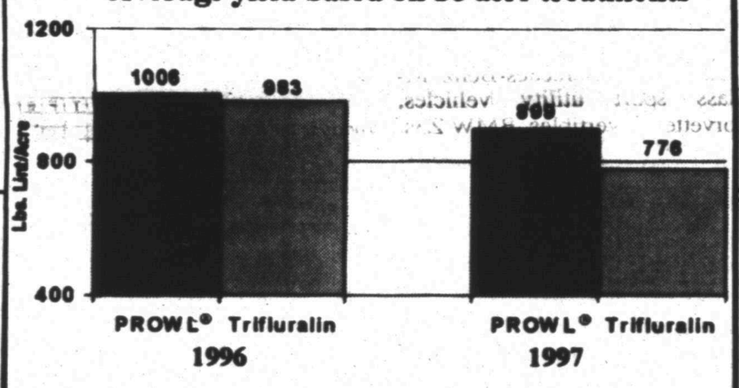
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ME recommends exhuming body

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Authorities concluded Linda Joyce Baugus, 51, killed herself on May 24, 1994. Now, her relatives say the evidence points to her husband — who took his own life just last month.

The suicide of Dwayne Baugus has raised even more questions about the death of his wife. The 56-year-old insurance broker shot himself just days before a civil trial was to start in a lawsuit brought by Mrs. Baugus' family, accusing him of killing his wife.

With Baugus no longer able to answer, the family has turned to the medical examiner and others to solve the lingering mystery surrounding Mrs. Baugus' death.

On March 17, Medical Examiner Joye Carter ended an extensive review of Mrs. Baugus' death by concluding the casé may warrant exhumation of the remains for a full autopsy.

Mrs. Baugus' sister, Faye Ellis of Rock Hill, S.C., applauded the recommendation and said she would seek a court order to exhume the body.

With Baugus' suicide, Ms. Ellis said, "there's no closure for us. We believe there is still someone out there who knows what really happened."

Mrs. Baugus, a real estate agent, died of a gunshot wound to the head. A friend found her in the bed of the couple's master bedroom, seemingly relaxed with feet crossed. At the foot of the bed was a suicide note, typed on Mrs. Baugus' computer.

Citing the note and the lack of any struggle or confrontation, Harris County sheriff's deputies concluded the death was a suicide. They also noted Mrs. Baugus had been despondent before her death over health and other looming problems.

Perhaps most persuasive was that Dwayne Baugus had an alibi: He said he had been in Dallas the day his wife died, and his story was substantiated by an auto garage repair receipt and the word of the garage manager.

"Don't get me wrong, it is a tragedy," said sheriff's Lt. Bert Diaz. "But all available evidence is that she committed suicide. Ninety percent of the families in this situation don't want to think their loved ones would do that. I'd be the same way, but it doesn't change the facts."

But Mrs. Baugus' family was not satisfied.

They hired private investigators and eventually learned Baugus received $850,000 in life insurance from his wife's death, freeing him of debts he owed to the IRS and tax attorneys.

Baugus also had been having an affair with a woman in Dallas. A year and a half after his wife's death, the two married.

Mrs. Baugus' family also cite typographical mistakes in her supposed suicide note. They say Mrs. Baugus, who had years of typing training, would not have made such mistakes.

And while blood had sprayed over most of the area around her, none was found on the note, raising questions of whether it had been placed there later.

As for Baugus' alibi, he had provided authorities the names of two managers at a Dallas-area apartment and the operator of the auto garage.

Neither apartment manager could vouch for his presence, and one said Baugus became very upset when she refused his request to swear to his presence.

The garage operator did provide detectives with the mechanic's work order on Baugus' car. But when detectives asked for other orders on the car, he said they were always thrown away after 30 days.

When asked how he had found that particular work order, he had no answer, authorities said.

Mrs. Baugus' family now contends Baugus paid off the mechanic. Their attorney, Alistair Dawson, alleges Baugus wrote him a $30,000 check, supposedly as a "loan" to help his casual friend open his own auto garage.

Following their investigation, Mrs. Baugus' family filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Baugus, alleging he was responsible for his wife's death. Baugus shot himself just days before the lawsuit was set for trial.

"We were hoping it would be like a house of cards, that his 'cover' would collapse and it would expose the truth," Ms. Ellis said.

As the family still waits for answers, sheriff's investigator Roger Wedgeworth said he remains confident that Mrs. Baugus killed herself.

"Until there is evidence that Dwayne Baugus was in town, or something else substantial, I personally have no qualms calling it a suicide," Wedgeworth said. "You could go on endlessly with the 'what ifs,' and some people you can't convince no matter what."

Beetle mania is sweeping Hollywood; waiting lists grow, bidding wars rage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Beetle mania is sweeping Hollywood, where flashy luxury cars and sport utility vehicles have been the preferred mode of transportation.

Singer Lyle Lovett, actor Larry Hagman and Fleetwood Mac's John McVie couldn't wait to be the first celebrities with the new helmet-shaped $15,000 Volkswagen Bug in their driveway.

"I've never had a Beetle before. But I saw this car and I really wanted it. It's so cute," Hagman said before driving off the lot in Ventura last week in his 1998 silver Bug.

"It's a little lower profile, which is what I want," Hagman said.

In Thousand Oaks, McVie picked up his new silver Volkswagen, while Lovett was the first person to rent a new Beetle on Friday at Beverly Hills Budget Rent A Car, where stars usually rent Mercedes-Benz M-Class sport utility vehicles, Corvette convertibles, BMW Z3s, Jaguar XK8s or Porsche Boxsters.

"We've received calls from half the stars in Hollywood who want to rent the new Beetle. Even though they're all grown up and driving Mercedes and Ferraris, this car makes them feel young again," said Ken Kerzner, head of the rental-car office in Beverly Hills.

Besides bug-eyed celebrities, Southern Californians are lining up to buy the new VW. Waiting lists are growing and bidding wars are breaking out, dealers say.

"I'm telling people who want on my list now that they're probably looking at August before they'll get a car," said Mark White, sales manager at Volkswagen of Van Nuys.

The dealership has already taken $500 deposits from 85 people.

The new versions of the 1960s transportation icon debuted at auto shows earlier this year. Volkswagen planned to sell 50,000 new Beetles in the United States the first year, but the target number is now 60,000. Only about 4,000 will have been shipped by Tuesday, which means only an average seven cars for each of the company's nearly 600 dealers nationwide.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 27 — Xandy Ballard, Jamia Raikes, Hugh Boren Jr., Francisco Fierro, Olveyne Hayes, E.L. Jones; March 28-None; March 29-Christal Lindsey, Roger Lyons, Odie Wall, Zonell West, Urbana Herrera, Beatrice Bilberry, Kelby Roemisch, Gladys Williams.

DISMISSALS: March 27 — Ricky Furr, Felix Gutierrez, Ray Hollister, Betty Monroney, Molina Gonzales, Tammy Jennings, Angeles Santos, Dominga Torres; March 28 — Tiffany Kubena; March 29 — Olveyne Hayes, Xandy Ballard and baby girl, Roger Lyons.

CENSUS: 47 (Med., Surg. 16; Long-term Care 27; CCU 2;, OB 1; Nursery 1).

Births

Robert and Xandy Ballard announce the birth of their daughter. She was born weighing seven pounds, four ounces at 7:52 p.m. on March 27 at Cogdell Hospital.

Jamia Raikes announces the birth of her five-pound, two-ounce son at 5:11 p.m. on March 27 at Cogdell Hosptial.

Bubba and Debra Dennis of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Dennis, at 6:11 p.m. on March 25 in Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital. She weighed three pounds, 10 ounces.

Grandparents are Mary Reese of Irving, Jimmy Wilson and Loraine Dennis, both of Snyder. Her great-grandmother is Mary Turner of Snyder.

Datebook

March 30, 1998

Today is the 89th day of 1998 and the 11th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1842, anesthesia was officially used in surgery for the first time by Dr. Crawford Long of Jefferson, Ga.

On this day in 1858, Hyman Lipman of Philadelphia patented the first pencil with eraser.

On this day in 1867, America bought Alaska from Russia for $7.2 million — slightly more than 2 cents per acre.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francisco Jose de Goya (1746-1828), artist; Paul Verlaine (1844-1896), poet; Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890), artist; Frankie Laine (1913-), singer, is 85; John Astin (1930-), actor-director, is 68; Warren Beatty (1938-), actor-director, is 60; Eric Clapton (1945-), musician, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1940, Indiana defeated Kansas, 60-42, to win the NCAA basketball championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The sleep of reason produces monsters." — Francisco Jose de Goya

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1938, barns were destroyed and houses unroofed by a tornado near Stillwell, Ill.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 27) and first quarter (April 3).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

Unique benefits can be garnered in the year ahead through associations with persons with whom you have strong emotional bonds. It's quite possible at least one individual will be a family member.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone who could be helpful to you today will be more receptive to your plight if a friend who knows this person well intercedes on your behalf. Stay in the background. 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) A situations may develop today that has profitable projections, but it might not be in accord with the way you like tc do business. Study it in detail before getting involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If a misunderstanding arises today with a person who usually backs you up, don't let it go uncorrected too long. It can be resolved easily if each is willing to adjust.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you might have a change of heart pertaining to a matter in which you've felt imposed upon because you failed to voice your early objections. If it isn't amended, it could have a long shelf life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone you like might be a trifle too attentive at this time to a person you dislike. Don't let this get out of hand; it could put some scratches on the relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A person on whom you're counting to help you with something you're hoping to achieve today might not be there when needed. Don't worry; a replacement will fill in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Charm and graciousness can accomplish for you today what demands or heavy-handed methods won't. Make life easier for yourself by being thoughtful and gracious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're delinquent on an obligation, get in touch today with the party or parties concerned to develop ways to ease your anxieties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In a matter of significance to you, needless opposition is possible today if you follow your present course of action. Start looking for less-abrasive alternatives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is an impediment to be cleared today where your work is concerned. You know what it is, so try to get it out of the way as early as possible for your own peace of mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you feel inclined to gamble on people or things today, be sure it is your own idea and not that of people you don't know too well. Your faith might be misplaced.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You should do rather well today in developments in which you encounter light resistance. However, if you find substantial obstacles on your path, you may lack the tenacity to overcome them.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Food safety is important

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have read that E. coli germs are often present on fresh fruit and vegetables. For this reason, I avoid these foods completely, because I am receiving chemotherapy. Do canned and frozen foods also have E. coli?

DEAR READER: E. coli is a fecal contaminant which is sometimes present in produce because of direct contact of the fruit or vegetable with contaminated soil, hands and so on. Government authorities cannot inspect all produce, so some infected food makes its way to supermarket shelves.

Most bacterial contamination can be removed by careful washing in running tap water (without soap). It is important to avoid cross-contamination from cooking utensils, cutting boards or hands. Use different cutting boards for meat and vegetables. Also, E. coli bacteria are killed by heating, so cooked vegetables aren't likely to cause health problems.

Even though you are receiving chemotherapy, you needn't avoid fresh produce. In fact, your body requires the nutritional elements contained in these products. Of course, you should wash (or peel) fresh fruit and vegetables before consuming them, even if you cook them.

The second part of your question is easy. When properly processed, canned and frozen foods are free of pathogens, provided the packaging is intact, the products have been properly handled (no freeze-thaw-freeze, for example), and they are properly refrigerated.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 60 years old and had a malignant tumor followed by several months of chemotherapy. I had no effects from the chemo and have felt really good. Did I really get chemo or did my doctor just fake it to obtain insurance payments?

DEAR READER: This scenario is possible but highly unlikely. A reputable physician simply wouldn't fake treatment just to collect insurance benefits.

Not all chemotherapy causes symptoms of fatigue, nausea and hair loss.

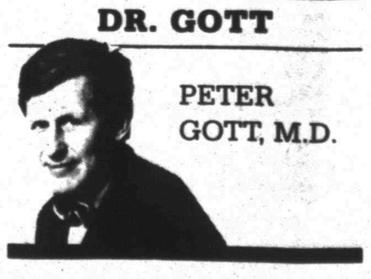
Therefore, I assume that your oncologist behaved appropriately and ethically by administering chemotherapy that didn't make you ill.

Be sure that you follow up with your doctor to make sure that you don't suffer a recurrence of your malignancy.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and Cancer." 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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DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

Man to be tried for capital murder in slaying over debt

ODESSA (AP) — The trial of a man accused of capital murder in the beating death of an 87-year-old woman over a $5 debt he claimed she owed him for yard work was scheduled to begin Monday.

Clayton Snyder, 21, ia accused of bludgeoning Lena Opal Easter to death in October 1996. He could receive the death penalty.

It took four weeks to select a jury for the trial. It was moved to Ector County because of pre-trial publicity in Andrews County.

Although prosecutors dropped plans in January to seek the death penalty against Snyder, they changed their minds after Snyder was accused of attempting to escape from jail on Feb. 21.

Officers said Snyder attacked a jailer with a weapon made out of a razor and pencil during the escape attempt.

The jailer did not require medical treatment and Snyder has since been charged with attempted capital murder and attempted escape.

Cab driver returns Final Four tickets and $10,000

SAN ANTONIO (AP)— When taxi driver Al Gutierrez found six Final Four tickets and $10,000 in cash in the back seat of his taxi, he knew exactly what he had to do.

He made sure that the tickets and money he found Saturday afternoon got back to the owner.

"The thought never even crossed my mind to take any of it," said Gutierrez.

He was busy shuttling fans to and from hotels when he found the items and said he didn't even hesitate when he saw the small fortune of $10-and-$20 bills inside a black bank bag with the tickets.

"Everyone I know is calling me a dummy for not taking it all, but I didn't want to," he told the San Antonio Express-News. "Besides, what kind of example would that set for my children?"

The tickets and money belonged to Florida ticket and tour operator Gary Dines, who left them in the taxi after a ride from La Mansion del Rio Hotel to the Ramada Emily Morgan, where he was staying.

"About 20 steps into the hotel, I realized what I'd done," Dines said. "I was really trying not to lose it."

The tickets belonged to some clients, and the cash was to buy four more Final Four tickets, Dines said.

He first tried to track down the taxi and the driver instead of calling police, saying he was convinced he could find them because they were both too distinctive to miss.

"I distinctly remember that (Gutierrez) was eating pumpkin seeds and spitting out the shells into his hat and that it was a yellow and red cab," Dines said. "You just don't miss clues like that."

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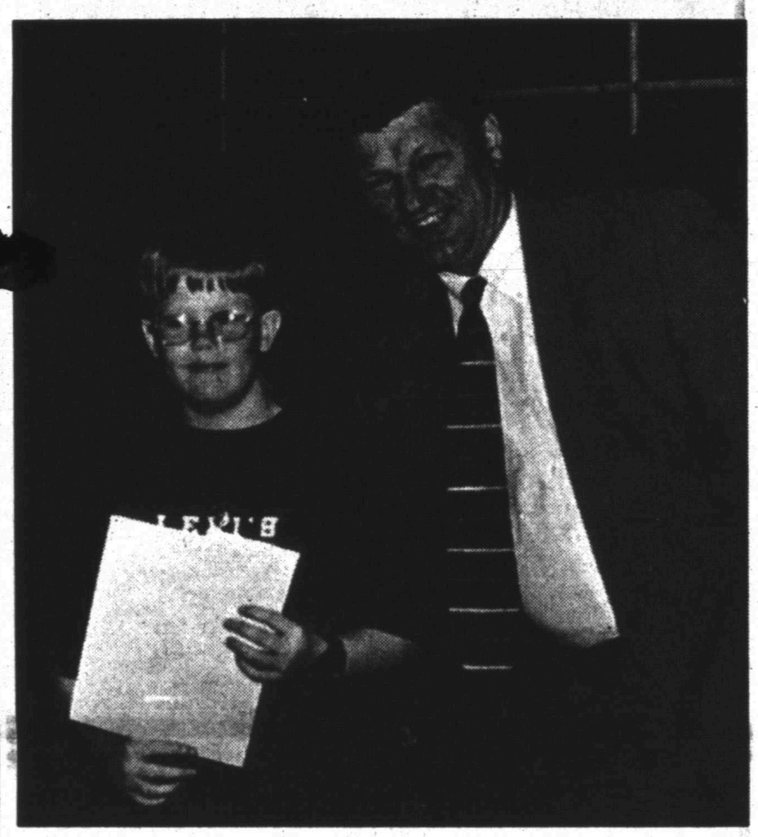
PORTRAIT WINNER — Gayle Lomax, SISD superintendent, presented a $50 savings bond to third grader Teresa Eagan, winner of the "Portrait of Laura Bush" at the chamber of commerce banquet where Mrs. Bush was guest speaker. Winners (not pictured) of an essay contest on "Things I Like About Texas" were won by fifth graders Hadley Hirt and Erin Hackfeld. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



BUSH PORTRAITS — SISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax presented a $50 savings bond to April Beth Boyd for her winning "Portrait of Laura Bush." The contest was sponsored by the chamber of commerce and she received her award at the banquet held at the Scurry County Coliseum. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



LETTERS TO MRS. BUSH — Winner of the chamber of commerce contest, "Letters to Mrs. George Bush" was Blake Robertson, fifth grader. Blake received her $50 savings bond from Superintendent Gayle Lomax at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce banquet. Another fifth grade winner not pictured is Kayla Guerrero. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



FAVORITE CHARACTER — Sixth grader Jay Bearden won the award for the chamber of commerce's contest "Favorite Story Book Character." Another winner who could not attend the chamber banquet was Whitney Stewart, also a sixth grader. SISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax presented winners with a $50 savings bond. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	139⅛	137⅛	137	15-16— 9-16
AT&T Corp	66	15-16	66	66 11-16+11-16
AirTouch	48	7-16	48	1-16 48 7-16+ ⅛
Albertsons	51¼		50⅝	50⅝— 7-16
AlldSignal s	42¼		41⅞	42⅛
Alltel	43	3-16	42	11-16 43 + 5-16
AmOnline s	69¾		68⅝	69 3-16+ 3-16
AmStoress	25⅛		25⅛	25⅛
Ameritech s	48¾		48¼	48⅛+ 7-16
Amoco	87	7-16	86	15-16 86 15-16— ¼
AndarkPr	68¼	67	13-16	67 13-16— 5-16
Anmcoinc	5	15-16	5	13-16 5 15-16+ 1-16
AtlRichfld s	79	3-16	78¼	79 + 5-16
ATMOS Egy	28⅛		28⅛	28 11-16— ¼
Aviall	15		15	15
BakerHughes	41⅛		40⅜	40⅝—1 3-16
BellAtl	102	13-16	101⅞	102⅝+ 1⅛
BellSouth	65⅜		64	65 3-16+ 1⅜
BethSteel	15	1-16	14	11-16 14⅜— 3-16
BritPet s	88	15-16	88¼	88 3-16—13-16
BurlNoSFe	106	104	13-16	104 13-16—1 3-16
CBS Corp	33¼		32½	33 + ⅝
Caterpillar s	55⅝		55	55 3-16— 5-16
CenSoWst	27⅛		26⅞	27 + 1-16
Chevron	83¾		83⅛	83⅛+ ⅛
Chrysler	42	7-16	42	42 7-16+ 5-16
Coastal	65¾		65⅛	65⅜— ⅛
CocaCola	77	7-16	76	5-16 77⅛+2 5-16
ColgatePalm s	87⅛		86	3-16 86 5-16— 5-16
ComclMetals	35¼		35⅛	35⅜— ⅛
CooperIn	59		58⅛	58⅜— 5-16
CyprusAmax	16⅝	16	11-16	16 11-16— 1-16
DallSemicn	35		34⅛	34⅜— ⅛
DeltaAirl	116⅛		115	116½+ 1⅜
DigitalEq	52	7-16	51	13-16 51 15-16+ ¼
Dillards Inc	37¼	36	15-16	37 3-16+ 9-16
DowChem	95	7-16	94	13-16 95 — 3-16
DresserInd	50⅛		48¼	48½— 1⅝
DuPont s	68	15-16	68¼	68 5-16—11-16
EastmanChem	66	15-16	66⅛	66 9-16— 5-16
EstKodak	64¼		63¾	64 1-16+ ¼
EDS Corp	47	1-16	46	5-16 46⅛+ ⅜
Entergy	29⅜		29	1-16 29⅛+ 3-16
Exxon	68	5-16	67	5-16 67⅜— ¼
FstBksAm	25	3-16	25	1-16 25 1-16— ⅛
Flowers s	24	13-16	24	5-16 24 5-16— ⅛
FordMotor	65	3-16	64	11-16 65 1-16
GTE Cp	59	15-16	59⅛	59 13-16+ ½
GenDynam	86⅜		85⅞	86⅛+ 1-16
GenlElecs	84⅛		83	11-16 84⅜+ 1⅜
GenMills	75	3-16	74	11-16 75 + 1-16
GenMotors	69		68	9-16 68⅛+ 7-16
GaPacGP s	66⅛		65	15-16 66⅛— ⅛
GlobalMar	26	3-16	25⅛	25 9-16— 9-16
Goodrich	53	15-16	53	1-16 53 1-16— ¼
Goodyear s	74⅛		74	1-16 74⅛+ 1-16
GtAtlPac	29⅝		29⅛	29 11-16— 1-16
Halliburtn s	52	11-16	50	11-16 50⅜— 1⅛
Hanson ADS	31⅛	30	15-16	30 15-16+ 3-16
HarteHanks s	23⅝		23⅜	23¾— ⅛
HomeDepot s	66¾	66	3-16	66 7-16+ 3-16
HoustonInds	28	3-16	27⅞	28⅛+ 1-16
IBM s	104⅞	103	11-16	104 — ⅛
IntlPaper	49⅛	48	13-16	48⅝+ 5-16
JohnsonJn	72⅞		71⅞	72⅛+ ⅛
K mart	16¾		16	16⅛+ 1-16
Kroger Co	45¼		44⅞	45 + ⅛
Litton	57	9-16	56⅞	57 5-16
LockhdMart	112⅞	111⅛	111	13-16—1 7-16
Lowes Cos	70⅝		70⅛	70⅜— ⅛
Lubys	18	7-16	18	5-16 18⅜
LucentTech	126⅜	125	5-16	126⅛+ 9-16
LucentTch wi	63¾		63	63⅛+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs	62⅝		61⅛	62⅛+ 9-16
Medtronic s	52	15-16	52⅛	52⅞+ ⅛
Mobils	78	1-16	77	5-16 77 9-16+ ⅛
Monsanto	51¼		50⅞	51⅛— ⅛
MorganJP	135⅛	133⅜	133	11-16—1 1-16
Motorola	57⅞		57	57 1-16— 7-16
NCR Corp	32	3-16	31⅜	31⅝—11-16
NationsBk	73		72⅛	72 3-16+ ⅛
Navistar	35⅛		35⅛	35 7-16+11-16
Norwests	41¼		40⅞	40 15-16— ⅛
OryxEngy	25⅞		25⅛	25 11-16+ ⅜
Penney JC	75	3-16	74	5-16 74 15-16+ ⅛
Pennzoil	66⅝		65⅛	65⅜— 3-16
PepBoys	23⅛		22⅞	22 15-16+ 1-16
PepsiCo	42⅞		42⅛	42⅜+ 1-16
PhelpDodge	65	3-16	64⅞	64 15-16— 3-16
PhilipPet	51¼		50	13-16 50⅞
PilgrmPrd	13¾		13⅜	13⅜+ 1-16
Polaroid	44	13-16	44	11-16 44 11-16— ⅛
Praxair	51¼		50⅝	51 1-16+ 1-16
ProctGamb s	85	3-16	83⅞	85 + ⅛
PubSNwMx	24⅛		23⅝	24⅛+ ⅛
RoyalDut s	57	9-16	57⅛	57 5-16— 3-16
SBC Comm s	44¼		43	3-16 43⅜+ ⅛
SaraLee	62⅛		61⅝	62 + ⅛
Scripps EW	53⅜		53⅜	53⅜+ ⅛
SearsRoeb	56	11-16	56	56 9-16+ ⅛
SherwinW	34⅝		34⅛	34 9-16+ 1-16
SmthBc ADS s	63	3-16	62⅛	62 11-16—13-16
SouthernCo	27	5-16	27	1-16 27⅛+ 1-16
SwstAirl s	29	3-16	28	11-16 28¼
Sprint	69¾		68⅛	69 9-16+1 3-16
SunCo	41	5-16	40⅜	40⅝—15-16
TNP Ent	33		33	33
Tandy s	46	15-16	46	11-16 46 11-16+ 3-16
TempleInland	63¾		63	1-16 63 9-16+ 5-16
Tenneco	42	1-16	41	9-16 41 13-16— 7-16
Texaco s	61		61	1-16 60 60⅛+ ⅜
TexInd	55	15-16	55⅛	55 15-16+ 3-16
TexasInst s	54	13-16	53	9-16 53 11-16— 1⅛
TexUtil	39		38⅞	39 — ⅛
Textron s	77		75⅛	75 13-16— 1⅛
Travelers s	61	15-16	60⅝	60 13-16—1 3-16
TriconGlbR n	30	1-16	29	11-16 29⅝— 3-16
TrinityInds	53⅜		52	13-16 53⅛+ ⅛
TritonEngy	35⅛		34	9-16 34 9-16
Tyler	7⅜		7	9-16 7 9-16
US WestCm	55¼		54	55⅛+15-16
USWstMda	35	5-16	34	13-16 34 15-16— 5-16
USX-Marathn	38		37⅛	37 9-16+ 1-16
USX-USS	39	7-16	39	39 — ⅛
UnCarbde	48	15-16	48⅛	48 13-16— 3-16
UnionPacif	55	3-16	54⅛	54⅜— ⅜
UnitedTech	91	9-16	90⅛	90 9-16—13-16
Unocal	39⅛		38	9-16 38⅜— ⅛
WalMart	50⅛		49⅜	50⅛+ 3-16
WstnGasRs	18⅛		18⅛	18⅝— ⅛
WinnDixie	50⅛		50	50⅛— ⅛
Woolworth	25	9-16	25⅛	25⅝— 3-16
Xerox Corp	104⅛		102⅞	103 5-16— 1⅛
ZenithE	6	13-16	6⅝	6¾

Local Interest Stocks

Applied Mtls.	35 1/2	+1/8
BJ Services	37 1/4	-1 5/8
Cracker Brl.	39 7/8	+1/8
Clayton Hms.	20 7/16	-5/16
Compaq	26 3/16	-5/16
Cabletron	15	-1/4
Cisco Sys.	68 3/16	-1 3/16
Dell	67 1/8	-3/8
Brinker Int'l.	21 5/8	0
Calloway Glf.	29 1/8	-7/16
Fannie Mae	62 7/8	-3/4
Intel	77 5/8	-1 1/4
JP Morgan	133 11/16	-1 1/16
Korea Fund	8 1/8	-3/16
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Pesky pesticide could rekindle problems with city sewer lines

GREENVILLE (AP) — City officials are targeting a pesky pesticide they don't want running through its storm sewers this year.

Dozens of water test failures have been linked to the presence of the pesticide diazinon in the water discharged from the city's sewage treatment plant in recent years.

"So residents must redouble their efforts to keep the pesticide out of our sewers or the city will again face expensive testing and corrective measures," said Larry Olson, director of water utilities for the Northeast Texas city.

Olson told a Greenville Chamber of Commerce luncheon Friday that the city had 42 monthly test failures between March 1989 and November 1992.

A relatively mild winter, Olson said, could mean higher insect infestations, tempting Greenville residents to use diazinon to fight back.

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Border Patrol finds more than 100 illegal immigrants

PREMONT (AP) — U.S. officials are again warning about the dangers of immigrant smugglers after dozens of people were rescued from a trailer in South Texas.

U.S. Border Patrol agents found 107 smuggled immigrants — some fighting for oxygen inside the hot trailer — on Saturday.

The discovery came after a witness called police to say that dozens of immigrants were jumping from a parked trailer in a restaurant parking lot.

Border patrol agents found 29 people inside the trailer, which was attached to a rental truck. Many of the immigrants were dehydrated and struggling to breathe, said Border Patrol spokeswoman Letty Garza.

"Some of them were screaming and banging against the doors," she said. "That's when the smuggler stopped the freight liner."

Seventy-eight others who had gotten out of the trailer were found hiding in nearby bushes, Ms. Garza said.

The driver, a 50-year-old Canadian resident originally from Santiago, Chile, was arrested at the scene on suspicion of immigrant smuggling. Officials refused to give his name until formal charges are filed this week.

Sixteen immigrants from Central America were placed in a detention center, Ms. Garza said. The rest, all Mexicans, volunteered to return to Mexico.

The immigrants had each paid between $1,300 and $3,500 and believed they were headed for New York, New Jersey and other East Coast cities.

Tomas Zuniga, public affairs officer for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Dallas, said the INS has a community outreach effort planned for mid-April to warn people on both sides of the border about the dangers of trusting smugglers.

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Was judge's call on friend's behalf unethical?

HOUSTON (AP) — In a case that legal experts say raises ethical questions, a Texas appeals court judge called an influential minister to encourage him to give "all the help you can" to a lawyer handling a death row inmate's appeal.

Judge Charles Baird, who is seeking re-election this year to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, made the call at the request of attorney Gary Taylor, the judge's friend and former assistant, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

While the call may not have broken any law, legal experts say it raises ethical concerns about how far a sitting judge should involve himself in a case outside the courtroom.

Baird insists he did nothing wrong in making the call for Taylor, who represents death row inmate Odell Barnes Jr.

Barnes was sentenced to die for the 1989 robbery and murder of Helen Bass of Wichita Falls. The victim was beaten in her home with a lamp and rifle, sexually assaulted, stabbed in the neck and shot in the head.

Barnes' appeal is making its way through the federal court system. When it came before the Court of Criminal Appeals in 1994, Baird was among those voting to uphold the conviction.

Baird acknowledges calling the Rev. Reginald Blow of Wichita Falls on Taylor's behalf. The judge did not actually speak with Blow but left a message on the minister's answering machine.

According to a transcript, Baird told Blow that he was "calling to follow up on a conversation you had today with a gentleman named Gary Taylor" and verified that Taylor once worked for him and that they are close friends.

Baird also told the minister, "Gary needs all the help you can give him. He is convinced that the gentleman he represents is innocent and shouldn't be in jail, shouldn't be locked up, and he needs all the help you can give him.

"And apparently, knowing you the way I do, you can give him an awful lot of help. So, I wanted to call you and tell you personally that Gary Taylor is a good guy. He is on the up and up. You can take him — his word is his bond — and, uh, help him out every chance you can."

Baird told the Chronicle he called Blow only because Taylor said that, when he was investigating the Barnes case, the minister had seemed uncooperative and distrustful.

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OPEC begins emergency meeting today

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Leading petroleum producer Norway said today it would cut its oil exports, boosting OPEC's efforts to ease a market glut that has oil prices at their lowest levels in years.

Norway's pledge came just before OPEC ministers began an emergency meeting today in Vienna. Oil Minister Marit Arnstad said the country would cut daily production by 3 percent, removing roughly 100,000 barrels from the world petroleum market.

Norway, a non-OPEC member that is the world's second-biggest oil exporter after Saudi Arabia, said its cuts would take effect April 12 and last through 1998. It reserved the right to cancel its plans if OPEC fails to follow through on promised cutbacks.

With Norway on board, the pledges of production cuts by OPEC and non-OPEC members totaled around 1.5 million barrels a day — out of about 28.7 million now being produced daily. Independent analysts say oil exporters need to remove more than 2 million barrels a day from the market to see a lasting price increase.

"There's still going to be a lot of oil around," said Michael Rothman, an oil analyst at Merrill Lynch in New York. "They're in muddle-through mode. They're trying to lessen the downside risk for prices."

The pledges of lower production pushed prices about $2 per barrel higher on London and New York futures markets last week.

Prices gave up early gains today in London, where Brent crude oil to be delivered in May was off by 37 cents at $15.03 per barrel in the late afternoon on the International Petroleum Exchange.

OPEC and its newfound non-OPEC allies, also including Mexico, Yemen and Oman, panicked when crude oil prices plunged this winter to their lowest level in nine years. Analysts blamed OPEC's decision in November to pump more crude, just as the Asian economic crisis and mild winter weather were eroding the market.

The cheap prices have been a bargain for consumers but devastating for producers. Libyan oil minister Abdalla Salem el-Badri says the collapsed market has cost OPEC $15 billion this year.

The OPEC president, United Arab Emirates oil minister Obaid bin Saif al-Nasseri, told ministers that petroleum producers must "halt the downward price spiral" to keep the global economy in balance.

However, Qatar's oil minister, Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiyah said he was happy with what as been thus far pledged. Nigerian oil minister Dan Etete has taken the same line, although the new Kuwaiti oil minister, Sheik Saud Nasser al-Sabah, called for greater cuts by OPEC and non-OPEC producers.

Analysts have expressed serious doubts that OPEC can deliver on its initial promises.

Several ministers are staying vague about how much oil their nations actually will pump. And there have been concerns that some of the cuts will occur on paper only, by some OPEC nations who are not producing at previously agreed quota levels, meaning no reduction in the actual oil supply.

Two ministers — those from Libya and the UAE — said today that 10 of OPEC's members had agreed to make real cuts in production.

Soldier who refused to wear U.N. patch, beret loses appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today rejected the appeal of a U.S. soldier facing a bad-conduct discharge for refusing to wear a United Nations shoulder patch and U.N. blue beret for a peace-keeping mission.

The justices, without comment, turned away Michael New's argument that he is entitled to an honorable discharge because the order he disobeyed would have required him to become a "U.N. soldier" and violate his oath of office.

A military court martial rejected that argument, and two lower courts ruled they could not hear New's case because has not yet finished seeking help from military appeals courts.

New, a medical specialist now on involuntary leave in the Houston area, joined the Army in 1993. He is from Conroe, Texas.

While stationed in Germany in 1995, New was told he was to be deployed to Macedonia as part of a U.N. peacekeeping force. New told his superior officers he would not wear the U.N. colors unless provided with some constitutional authority requiring him to do so.

"I have never taken an oath to the United Nations, but I have taken the required oath to support and defend the Constitution," he said in a written statement submitted to his superior officers. New requested a transfer to a unit "not required to wear the U.N. uniform" or an honorable discharge.

He said he was not trying to avoid a difficult or dangerous assignment, and noted that he previously had served in Kuwait in the Gulf War's aftermath.

New was convicted by a court-martial jury in 1996 and sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, which is being held in abeyance pending his military appeals.

He turned to the federal courts for help but was rebuffed by a trial judge and the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

"Because New has not completed the appeals of his court-martial conviction with the military justice system, he currently is barred from pursuing an action" in federal court, the appeals court ruled last November.

In the appeal acted on today, lawyers for New said the justices should allow such federal court review in a case that "raises one of the most significant status questions in the history of the republic."

2 injured in accident

A two-vehicle accident Sunday night on Highway 180 and FM 1673 sent two people to Lubbock's University Medical Center for treatment.

Jason Stewart, 19, of Abilene was listed in serious condition at the hospital this morning. He was being transferred to Lubbock by helicopter Sunday night when fog forced the air ambulance down in Post. He was taken the rest of the way by a Lubbock EMS unit.

Lonnie Green, 19, of Hermleigh, was listed in satisfactory condition this morning. He was transferred by Snyder EMS to Lubbock following treatment Sunday night.

Stewart and Green were in separate vehicles.

Snyder police officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident at 5:32 p.m. Sunday in the 1300 block of 37th Street. Involved were a 1988 Oldsmobile driven by Amanda Johnson of Hermleigh and a 1997 Chevrolet driven by Beatrice Yanez of Rotan.

On Saturday, officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident in the 4300 block of College at 2:20 p.m. Involved were a 1995 Dodge driven by Rebecca Garcia of Colorado City and a 1991 Buick driven by Syvola Waller of 405 36th Place.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 12:40 p.m. Friday in the 3000 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1989 Jeep driven by Shawn Wittie of 2308 Peyton and a 1983 Chevrolet driven by Sharon Gulseth of 3790 Highland Drive.

Officers investigated a minor two-vehicle accident at 8:18 a.m. Thursday in the 3600 block of Avenue C. Involved were a 1989 Oldsmobile driven by Velma Elden of 304 36th St. and a 1997 Dodge van driven by Jose Lopez of 317 32nd St.

Officers note several arrests over weekend

An 18-year-old Snyder man was arrested in the 3000 block of 40th Street around 4:30 Sunday afternoon after being advised of complaints about riding his motorcycle in an alley.

It wasn't the motorcycle riding that put him in jail; it was an outstanding DPS warrant from Scurry County that officers discovered while running a routine license check.

Other arrests over the weekend included a 33-year-old male taken into custody at 1:22 p.m. Saturday in the 2000 block of 25th Street on Municipal Court warrants and a DPS warrant out of Lubbock County.

Officers arrested a 41-year-old male at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the 2400 block of Avenue O for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

At 2:20 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 25-year-old male in the 400 block of 24th Street on a Scurry County warrant to revoke his probation.

In other activity over the weekend, officers were notified of a gas drive-off from Town & Country Saturday morning in which a person failed to pay for $5 worth of gas.

Mike Velasquez told officers at 9:30 Saturday morning that someone had broken into his vehicle at 3211 Ave. A and a CD player was stolen. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

An officer was requested at Wal-Mart at 11:30 Saturday morning in reference to a person taking a child's shorts set and not paying for it.

An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted at 2:45 p.m. Sunday from 502 34th St. as Rogelio Reyes reported a telephone stolen from his vehicle.

A break-in at Kevin Gentry's residence on East Highway 180 that was reported at 9:43 p.m. Sunday is currently under investigation by deputies. Cash and jewelry were reported missing from the residence.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 5:17 p.m. Saturday in reference to a tail light being broken out of a vehicle in the 3400 block of College Avenue.

An offense report for a dog bite was made at 9:30 p.m. Saturday from the 3000 block of Austin.

A report of a possible prowler was made around 11 p.m. Saturday from the 2400 block of Avenue M and from the 1800 block of Avenue P at 3:30 a.m. Sunday.

The fire department responded to a grass fire at 5 p.m. Sunday on FM 1606 near Ira.

Obituaries

Mrs. Cowdrey

1907-1998

POST — Dorothy Inez Cowdrey, the great-great-grandmother of Bud Sparlin of Snyder, died Sunday, March 29, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Cowdrey, 90, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Post Church of Christ. David Joyner and Homer Jones will officiate. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 1, 1907 in Montague County, she married Elmer Cowdrey on Dec. 20, 1925 in Garza County. He died in 1990.

Mrs. Cowdrey was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Jo Ella Sparlin of Post; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four other great-great-grandchildren.

Reba Jones

1917-1998

POST — Reba Arlene Jones, 80, died Friday, March 27, in Golden Plains Care Center.

Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the Post First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Buddy Payne officiating. Burial was to follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Born June 1, 1917 in Goldthwaite, she married Walter Jones on Dec. 31, 1938 in Snyder. He died in 1992.

Survivors include three daughters, Carolyn Gray of Graham, Kathy Lee of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Marilyn Johnston of Slaton; three sons, Bill Jones of China Springs, Danny Jones of Mansfield and Jimmy Jones of Post; two sisters, Velma Smith of Austin and Maxine Ellison of Dallas; two brothers, Lloyd Doggett of Austin and Jim Doggett of Lubbock; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes and "Hope for Life's Journey" tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Judas and the Great Betrayal," followed by "Fear of Death," will begin at 7 this evening.

Parents of 8th graders

Parents of Snyder 8th grades are encouraged to attend a meeting at Worsham Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tuesday. High school counselor Debbie Phillips will answer questions about registration procedures, course selections and requirements for the diploma programs. Incoming freshmen have been given registration materials and are encouraged to bring them to the meeting.

Genealogical society

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the county library. The program, "Pitfalls of Genealogy Research," will be given by Jo Thrower. Visitors are welcome.

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a Masters Degree at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All Master Masons are invited.

Register to vote

Thursday is the final day to register to vote in the May 2 city council and school board elections. Voter registration takes place at the county clerk's office in the courthouse.

Nursing home financial planning

Snyder Oaks Care Center and Senior Information Services of America are co-sponsoring "Nursing Home Financial Planning," a workshop dealing with financing long-term care, at 7 p.m. Thursday. The workshop will be held at Snyder Oaks. RSVP by calling Tracey Williamson at 573-9377.

'Always, Patsy Cline'

"Always, Patsy Cline" plays Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre. Tickets are $7. Group rates are available. The Ritz Theatre box office is taking reservations from 2-5 p.m. weekdays for the musical.

Heart walk planned

The Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Association will sponsor a five-mile walk Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. in Towle Park. Walkers are needed. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Fish Fry will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Snyder Senior Center. Tickets are $6, and children under age 6 eat free. Carryout plates are available.

Planetarium show

A planetarium show, "Through The Eyes of Hubble," will be held at 2 p.m. each Sunday through April on the WTC campus.

Special showings for school classes (best suited for grade 4 and above) can be arranged for any Friday in April by calling the WTC science department. Admission is free.

SJHS shop students holding raffle

Snyder junior high 8th grade shop students are selling raffle tickets for a chest of drawers. Tickets are $1 and proceeds help pay for trips to regional and state contests. For tickets, call 573-6356.

Baseball boosters fund-raiser

Snyder High School Baseball Boosters are selling caps and T-shirts at all home games. They are also on sale at the high school and Lang Tire. Proceeds will go into the high school baseball fund.

UCSWCD tree program

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District still has several varieties of windbreak seedlings, both evergreen and hardwood, for sale. Come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Hwy. in the USDA office complex or call 573-6317 or 6318.
573-5993.

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival

St. Elizabeth will hold its annual Sausage Festival on Sunday, April 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center, 30th Street and Avenue A. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under. Sausage will also be sold by the pound. There were be raffles, game booths and a country store.

SNS needs assistance

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is needing donations and volunteer help for its annual workday, set for Saturday, April 25. Twelve homes will be repaired. Donations can be mailed to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541 or dropped off at West Elementary or Sam Robertson Insurance office. Groups or individuals wishing to volunteer can contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538.

Pick 3

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

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-19-26-31-36-50.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.
Number matching six of six: none.
Matching five of six: 79. Prize: $1,756.
Matching four of six: 4,545. Prize: $110.
Matching three of six: 88,959. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
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