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Phone slamming still continuing, report concludes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Telephone customers are not being adequately protected by the government from the illegal practice of "slamming" — the unauthorized switching of a person's long-distance company — a report to Congress concludes.

The General Accounting Office, which is the investigative branch of Congress, found that neither federal anti-slamming regulations administered by the Federal Communications Commission, nor state rules, are effective.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, ordered the report, which was to be a focal point of a hearing today in the Senate permanent subcommittee on investigations, which Collins chairs.

"We think we can be faster. We think we can hit them (slammers) harder and we're going to do that," said the FCC's John Nakahata, chief of staff to commission Chairman William Kennard. The FCC is expected to adopt tougher anti-slamming rules in a few weeks.

The report also said the FCC wasn't doing enough to try to prevent bad actors from getting into the long-distance business.

"We found no effective anti-slamming effort to keep unscrupulous individuals from becoming a long-distance provider," the GAO report said. "For example, the FCC does not review information submitted to it in tariff filings that may alert it to unethical applicants." Tariffs are lists of prices and services companies provide the agency.

Nakahata countered: "The GAO is shooting at the wrong game. There is nothing about a tariff that tells you whether this is a good provider or a bad provider. What's relevant is how the companies sell the service, which you won't find in the tariff."

Companies are not required to get an operating permit from the FCC to sell long-distance service within the United States, Nakahata said. While long-distance companies are required to file tariffs to the commission about their services and their rates, they generally go into effect without the FCC taking any action.

The GAO said it filed a tariff to provide long-distance service through a made-up company called PSI Communications. "In short, although we submitted fictitious information for the tariff and did not pay FCC's required $600 application fee, we received FCC's stamp of approval."

The most effective way for people to protect themselves from slamming is to contact their local phone company and ask them to "freeze" their preferred long-distance company from being changed, the GAO report said.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Luck is a one-word explanation for another guy's success."

Dean Williamson, a Snyder native, used to be in the newspaper business. After working in Alpine, Colorado City, abilene and Vernon, Dean became the public relations man for Wayland Baptist College in Plainview.

Williamson passed along a first grade teacher's collection of famous proverbs. At least the first half of them is well-known. She asked the students to complete 'em.

--As you shall make your bed so shall you...mess it up.

--Better be safe than...punch a fifth grader.

--Strike while the ...bug is close.

--It's always darkest before...daylight savings time.

--Never underestimate the power of...termites.

--You can lead a horse to water but...how?

--Don't bite the hand that...looks dirty.

--No news is...impossible.

--A miss is as good as a...Mr.

--You can't teach an old dog new...math.

--If you lie down with the dogs you'll...stink in the morning.

--Love all, trust...me.

--The pen is mightier than the...pigs.

--An idle mind is...the best way to relax.

--Where there's smoke there's...pollution.

--Happy the bride who...gets all the presents.

--A penny saved is...not much.

--Two's company, three's...the Musketeers.

--Don't put off tomorrow what...you put on to go to bed.

--Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and...you have to blow your nose.

--None are so blind as....Helen Keller.

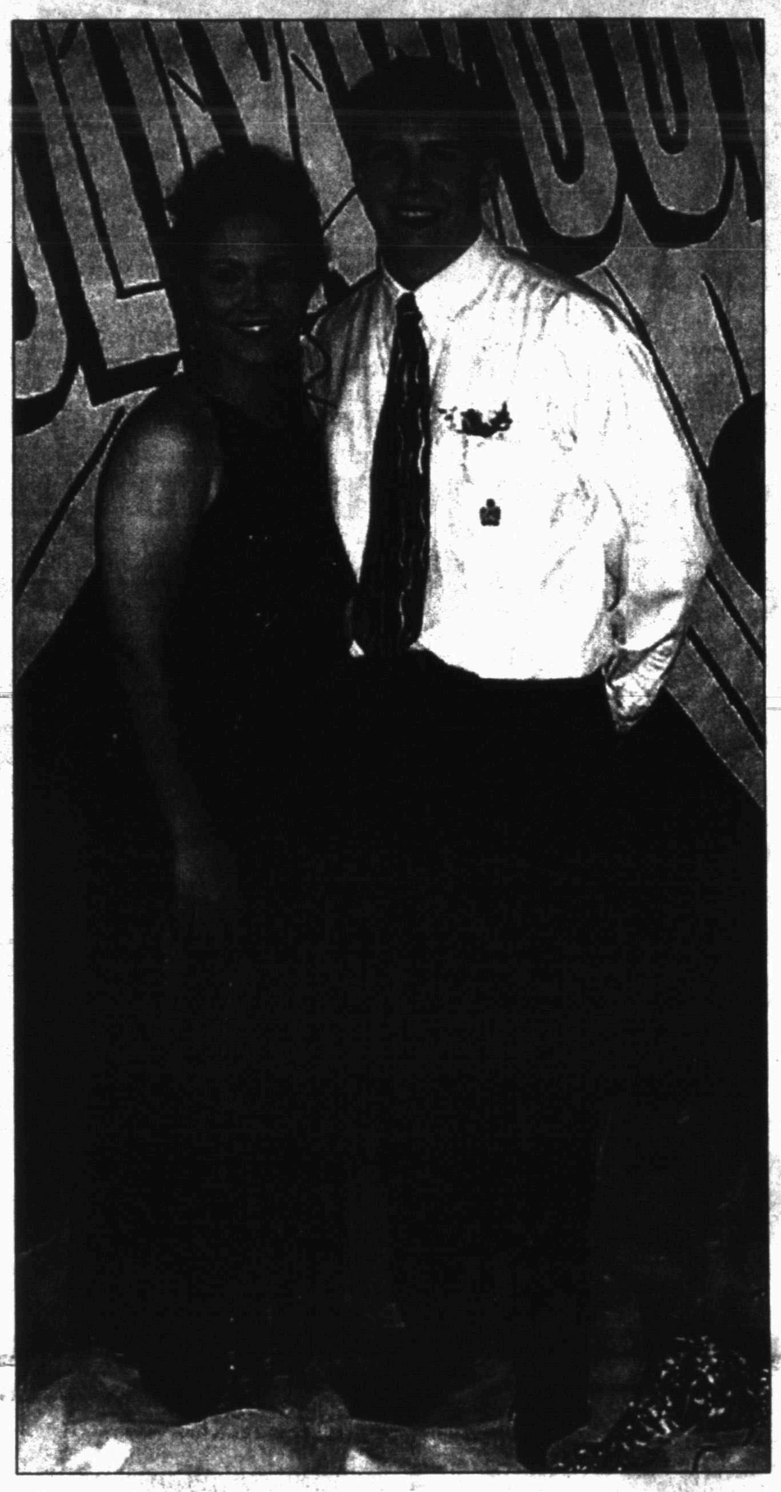
--Children should be seen and not...spanked or grounded.

--If at first you don't succeed...get new batteries.

--You get out of something what you...see pictured on the box.

--When the blind leadeth the blind...get out of the way.

--There's no fool like...Aunt Eddie.



SPRING FORMAL ROYALTY — Jason Tyler of Pullman, Wash., and Abby Jeffrey of McCaulley were named Mr. and Miss WTC during the Spring Formal, held Wednesday evening at the community college. (SDN Staff Photo By Jo Ann Nunley)

Amidst investigation...

County's chief deputy resigns

Scurry County's chief deputy sheriff has resigned during an ongoing investigation of a domestic incident which occurred last week at his home.

Jerry Cowin, chief deputy, resigned his duties Monday afternoon, citing "personal reasons."

Sheriff Darren Jackson last Friday had reassigned Cowin to the position of deputy after a third party appeared at the sheriff's office to file a complaint concerning a dispute that occurred April 14 at Cowin's home about one-quarter mile east of Inadale.

Jackson said Cowin was not asked to resign. Jackson added that Cowin is not suspected of violating any laws. The sheriff said bad judgment on the part of Cowin was the reason for the reassignment decision.

"Jerry is a friend of mine, but the business and integrity of the sheriff's office must come first," Jackson said.

When the complainant appeared Friday seeking to file charges, Jackson said the case was referred to the Texas Ranger for investigation since it involved a member of his department.

Jackson said he had begun an internal investigation the evening of April 14 after learning of the incident.

The dispute at Cowin's residence involved Cowin's wife and an unnamed third party. A verbal argument occurred outside the residence and Mrs. Cowin allegedly shot out the back window of the third-party's vehicle, Jackson said.

The case is being investigated as a criminal mischief which is a misdeameanor. No one was near the vehicle when the window was shot out.

Jackson said Cowin was not involved in the shooting. Also, Mrs. Cowin's possession of a handgun on her own property is not a violation of the law.

Texas Ranger John Billings said the investigation of the incident is continuing. Some interviews were scheduled today, and no charges have been filed.

Sheriff Jackson has appointed veteran deputy Delwyn Davis as the department's chief deputy.

SHS student is charged with making bomb threat

A Snyder High School junior has been charged in connection with a bomb threat received at Snyder High School earlier this month.

Karley Collins, 17, was charged with making a false alarm/threat. Because the telephone call was made to a school, the charge is a state jail felony.

Collins has been placed in the district's alternative education program pending additional action from the school. The case has also been referred to the district attorney's office. Any criminal action is still pending.

The call April 8 was received around the lunch hour, and high school principal Larry Scott conducted a fire drill while the building was searched. No bomb was found.

SISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax said the call was traced to Century Fuels on College Avenue by the school's caller ID system.

2 p.m. Friday...

SHS enters region one-act play contest

SAN ANGELO — Snyder High School's production of "Ondine" will take the stage early Friday afternoon in the Class 4A Regional UIL One-Act Play Contest.

"Ondine" will be the first of six plays to perform in the competition, which will be held at Angelo State University. The contest will get underway at 2 p.m.

Also competing will be Fort Worth Boswell in "Black Elk Speaks," El Paso Canutillo in "Lillies of the Field," San Angelo Lake View in "Madwoman of Chaillot," Fort Worth Arlington Heights in "Edith Stine" and Mineral Wells in "Abelard and Heloise."

Critic judge will be Louis Munoz of McAllen.

Rehearsal time for Snyder High will be at 7 a.m. Awards will be announced at approximately 9 p.m.

The top two plays selected will advance to the state contest in Austin.

Jerry Worsham is the SHS drama director. Cast members for "Ondine" include Christina Bullard, Trevor Thompson, Joey Steakley, Mac McCraw, Jessica Mills, Jack Hedges, Kate Maguire, Anna Hannan, Tara Kincaid, Liz Brown, Michael Gibson, Kade Kubena, Kevin Taylor, Reid Johnson and Scott Love. Understudies are Brandon McCraw, Alicia Peoples, Jon Hensley and Jamie Burleson.

John Hensley, Cheryl Reed, Buddy Whittenburg, Clay Graves and Toungee Coustaline serve as alternates.

Crew members are Andy Parker, Chris Halbert, Eldon Scott and Mark Rodriguez.

WTC play will debut at 8 o'clock

"The Real Inspector Hound," the final production of the school year at Western Texas College, debuts tonight at 8 o'clock in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and students. Faculty, staff and students at WTC will be admitted free with identification.

Additional performances are set for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Directed by Helen Cogan, "The Real Inspector Hound" is a British comedy, featuring a play within a play.

Two of the play's main characters are Moon, played by Charlie Sweatt of Hermleigh, and Birdboot, played by Rick Freeman of Snyder.

Moon and Birdboot are play critics who are seen both observing and commenting about the play on stage.

The melodramatic elements of the comedy include a dead body which no one seems to know what to do with, reports of a mad man "on the loose and headed toward Muldoon Manor," a variety of death threats, several shots fired and endless rounds of cards.

Toward the end of the play, the critics take the stage and become part of the action while two of the central characters end up in the critics' seats.

Role reversals and character revelations are part of the fun as the audience never learns who is "The Real Inspector Hound" until the play's end.

Cast members are:

—Inspector Hound, played by Patrick Hancock of Aspermont.

—Mrs. Drudge, played by Leslie Gryder of Tuscola.

—Simon, played by Dallas Martinez of Breckenridge.

—Felicity played by Vickie Williams of Sudan.

—Lady Muldoon, played by Shannon Gates of Seminole.

—Magnus, the wheel chair-ridden half brother, played by Jeff Tydlaska of San Angelo.

Lisa Ann McNair

McNair represents Snyder Lions Club at 2T-2 Convention

LUBBOCK — Local Lions Club members will be among those from 63 clubs participating in the District 2T-2 Lions Convention, being held through Saturday at the Holiday Inn Civic Center.

Lisa Ann McNair, a senior at Snyder High School, is the local club's queen candidate. The queen's pageant will be held Friday evening at 7 o'clock with the winner receiving a $750 scholarship.

Guest speaker for Saturday's candidates luncheon will be Thomas H. Matney, past International Director. Matney is a recipient of the Good Will Award, the highest honor a Lions Club member can achieve.

Past District Gov. Jim Johnson will be the speaker for the Key Member breakfast on Saturday.

The convention, which began this morning, includes participants from 22 West Texas and Panhandle counties.

McNair plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University and major in speech pathology. She is secretary of the National Honor Society and the Senior Class. She is also involved in the Student Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She has served as a football manager, a cheerleader and played volleyball for two years.

She is the daughter of Lee and Debra McNair.

ASK US

Q—Is it a crime if you witness child abuse and fail to report it?

A—Yes, failure to report suspected abuse or neglect is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine, jail or both.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 77 degrees; low, 46; 7 a.m. Thursday, 47; no precipitation; total for 1998, 4.80 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low, upper 50s. S wind 10-20 mph. Friday, mostly sunny, windy. High near 90. S wind 20-30 mph, gusty.

Monica DuBois

Sunny, breezy

Sunset: 8:18 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.

Of 112 days in 1998, the sun has shone 110 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The way each day will look to you all starts with who you're looking to.

Unknown

Garth Brooks top entertainer, but McGraw, Hill win

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP)—Garth Brooks always sells out his concerts, his records soar to No. 1 and a cable TV special was a spectacular success.

Still, the Oklahoma native was stunned when he got the entertainer of the year honor at Wednesday night's Academy of Country Music Awards.

For a megastar, Brooks sure is humble. He seemed to suggest George Strait, his idol, was more deserving.

"George, you the man, you are!" Brooks declared as he looked over to Strait and got an appreciative nod.

"We haven't won in a long time, so I was surprised," Brooks said backstage. He hasn't won a top entertainer prize from the academy since 1994, when he grabbed his fourth in a row.

Strait wasn't left out. He won the male vocalist award for the second straight year, and his "Carrying Your Love With Me" CD won the top album trophy, also for a second consecutive year.

Brooks and Strait shared the biggest part of the evening with another man in a black hat, Tim McGraw, and his wife Faith Hill, whose romantic "It's Your Love" won four awards — top song, single, video and vocal event.

"Oooh! Where's the party at?" McGraw asked as the couple picked up one of their trophies. Miss Hill was thrilled, saying backstage: "We got enough to buy a new piece of furniture."

Trisha Yearwood was picked top female vocalist before debuting her new single "There Goes My Baby," and Brooks & Dunn, last year's entertainer of the year, won the top duo or group trophy for a seventh consecutive year.

Kenny Chesney and Lee Ann Womack won the new artist awards, and The Kinleys — sisters Jennifer and Heather — were the top new group or duo winner.

A somber note came early when Brooks & Dunn dedicated the show to the people of the South who have been hit by tomadoes. The celebratory atmosphere also took a brief detour to pay homage to the late Tammy Wynette, Carl Perkins and John Denver.

The academy's Special Achievement Award was presented to Brooks for his unprecedented efforts in the field of country music, including his big Central Park concert last year.

Winners were selected by the 3,000 members of the academy, who awarded the Pioneer Award to Charlie Daniels.

"How's this for a surprise, big guy?" a giggling Brooks asked as he introduced Daniels.

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WTC PLAY DEBUTS — Western Texas College's "The Real Inspector Hound" will debut tonight at 8 o'clock in the Fine Arts Theatre. Charlie Sweatt, left, and Rick Freeman, play critics Moon and Birdboot, respectively. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for senior citizens and students. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Stuck at hospital, boy unclaimed but he is not unloved

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Snuggling with stuffed bears and the darling of nurses and "visiting grandmas," Baby Harris is beginning life in a pretty comfy spot. But it's not home.

Two weeks after his birth, the healthy boy is still unclaimed, unnamed and stuck in a hospital nursery, the victim of a baby mixup.

Officials at the Regional Medical Center insist LaDonna Harris, 23, is the baby's mother. She isn't so sure.

"I don't know whether LaDonna is right, but I have no doubt she is sincere," said her lawyer, Sadler Bailey. He said Ms. Harris is awaiting results of DNA tests before deciding if she will claim the child.

That might not be the end of it, either.

"I wouldn't be surprised if there's an independent test done down the road," Bailey said Wednesday. He predicted a lawsuit or a financial settlement.

Ms. Harris no longer speaks to reporters. In the past week, she has begun visiting the boy.

The trouble began on Easter Sunday, two days after Baby Harris — as the hospital calls him — was born.

Ms. Harris was given one baby and returned home to her two other children. Baby Harris was taken to the room of another mother, Bridget Thomas, 27, and given to her.

Ms. Thomas noticed immediately that the baby was different from the one she had held earlier. Hospital officials discovered the babies' name tags had been misread.

Ms. Harris was called to bring back the infant she had been given. She did so the next day, while refusing to accept that the situation was straightened out. She called the baby she was given "ugly," a comment her lawyer said was unfortunately made "at the absolute height of anguish."

Ms. Thomas was satisfied with the hospital's explanation and took her baby, Kevin Merriwether Jr., home on April 14. She and her fiance, Kevin Merriwether Sr., have said they are willing to take Baby Harris, too, if he remains unclaimed.

Bailey called the idea ridiculous. Ms. Harris wants her baby, he said. She just wants to be sure she has the right one.

Hospital officials have asked the state's Department of Children's Services to advise them what to do with Baby Harris. Department spokeswoman Jeni Stephens said an investigation is under way, though there is no reason yet to regard the child as abandoned.

Dr. Sheldon Korones, director of the hospital's newborn center, said Baby Harris is getting the best of care, but the proper place for a healthy infant is with his mother.

"I don't know why she doesn't believe that's her baby," Korones said. "He's a cute little baby. Everyone is holding him and spoiling him. And he's fine."

Nurses in the newborn center have made a mobile for Baby Harris' bed out of tongue depressors and bright slips of paper. He has four stuffed bears donated by well-wishers.

Singers join campaign to get organic food rules rewritten

WASHINGTON (AP) — Singers Willie Nelson, Neil Young and John Mellencamp have joined thousands of people urging the Agriculture Department not to allow such practices as irradiation or genetic engineering in organic foods.

The three entertainers, who are affiliated with the Farm Aid group that supports small farms, are among more than 115,000 people who have written, faxed or e-mailed comments about USDA's proposed organic rules.

"We have received more comments on this rule than on any rule in the history of the Department of Agriculture in modern times," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

The letters Wednesday from Nelson, Young and Mellencamp focused on the main reasons for the uproar: The department left open the possibility that it would let products be labeled as organic even if they were genetically altered, irradiated to kill microbes or grown on land fertilized with human waste sludge.

Organic producers also object to provisions that could allow livestock to be fed a certain percentage of non-organic feed, permit use of some synthetic pesticides and antibiotics and let animals be confined indoors.

"Unfortunately, the proposed rule would violate the entire purpose of labeling food organic both in the United States and internationally," Nelson wrote.

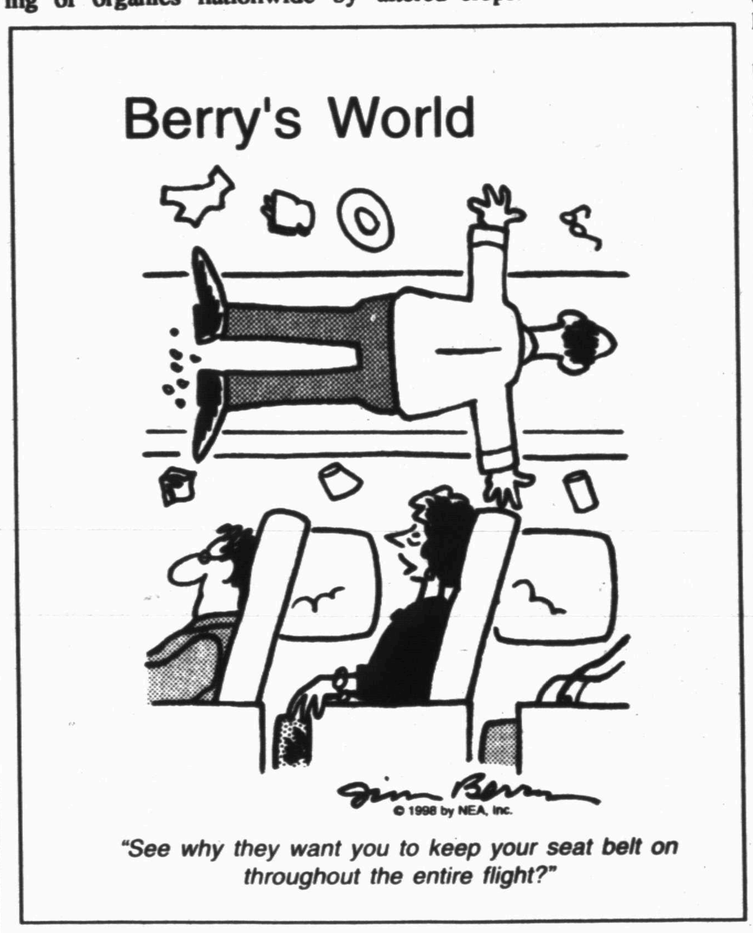
Added Mellencamp: "The proposed rule erodes the trust consumers have developed in the organic label."

The rules grew out of a 1990 law intended to promote marketing of organics nationwide by implementing the first coast-to-coast standards. They would replace a hodgepodge of state and private certification programs that sometimes differ on their definition of organic. Organic certification generally means no pesticides, herbicides or preservatives are sprayed on organically grown fruits and vegetables.

Large food corporations — watching organic sales soar 20 percent a year to almost $3.5 billion last year — are entering the market. Many don't want some modern farm and processing practices ruled nonorganic, fearing their conventional products could suffer at home and abroad.

One of the few companies to comment on the rules, biotechnology giant Monsanto Co. of St. Louis, is seeking a three-year delay in USDA action on whether genetically altered plants fit the organics definition.

Farmers expect to plant 20 million acres of Monsanto's pesticide-resistant soybeans this year and the company has been trying to open organic-conscious foreign markets to genetically altered crops.



"See why they want you to keep your seat belt on throughout the entire flight?"

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EDUCATORS GIVE PROGRAM — Mary Williams, literacy I-II teacher at Price Daniel Unit TDCJ; Connie Huddleston, vocational counselor at Price Daniel Unit; and Kay Hopper, literacy III-college prep teacher at the Ware Unit State Jail in Colorado City; are pictured discussing prison teaching at Delta Kappa Gamma's March meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Huddleston gave the program, telling of various levels of classes and opportunities for inmates at state facilities. (Contributed Photo)

Couple married 50 years

Arnold and Altie Lee of Colorado City will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Saturday with a casual reception from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park, Big Spring.

Their children, Mary Farmer, Ivy Carrigan and Henry Lee will host the event and they invite friends and family to attend.

Mr. Lee was born on Oct. 18, 1918 in Seagraves and Mrs. Lee was born April 2, 1925 in Titus County. The couple met in Colorado City and were married on April 24, 1948 in Westbrook with Altie's uncle officiating.

They have also lived in New Mexico, Dallas and Ira during their marriage. Mr. Lee retired as a construction worker and his wife retired as a nurse's aide at Root Lodge in Colorado City. They are Baptists.

They have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Oats are a good source of selenium, iron, calcium, manganese, magnesium, zinc and copper.

ARTIST LEADS WORKSHOP — Vicky Clark of Seminole gave a demonstration in pastels for members of the Palette Club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Workshop in pastels held

The Snyder Palette Club's year of programs ended with a demonstration in pastels by Seminole artist Vicky Clark.

Clark majored in art at Abilene Christian College, but is was not until her children were grown that she became serious about art as a career. She has since studied with many well-known artists.

During the past six years, her work has been accepted in 36 national juried exhibitions, 12 of which were in New York City. She is recipient of more than a dozen national awards.

Clark's work is primarily in pastels, but she is adept in oil, pen and ink and pencil. She is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and a member of the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club of New York City. Clark's studio is in Seminole and her art work is displayed in Jones VirMar Gallery in Lubbock.

Temple not too happy with birthday video

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Shirley Temple Black was glum about a video being released in honor of her birthday today.

It's the "Shirley Temple — Sing and Dance Along" video, touted by 20th Century Fox as a celebration of the "70th birthday of America's favorite sweetheart."

Mrs. Black, who won the world's heart by age 5 with her singing and dancing in such films as "Curly Top" and "Poor Little Rich Girl," said she wasn't getting "a dime" from the video and brushed off questions about her birthday plans.

"There's nothing special," she said Wednesday.

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The fish was the first animal to have a backbone.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; hostess, Inez Teaff; MAWC; 7 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.

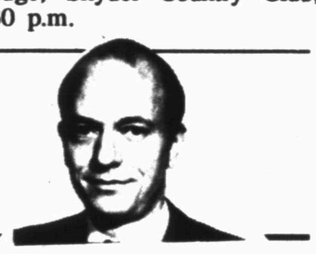
SUNDAY

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.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♣ K 10 7

East
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♣ Q 8 4

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♣ A 9 2

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Dealer: West

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3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

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My kingdom for an eight

By Phillip Alder

We all know that, according to William Shakespeare, King Richard III, fighting desperately on foot, offered his kingdom for a horse. Well, on the day that commemorates St. George, the patron saint of England, this deal features a defensive play requiring somewhat less than a horse to defeat the contract. It was played in a club game at Shakespeare's hometown of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Defending against four hearts, West cashed the spade ace. What should he have done at trick two?

With his long diamond suit, East was strong for the single raise to two spades, but responding two diamonds surely would have committed his side to bidding game. South would have preferred a better suit for a three-level overcall, but sometimes one must do what one must do. In competitive auctions, more points are lost by passing than by bidding. North raised on the "who knows?" basis.

If West continues woodenly with a second spade, declarer will ruff, draw trumps ending in the dummy, and call for the diamond eight. If East rises with the ace, declarer gets two of dummy's clubs away on the king-queen of diamonds. However, if East ducks, declarer benefits from the 3-3 club split, losing only one spade and two clubs.

So, West should switch to a club, but to which one? If West selects the seven, declarer can play low from the dummy, calling on the power of his nine. The winning — and correct — play is the 10. West must hope partner has the eight (or nine).

Whether South plays low or high from the dummy, the defenders will score four tricks: one spade, one diamond and two clubs.

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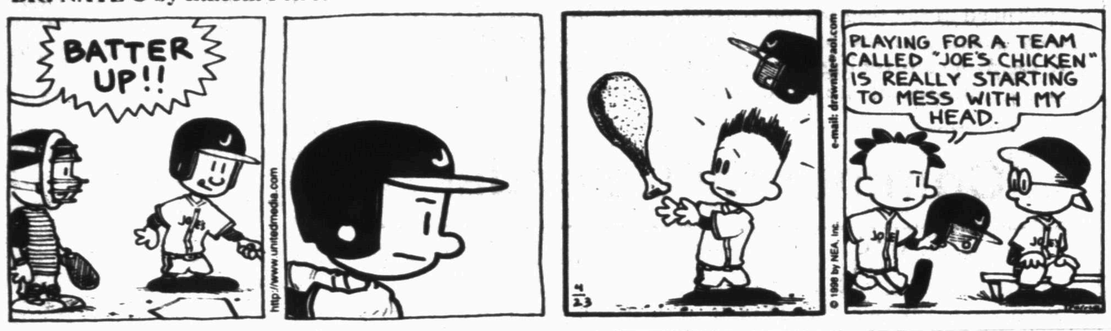

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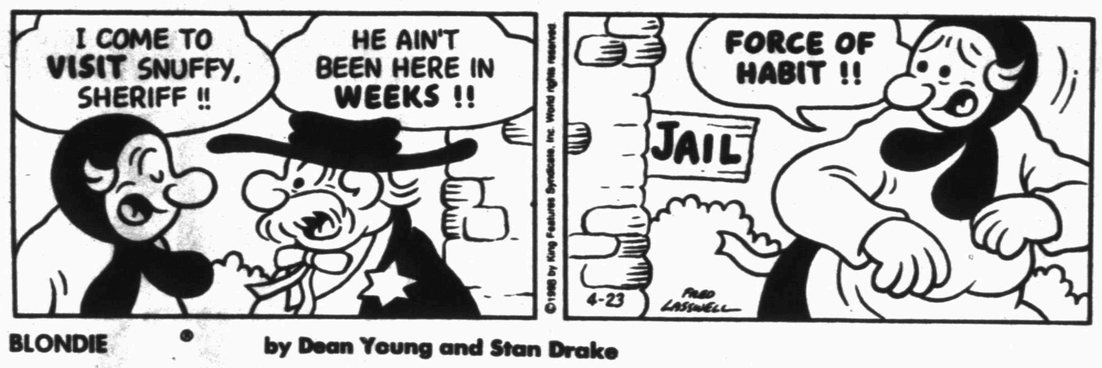

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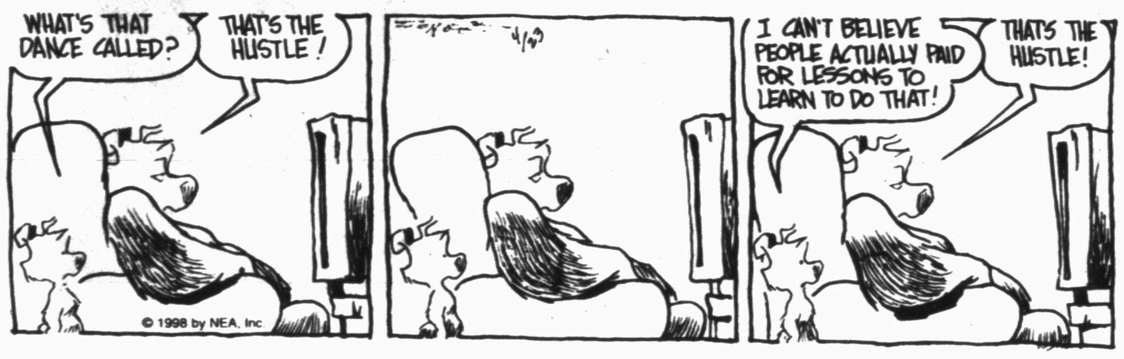

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ACROSS

1 Customer
7 Hospital
13 Rum drink
14 Crystalline gem
15 Kind of nut
16 More like a basketball player
17 Actress Martha —
18 Agnus —
20 Withered
21 Aggressive personality category (2 wds.)
23 A miss is as good as — —
27 Like an operating room
32 Mount (2 wds.)
33 Member of the clergy
34 Hunter constellation
35 Once more
36 Dishes the dirt
39 Succinct
40 Gloss
42 Attention-getting sound
46 Timber tree
47 Sigh of disgust
51 Bays
53 Actress Bloom
55 Unskilled laborer
56 Most unusual
57 — — flow
58 Uses a pencil part

DOWN

1 Russian ruler
2 She gets what she wants
3 Type of playing marble
4 Tropical tree
5 Author Anais —
6 Type of bear
7 New York and Chicago
8 Mauna —
9 Infirmities
10 Cairo's river
11 Roman road
12 Wax
19 Clean-air org.
21 Lendl's sport
22 Make fizzy
23 Excited
24 Type of fish
25 How sweet — —
26 Writer Anita —
28 Book part
29 Construction beam
30 Sacred bird of Egypt
31 Motion picture
37 Introduced slowly
38 Use a straw
41 Mother-of-pearl
42 Old Indian currency
43 Uppity one
44 Messy one
45 Layer of tissue
47 Crude rubber
48 Moves fast
49 Irish
50 Moistens
52 Badge material
54 Ape

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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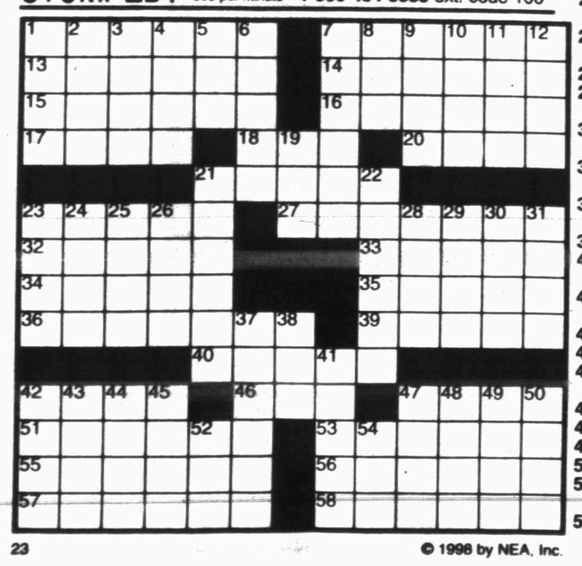

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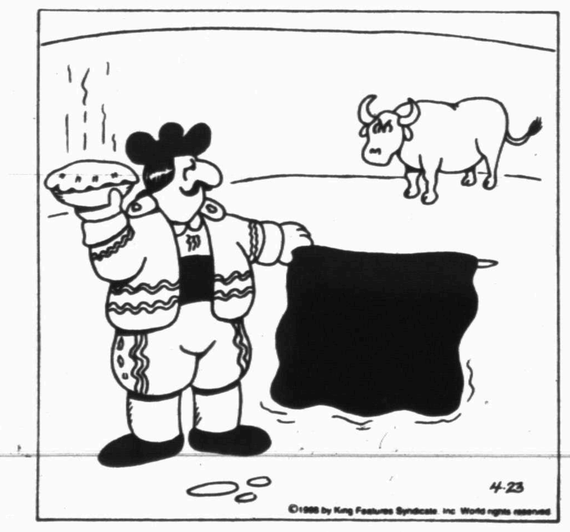

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SPORTS

WTC golf season ends in the rough

Just three weeks after regaining its golf eligibility status, the Western Texas College postseason has ended.

With the departure of five players by tomorrow and two more facing possible academic ineligibility, the Westerners will be unable to field a squad for the Regional Tournament beginning Monday in Midland.

WTC, on probation since April of 1997 due to foreign scholarship infractions, was ruled eligible for postseason by the National Junior College Athletic Association Executive Committee on April 6.

With the foreign players making an exodus back to their home countries, WTC coach and athletic director Milton Ham plans to make some changes in his recruitment to prevent the problem from occurring again.

"As far as I can see, I'm going to have to try and get a firmer committment from the players to stay a full year. After 1999 all schools will probably be held to just two foreign athletes anyway, so it won't matter as much."

Ham was referring to current legislation approved by the NJCAA which would limit the number of foreign players allowed to participate in each sport.

The current rule states that only 20 percent of athletic scholarships can be awarded to foreign athletes. Under the new legislation, 75 percent of a team's athletes on roster must be natural born citizens or acquire a green card.

The new rule would be in addition to the scholarship legislation and would also affect walk-ons.

"The legislation was approved by the board of directors," said Mary Ellen Leicht, NJCAA assistant executive director. "Right now we're seeking counsel to make sure that we are inside our legal boundaries."

The new legislation, pending legal examination, would take effect Aug, 1, 1999.

As for now, WTC is left with only three eligible golfers. Those three players will not compete in Midland due to final exams.

READY TO GO — Snyder athletes prepare to board a bus, heading to the Area 14 Special Olympics Track and Field Meet in Abilene. Snyder competitors nabbed 27 top-six finishes at the event. (SDN Staff Photo)

Yandarich belts homer in JV victory

Snyder's junior varsity softball squad Saturday bounced back from a loss to Abilene High with a 24-9 rout of Lamesa's varsity.

After falling to Abilene, 24-14, despite a triple and a double from Dixie Yandarich, the Lady Tigers responded with 16 hits against Lamesa.

Yandarich upped her batting average from .444 to .545 with two singles, a double and a home run.

Cameron Mackey improved to 10-3 on the year, giving up only four hits and posting two strike outs.

Mackey also raised her average at the plate to .576 with a double and a triple, while Whitney Webb banged out two singles and a triple.

Snyder, now 13-5 on the season, will host their season finale today at 4 o'clock against Midland Christian.

Abilene High 24, Snyder JV 14
Snyder: Yandarich, triple and double; Shoemake, double; Haines, two singles; Mackey, Newman, Haarmeyer, and Hackford, single. Mackey, 3 innings, 6 H, 5 BB, 3 SO; Yandrich, 2 innings, 5 H, 11 BB, 0 SO.

Snyder JV 24, Lamesa varsity 9
Snyder: Yandrich, home run, double and two singles; Webb, triple and two singles; Mackey, triple and double; Newman, double and two singles; Shoemake, double; Haines, Hall, Geiger, single. Mackey, 5 innings, 4 H, 11 BB, 2 SO.

Texas stings Devil Rays on Clark HR

ARLINGTON (AP) — You know things are going well for the Texas Rangers when Will Clark gets a home run and a stolen base in the same game.

The Rangers, with the best winning percentage in the AL, are off to the second-best start in club history.

Mark McLemore's three-run double kept Rick Helling unbeaten Wednesday night as the Texas Rangers beat Tampa Bay 7-2 for their eighth victory in nine games.

Texas is 13-5 after 18 games. Only the 1989 team had a better start at 14-4.

Clark, who hadn't hit a homer this year, said, "I think the stolen base was a bigger surprise than the homer."

It was. Clark hadn't stolen a base since 1996, when he got two.

Helling (4-0) gave up one run and four hits in 5 1-3 innings before letting the Rangers relievers take over. He joins teammate Aaron Sele and Houston's Mike Hampton as baseball's only four-game winners.

"I had some of the best stuff I've had this year," Helling said. "I got a little erratic, but the bullpen closed things down. We keep finding ways to win every night."

Stars snare Sharks in Game 1

DALLAS (AP) — San Jose defenseman Bryan Marchment was public enemy No. 1 at Reunion Arena even before the first-round playoff game against the Dallas Stars.

Marchment's standing in Big D dropped a few more notches when his first-period check knocked Stars leading scorer Joe Nieuwendyk out of the game, and perhaps out of the series.

Nieuwendyk could be lost for three weeks or longer with a sprained right knee. But the Stars, who finished the regular season with the league's best record, were able to recover and take the opener of their Western Conference series with a 4-1 victory Wednesday night

Game 2 is Friday night in Dallas, where the Sharks had won four straight before Wednesday night's defeat.

X-rays of Nieuwendyk's right knee were negative, and results of an MRI exam were expected this morning.

"The best case is he's day-to-day and the worst case is that he could be out three weeks. It could be a lot worse," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said.

Nieuwendyk got the Stars' first goal only 2:22 into the game as Dallas scored twice in the opening three minutes. Nieuwendyk took a lead pass from Darryl Sydor, got behind the Sharks' defense for a breakaway and beat Mike Vernon with a wrist shot.

But with 4:02 left in the period, Nieuwendyk was ridden hard into the corner by Marchment, crashed into the boards and fell, clutching his right knee. He was helped off the ice by teammates.

No penalty was called on the play.

Each time Marchment touched the puck before the hit on Nieuwendyk, he was booed. The crowd's reactions to Marchment were even louder after Nieuwendyk departed.

Earlier this season Marchment, then with the Edmonton Oilers, clipped Stars center Mike Modano on a knee-to-knee hit

Juha Lind made it 2-0 only 37 seconds after Nieuwendyk's goal when he knocked in the rebound of Modano's slap shot. Dallas scored on two of its first three shots.

But the Sharks answered at 12:40 when Owen Nolan scored on a slap shot from the top of the left circle.

Dallas pushed its lead to 3-1 at 3:30 of the second period on Derian Hatcher's power-play rebound.

Modano's empty-netter with 1.9 seconds left made it 4-1.

Mets ground Astros, 10-7

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Tatum hit plenty of home runs in places like El Paso, Pawtucket and Japan. All he ever wanted was a chance to do it in the big leagues.

Tatum, who put up big power numbers throughout the minors and overseas, connected for a pinch-hit, three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning Wednesday night to give the New York Mets a 10-7 victory over Houston.

Derek Bell had four hits for the Astros, including a two-run solo homer off Henry in the bottom half, tying it at 7.

Henry walked two in the ninth, and Tatum connected while batting for Dennis Cook (2-0).

The Mets began the night with nine home runs, fewest in the majors, and had not hit one since last Thursday.

Rich Becker, part of a double switch in the top of the eighth, hit a homer. Bill Spiers, who entered the game when Sean Berry was hit by a pitch from Dave Mlicki on the right wrist, added an RBI single and a sacrifice fly.

Luis Lopez hit a two-run triple for the Mets. He had two hits and scored twice.

The Mets' victory spoiled a homecoming for Astros starter John Halama, who departed after five innings with a 3-2 lead.

Local athletes nab top spots at track meet

Sixteen Snyder athletes competed recently in the Area 14 Special Olympic Track and Field Meet in Abilene.

Snyder notched eight first place and eight runner-up finishes, with Bobby Wood and Marvin Butler nabbing two top spots apiece.

Snyder winners in the softball throw were Wood, Butler and Tom Crawley, while Wood and Ernie Cerda were tops in the 50-meter dash.

Butler and Paul Larralde both won the 100-meter dash, with Randy Underwood taking the 100-meter racewalk.

Other results from the Area 14 Special Olympics

Second place: Jimmy Wells, Susie Mullen and Hope Martinez, softball throw; Rebekah Brown, Alex Hancock, Shayne Harmon and Michael Cotton, 50-meter dash; Tom Crawley, 100-meter racewalk.

Third place: Rebekah Brown, Cameron Brown, Shayne Harmon, Michael Cotton, Paul Larralde and Blaine Burney, softball throw; Mark Fisk and Susie Mullen, 50-meter dash.

Fifth place: Alex Hancock, softball throw; Ernie Cerda, shot put.

Sixth place: Hope Martinez, 50-meter dash.

Local Sports Schedule

Today

Softball: Midland Christian at Snyder varsity, 5:30.

Baseball: Snyder JV vs. Lamesa, 10 a.m.; Snyder JV vs. Lubbock Cooper, 12:15; Lubbock Coronado tourney.

Friday

Baseball: Frenship at Snyder varsity, 7:30.

Baseball: Snyder JV at Lubbock Coronado tourney.

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-5)

Thursday, April 23
Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m. (TBS)
Cleveland at Indiana, 8 p.m. (TNT)
Houston at Utah, 9:30 p.m. (TBS)
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m. (TNT)

Friday, April 24
New York at Miami, 7 p.m. (TBS)
New Jersey at Chicago, 8 p.m. (TNT)
Minnesota at Seattle, 9:30 p.m. (TBS)
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m. (TNT)

Saturday, April 25
Cleveland at Indiana, 1 p.m. (NBC)
San Antonio at Phoenix, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
Atlanta at Charlotte, 8 p.m. (TNT)
Houston at Utah, 10:30 p.m. (TNT)

Sunday, April 26
New York at Miami, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 3 p.m. (NBC)
New Jersey at Chicago, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)
Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m. (TNT)

Monday, April 27
Indiana at Cleveland, 7 p.m. (TNT)
Phoenix at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m. (TNT)

Tuesday, April 28
Miami at New York, 7 p.m. (TBS)
Charlotte at Atlanta, 8 p.m. (TNT)
Seattle at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m. (TBS)
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m. (TNT)

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Wednesday, April 22
Washington 3, Boston 1, Washington leads series 1-0
Detroit 6, Phoenix 3, Detroit leads series 1-0
Ottawa 2, New Jersey 1, OT, Ottawa leads series 1-0
Buffalo 3, Philadelphia 2, Buffalo leads series 1-0
Dallas 4, San Jose 1, Dallas leads series 1-0
Edmonton 3, Colorado 2, Edmonton leads series 1-0

Thursday, April 23
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 26
New Jersey at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 3 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 6 p.m.

Monday, April 27
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	13	7	.650	-
NewYork	12	7	.632	½
Philadelphia	8	10	.444	4
Montreal	6	13	.316	6½
Florida	6	14	.300	7

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	13	6	.684	-
St.Louis	13	7	.650	½
Chicago	12	8	.600	1½
Houston	11	10	.524	3
Cincinnati	9	11	.450	4½
Pittsburgh	8	12	.400	5½

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	15	4	.789	-
SanFrancisco	10	10	.500	5½
LosAngeles	9	10	.474	6
Colorado	7	14	.333	9
Arizona	6	15	.286	10

Wednesday's Games
San Diego 3, Chicago Cubs 2, 14 innings
Montreal 3, St. Louis 2
Philadelphia 5, Cincinnati 4
Florida 3, Colorado 2
Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 2
Los Angeles 9, Milwaukee 6
N.Y. Mets 10, Houston 7
Atlanta 5, Arizona 2

Thursday's Games
San Francisco (Estes 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 2-1), 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 1-2) at Milwaukee (Mercedes 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Clark 2-1), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Politte 2-0) at Montreal (Hermanson 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 1-0) at Philadelphia (Stephenson 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 1-3) at Florida (Larkin 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 0-2), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Blair 0-3) at Atlanta (Glavine 2-0), 7:40 p.m.

Friday's Games
St. Louis (Mercker 2-0) at Philadelphia (Grace 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Thompson 1-1) at Florida (Meadows 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 1-2) at Montreal (Valdes 0-2), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Remlinger 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 1-0), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 1-2) at Atlanta (Neagle 2-1), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 1-1) at Los Angeles (Valdes 1-3), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 2-1) at San Diego (Langston 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wagner 1-1) at San Francisco (Hershiser 0-1), 10:35 p.m.

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	12	5	.706	½
Boston	14	6	.700	-
Baltimore	12	8	.600	2
TampaBay	10	8	.556	3
Toronto	8	12	.400	6

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	12	7	.632	-
KansasCity	9	12	.429	4
Minnesota	8	12	.400	4½
Chicago	7	11	.389	4½
Detroit	4	14	.222	7½

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	13	5	.722	-
Seattle	10	11	.476	4½
Anaheim	9	10	.474	4½
Oakland	6	13	.316	7½

Wednesday's Games
Minnesota 4, Oakland 2
Boston 8, Detroit 5
Chicago White Sox 14, Cleveland 7
N.Y. Yankees 9, Toronto 1
Texas 7, Tampa Bay 2
Seattle 11, Kansas City 5
Anaheim 7, Baltimore 6

Thursday's Games
Tampa Bay (Johnson 0-0) at Texas (Oliver 0-2), 2:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Bere 0-3) at Cleveland (Wright 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Boston (Wakefield 0-1) at Cleveland (Burba 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Watson 0-2) at Tampa Bay (Alvarez 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Rogers 2-1) at Baltimore (Kamieniecki 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Keagle 0-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 1-1), 7:35 p.m.
Texas (Burkett 1-2) at Kansas City (Rusch 1-3), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Tewksbury 2-2) at Seattle (Cloude 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

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Teams will be comprised of four players and must have a combined handicap of at least 50. Entry fee is $50 per person which includes golf cart and hamburger lunch.

Currently the 1:30 tee off is full and there are only three spots open for the early tee time.

Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC and SCC pro shops. For more information call C.A. McCown at 573-7668.

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Fed judge denies motion to intervene

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge took a slap at Attorney General Dan Morales' representation of the University of Texas in an affirmative action case but dismissed a bid by Hispanic and black groups to intervene.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks, in an order released Wednesday, said the groups should instead seek to intervene in the case at the appeals court level because proceedings in his court are concluded.

Sparks recently issued an injunction against UT using racial preferences in law school admissions while considering attorney fees and damages in the so-called Hopwood case. It was named after one of four whites who sued after being denied admission to the law school.

The case, decided in 1996 by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, has left Texas universities unable to consider race in admissions or financial aid.

UT has requested that Morales use Sparks' injunction to mount a fresh appeal of the case. But Morales, citing his opposition to racial preferences, said he hasn't decided whether to pursue an appeal.

Sparks wrote that because of Morales' statements, "the court is sympathetic to the intervenors' concerns that Mr. Morales is putting his personal agenda ahead of his professional responsibilities of representing the interests of his client the University of Texas to fulfill its public duty of promoting higher education for all Texas citizens and advancing the opportunity to establish equality of law for all public universities in the nation."

"However, the court is confident the board of regents will obtain separate counsel if and-or when it is necessary to protect the university and its destiny," he wrote.

Morales spokesman Ward Tisdale said the attorney general had no comment.

"The court is expressing its opinion. We have no response," Tisdale said.

Al Kauffman of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund filed the motion to intervene, said they were disappointed that it was dismissed.

"But at the same time, he seemed to support our concerns about the lack of consistency between the public statements and the representation in court and the criticism by Morales of his own clients' positions," Kauffman said.

Kauffman said the legal groups would have to talk with their clients, which include black and Hispanic groups and individuals, to decide whether to intervene at the 5th Circuit.

UT System Chancellor William Cunningham has said university officials want to appeal the recently awarded attorney fees and "any other issues that prevent Texas higher education institutions from operating under the same standards and rules as institutions in other states."

California universities also are operating under a ban on racial preferences. Theirs was approved by voters.

In the Hopwood case, a three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit struck down the law school's former admissions policy, which was meant to boost enrollment of blacks and Hispanics.

The appeals court said the policy discriminated against whites.

Glenn's duties outlined

WASHINGTON (AP) — An astronaut's work isn't all glamour.

When John Glenn becomes the oldest man in space in October, his tasks will include operating the blood centrifuge, handling the Discovery crew's urine samples, and learning to sleep with so many sensors and wires coming out of his head that "I look like a bug under a microscope."

The 76-year-old senator will also have some fun assignments, like working the onboard cameras.

The Ohio Democrat returned from his most recent round of training with a schedule of the classroom, simulator and home study work he'll have to do in the next six months, plus a schedule of how almost every one of his 212 hours in space will be spent.

Glenn's main purpose aboard is to assist in studies that will help scientists research the aging process. Both space flight and getting old on Earth involve the loss of some bone and muscle, sleep disturbances and balance disorders.

While in space, Glenn will have chemicals injected into his muscles to help researchers study what happens in zero gravity; he'll have brain-wave monitors hooked up to his head and eye-movement sensors affixed to his face, as well as a respiration monitor and other wires.

"Four nights out of nine I'll have to get that whole rig on and try to sleep," he said Wednesday. "I'll be fully instrumented."

Glenn and his crew mates will also give blood a dozen times, plus frequent urine samples, which will be entrusted to the junior member of the team.

Glenn will have to bar-code the samples — using a laptop computer for the first time in his life — then run the blood samples through the onboard centrifuge and store the urine bags in the shuttle's freezer.

Is that the way Glenn imagined his days in space would be? He grins, shakes his head "no" but says nothing.

Glenn would rather talk about the underlying science.

"I hope we get good enough data out of this, if we do it right — if I do it right — that NASA will see the value of doing this in the future," he said. "I'm really excited about the research."

Glenn will have passed his 77th birthday by the time he returns to space, now scheduled for Oct. 29.

He was one of the original Mercury Seven astronauts, and the one selected to be the first American to orbit the Earth.

Now, as NASA's oldest astronaut, Glenn has found himself in training with people too young to remember his landmark flight. He's also found himself the butt of old-guy-in-space jokes.

"I think they're funny," he told Ohio reporters.

And he repeated a couple: Glenn's shuttle mission will be the first on which an astronaut is allowed to pre-board. His flight will make history — as the first to mix Tang with Metamucil.

Texas students given $50 million voucher OK from private group

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Carlos Zorola wasn't thrilled when he heard about a new voucher plan that would pay his tuition at a private school of his choice, despite his mother's obvious excitement.

"She said, 'Wouldn't you like to go to private school?' I was not really enthusiastic about it, and I'm still not," said Zorola, 16, who likes his engineering classes in the public Edgewood School District.

Educators in the largely poor, predominantly Hispanic district hope most of the district's 14,000 students feel the same way.

Almost all of Edgewood's students will be eligible to apply next fall to have their tuition paid at a private school or a public school outside the district under a $50 million voucher program unveiled Wednesday by the Children's Educational Opportunity Foundation.

It is the first time in the United States that school vouchers have been offered to students in an entire district.

"We are doing it now because the time is right, the funding is secured and, more importantly, because the need is great," said Robert Aguirre, managing director of the non-profit CEO Foundation.

Critics immediately said the program won't help all the district's poor children and that it is a gimmick to pressure Texas lawmakers into passing a state-funded school voucher plan.

"This is, I think, a huge public relations stunt. But frankly, I think the people of Texas are smarter than this," said John O'Sullivan, secretary-treasurer of the Texas Federation of Teachers, which opposes publicly funded voucher programs.

The CEO Foundation said it would continue the program for 10 years or until a state voucher program is in place.

Edgewood Superintendent Dolores Munoz said the group's announcement caught her by surprise.

While praising the "philanthropic effort," Munoz questioned whether all the district's low-income students — particularly special education pupils who need certain facilities and teachers that public schools provide — will get to choose their school. And, she said, private schools get to pick which students they accept.

"We educate everybody. We educate all students. We educate the masses," she said. "That's what our democratic society is founded on."

The CEO Foundation, a non-profit group founded in 1992 in San Antonio, said it chose Edgewood because so many of its residents are poor and because its population is the right size to make a noticeable impact on education.

The foundation said it will underwrite school vouchers for "at risk" students in Edgewood in kindergarten through 12th grade.

To receive a voucher, students must qualify for the federally funded free or reduced-priced school lunch program. About 93 percent of Edgewood's students qualify for the lunch assistance plan.

Of the $50 million, $45 million will come from CEO America and hospital bed tycoon James R. Leininger of San Antonio. The other $5 million will be provided by the local CEO Foundation through its sponsors.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1996 allowed the ruling to stand, rejecting appeals from Texas officials and two civil rights groups that it consider the matter.

Sparks last month in considering damages and attorney fees ruled UT must pay $776,760 to the lawyers who represented the white law school applicants. He also issued the injunction.

It was the first injunction in the case and thus would allow a challenge of the Hopwood ruling, lawyers say. An appeal could allow the full seven-member 5th Circuit court to review the earlier decision by the three-judge panel.

Mischief, shoplifting cases keep officers busy

Investigating criminal mischief cases and shoplifting incidents kept local law enforcement authorities busy Wednesday.

Officers were called to Snyder Used Cars at 12:17 p.m. in response to a complaint that someone had damaged a 1984 Chevrolet Suburban on the lot. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

Around midnight, officers were called to the Western Texas College campus as someone had damaged the No. 6 green. An offense report for criminal mischief was filed.

Officers responded to a report of a shoplifter at 10:36 a.m. at Wal-Mart. A citation was issued and an offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

An offense report for Class C theft was also submitted in a shoplifting incident at 8:27 p.m. at IGA #400. A juvenile was transported from the store to the police station and later released to his parents.

Jeannie Atwood requested to speak to an officer at 3:52 p.m. in reference to some stolen checks and a possible forgery.

Two people were arrested Wednesday, including a 26-year-old female taken into custody at 2:41 p.m. at Snyder Healthcare Center on a misdemeanor warrant to revoke her probation.

Officers arrested a 43-year-old male around midnight in the 1800 block of College Avenue for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Can osteoporosis be avoided?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 53-year-old woman with severe osteoporosis of my spine, documented by a bone density study. I exercise regularly, take female hormones, drink milk and chew three calcium pills a day. Are there any exercises I can do to strengthen my spine? I don't want to be disabled, as my mother was, from osteoporosis. How can my daughters avoid this disease?

DEAR READER: The next logical step for your doctor to take is to prescribe Fosamax, a medication that will not only halt the calcium loss from your bones, but may actually strengthen them. You're doing all you can. Now it's up to your doctor to intervene.

Many medical studies have shown that women who disdained consuming calcium-rich foods (notably dairy products) as young girls enter midlife with less-than-optimal bone strength. Such women are more prone to osteoporosis. Therefore, your daughters may be able to prevent the affliction by drinking skim milk (to avoid the excess cholesterol in whole milk) and/or taking calcium supplements. Ask your doctor about this.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a widow with a very limited social life. Is it a sin to masturbate? I'm too embarrassed to ask my priest.

DEAR READER: Uh, oh. Here we go again.

It is not within the purview of a medical column to make judgments about which activities are considered, by certain faiths, to be sinful.

Speaking as a doctor, however, I can say this: Masturbation is not medically harmful when practiced in moderation. Human beings have engaged in masturbation probably since the beginning of time. To my knowledge, the only serious consequence of self-pleasuring stems from the guilt and shame associated with it. Also, I suppose, in certain instances a compulsion to masturbate can detract from the ability and desire to establish meaningful interpersonal relations.

In your case, masturbation seems to be a reasonable alternative that gives pleasure without hurting you or anyone else. Whether it is a sin is another matter. This is an issue of faith that every person has to wrestle with in the course of making his or her peace with a personal higher power.

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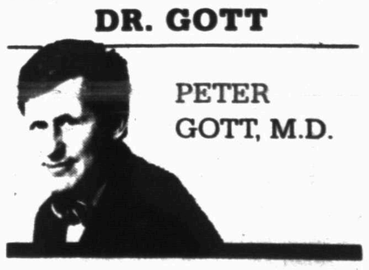

PETER GOTT, M.D.

Seek government requirement...

Broadcasters want digital signal carried

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even though TV stations haven't even begun airing shows in the higher-quality digital format, the broadcasting industry already is pushing the government to force cable systems to carry the new signals.

This dogfight between longtime rival industries is being played out at the Federal Communications Commission and in Congress, where the potential impact on the public of this brave new TV world is being considered.

The House Commerce Committee's telecommunications subcommittee held a hearing on the issue today.

Among those testifying were executives from ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox, along with cable companies Telecommunications Inc. and Time Warner Cable. Representatives from computer companies Compaq and Intel and retailer Circuit City also were invited.

During the transition to digital, local TV stations will be allowed to have two channels: one for digital and the other for the current analog TV system.

Most cable systems currently don't have the channel space to carry both. Systems will have space to carry both the digital and analog signals only after they are upgraded to get more capacity. The process in now under way.

Currently, cable systems carry local TV stations on their systems under either negotiated agreements with the stations or under the government's mandatory provisions known as "must carry" rules. Stations get to chose between the two options.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., the subcommittee's chairman, generally prefers to have voluntary carriage agreements among local cable systems and broadcasters, rather than a government-imposed requirement. But hasn't ruled out legislation, said spokesman Ken Johnson.

"Given that 70 percent of American households currently receive their broadcast signals via cable systems, the sucess of this policy is somewhat dependent upon cable carriage of the digital signal,' Tauzin said opening today's hearing.

"It is vitally important that broadcasters' digital signals be carried by all cable systems," says Eddie Fritts, president of the National Association of Broadcasters. "We must have full certainty that this wonderful new digital technology is available to all Americans and that cable has no right to deprive them of it."

The cable industry favors voluntary carriage agreements.

"The idea that must carry is essential or central to the successful transition to digital TV is simply nonsense," says Decker Anstrom, president of the National Cable Television Association.

The Federal Communications Commission is expected to consider the problem this summer.

Cable TV customers who buy pricey new digital TV sets this fall must depend on their cable companies to give them new set-top boxes that not only receive broadcasters' digital signals but display them without degrading picture and sound quality.

This matter, which also will be examined by the subcommittee, is of utmost importance to TV set makers, who believe the new high-definition signals, which offers the sharpest pictures, will drive sales of their new sets.

Gary Shapiro, president of the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association, contends that set-top boxes provided by Tele-Communications Inc. won't pass through at full quality broadcasters' high-definition signals.

While not addressing the quality issue, TCI President Leo Hindery testified that "TCI will be able to pass through all — I repeat all — broadcasting HDTV formats to new digital TVs and and convert certain of these formats for display on existing analog TVs."

Shapiro says equipment incompatibility and "uncertainty over cable carriage could impede and perhaps fatally derail the entire transition to digital."

Rep. Thomas Bliley, R-Va., chairman of the House Commerce Committee, said equipment compatiblity is crucial to the success of digital TV. He accused the Federal Communications Commission of dragging its feet on efforts to accomplish this.

"I trust that the cable industry amidst all the confusion over cable delivery of digital braodcast signals, will not attempt to stifle competition in the market for digital set top boxes," Bliley said. "These boxes may prove to be the critical gateway to delivering digital television to the consumer."

Some stations have volunteered to begin broadcasting some shows in digital this fall. Network-affiliated stations in the top 10 markets must begin by May 1999. Eventually, all stations must switch to digital by 2006.

CHARTER MEMBERS — Ena Carroll, Ruby Anderson and Lucille Joyce were recognized at the annual Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary banquet. Among their many duties, Carroll has been in charge of volunteer hours, Anderson works in the snack bar and Joyce donates time to the gift shop. Anderson has a total of 25,000 hours; Joyce, 16,298 hours; and Carroll, 9,292 hours. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Grand jury may decide girl's slaying

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A utility worker, a photography buff and a woman who enjoys mystery novels are among the 17 people who could get a chance to help authorities find the killer of JonBenet Ramsey.

The five men and 12 women, including five alternates, were chosen Wednesday for a grand jury following a day of questions ranging from their hobbies and occupations to their knowledge about the death of the 6-year-old beauty pageant contestant.

Grand juries do not decide guilt or innocence, only whether there is enough evidence to file criminal charges. They have nearly unbounded power to subpoena witnesses and evidence for their secret proceedings.

Prosecutors stressed there is no guarantee they will present JonBenet's death to the grand jury, but also acknowledged that the panel doesn't need their permission to look into the case and the controversy surrounding the 16-month investigation.

Boulder District Court Judge Joseph Bellepanni told the panel that it may submit a report even if no indictments are handed down, but it will be up to him to decide whether to release it to the public.

JonBenet's body was found in her family's home in Boulder on Dec. 26, 1996. Her father, John, found his daughter's body about eight hours after his wife, Patsy, said she found a ransom note demanding $118,000.

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS — Pins signifying volunteer hours, given in increments of 500 hours, served in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary were presented at the annual banquet held in the country club. Members with 3,000 hours included, from left, Lynn Heard, Donnie Chorn, Phil Kelley; Faye Mullins received a 4,000-hour pin; and Faye Moore and Joyce Cooper received 1,500-hour pins. In the bottom photo, 500-hour pins went to Claudene Atwood, Una Vay Orms, Juanita Raborn, and not pictured Virginia Johnston; 100-hour pins were earned by Jo Ashley, Sandra Robinson and not pictured Ruth Ashley. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

High Low Last	
AMR Corp	156 7-16 154⅝ 155⅝—15-16
AT&T Corp	62 11-16 62 62 5-16— 1
AirTouch	56⅝ 53⅝ 56⅝+ 4⅝
Albertsons	49⅝ 49 49 — 1-16
AlldSignal s	45⅝ 45 45⅝— ⅝
Alltel	44⅝ 44⅝ 44⅝— ⅝
AmOnline s	72⅝ 71⅝ 71 9-16—1 3-16
AmStores	25 1-16 24 13-16 25 + 3-16
Ameritech s	45 44⅝ 44⅝— ⅛
Amoco	87⅝ 86⅝ 87 1-16+ 9-16
AndarkPtr	73 9-16 72⅝ 73⅝— 3-16
Armcolnc	7 1-16 6⅝ 6 15-16— ⅝
AtlRichfld s	77 13-16 77 3-16 77 7-16+ ⅛
ATMOS Egy	29 15-16 29 13-16 29 13-16— 1-16
Aviall	15 1-16 15 15
BakerHughes	42⅝ 42⅝ 42⅝—11-16
BellAtl	97⅝ 94⅝ 95 5-16—2 7-16
BellSouth	66⅝ 65⅝ 65⅝— 1⅝
BethSteel	16 15 15-16 16 + 1-16
BritPet s	92 91⅝ 91⅝— 1⅝
BurlNoSFe	102⅝ 102 1-16 102⅝+ ⅛
CBS Corp	34⅝ 34⅝ 34⅝— 1-16
Caterpillar s	57 15-16 57 7-16 57 13-16+ ⅛
CenSoWst	26⅝ 26⅝ 26⅝— 7-16
Chevron	84⅝ 84 84⅝+ 5-16
Chrysler	43⅝ 42 13-16 43⅝+ 9-16
Coastal	70 69⅝ 69⅝— ⅛
CocaCola	75⅝ 74 7-16 74⅝— 1⅝
ColgatePalm s	90⅝ 88⅝ 90 5-16+ 1⅝
ComclMetals	33⅝ 33⅝ 33⅝— 5-16
Cooperln	67⅝ 66⅝ 66⅝— ⅝
CyprusAmax	17 7-16 17 3-16 17⅛— 3-16
DallSemicn	35⅝ 35⅝ 35⅝+ ⅝
DeltaAirl	122⅝ 121⅝ 122⅛— ⅝
DigitalEq	56 3-16 54⅝ 56 3-16+ ⅛
Dillards Inc	37 5-16 37 37 3-16
DowChem	99⅝ 98 13-16 98⅝— 1-16
DresserInd	51 7-16 50⅝ 51⅝— 3-16
DuPont s	76⅝ 75 75⅝+ ⅛
EastmanChem	71⅝ 71⅝ 71⅝—11-16
EstKodak	73 7-16 72⅝ 73 — 9-16
EDS Corp	42⅝ 42 42 3-16— 3-16
Entergy	27⅛ 26⅝ 26 13-16— 7-16
Exxon	73⅝ 72 11-16 73⅝+ 9-16
FstBksAm	23⅝ 23⅝ 23⅝— 1-16
Flowers	22 5-16 21 3-16 22 5-16+ 9-16
FordMotor s	47 5-16 46⅝ 46⅝— 9-16
GTE Cp	60 3-16 59⅝ 59 13-16— ⅝
GenD am s	43⅝ 43 1-16 43⅝—11-16
GenIElecs	85⅝ 84 9-16 85⅝+ 3-16
GenMills	70⅝ 69 11-16 69⅝— ⅛
GenMotors	69⅝ 69⅝ 69 7-16— 7-16
GaPacGP s	75 1-16 74⅝ 74⅝— 3-16
GlobalMar	24 3-16 23 9-16 23⅝— 9-16
Goodrich	54⅝ 53⅝ 54 3-16
Goodyear s	71⅝ 70⅝ 71⅛+ ⅛
GtAtlPac	30⅝ 30⅝ 30⅝+ 3-16
Halliburtn s	53⅝ 52 5-16 53 5-16
Hanson ADS	29 13-16 29 7-16 29⅝+ 5-16
HarteHanks s	24 23⅝ 23⅝+ 1-16
HomeDepot s	70 15-16 70⅝ 70⅝— 1-16
HoustonInds	28⅝ 28⅛ 28⅛— 1-16
IBM s	117 5-16 114⅝ 116⅝+ 2
IntlPaper	54⅝ 54 1-16 54 3-16— ⅛
JohnsonJn	71⅝ 70⅝ 71 — ⅝
K mart	17 15-16 17⅝ 17 13-16
Kroger Co	43 3-16 42⅝ 43 — 1-16
Litton	63 62 5-16 62 15-16+ ⅝
LockhdMart 6	116 13-16 115 1-16 116 5-16+1 5-1
Lowes Cos	70⅝ 69⅝ 70 — 1
Lubys	19⅝ 18⅝ 19 1-16+ 1-16
LucentTech s	76⅝ 73 75 15-16— 9-16
MayDeptStrs	65 3-16 64 13-16 65 3-16+ ⅛
Medtronic s	52⅝ 52 52 3-16— 3-16
Mobils	79⅝ 78 7-16 79⅝+ 9-16
Monsanto	56⅝ 54⅝ 55 15-16+1 5-16
MorganJP	141 9-16 139⅝ 139⅝— 2⅝
Motorola	57 5-16 56⅝ 57 5-16— ⅛
NCR Corp	37 36⅝ 36⅝
NationsBk	78⅝ 77⅝ 78 — ⅛
Navistar	30⅝ 30⅝ 30⅝+ 3-16
Norwests	41⅝ 40 9-16 40 15-16— 5-16
OryxEngy	25 1-16 24 15-16 25
Penney JC	72⅝ 71 9-16 71⅝—13-16
Pennzoil	65⅝ 64⅝ 64⅝— 7-16
PepBoys	22 7-16 22⅝ 22 3-16— 5-16
PepsiCo	44⅝ 43 7-16 43⅝
PhelpDodge	70 69⅝ 69 13-16— 7-16
PhilipPet	50⅝ 49 3-16 49 7-16— 1-16
PilgrmPrd	16⅝ 16⅝ 16⅝
Polaroid	45 9-16 44⅝ 45⅝— 7-16
Praxair	52 3-16 52 52 — 1-16
ProctGamb s	88⅝ 84 88 + 4
PubSNwMx	23 9-16 23 5-16 23⅝— 1-16
RoyalDut s	56 15-16 56⅝ 56⅝— 1-16
SBC Comm s	41 13-16 40 13-16 41 1-16— 1
SaraLee	60 13-16 59 9-16 60 13-16— 1-16
Scripps EW	58⅝ 58⅝ 58⅝— ⅛
SearsRoeb	60⅝ 59⅝ 59 5-16+13-16
SherwinW	34⅝ 34⅝ 34⅝— ⅛
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Sprint	70⅝ 69⅝ 70 7-16+ ⅛
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US WestCm	53⅝ 52⅝ 53⅝+ 5-16
USWstMda	37 11-16 37⅝ 37 5-16— ⅛
USX-Marathn	36 15-16 36⅝ 36⅝— ⅝
USX-USS	40 3-16 39⅝ 40 + ⅛
UnCarbde	50 15-16 49 7-16 49 9-16— 1⅝
UnionPacif	56 3-16 55⅝ 55⅝— ⅛
UnitedTech	98⅝ 96⅝ 97 5-16— 3-16
Unocal	41 11-16 41 5-16 41 9-16+ 5-16
WalMart	52 3-16 51 3-16 51 15-16— ⅝
WstnGasRs	18 18 18 — 1-16
WinnDixie	40⅝ 40⅝ 40⅝— 9-16
Woolworth	24 11-16 24 7-16 24 9-16— ⅛
Xerox Corp	109⅝ 108⅝ 108⅝— 1⅝
ZenithE	4 3-16 4 1-16 4⅛+ 1-16

Local Interest Stocks

Applied Mtls.	37 5/8	-11/16
BJ Services	36 5/8	-1/16
Black Warrior Wire Line	9	+1/8
Cracker Brl.	37 1/4	-1/16
Clayton Hms.	21 3/16	-1/8
Compaq	29 3/4	+1 1/4
Cabletron	13 5/16	-1/8
Cisco Sys.	72 7/8	-3/4
Dell	76 3/16	-1 1/4
Brinker Int'l.	22 15/16	-3/16
Calloway Glf.	28	-1 3/16
Fannie Mae	59 9/16	-5/16
Intel	83 15/16	-1/8
JP Morgan	139 5/8	-3
Korea Fund	7 11/16	-1/16
Lehman Bros.	76 1/4	-1 3/4
3 M	94 9/16	-15/16
Phillip Morris	38 3/4	-1/16
Microsoft	95 15/16	-2 15/16
Netscape	26 1/16	+1 5/16
Oracle	27 1/4	-1/4
Petsmart	12 11/16	-3/8
Patterson Egy.	14 9/16	-5/16
Sun Am.	51 7/8	+1/8
Safeskin	38 1/2	-3/8
Sun Micro	39 13/16	-1
US H & G	6 3/4	-3/16
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Federal probe clears Disney

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Federal investigators cleared Disney in the deaths of a dozen exotic animals at its new wildlife theme park.

The Department of Agriculture said Wednesday it found no violations of the Animal Welfare Act in a three-week investigation of Walt Disney World's 500-acre Animal Kingdom.

The park, which opened for the first time Wednesday to thousands of customers, could have had its license revoked and faced fines of $2,500 a day.

Since September, four cheetah cubs, two rhinos, two hippos and four other creatures have died at or en route to the $800 million Animal Kingdom.

The cheetahs, at the park for only a few days, died of kidney failure. Ethylene, an ingredient in engine coolant, was found in their systems. And two West African crown cranes were run over by Disney tour trucks.

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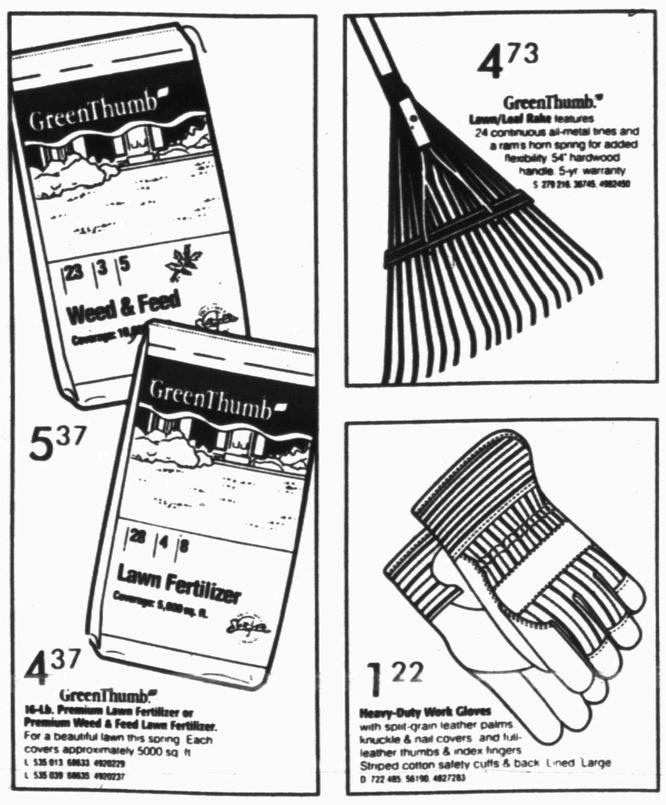

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AARP MEMBER HONORED — Marie Armstrong was honored with a certificate and pin at the Monday AARP meeting held at the Senior Center for her outstanding service. The award is given each year at this time during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. Last year's recipient, M.J. Merritt, made the presentation thanking Mrs. Armstrong for "enriching the lives of friends and neighbors, and making the community a better place to live with her gift of time and talent." Mrs. Armstrong, local chapter president, received a letter from Washington from Margaret A. Dixon, president, and Horace B. Deets, executive director. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Teacher of Year meets new challenge from Internet glut

WASHINGTON (AP) — High school teacher Philip Bigler has found a new challenge in his effort to bring history and real-life research methods to his students: an information glut caused by easy access to the Internet.

"It's hard for them to sort out what's important and what's not," said Bigler, 45, named Wednesday as the 1998 National Teacher of the Year. The more documents there are, the harder it is to hold to a narrow thesis.

But Bigler writes history himself and knows how to evaluate piles of documents. He helps students do the same for Web sites, like the "millions" devoted to Huckleberry Finn.

"It's the first thing you have to do as a historian, to assess the credibility of any kind of source that you have," said Bigler, who teaches a junior-level humanities course at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, an exclusive magnet school in Fairfax County, Va.

The deep knowledge of content and ability to make history live and breathe helped Bigler win the honor, sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers and Scholastic Inc., the educational publishers.

In his 20th year as a teacher, Bigler has mastered the art of simulations: exercises that have students learn history by recreating events and figures.

For instance, students manage the 1960 presidential race between John Kennedy and Richard Nixon, using computer simulations to follow the candidates' progress in each state. It becomes such an intense experience that "kids are standing on desks screaming and yelling," Bigler says.

Even if Kennedy doesn't always win in the replay, Bigler said in an interview, students acquire a deep understanding of issues, campaign finance, polling and a defining election for postwar America.

In Bigler's classes, students also become members of a Greek community to debate ancient issues and merits of alternative societies; made a sacred pilgrimage to Mecca; argued the death penalty before the Supreme Court; and recreated the court-martial of 1st Lt. William Calley, leader of the Army platoon that massacred civilians at My Lai, Vietnam.

"You become personally invested," said Amanda L. Neville, 21, a Georgetown University senior who took courses under Bigler at McLean (Va.) High School. "You take on a part of history."

Bigler, who majored in history and has a master's in American studies, took a took a couple of years off to write an official history of Arlington National Cemetery.

He has written the story of Lt. Sharon Ann Lane,the only U.S. servicewoman killed by direct enemy fire in Vietnam. And as time allows while doing promotional tours as teacher of the year, he will write an account of the final months of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

History has been a living matter for Bigler, who grew up in a Navy family and moved to northern Virginia from Florida in the 1960s. Though not a veteran, he was inspired by Marine Col. Ralph Sullivan, who taught American history and Latin American history at Oakton High School in Vienna, Va., directly after returning from combat in Vietnam.

"He challenged me intellectually," said Bigler, who taught for a while at the same high school but doesn't know Sullivan's whereabouts. "He showed me that you never were going to know enough, you have to continue to learn.

In 1956, Elvis Presley made the first of three appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

Woman, 55, has quadruplets

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A 55-year-old woman who used in vitro fertilization has given birth to quadruplets, The Associated Press has learned.

The three girls and one boy were delivered by Caesarean section at Mary Birch Hospital for Women on Saturday. All were in intensive care late Wednesday, one of them in critical condition.

The births, first reported by television station KFMB, were confirmed to the AP by a source familiar with the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The woman, who is not married, delivered the babies at 27 weeks, the source said. Their birth weights were not immediately known.

The woman is from San Diego but went to San Francisco for the in vitro fertilization procedure. She had been under the care of doctors at Mary Birch for several weeks.

Hospital spokeswoman Jackie Hill declined to comment.

In 1996, a 63-year-old woman from Highland, Calif., became the world's oldest new mom when she delivered a healthy girl after undergoing in vitro fertilization. It took three years for her to become pregnant using a donated egg and her husband's sperm.

Last November, an Iowa couple became parents of septuplets. The seven McCaugheys were conceived with the help of fertility drugs.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mom Prays That Runaway Son Will Call Home Soon

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I separated last summer. My daughter was living with me, and my son went to live with his father. For months I tried to work things out with my husband in hopes of saving our 22-year marriage. It was impossible.

At Christmas, my son and his father vacationed together, and my daughter and I spent the holiday at home. Two months later, just after my birthday, my 17-year-old son ran away from his father's apartment. It happened the same day he received his report card. I'm not sure if he left because of our divorce, his poor grades, problems with his father or a combination of things.

I pray my son is reading your column today and sees this letter. I want him to know that the divorce is final and I was granted custody of him. To my son and all other runaways: Please call home. Let your parents know you are OK. Whatever problems there are can be worked out. Life is too short to stay away from those who love you. Please make that phone call today.

Thank you, Abby, for printing this letter. I hope all parents in my shoes hear from their children today.

MOM MISSING HER SON

DEAR MOM: I'm printing your letter in the hope that some of them will.

If you are a runaway, promise yourself that this is the day you will pick up the phone and let your family know that you are OK. If phoning home is too difficult, call the toll-free National Runaway Switchboard at (800) 621-4000. Your call will be kept confidential, and it could save your life.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently visited my sister, "Betty," who wanted to take me shopping to buy me a birthday present. I explained it would be better to give me the money so my wife of four months, "Anne," could approve of the clothes I purchased. I told Betty that Anne had pitched a fit about some of the clothes the family had sent me at Christmas. I liked the clothes, but Anne wants exclusive choice in what I wear. To avoid scenes, I give in. She says I'm not accommodating her feelings when I mix up the matched outfits she picks out for me.

When Betty heard this, she became upset. She said that men can be in controlling relationships just as well as women. Betty's first marriage left her reeling from emotional battering, and she said it took years of counseling to regain her confidence. She said the same thing could happen to me — men are not immune. Betty warned that soon Anne will try to change my eating habits, my cologne, my job, and finally want me to do something about my bald spot. I didn't tell her, but Anne already has.

I never saw our relationship as controlling, but now I am wondering if my sister's advice to "run as fast as you can" is wise. How do you see this?

CONFUSED ABOUT CONTROL

DEAR CONFUSED: It's not unusual for a woman to want to make a few changes to improve her husband's (or boyfriend's) appearance. However, the way I see it is not as important as the way you see it. Are you comfortable with the changes Anne is demanding? If you don't mind making these concessions, no harm is being done.

However, if you do mind, stop making changes just to please her. You will soon know if there is a problem. And yes, men can be victims of a controlling relationship, just as women can.

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Datebook

April 23, 1998

Today is the 113th day of 1998 and the 35th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, President-elect George Washington and Martha Washington moved into the first executive mansion in New York City.

On this day in 1956, Elvis Presley played in Las Vegas for the first time — and the audience didn't like his performance.

On this day in 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for the assassination of New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Shakespeare (1564-1616), writer; James Buchanan (1791-1868), U.S. president; Shirley Temple Black (1928-), actress and diplomat, is 70; Roy Orbison (1936-1988), singer; Lee Majors (1940-), actor, is 58; Valerie Bertinelli (1960-), actress, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1955, the Chicago White Sox hit seven home runs to defeat the Kansas City Athletics, 29-6.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Love of God is not always the same as love of good." — Hermann Hesse

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1989, temperatures in Salina, Kan., reached a record high for the month of April — 105 degrees.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 19) and new moon (April 26).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, April 24, 1998

In the year ahead impressive strides can be made to fulfill two secret hopes and ambitions. Doors that were previously shut will open to you now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're able to recognize opportunities your associates overlooked, this could be a rewarding day for you. Keep scanning the radar screen for positive blips. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll feel better and fare better today if you maintain an active schedule. While you're running around, take time to stop and say hello to friends if you're in their area.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Events should work out to your satisfaction today. You have the ability to sift through the ideas of others and redesign them to suit your purposes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might have an opportunity today to win a new ally by frankly discussing concerns that you share. Be direct and forgo embellishments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Think in terms of the group today, not the individual. You can find methods that will make everyone's job easier if you work in conjunction with others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Unstructured activities are apt to be the ones you'll find the most enjoyable today, so be flexible and respond to the suggestions of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A constructive idea you get today relating to domestic issues should be given top priority. Other matters can be dealt with later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your best asset today is your ability to execute your ideas and the ideas of others with equal effectiveness. Co-contributors will appreciate the respect you show for their creations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, trust your logical deductions as well as your intuitive insights. They will be useful to you socially and commercially.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, make a point of mingling with new and people instead of just hanging out with old standbys. Fresh relationships will refurbish your life in general.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your best probabilities today for personal gain are likely to come through new channels. Look around a bit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Beginning today overall conditions should be better for you than they were earlier in the week. Take positive measures to fulfill your dreams.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Crew involved in in-depth sleep study

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia's astronauts are sleeping on the job, and NASA couldn't be happier.

The four medical men aboard Columbia are taking part in the most in-depth sleep study ever conducted in space. Aimed at helping insomniacs in orbit as well as on Earth, the experiment features melatonin as well as the latest in sleep-monitoring technology.

"We're very excited about the use of this new technology on this mission," said Dr. Charles Czeisler, a sleep specialist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Two of the astronauts — Czeisler wouldn't say which ones, citing medical privacy — suited up before going to bed late Wednesday. It was the second time this week they had to wear the scary-looking get-up.

Their heads were wrapped with a helmetlike blue netting dotted with white electrodes to measure brain waves. They wore wrist monitors to gauge their amount of sleep, and swallowed radio transmitters to measure body temperature as well as a pill that they take daily. They don't know whether the tablet is the melatonin hormone or a placebo.

They also were wired with a microphone to record their snoring, and sensors to measure eye movement, breathing and the surrounding light.

It's the first time scientists have recorded sleep and breathing at the same time in space, Czeisler said.

The sleeping astronauts' brain waves are recorded on a small $20,000 device that's a miniaturized version of the bulky equipment typically found in hospital sleep labs. Once the crewmen wake up, they beam down the recorded data.

As of Wednesday, Czeisler and his team had received more than 6,000 pages of recorded brain waves. He said the crew seems to be sleeping well since arriving in orbit last Friday. Indeed, astronaut-physician Dave Williams said it's been taking him 15 to 30 minutes to fall asleep but he feels "quite well rested."

Astronauts tend to sleep poorly in orbit, and it's no wonder. Instead of a sunrise every 24 hours, there's one every 1½ hours. The same goes for sunset.

"You'll feel wide awake and you'll look out the window and it's pitch black out," Williams explained Wednesday. "It's kind of like being on call when I was in the emergency room."

Astronauts often have to shift their bedtime by several hours over the course of a mission. What's more, they sleep with their arms floating up, an uncomfortable position.

Orbiting astronauts are three to eight times more likely to take a sleeping pill than the general population, Czeisler said. If melatonin supplements prove beneficial, that could eliminate the need for sleeping pills, which often cause grogginess — a safety concern in space.

Susan McDougal still won't cooperate

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Eighteen months behind bars apparently haven't changed Susan McDougal's approach to Whitewater prosecutors.

"She won't cooperate," Mark Geragos told reporters Wednesday as Mrs. McDougal arrived in Arkansas from California.

U.S. District Judge Susan Weber Wright cleared the way for Mrs. McDougal's appearance today before a special grand jury by allowing an order compelling her to face the panel to stand.

Wright, who put Mrs. McDougal away for 18 months for defying an order to testify, said she couldn't set aside the order based on ethical questions raised about Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

If Mrs. McDougal refuses to testify, she could face more time behind bars. Prosecutors have hinted they could seek a criminal contempt charge, which is more severe than the civil contempt charge that earned Mrs. McDougal the earlier jail time.

Prosecutors said they planned to ask Mrs. McDougal new questions based on information gathered in the Whitewater investigation since her last appearance, in September 1996.

At that time, Mrs. McDougal refused to answer three questions from Whitewater prosecutors — including whether President Clinton knew about a fraudulent $300,000 loan she received 10 years earlier and whether he testified truthfully at her trial.

On ABC's "Good Morning America" today, Mrs. McDougal's fiance and her lawyer both insisted that she knows of no illegal actions by the Clintons and that Starr is using the threat of perjury charges to keep her from saying that Clinton has told the truth.

"If she were asked that by a truly independent prosecutor, who didn't have a corrupt agenda, yes, that's what she would say," Geragos said.

Since her last grand jury appearance, prosecutors have expanded their look at land developed by her ex-husband, James McDougal, who died in federal prison last month.

Most recently, the grand jury has been looking into the activities of Hillary Rodham Clinton; Webb Hubbell, her former Rose Law Firm partner; and Hubbell's father-in-law, prominent Little Rock businessman Seth Ward.

McDougal ran the failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan that is at the center of the Whitewater investigation. He was convicted in the same trial that ended in convictions for Mrs. McDougal and then-Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who has appeared before the grand jury twice this month.

Geragos has argued that Mrs. McDougal shouldn't have to testify because of alleged conflicts of interest in the Whitewater probe. Outside court, Geragos accused Starr of trying to trap Mrs. McDougal on a perjury charge or for criminal contempt "to forestall her ability to investigate these allegations."

World Bank sponsors popular Take Daughters to Work Day

By The Associated Press

Take Our Daughters to Work Day fizzled out at the World Bank a few years ago. The annual round of tours and lectures aroused little interest.

Today, nearly 2,000 girls thronged the Washington, D.C., bank to teleconference with girls in Moscow, create their own Web sites and take classes on journal-writing and the bank's development work. "They may still take tours, but we discourage it," said coordinator Kathryn Tama. "Now it's more hands-on."

Now in its sixth year, Take Our Daughters to Work Day is a tradition for millions of girls across the country.

Companies are finding that tours and speeches grow old fast when girls grow up coming to Daughters to Work Day. To keep the day fresh, employers scratch heads for months coming up with enough creative, hands-on activities to keep girls happy for the day — and coming back each year.

"Each year, the next year becomes even more difficult because we go through every effort imaginable to come up with something exciting," said Linda Gerstel, a partner at the New York law firm Anderson Kill & Olick. "It's a challenge to keep the interest there."

The firm begins planning in January for the day's events, which usually center on a mock trial. One year, the firm tried the Big Bad Wolf who blew down the houses of the Three Little Pigs.

This year, seizing on the frenzy of publicity surrounding the hit movie "Titanic," the girls helped assess who was liable for the 1912 ship disaster.

Munching on Life Savers and ice cube-shaped candy, the girls started their day by collecting evidence, including drawings of the ship and certificates on the ship's lifeboat count, from various firm departments, Ms. Gerstel said.

The Ms. Foundation, creators of the day, approved.

"That's the stuff that keeps it fresh, keeps it current," foundation President Marie Wilson said. "Companies have gotten smarter."

Francie Sloan, the day's lead organizer at Kaiser Permanente health care company, can attest to that.

In initial years, she and other organizers at the Oakland, Calif.-based company tried doggedly to interest their young visitors in the largely administrative and financial jobs carried out at the company's headquarters. It was a mistake, she recalled.

"We came to the conclusion that these are boring jobs," she said.

'Tiananmen's pro-democracy leader re-emerges in America

NEW YORK (AP) — Nine years after Wang Dan helped lead an ocean of young people through Tiananmen Square to implore China to expand democracy, he spoke out today with a more lonely, ambivalent voice.

"My feelings right now are mixed," Wang said in a statement to be read at a news conference at 11 a.m. EDT.

"On the one hand I am naturally delighted to breathe free again, especially since I can now live and study in a free country like America," he said. "But on the other hand, I feel disturbed at having been forced to leave my own country, to live separately from my family, relatives, and friends, and all of my compatriots, without knowing when, if ever, I will be allowed to see them again."

His actions as a charismatic 20-year-old college student made Wang one of China's most-wanted fugitives. Now 29, Wang was released Sunday after nearly 6½ years in Chinese prisons and put on a plane to the United States.

The questions surrounding his freedom are much the same as in November, when longtime dissident Wei Jingsheng was released to his own life of exile: What role will he play? And, perhaps most crucially, what does his freedom mean to U.S.-China relations?

"There are no random events with the Chinese government," said Bill Ward, a business administration professor at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania who studies modern China. He met Wang in Beijing during the 1989 protests before the military crackdown in which hundreds died.

"I think the Chinese have consistently looked at us and said, 'We'd like to continue to expand a relationship with you and we'll do good things to help you, but we're also going to show you we're still in charge here,'" Ward said. "It's really the yin and the yang going on here."

While Wang Dan won his freedom, math teacher Wang Tingjin was arrested last week and sentenced to two years in a labor camp. His crime: meeting secretly with an exiled dissident who had sneaked back into China.

Wang Dan's release came two months before President Clinton is scheduled to visit Beijing. Chinese President Jiang Zemin visited the United States late last year, and relations between the two economic powers appear relatively smooth.

That angers some advocacy groups who perceive Wang's release as a publicity move.

"How can President Clinton visit Tiananmen Square this coming June knowing that hundreds of Chinese citizens still remain in prison for their roles in the pro-democracy demonstrations of 1989?" asked Human Rights in China, which sponsored Wang's news conference.

Lacik died of natural causes, Reynolds rules

Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds has ruled that 19-year-old Kevin Lacik died April 2 of natural causes.

Reynolds ordered an autopsy following Lacik's death at his home.

"I received the results of the autopsy on Wednesday and the cause of death was listed as viral myocarditis," said Reynolds.

Viral myocarditis in an inflammatory disease of the heart.

Reynolds said the autopsy was performed by Dr. Rodney Tucay of the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's office.

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ONGOINGS

Morningside revival

Morningside Baptist Church revival continues nightly at 7 p.m. Saturday and at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Randy Johnson, evangelist, and Tom Atwell, pastor, are presenting the services.

East Family Reading Night

East Elementary will hold Family Reading Night from 6-7 p.m. today. Debbie Brunson will present "TV off, turn reading on."

Diabetes support group

Elvira Flores, RN, certified diabetic educator, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Diabetic Support Group at 7 tonight. Anyone who has been diagnosed with diabetes and their family members are invited. The meeting will be held at the Cogdell Rehab Center, 5301 Trinity Blvd.

Sports Challenge dance, car wash

Sports Challenge International will hold a benefit dance from 8 until midnight Friday at Towle Park Barn. Tickets are $3 per individual, $5 per couple. There will be door prizes. A car wash will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Donations will be accepted. Call 573-9466 for information.

SNS needs assistance

Snyder Neighbors Sharing needs donations and volunteer help for its annual workday, set for Saturday. 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.

Special Olympics car wash

Price Daniel Unit employees will hold a car wash at Wright Colonial Funeral Home from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. All donations will be given to Special Olympics.

Benefit dance Saturday

A dance to benefit Special Olympics will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the VFW. Music will be provided by Texas Mesquite and admission is $6. The benefit is sponsored by the Price Daniel Unit.

'God With Us'

The adult choir and music ministry of Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present "God With Us," a worship experience for all seasons at 11 a.m. Sunday. The public is invited. Due to an unforeseen conflict, Saturday's presentation has been cancelled.

8th graders and end of school

Anyone interested in helping with an 8th grade end-of-school party is encouraged to attend a meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at 4111 Jacksboro or call Kaprece Bedell at 573-8169 or Carla Nunley at 573-7134.

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.

Planetarium show

WTC Planetarium will present "Through The Eyes of Hubble" at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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.

BSA Fish-A-Thon planned

The Boy Scouts of American are planning Fish-A-Thon '98 for Saturday, May 9, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Towle Park Pond. The pond will be stocked with sunfish and catfish prior to the tournament. Registration is $5. Prizes will be awarded. Scouts will have demonstrations and concessions. Fishing license requirements will be suspended for the tournament.

Museum rummage sale

Scurry County Museum needs items for its rummage sale, to be held May 15-30. The museum needs to raise $21,000 in order to continue operating at its present level. If you have items to donate, call 573-6107.

Book "Tiger Jazz"

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

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Pick 3

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

8-9-1

(eight, nine, one)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-6-11-16-24-49

Estimated jackpot: $7 million.

Number matching six of six: none.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: $12 million.