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Community Health Systems sweetens pot

$12 million available at signing of the lease

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

Community Health Systems this morning offered Scurry County Commissioners Court a single payment of $8 million to lease Cogdell Hospital for a 30-year period.

That figure, plus the purchase of selected current assets of the hospital — including $3,110,073 in accounts receivable and $740,727 in inventory — would make the total cash available to the county at the closing of the lease more than $12 million.

Plus, CHS has pledged more than $3 million in capital improvements at the hospital over the next four years.

"When we sign this lease, there will be $12 million in the county coffers to do with as you please," said Hardison, noting the hospital would also become a tax-paying citizen, paying city and county taxes of more than $100,000 per year plus adding some $150,000 in sales tax to the community.

Prior to the firm performing a due-diligence study of Cogdell's finances over the past few weeks, it had proposed an up-front payment of $5 million and other funds to total about $10 million and yearly payments of $250,000 for 25 years.

Bob Hardison, vice-president of CHS, told the commissioners and some 30 to 35 people who had gathered in the commissioners courtroom, that the new offer is based on his firm's study and what CHS believes the potential of Cogdell is in the future.

"We didn't find a lot in the financial papers to justify an increase from the preliminary offer; it is the potential of the hospital which excites us," said Hardison.

Directing his statements to at least a dozen employees of Cogdell Hosptial, Hardison said CHS would honor employee's present benefits, including accrued vacation time and sick leave.

"We will also honor the present commitment to the hospital's retired employees," said Hardison.

CHS currently operates 38 hospitals and Hardison said patient surveys indicate 97 percent of the patients indicated they are satisfied with the care they have received.

"We're not infallible, though," said Hardison, noting that his firm, which was started in 1985, had made some mistakes over the years.

"When we first got started, we bought five hospitals from another firm and of those, some were successful, but some were not."

"Our track record now is good with our hospitals," said Hardison.

Hardison said physician recruitment would be a priority for the

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QUESTIONS, ANSWERS — Bob Hardison, vice president of Community Health Systems, center, answers questions from Bob Bell and Laurie Stark after he presented Scurry County Commissioners Court with a proposal to lease Cogdell Hospital this morning. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Columbia...

Mission shortened

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Astronauts scrambled today to finish as many experiments as they could before getting ready to return to Earth 12 days early because of problems with a power generator on space shuttle Columbia.

In a morning news conference, the astronauts said they were surprised by Mission Control's action to cut short the mission, and that while they were not consulted about it, they supported the decision.

"It was a big disappointment to end the mission," said astronaut-physicist Donald Thomas. "But we've been working as hard as we can, working double-time up here, trying to make up for what we're losing."

Thomas had to break the news to two of the astronauts who were asleep at the time of Sunday's decision.

"It was just shock and disbelief at first because nobody anticipated that we would be coming home so soon," Thomas said. "We thought we were going to go for the full 16 days."

Scientists who spent more than three years coordinating the mission hoped to get through 15 percent of the tests by the time the seven astronauts closed the shuttle's laboratory tonight. They said they will push to get their 33 experiments — considered precursors for the future international space station — on another shuttle mission.

The crew was supposed to study fire, metals, crystals and plants during a 16-day flight, but NASA canceled those plans because the voltage in one of three electricity-producing fuel cells continued to drop. The potentially explosive unit had to be turned off.

Spring blizzard paralyzes Plains

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Sandbaggers in three flood-ravaged northern Plains states battled subzero wind chills today to fortify levees against still rising rivers, as other crews cleared deep snow from a spring blizzard.

Thousands remained without power because huge snowdrifts hampered utility workers trying to fix power poles that snapped under ice and wind.

"We've got equipment ready to go that we can't even get deployed because we can't get on the road," Gov. Ed Schafer said this morning. "We're going to try to get people moving."

Volunteer snowmobilers raced around Bismarck on Sunday, delivering medicine and ferrying nurses to and from the hospital.

"It's kind of fun to do it for once and not get a ticket," said one of the snowmobilers, Dan Johnson.

Plows today were still clearing the 17 inches of snow that gave the city a record 101.4 inches since fall. About 2 feet of snow piled up from South Dakota's Black Hills into southwestern North Dakota, and nearly 1½ feet into northwestern Minnesota.

The region had already been hit with twice as much snow as normal this winter. Temperatures in the 60s last week quickly melted what was left, and rain that began Friday then turned to snow.

Temperatures dropped down to zero today at Dickinson, N.D., and Bemidji, Minn., recorded a wind chill down to 37 below zero.

College to host judging contests

About 150 high school students will be on the Western Texas College campus Tuesday for meats and cotton judging contests.

The contests are sponsored by the WTC agriculture department. Dr. David Kattes will oversee the cotton contest and Jim Judah will direct the meats judging contest. WTC students and staff will assist.

Competition will get underway at 5:30 p.m.

Competing will be FFA and 4-H students from an area ranging north to Plainview and south to San Angelo.

The competition will be held in Building 15A, the former cosmetology building.

Ira ISD board OKs purchase

Ira ISD board members met in special session this morning and approved the purchase of a home to be moved on campus for staff housing.

Trustees agreed to pay $15,000 for the home, owned by Susan Spires.

Ira ISD — like Hermleigh, Borden County and a number of small schools — has limited housing, which it makes available as an incentive in hiring and retaining faculty.

Present this morning were board members Keith Clements, Doug White, Dirk Dunn, Bo Robinson, Kirby Sterling and Sid Wall. Lance Autry was absent.

PETTING ZOO — There were a lot of activities Saturday at a fund-raider sponsored by the Windmill Club of the Price Daniel Unit. The petting zoo proved to be popular with 20-month-old Tanner Miller, left, and three-year-old Skyler Harris. (SDN Staff Photo)

City council to address ordinances, resolutions

Snyder City Council will handle mostly routine business matters — including two ordinances on second reading and three resolutions — in a meeting set for 6:30 this evening at City Hall.

The council is also expected to hear an explanation of why TCA Cable TV raised its rates after council members voted against the request last month.

Council members are expected to approve an ordinance subdividing a tract of land between Anthony's and CITGO convenience store into several lots. Snyder Laundry and Dry Cleaning has announced plans to rebuild at that location, replacing the building which was destroyed by fire last December.

Another ordinance expected to be approved tonight provides for the exchange of one end of a 20-foot wide section of alley for another near Reef Chemical.

Three resolutions are on tonight's agenda:

•Ratification of an agreement between several Texas cities, including Snyder, and TU Electric for a one-time refund of $80 million. The refund is expected to average $17 to customers, which will be reflected in their August bills;

•Submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in the amount of $250,000 for the replacement of water lines in the north and northeast portions of the city;

•Adoption of an amended investment policy for the City of Snyder, required by state law.

The council will also consider allowing participants in the city's Community Service Program to do work for non-profit organizations.

Re-appointment of members to the planning and zoning commission, the zoning board of adjustment and the builder's board of appeal are also on the agenda.

In one non-action item, the council will hear from a representative of Lone Star Gas Co. concerning the company's cost of service adjustment calculation.

In one other non-action item, TCA Cable TV general manager Archie Kountz will visit with council members concerning a recent rate increase. The council last month had denied TCA's request for the increase. However, the increase — from $6.66 to $7.03 for basic and $12.50 to $13.90 for standard service — was implemented anyway. TCA contends the increase is allowed under federal government guidelines.

ASK US

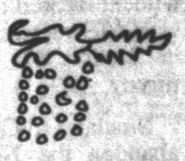
Q—When is the next chamber board meeting and how can someone be placed on the agenda?

A—The next chamber board meeting is 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 21. Call 573-3558 at least several days in advance to be placed on the agenda.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 73 degrees; low, 41; high Sunday, 65; low, 40; 7 a.m. Monday, 43; no precipitation; total for 1997, 6.42 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Slight chance of storms. Low, in lower 50s. SE wind 5-15 mph. Rain chance, 20%. Tuesday, mostly cloudy; chance of storms. High 65-70.



Dustyn Williams
Chance of Storms

Sunset: 8:07 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:24 a.m.
Of 96 days in 1997, the sun has shone 87 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The more we do, the more we can do; the more busy we are the more leisure we have.

--William Hazlitt

Public hearings set on school funding tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans should speak now or forever pay their piece — of public school funding, that is.

The House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding opens two days of public hearings today on its proposal to lower local school property taxes.

The plan would pay for more than $3 billion in property tax cuts by expanding the state business tax, raising taxes on tobacco and alcoholic products and subjecting a host of goods and services to the state sales tax.

The plan, under construction for weeks, would raise about $5.7 billion during 1998-99. The committee also would use $1 billion in additional state funds to pay for the lower school property taxes.

The cuts would lower the school operation and maintenance portion of local school property taxes to 50 cents per $100 in value for residential property and $1 per $100 for business property. The average school property tax for operation, maintenance and facilities now is about $1.40 per $100 on all property.

The 50-cent and $1 rates could go up to pay for school buildings and other debt, and local school districts could ask voters to approve up to another dime of taxes per $100 in value for operations and maintenance.

But unlike the current system, the state would give those districts a guaranteed amount of state funding for each penny of local taxes only up to 50 cents. Currently, the state guarantees a certain amount of state funds for local taxes up to 86 cents per $100 and a lesser amount of state funds for the next 64 cents per $100. Any local taxes over $1.50 per $100 in value don't draw state funds.

Lawmakers say the current system encourages local school districts to get closer and closer to the $1.50 rate because for each penny they raise, the state gives them more.

Gov. George W. Bush for months has said local school taxes have grown too high and are becoming a heavy burden. He proposed a new business tax, a half-cent increase to the sales tax and the $1 billion in state funds to raise the state's share of school funding and force local school taxes down. His plan would have raised the state's share from about 47 percent to roughly 60 percent. The House committee plan raises the state's share to about 80 percent.

That, committee members say, will allow the state to abandon its share-the-wealth school funding plan, otherwise known as Robin Hood. Under the 1995 plan, 91 school districts labeled as wealthy — because of the amount of taxable property they have — are forced to share their local tax money with poorer districts that have little taxable property to raise their own local funds.

There are 1,044 school districts in Texas.

The plan still faces committee votes, which could come before the end of the week, and would have to clear the House and the Senate before going to Bush's desk. Part of the plan, a constitu-

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More women reporting assaults to VA

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Veterans Administration hospitals and clinics across the country are treating thousands of women who have been sexually victimized in the military.

More women are coming forward since reports of sexual abuse surfaced at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., the San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday.

The Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers are treating mostly women who served after the Vietnam War, but some patients served in Vietnam, the Korean War or World War II.

Some Persian Gulf War vets being treated say they were attacked by male soldiers at remote outposts.

"I see these women every day," said Gail Heather-Greener, a counseling therapist at a San Antonio VA hospital. "It's a very disturbing situation."

The veterans treated by Heather-Greener include 52 women and two men from Bexar County and South Texas who say they were sexually assaulted and harassed in the military.

Twenty-two of Dr. Heather-Greener's clients came to her hospital after reports of sexual harassment at Aberdeen came to light in November.

Pat Kramer, the Women Veterans Program coordinator at the San Antonio Outpatient Clinic, said many veterans tried to report sexual harassment while on active duty but no one would believe them.

"They were told they'd have to undergo a mental health workup by a psychiatrist," Kramer said.

Some women are intimidated by a male-dominated military that seems unconcerned and unwilling to help victims and prosecute attackers. Others are ashamed and afraid.

Said a Vietnam War veteran who was raped: "I was a second lieutenant, and he was a colonel. I was a woman in a war zone, and who was going to believe me?"

The military often transferred women who filed complaints.

The VA reports that more than 5,000 female veterans have made more than 83,000 visits to 205 veterans' clinics across the nation in the last four years for sexual trauma-related treatment and counseling.

More than 10,000 female veterans have sought help at larger VA medical centers.

Women veterans who seek help from the VA aren't asked to prove or substantiate their claims and there's no requirement for the veteran to have reported the incident while on active duty.

The passage of the Women Veterans Health Programs Act of 1992 has led to the VA's spending more than $17.5 million on expanded services for female veterans.

Kent State University researchers in Ohio estimate that sexual harassment in the active-duty military costs taxpayers up to $1 billion each year.

Recent efforts to step up reporting of sexual assaults and treatment for victims have included the VA publicizing a toll-free referral number. In January, the department sent letters to 400,000 female veterans to let them know about sexual trauma counseling.

Veterans Affairs officials in Washington are not surprised by the increasing numbers of women seeking help.

"Probably the people who are the least surprised are VA clinicians who have been dealing with the issue since 1992 and 1993 when we established the national sexual trauma program," said Joan Furey, director of the Center for Women Veterans at VA headquarters in Washington.

Dr. Darla Bejnar, the VA's chief medical officer at the San Antonio Outpatient Clinic, said it's important for the VA to reach out to female veterans.

"All of these women volunteered," she said. "Not one was drafted. Until now, the women have never received the care and recognition they deserve. They deserve everything we give our male veterans."

The VA's toll-free number for female veterans who need information on sexual trauma counseling and treatment is 1-800-827-1000.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 2-A Cary, an 8,300-foot wildcat located five miles west of Ira. Location is in Section 125, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 1 Petty Morrow, a 4,300-foot wildcat located three miles southwest of Nolan. Location is in Section 6, Block Z, T&P survey.

Encon Services Inc. will drill the No. 1 J.M. Freeman in the White Flat field, 10 miles east of Sweetwater. Planned for a depth of 2,900 feet, drill site is in Section 32, Block 19, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 9 Burrows in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 22 barrels of oil and 47 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,418-3,307 feet, and location is in Section 165, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 4-A Bynum in the Diamond M field, 11 miles southwest of Snyder. The venture was compeleted to produce five barrels of oil and 159 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,210-354 feet, and location is in Section 178, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Sharp Image Energy Inc. has completed the No. 1 Key in the Sharp East Lake Thomas field, six miles southwest of Ira, The well was finaled to produce 62 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 28 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,942-944 feet, and location is in Section 126, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Yates Energy will re-enter the No. 1-943 Kirkpatrick in the Roxanne K south field, eight miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 8,500 feet, location is in Section 943, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Union Oil of California will drill the No. 1 Miller-Conrad in the Reinecke field, 12 miles northeast of Vincent. Planned for a depth of 6,710 feet, location is in Section 57, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Lyco Eneregy Corp. has completed the No. 2 Phillips, five miles north of Big Spring. The venture was finaled to produce 71 barrels of 37 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,323-356 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block 33, T1N, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 12-B J.W. Davis in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 2, Block 30, T2S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 13-B Davis in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,200 feet, and drill site is in Section 2, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 14-B Davis in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. Also planned for 3,200 feet, location is in Section 2, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 3-A Davis in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. Also planned for 3,200 feet, drill site is in Section 2, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 13-A Denman in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,200 feet, and location is in Section 14, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 14-A Denman in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. Contracted for 3,200 feet, drill site is in Section 14, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko will drill the No. 5-A Denman in the Iatan East Howard field, six miles east of Coahoma. Planned for 3,200 feet, drill site is in Section 14, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Costilla Energy Inc. will drill the No. 4601 Dillard in Talbot field, eight miles north of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 9,000 feet, location is in Section 46, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Costilla Energy will drill the No. 4701 Sneed in the Talbot field, nine miles north of Big Spring. Also scheduled for 9,000 feet, location is in Section 47, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

First Reserve Oil and Gas will drill the No. 3 Anguish in the Howard-Glasscock field, 13 miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for 1,350 feet, location is in Section 64, Block 29, W&NW survey.

First Reserve will drill the No. 4 Anguish in the Howard-Glasscock field, 13 miles southest of Coahoma. Planned for 1,350 feet, drill site is in Section 64, Block 29, W&NW survey.

First Reserve will drill the No, 44 Anguish in the Howard-Glasscock field, 13 miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 1,350 feet, drill site is in Section 64, Block 29, W&NW survey.

First Reserve will drill the No. 14 Anna Bowen in the Howard-Glasscock field, 13 miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for 1,359 feet, location is in Section 64, Block 29, W&NW survey.

First Reserve will drill the No. 15 Anna Bowen in the Howard-Glasscock field, 13 miles southeast of Coahoma. Also set for 1,350 feet, location is in Section 64, Block 29, W&NW survey.

First Reserve will drill the No. 16 Anna Bowen in the Howard-Glasscock field, 13 miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 1,350 feet, location is in Section 64, Block 29, W&NW survey.

First Reserve will drill the No. 3 Sarah Hyman in the Howard-Glasscock field, 13 miles southeast of Coahoma. Scheduled for 1,350 feet, location is in Section 89, Block 29, W&MW survey.

First Reserve will drill the No. 4 Sarah Hyman in the Howard-Glasscock field, 13 miles southeast of Coahoma. Contracted for 1,350 feet, drill site is in Section 89, Block 29, W&NW survey.

First Reserve will drill the No. 3-B Sarah Hyman in the same field, 13 miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for 1,350 feet, location is in Section 89, Block 29, W&NW survey.

First Reserve will drill the No. 8-C Sarah Hyman in the Howard-Glasscock field, 13 miles southeast of Coahoma. Also planned for 1,350 feet, location is in Section 89, Block 29, W&NW survey.

First Reserve will drill the No. 9-C Sarah Hyman in the Howard-Glasscock field, 13 miles southeast of Coahoma. Plannned for 1,350 feet, drill site is in Section 89, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Nolan County

Wheeler Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 1 Dean, a 7,200-foot wildcat located 12 miles south of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 42, Block X, T&P survey.

Bennett Exploration and Production will plug and abandon the No. 1 Sunset, a 5,600-foot wildcat located three miles southwest of Sweetwater. Location was in Section 82, Block 12, T&P survey.

Sinclair Oil Corp. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Mildred, a 5,480-foot wildcat located 17 miles southeast of Sweetwater. drill site was in Section 310, Block 64, H&TC survey.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is this water safe to drink?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: With respect to your recent column on contaminated drinking water, I'd like to point out that although nitrogen itself is harmless (as you stated), nitrates can be dangerous. These substances, which are byproducts of waste matter, fertilizer or organic solvents, are carcinogenic, can cause birth defects and may be deadly for infants. Therefore, it's extremely important for consumers to test well water for nitrates.

DEAR READER: You are correct that nitrates (nitrogen-containing compounds) in drinking water can pose health problems. However, the issue here is one of concentration. A trace of nitrate is not harmful, whereas a higher concentration can, as you said, cause problems. (States differ widely in their criteria for hazardous levels of nitrates, but the government has set a limit of 10 milligrams per liter.)

To prove my point, here are two fictitious examples:

You live on a farm that your family has worked for generations. You use water from a deep well that is surrounded by fields upon which several hundred head of cattle graze. Your forebears all lived to ripe old ages, everyone in your present family is in perfect health.

On a whim, you have the well water tested. It contains 5 mg of nitrates. Do you dig a new well or do you do nothing and assume that harmless animal-waste runoff has entered the deep ground water and, thence, your well? I'd choose the second option, graze my cattle further from the well, and monitor the situation.

In the second example, you are debating about whether to buy a house near a large, commercial agricultural farm. Because you are a prudent purchaser, you have the well water tested. It contains 8 mg of nitrates. Do you buy the house?

I wouldn't, because these nitrates have probably come from pesticides and organic chemicals that have permanently contaminated the soil and ground water, and could represent a hazard.

My point is that nitrogen/nitrates are simply a marker for substances that may (pesticides) or may not (animal waste) be harmful in small quantities. In such instances, further analysis by a state health department or commercial laboratory is appropriate.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After eating foods that contain MSG, I become flushed and nauseated. Is this a common reaction?

DEAR READER: Originally described as "Chinese Restaurant Syndrome," symptoms of flushing, palpitations, difficulty breathing, and nausea, are now known to be caused by an allergy to monosodium glutamate, a flavor enhancer added to a wide variety of processed foods.

Although reactions to MSG are usually mild and relatively rare, some patients may experience severe, even life-threatening, symptoms. In this instance, hospital treatment may be mandatory.

There is no cure for MSG allergy: People so afflicted must take special pains to avoid the substance. This entails the careful reading of ingredients in processed food and avoiding ethnic diets (especially Asian cooking) that use MSG.

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

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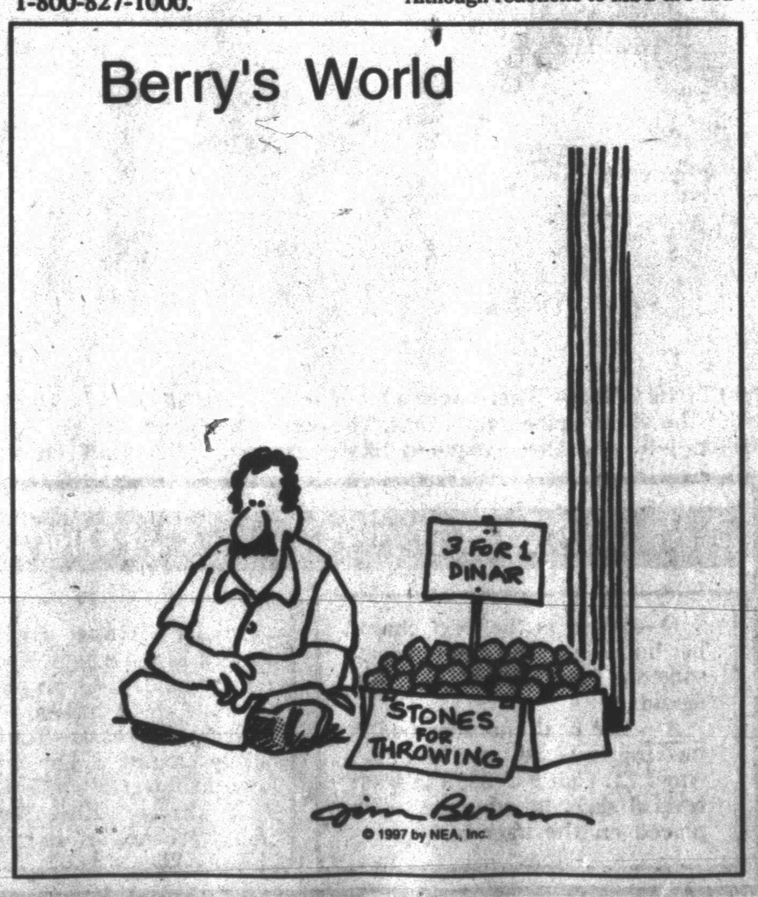

Greenspan weds NBC reporter

WASHINGTON, Va. (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and NBC reporter Andrea Mitchell were married Sunday in the enclosed garden of a cozy inn just before a light rain began falling on the rural Virginia countryside.

Among the scores of the rich and famous attending the wedding were ABC's Barbara Walters and Republican Sen. John Warner of Virginia and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and his wife, Nancy.

About 75 friends and family members were invited.

Most of the guests boarded a chartered bus for the 1½-hour trip through Virginia hunt country to the Inn at Little Washington — where the best rooms go for $590 a night — in the tiny village of Washington, Va.

Kissinger had hosted a dinner for the couple in New York City on Wednesday night and ABC's Sam Donaldson threw a "stag" party last week for the bride and her journalism buddies.

Greenspan and Mitchell met in 1983 when she interviewed him about the future of Social Security while he was serving on a commission to save the system. He asked her out two years later and they dated for 12 years before he popped the question last Christmas Day.

It is the second marriage for both. Mitchell celebrated her 50th birthday last October by running in her first marathon. Greenspan turned 71 last month.

Emergency landing

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A Continental Airlines jetliner carrying 125 passengers made an emergency landing in Wichita early Sunday because of engine trouble.

The Boeing 737 was en route from Los Angeles to Cleveland. The passengers were flown to Cleveland on another Continental plane, Messing said.

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Dead husband's ashes give live suitor pause

DEAR ABBY: I am a 70-year-old man whose wife died two years ago. For the past year, I have been dating a spry widow whose husband died about the same time my wife died. We have a lovely relationship and have talked about getting married.

The problem is her dead husband's ashes. She keeps them in a fancy gold box on the mantle of her fireplace. I just recently found out what is in the box, and I think this is morbid. Sometimes she stands in front of the box and reminisces about her dead husband. Her family tells me that she has requested that her husband's ashes be placed in her coffin when she dies. I find this somewhat disturbing.

I had a serious talk with her, so she knows I object to having the remains of her husband on the mantle. I would like a permanent relationship, and she has told me she loves me and is interested in getting married. However, she is not willing to remove the ashes from the mantle.

Abby, do other people keep ashes of the dead in their homes? How can I get her to remove them?

ASHES IN AUDUBON, N.J.

DEAR ASHES IN AUDUBON: It is unusual but not unheard of to keep the ashes of a loved one in one's home. It may be that your ladyfriend needs more time to completely resolve her loss. Your understanding would only enhance your relationship with her. However, I suggest that you ask her to please keep the ashes in a more private place — a spare room or in her personal closet. Her degree of willingness to compromise should tell you volumes about the future of a relationship with her.

I would like to hear from others who have kept the ashes of their beloved mate.

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DEAR ABBY: I just had to write after I read the letter from "Confused in San Diego," whose tightwad boyfriend presented her with a bill for money he had "loaned" her over their year-long relationship.

A number of years ago, my boyfriend "Martin" and I were bicycling on a back-country road on an island in Canada. We were miles from nowhere when I got a flat tire. It was just getting dark and threatening to rain, and I was not looking forward to waiting alone while Martin rode to the campground to get our car so he could drive back and get me.

Suddenly, as if out of nowhere, a man on a bicycle rounded the corner. He stopped and offered us a brand-new inner tube he had recently purchased. I asked him how much we owed him. He said he had paid $3.65 at the local store. I pulled out an American $5 bill to give him when Martin stopped me. "Wait a minute," he said, "with the exchange rate for American money, that makes it only $2.73." He then insisted the man give us the appropriate amount of change — to the penny. I was mortified! The kind man was good-natured about the whole incident, gave Martin his change, and rode off.

Fortunately, after many more embarrassing incidents, I finally dumped Martin and his penny-pinching ways. Abby, your comment, "This one is not above using the purse strings to try to control you," was right on the money.

PENNY-WISED UP

DEAR PENNY-WISED UP: I wasn't sure whether to file your letter under "The Kindness (and Tolerance) of Strangers" or "Miserly Mortals," so I printed it instead!

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Plainview Family Community Education Club; for information, call Bonnie Foree, 573-6807; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; program will be the Ira Combo, directed by David Brown; 4:15 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's; 10 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving (one day) Course; cost $30; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservations necessary, call 573-2850 for more information; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; 3 p.m.

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.

Not voting was like "no" vote in Oregon case

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — John Barth couldn't decide which way to vote on a bond measure to pay for repairs after a New Year's flood devastated downtown Ashland. So he didn't vote at all.

In doing so, he helped defeat the $2.6 million cleanup plan.

There was a time when non-voters such as Barth had no say in the outcome of elections, but a statewide ballot measure approved last fall requires a 50 percent turnout of eligible voters before local property tax increases can be approved.

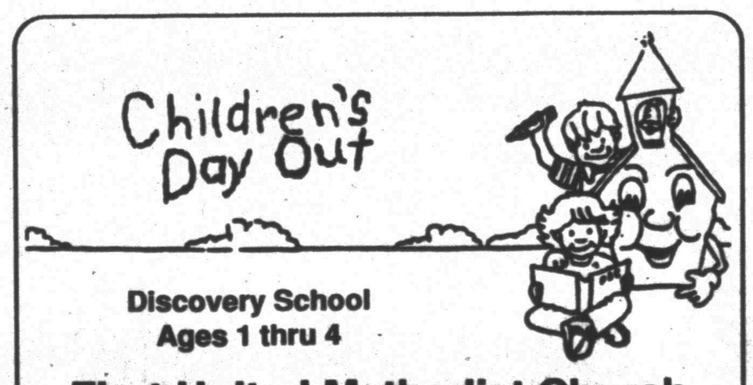
The requirement was a reaction to the perception that governments and school districts have for years tried to pass money measures in small, local elections.

"It's undemocratic for governments to intentionally place tax increases on the ballot in small special elections when they know turnout will be very low," said Bill Sizemore, the activist who wrote the property-tax limit.

"We are saying that if you want to increase taxes on 100 percent of the people, then you must have a voter quorum to validate the election."

The requirement got its first test March 11 when Oregon's cities and counties put 30 money measures on the ballot to pay for law enforcement, libraries and school construction.

One-third of the measures were approved, gaining a majority of votes and a 50 percent voter turnout, while another third were voted down. The rest were backed by a majority of voters but fell short of the 50 percent threshold.



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Federal Extradition Agency head defends firm's record

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Convicted drunken driver David Speakman II was picked up in Madison Heights, Mich. for violating his probation.

Instead of being taken directly back to Orlando, Fla., he was shackled, handcuffed and locked in the back of a van which crisscrossed the country before bursting into flames on a Tennessee interstate.

All six inmates in the van — picked up in Michigan, Texas, Ohio and Pennsylvania — died Thursday from smoke inhalation and burns.

"They go from here to yonder and back and all over," the 33-year-old Speakman's father, David Glenn Speakman, told The Tennessean.

"If they had started in Michigan and drove him straight south, he wouldn't have been there."

The president of Memphis-based Federal Extradition Agency, which operated the van, said through his attorneys that it had been "serviced and thoroughly safety-checked prior to use."

"We've driven 20 million miles over the last seven years without any problems," Clyde Gunter told The Commercial Appeal. "We've had a record we're very proud of."

Investigators say a universal joint on the 1995 Ford Econoline failed, causing part of the drive shaft to come loose, said Department of Safety spokeswoman Cindy Armour.

The drive shaft pulled apart pieces of the transmission, which punctured two holes in the van's fuel tank. The sparks from the dragging drive shaft ignited the leaking fuel.

The van's driver was treated for burns to the arms and feet, while the co-driver was not injured.

The company has about 50 employees, most with experience in law enforcement or corrections, Gunter said. Employees are required to undergo 40 hours of training, he said.

Records show that Federal Extradition Agency temporarily lost its carrier license for about a month in 1996 when it failed to notify the Federal Highway Administration about insurance coverage.

Passenger carriers are required to maintain $1.5 million in liability coverage, said Linda Mitchler, an FHA transportation industry analyst.

Gunter said the insurance company "dropped the ball" and didn't file the proper notification with the government. Federal Extradition Agency continued to transport prisoners because it didn't know its license had been suspended, he said.

Prisoner transport companies must follow security measures detailed in contracts with individual governments, but officials said they aren't aware of industry-wide regulations.

"That's all we need is more government regulations," said John Zierdt, president and chief executive officer of Nashville-based TransCor America Inc., a subsidiary of private prison management company Corrections Corporation of America.

Zierdt said the larger companies compete with "mom and pop" operations across the United States.

"They typically have an accident or an escape and go out of business," Zierdt said.

Bridge By Phillip Alder

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	South ♠ 8 7 6 5 4 ♥ 8 7 4 ♦ --- ♣ A K J 6 3	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
3♠	2♥	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass	4♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♥ K

A week of goodies

By Phillip Alder

This week I have what I hope you will agree are half a dozen interesting deals. Going through some papers the other day, I came upon four deals in a press release from the 1995 Biarritz festival (so named for the picturesque town in southwest France in which the competition is held during the first two weeks of July).

Wouldn't you agree that East was on rock-solid ground in doubling four spades? Well, just watch!

West led the heart king. (His two-heart opening was a weak two-bid, showing a good six-card suit and some 6-10 high-card points.)

The unnamed declarer judged from the double that East was looking at the diamond ace and four or five powerful trumps. After winning with dummy's heart ace, South called for dummy's diamond king, which was covered by East's ace and ruffed in hand. Now came the club ace, club king and a club ruffed with dummy's spade two. Declarer threw a heart on the diamond queen; then he ruffed a diamond in hand. South continued with a top club, discarding a heart from the dummy. East ruffed and exited with his remaining diamond, but South ruffed and played another club, throwing dummy's last heart. After ruffing, East had to lead away from the spade king into dummy's ace-queen.

South's 10 tricks were dummy's two trump honors, the heart ace, the diamond queen, the ace-king of clubs, a club ruff in the dummy and three diamond ruffs in hand. He had lost just three trump tricks. *Magnifique!*

East couldn't make bricks even with carbon-fiber straw.

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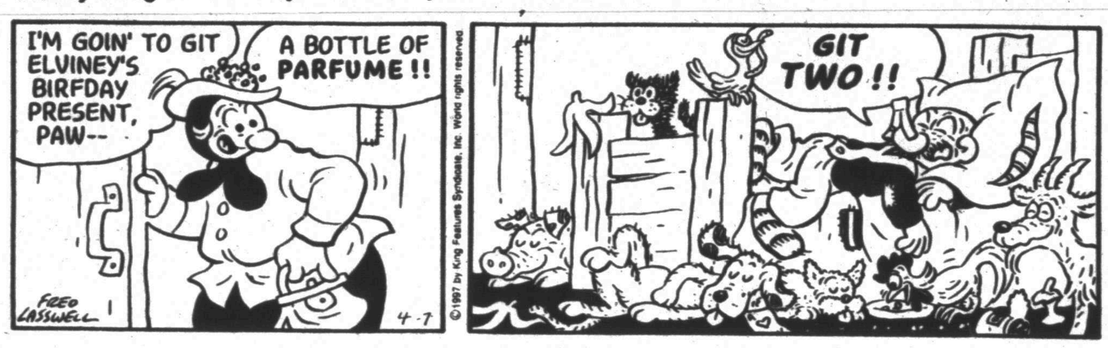

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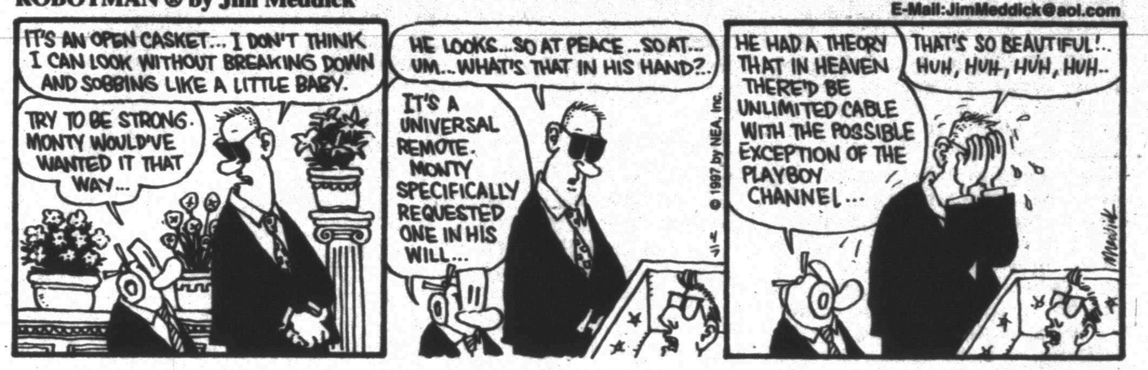

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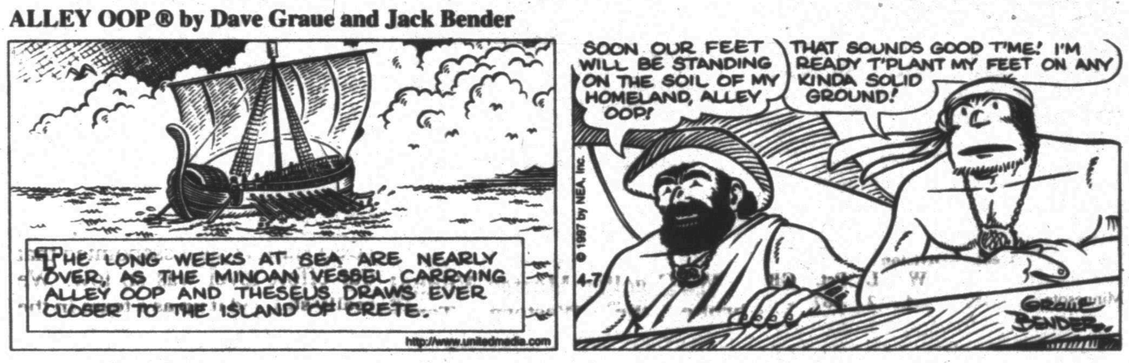

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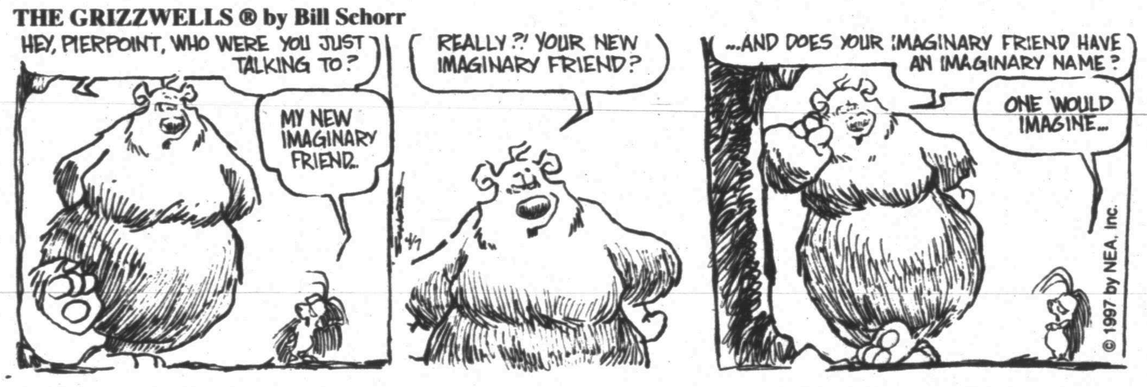

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ACROSS

1 — Kringle
5 Language suffix
8 Bridge on the River —
12 Back of the neck
13 Cozy room
14 Merit
15 Knives and forks
17 Musicians' jobs
18 Spasm
19 Purposeful
21 Victory symbol
22 Storage building
24 Mercury or nickel
26 Author Umberto —
27 Most unusual
28 Actress Ruby —
31 U.S. soldiers
32 Author Fleming
33 Naval off.
34 Drives out
37 Sixth sense (abbr.)
40 Part of a pecan
41 — — World Turns
43 Lennon's love
44 Light meal
46 Singer — Stewart
47 Hammer or chisel
49 Cover with ice
51 Reign
52 Type of stick?
53 — — of bricks
54 Summers, in Paris
55 Noun suffix
56 Feminine title

DOWN

1 Football coach Rockne
2 Flightless bird
3 Medicinal root
4 Cong. member
5 Singer Adams
6 Merchant
7 Stored fodder
8 Beer barrel
9 Gives up (one's rights)
10 Silvery (poet.)
11 Mosaic piece
16 Sault — Marie
20 Waxy substance in cork
23 Rostrum
25 States of disorder
29 Alleviates
30 Mix up
34 Expire (2 wds.)
35 Actor Peter —
36 Former Soviet leader
38 Cloud layers
39 Prints
40 — Dame
41 Dog assn.
42 Paradises
45 Mil. rank
48 Bandleader Brown
50 I think, therefore — —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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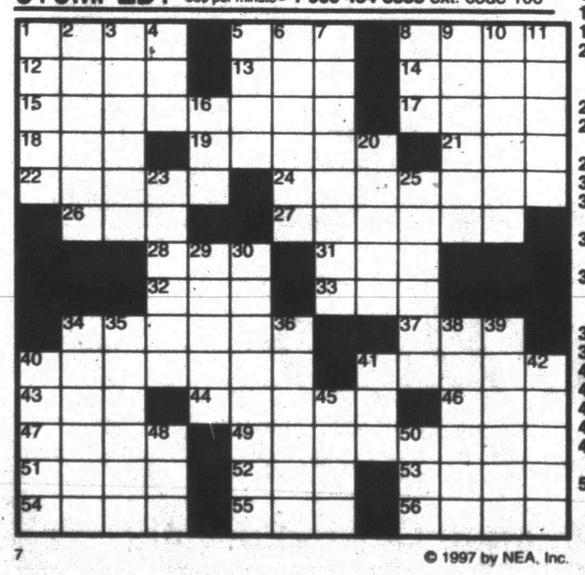

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SPORTS

WTC women ride to second place finish

The Western Texas College women's rodeo team had a solid second place finish and the men took third at the Howard College Rodeo last weekend.

"We didn't do as well as we did last week," said coach Todd Danley, "but the ladies did a good job."

WTC was second with 115 points behind conference leader Tarleton with 165. Sul Ross was third with 100 points.

Tona Wright had a solid rodeo with four top five finishes. Wright split third and fourth in the short and go in breakaway roping with a time of 3.4. Wright was also fourth in the average with a 7.2

Wright took fourth in the short and go in barrel racing with a 16.74. She also was third in the average with a 33.30.

Chasity Rickman was second in the long go in breakaway with a 2.6. Rickman also took ninth in the long go in goat tying with a 10.9.

Paige Burlesmith won second and Jana McCloy was seventh in the long go in goat tying. Jaime Stewart sixth in the long go in barrels with a 16.60.

The WTC men were eighth with 73½ points. Howard was first with 275 and West Texas A&M won second with 150. New Mexico was third with 140.

WTC dominated the steer wrestling event.

Cole Schaffer was first in the long go with a 4.7 and fourth in the average with a 11.5. Jarrett Granich took third in the long go with a 5.5.

Ryan Weaver was fifth in the long go with a 5.9 and second in the short go with a 4.9. Weaver also took second in the average with a 10.8

Kyle Bowers won sixth in the long go with a 6.4 and Chad Pelster took ninth in the long go with a 6.6 and fourth in the short and go with a 6.1.

Chad Meynard was fourth in the long go in bareback with a 65. Meynard split third and fourth in the short and go with a 69 and was fourth in the average with a 134.

Miles Bell was seventh in the long go with a 64 and first in the short and go with a 71. Bell also took first in the average with a 135. Heath Kenney won eighth in the long go with a 63.

Jeff Decker took second in the long go in bareback with a 71 and split fourth and fifth in the short and go with a 69. Decker also split third and fourth in the average with a 140. Maynard was seventh in the long go with a 61.

Tanner Boyd and Scott Wilson were first in the long go in team roping with a 6.5.

The WTC men remained in first place in the conference standings with 1438.33 points and the women stayed in third with 980.

Next up for Western Texas is the WTC Rodeo this Thursday through Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Tigers duels with Estacado in District 2-4A showdown

The Snyder Tiger varsity diamond team journeys to Lubbock today at 4:30 p.m. for a District 2-4A showdown with the Estacado Matadors.

The contest was scheduled to be played Saturday, but a wet field forced the game to be rescheduled.

The Tigers, 0-2-1 in loop play and 10-7 for the season, are looking to rebound from a 4-0 shutout loss to Frenship last Tuesday.

Estacado, 2-1 in district action and 8-8 for the season, is also looking to get back on track after being dropped 3-1 last Tuesday by Plainview.

Coach Roland Herrera will send either Clay Berryman, Kyle Beck or Patrick Cumbie to the mound to face the Matadors.

Berryman is one of the top pitchers in the area with a 1.07 ERA. He has fanned 49 batters in 55⅔ innings of work.

Snyder will continue its loop schedule Tuesday night at 7 at Moffett Field against the Plainview Bulldogs.

With 12-6 win...

JV baseball squad takes first in tourney

The Snyder Tiger JV baseball squad outscored its opponents, 37-10, in taking first place at the Big Spring JV Tournament last weekend.

The JV has now won nine-in-a-row and owns a 13-4-1 season tally.

"We played really well all three games," said coach Charles Bollinger. "The guys are having a lot of fun out there."

Two homers from James Shields and Dustin Fish lifted Snyder to a 17-0 shutout over the Big Spring freshman team.

Corey Mandrell was the winning pitcher, giving up only one hit and fanning seven.

Shields also had a triple while Banks Alexander hit two singles and a double. Wesley Wilson, Josh Ward and Brad Roemisch each had two singles.

Snyder continued to dominate its opponents pitching in its second game, ripping 10 hits in a 8-4 victory over the Odessa JV team.

Clint Hook scored the win on the mound, striking out six and giving up two hits.

Wilson went three for three with three singles and Alexander and Ward each had a single and a double. Fish also hit a double.

Snyder ended its stellar tournament run, ousting host Big Spring, 12-6.

Wilson took the win on the mound and helped himself out, hitting two singles.

Mandrell had a double and a single and Cory Trujillo and Shields each had a double and a single. Fish and Alexander each hit singles.

The JV will journey back to Big Spring today for a rematch with the Steers at 6 p.m.

Pitiful Mavs set new mark for scoring futility

By The Associated Press

Whatever Los Angeles Lakers assistant coach Larry Drew said at halftime, it worked.

Trailing 51-37 at intermission, the Lakers held the Dallas Mavericks to an NBA record-low two points in the third period.

"He let us know what time of year it was," Lakers point guard Derek Fisher said of Drew's halftime speech. "He said we couldn't continue to have efforts like this with the playoffs coming up."

While Dallas was hitting a low point, Chicago's Michael Jordan and Houston's Charles Barkley were climbing the career scoring list.

The Lakers scored the first 24 points of the third quarter to take the lead for good before Derek Harper sank two free throws with 1:51 left in the period. Leading 64-53 going into the final period, Los Angeles defeated the Mavericks 87-80 Sunday.

"We had to take a gut check at halftime," Fisher said. "Coach (Del) Harris was dissapointed that our effort level was so low. We really stepped it up as a team in the second half."

Making his first career NBA start in place of Nick Van Exel, Fisher scored a career-high 21 points and equaled his career high with six rebounds.

"It was different to hear a new voice, a different perspective" Fisher said of Drew's halftime remarks.

In other Sunday games, it was Washington over Boston 120-114, the Los Anteles Clippers over New Jersey 103-96, Houston over Vancouver 94-85, Indiana over Minnesota 94-83, Chicago over Orlando 110-94, Utah over Golden State 114-100 and Sacramento over Seattle 113-101.

The Lakers scored the final two points of the second quarter and the first 24 of the third quarter for a 26-0 streak — the longest run for

Rockets 94, Grizzlies 85

In Vancouver, Barkley scored 28 points in Houston's victory to move into 17th place on the NBA career scoring list.

Playing in only his third game after missing a month with a hip injury, Barkley overtook Hal Greer on the list. The 13-year veteran has 21,609 points and now trails Larry Bird by fewer than 200 points.

Even with 22 points and a career-high 16 rebounds from rookie Shareef Abdur-Rahim, and 23 points from Bryant Reeves, the Grizzlies lost their seventh straight game and 22nd in 23. Vancouver fell to an NBA-worst 12-65.

Faxon putts his way to 16-under win

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Brad Faxon admits he's been irritated many times by the way people flock to the big hitters on the PGA Tour, giving celebrity status to the guys who can drive a long way.

If the fans were as enamored of putters, Faxon might be the most popular man in golf.

"I'd love to hit precision shots every time I get up there," said Faxon, who needed just 101 putts in four rounds to win the $1.5 million Freeport-McDermott Classic. "But you rarely see a guy come down the stretch and have putts of two feet. A guy always has the hole to putt to. No matter how good you hit the ball, you always have to use your short game."

That short game was strong enough for Faxon to break a drought of nearly five years and collect $270,000 Sunday.

Faxon putted his way to a 16-under-par 272 total, closing with a 3-under 69.

"I'm a good putter," Faxon said. "I can read putts well. You have to be able to see the line and know the right speed. I do my best job when I just worry about keeping it on the right line even if I miss the putt."

Faxon, the No. 1 putter on the tour last year, picked up his first victory since the 1992 International. He shot a third-round 66 that put him in contention and a four-birdie final round sewed up the victory.

Faxon finished fourth in The Players Championship and is 23-under-par during the last two weeks. His Players finish was worth $168,000. Added to his winnings this week, Faxon has earned $438,000 in two weeks, an average of $54,750 per trip to the golf course.

Payne Stewart needed a victory in New Orleans to get to Augusta. Stewart, who finished at 287, 15 shots back, has played in 13 of the last 14 Masters.

Rangers hand Orioles first loss of the season

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers can't afford to wait until Will Clark and Juan Gonzalez get well before they start hitting.

On Sunday, they finally showed the offense that made them defending AL West champions.

Dean Palmer drove in three runs, and Rusty Greer had four hits as the Rangers beat Baltimore 9-3 — giving the Orioles their first loss of the season.

The only down note for Texas came when shortstop Benji Gil injured a groin muscle. He could miss some playing time, particularly today in Milwaukee, where the temperature wasn't expected to get out of the 30s.

Gil will be examined today and it could be later in the week before he's in the lineup.

There was joy in the locker room over the Rangers' hitting.

"We needed a day like this," said Palmer, batting cleanup in the absence of Juan Gonzalez, who will be on the DL until early May. "We have too many good hitters to be swinging the bat the way we have been swinging it."

The team had a .200 batting average going into the game, lowest in the AL.

"I think I may have been a little too anxious up there," Palmer said. "I just didn't feel comfortable."

Texas manager Johnny Oates said he put Palmer in the No. 4 spot because "I took a look at what he did last year, his RBI total and his home runs. We just can't sit around and wait because Juan and Will are out of the lineup. If we do that we're in deep trouble."

Greer said the team needed a breakout game.

"We swung the bats today like we are capable of against a very good pitcher," Greer said. "Every time we hit it's a confidence builder."

Baltimore became the last major league team to lose a game.

"We just didn't have it today," said Baltimore manager Davey Johnson. "Texas was swinging the bats well and Mike (Mussina) was just missing with his pitches. We had a big hill to climb early. Two out of three here is not bad. I'll take 4-1."

Mussina, making his first appearance of the season, gave up four runs in the first and wound up allowing seven runs and eight hits in four innings.

"The Rangers have a lot of good hitters and you can't get away with many mistakes," Mussina said. "I pitched really, really bad. I expected to be rusty. I knew I wouldn't be sharp, but I was hoping for better than it turned out."

Roger Pavlik (1-0) gave up two runs and four hits in 6 1-3 innings, walked five and struck out three. Cal Ripken hit a 389-foot solo homer in the second and singled home a run in the third.

Unlike Mussina, Pavlik wouldn't talk after the game. He has boycotted the media since spring training.

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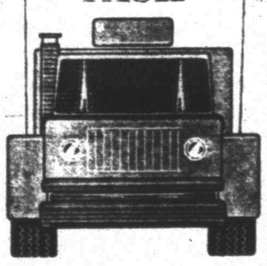

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	4	1	.800	-
Boston	3	2	.600	1
NewYork	2	3	.400	2
Toronto	2	3	.400	2
Detroit	2	4	.333	2½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	4	2	.667	-
Cleveland	3	2	.600	½
Milwaukee	2	2	.500	1
Chicago	2	3	.400	1½
KansasCity	2	3	.400	1½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	3	2	.600	-
Texas	2	2	.500	½
Anaheim	2	3	.300	1
Seattle	2	3	.400	1

Saturday's Games
Milwaukee 5, Toronto 2
Detroit 15, Chicago White Sox 12
N.Y. Yankees 10, Oakland 5
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 5
Baltimore 9, Texas 7
Boston 8, Seattle 6
Cleveland 7, Anaheim 5

Sunday's Games
Milwaukee 4, Toronto 2
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 3
Kansas City 12, Minnesota 2
Texas 9, Baltimore 3
Oakland 3, N.Y. Yankees 0
Seattle 8, Boston 7, 10 innings
Cleveland 10, Anaheim 8

Monday's Games
Minnesota (Rodriguez 0-0) at Detroit (Thompson 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Key 1-0) at Kansas City (Appier 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Hill 1-0) at Milwaukee (Eldred 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Boston (Gordon 0-0) at Oakland (Prieto 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 0-0) at Seattle (Sanders 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-0) at Anaheim (Langston 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League

By The Associated Press

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Florida	5	1	.833	-
Atlanta	4	2	.667	1
Montreal	3	3	.500	2
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	3
NewYork	2	4	.333	3
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	5	1	.833	-
Cincinnati	3	3	.500	2
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400	2½
Chicago	0	6	.000	5
St.Louis	0	6	.000	5
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	4	2	.667	-
LosAngeles	4	2	.667	-
SanDiego	4	2	.667	-
SanFrancisco	3	2	.600	½

Saturday's Games
Colorado 15, Montreal 3
San Francisco 2, N.Y. Mets 0
Florida 4, Cincinnati 3, 11 innings
Houston 6, St. Louis 2
San Diego 4, Philadelphia 1
Atlanta 8, Chicago Cubs 5, 6½ innings, susp., rain
Pittsburgh 3, Los Angeles 1

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 11, Chicago 5, comp. of susp. game
Atlanta 4, Chicago 0
Colorado 6, Montreal 2
Florida 3, Cincinnati 2
Houston 3, St. Louis 2
Philadelphia 3, San Diego 2
N.Y. Mets 4, San Francisco 2
Los Angeles 6, Pittsburgh 3

Monday's Games
Cincinnati (Burba 1-0) at Colorado (Swift 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (M.Clark 0-0) at Los Angeles (Nomo 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lieber 0-0) at San Diego (Ashby 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Maduro 0-1) at San Francisco (Estes 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Vildhoj breaks course record

WTC golfer Morten Vildhoj broke the Western Texas College course record Saturday with a 31 on the front nine and a 29 on the back nine for a 60.

The old record of 61 was held by Mike Standly who is now a member of the PGA tour. Standley was also a member of the WTC golf team when he set the record.

Witnesses were Soren Muller, Donald DeMaster and Andreas Ljunggren.

Super Mario calls it quits

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mario Lemieux, a five-time NHL scoring champion whose career with the Pittsburgh Penguins has been hampered by a bad back and a bout with cancer, says he definitely will retire after the playoffs.

The 31-year-old center could be go out in style by winning the Art Ross Trophy for the sixth time. He leads the league with 117 points on 49 goals and 68 assists.

After hinting strongly for months that this would be his final season, Lemieux formally announced his retirement for the first time Saturday night.

Lemieux will retire as the sixth-leading goal scorer. He currently has 612 goals and 1,489 points to stand sixth on the NHL career list in both categories. He also has 877 assists, to stand 11th on that list.

Hingis downs Seles for title

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — This victory was a little too exciting, even for teenager Martina Hingis.

Down 5-0 in the first set to Monica Seles. Later up 5-3 with three match points in the third set. Then trailing 6-5 and two points from defeat. Finally, a forehand return rifled long by Seles and Hingis took the Family Circle title, a 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

Hingis will return to the tour at Hamburg, Germany, in three weeks. She says she'll take time to relax and reflect on her hot start. Only Graf, Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert have won as many matches to begin a year and no one has earned more money.

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	56	18	.757	—
x-NewYork	53	22	.707	3½
Orlando	41	34	.547	15½
Washington	39	36	.520	17½
NewJersey	23	51	.311	33
Philadelphia	21	53	.284	35
Boston	13	63	.171	44
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	65	10	.867	—
x-Detroit	51	23	.689	13½
x-Atlanta	51	24	.680	14
x-Charlotte	48	26	.649	16½
Cleveland	38	36	.514	26½
Indiana	37	38	.493	28
Milwaukee	29	45	.392	35½
Toronto	27	48	.360	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	57	17	.770	—
x-Houston	51	24	.680	6½
Minnesota	37	38	.493	20½
Dallas	22	53	.293	35½
Denver	20	54	.270	37
SanAntonio	19	55	.257	38
Vancouver	12	65	.156	46½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Seattle	52	24	.684	—
x-L.A.Lakers	51	24	.680	½
x-Portland	44	32	.579	8
Phoenix	36	39	.480	15½
L.A.Clippers	34	41	.453	17½
Sacramento	30	45	.400	21½
GoldenState	28	47	.373	23½

y-clinched division title
x-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games
Seattle 103, Dallas 84
Miami 98, Toronto 84
Charlotte 115, Philadelphia 113
New York 102, Atlanta 97
Phoenix 99, Portland 90
Golden State 120, San Antonio 103

Sunday's Games
Washington 120, Boston 114
L.A. Clippers 103, New Jersey 96
Houston 94, Vancouver 85
Indiana 94, Minnesota 83
Chicago 110, Orlando 94
Utah 114, Golden State 100
Sacramento 113, Seattle 101
L.A. Lakers 87, Dallas 80

Monday's Games
Charlotte at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 8 p.m.

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Many arrests reported here

Five people were arrested over the weekend and activity continued into the week as three more people were taken into custody early today.

A 24-year-old male was arrested at 12:01 p.m. Saturday in the 1100 block of 30th Street on a Scurry County warrant for assault.

Following a report Saturday evening of four males acting suspiciously and parked near the swimmng pool in Towle Park, officers arrested an 18-year-old male on misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia at 6:45 p.m.

Officers were called to the 2000 block of Avenue N at 8:41 p.m. Saturday in reference to a disturbance. An offense report for family violence was submitted and a 28-year-old male was arrested for assault/family violence.

At 12:24 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested an 18-year-old male in the 2800 block of Avenue M for minor in possession of alcohol.

Following a report at 4:26 a.m. Sunday of a fight in the 4100 block of Avondale, officers arrested a 17-year-old male for public intoxication.

At 12:22 a.m. today, officers arrested an 18-year-old male in the 3600 block of Avenue M on a Scurry County warrant for Class B criminal mischief.

A 911 call around 2 a.m. today resulted in a 25-year-old male being arrested in the 2000 block of Avenue Q for Class C assault/family violence.

At 2:53 this morning, officers arrested a 22-year-old female in the 1300 block of 21st Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity over the weekend, officers were called to the 2100 block of Avenue N at 7:58 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone breaking into a vacant residence.

Officers were called to Cogdell Hospital at 2:27 p.m. in reference to a child being treated in the emergency room for a rat bite. An offense report was submitted.

Officers were called to IGA #100 at 5:02 p.m. Saturday in reference to a male juvenile in custody for shoplifting.

An offense report for an animal bite was submitted at 5:18 p.m. from the 2100 block of 42nd Street in reference to a person being bitten by a squirrel.

An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted at 7:53 p.m. Saturday in reference to a broken window on a vehicle in the 2600 block of 42nd Street.

Officers were advised of an oil spill on the roadway in the 800 block of College Avenue at 8:47 p.m. Saturday. The highway department was notified of the need for gravel on the roadway.

An offense report for Class B theft was submitted at 9:34 p.m. Saturday in reference to a person's wallet being stolen from the Cinema.

Sherry Harbin requested to speak to an officer in the 4100 block of Eastridge at 12:40 p.m. Sunday in reference to her dog being stolen.

At 2:08 p.m. Sunday, an officer was requested in the 2100 block of 41st Street in reference to a person being bitten by a dog. An offense report for a dog bite was submitted.

An officer was requested at 7:25 p.m. Sunday in the 4000 block of Austin in reference to a cat in a tree.

A report for a gas drive-off from Skinny's on Coliseum Drive was made at 11:35 p.m. Sunday in reference to a person not paying for $32 worth of gas.

Markets

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	86⅝	85⅝	85⅝	— ⅜
AT&T Corps	35⅛	34⅝	34⅝+	⅜
AirTouch	24⅝	23⅞	24⅝+	⅜
Albertsons		33⅛	33	33⅛
AlldSignal		71⅛	70⅝	71
Alltel	32⅝	32⅛	32⅝+	⅛
AmerOnline	48⅝	46⅛	46⅝	—1⅝
AmStores	44⅝	43⅝	44⅛	— ⅛
Ameritech	59⅝	59	59⅝+	⅜
Amoco	85	84⅝	84⅝	— ⅛
AndarkPtr		52⅝	52⅛	52⅛
AmcoInc		4	3⅝	3⅝
AtlRichfld	129⅝	129	129⅝+	⅜
ATMOS Egy	23⅝	23⅛	23⅛	— ⅛
Avisll	11⅛	11	11⅛+	⅛
BakerHughes	35⅝	35⅛	35⅝+	⅜
BellAtl	60⅝	60⅝	60⅝+	⅛
BellSouth	41⅞	41⅝	41⅝+	⅜
BethSteel		8⅛	8⅛	8⅛
BritPet	132⅝	132⅛	132⅝+	⅜
BurlNoSFe		73⅝	73⅝	73⅝
Caterpillar	79⅝	78⅞	79	— ⅛
CenSoWst	20⅝	20	20	— ⅛
Chevron	65⅝	64⅝	65⅛+	⅛
Chrysler s	30⅝	30⅛	30⅝+	⅛
Coastal	45⅝	45⅛	45⅛	— ⅛
CocaColas	57⅝	56⅝	57	— ⅜
ColgatePalm	104⅝	103⅝	104⅝	+1
ComclMetals		28⅝	28	28⅛
CooperIn		43	42⅝	42⅝
CyprusAmax	23⅛	22⅝	23	— ⅛
DallSemicn	26⅛	25⅞	26⅛+	⅛
DeltaAird	91⅛	90⅝	90⅝+	⅜
DigitalEq	27⅛	26⅝	27	+ ⅛
Dillard	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝	— ⅛
DowChem	79⅝	79	79⅝+	⅛
DresserInd	30	29⅞	29⅞+	⅜
DuPont	104⅝	102⅛	102⅝	—1⅝
EastmanChem	53	52⅝	52⅝	— ⅛
EstKodak	77⅛	76⅝	77⅛	+2
EDS Corp	40⅝	39⅝	40⅛+	⅛
Enserch	20⅝	20	20⅛+	⅛
Entergy		23⅝	23⅝	23⅝
Exxon	102⅝	101⅞	102⅝	+1
Exxonwi	51⅛	51	51⅛+	⅛

Midday Stocks

	High	Low	Last	
FstBksAm	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝	— ⅛
Flowers	25	24⅞	24⅞+	⅜
FordMotor	31⅛	30⅝	31⅛+	⅛
GTE Cp	45⅛	44⅝	44⅞+	⅛
GenDynam	65⅝	65⅛	65⅛	— ⅛
GenElec	102	101⅝	101⅝+	⅜
GenMills	61⅛	60⅝	60⅞+	⅛
GenMotors	54⅝	54⅛	54⅝+	⅜
GaPacif	72⅝	71⅞	72⅛+	⅛
GlobalMar		20⅝	19⅝	19⅝
Goodrich		36⅝	35⅞	36
Goodyear s	52	51⅛	51⅛+	⅛
GtAtlPac	24⅝	24⅛	24⅞	— ⅛
Haliburtn	65⅝	64⅛	65	+ ⅜
Hanson ADS n	22⅝	22⅛	22⅛+	⅛
HarteHanks	29⅝	29⅛	29⅝+	⅛
HomeDepot	55⅛	54⅝	55⅛+	⅛
HoustonInds		20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
IBM	132⅝	130⅝	132⅝+	2⅝
IntlPaper		40⅝	40	40
JohnsnJn s	55⅝	54⅝	55⅛+	⅛
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Kroger	53	52⅝	53	+ ⅜
Litton		39⅝	39⅝	39⅝
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MayDptStrs	46⅝	46	46⅛	— ⅜
Medtronic	65⅛	64⅛	64⅝+	⅜
Mobil	126⅝	125⅝	126⅝+	⅛
Monsanto s	38⅝	38⅛	38⅝+	⅛
Motorola	61⅛	60⅝	61	+1⅛
NCR Corp n	35⅛	34⅛	34⅝+	⅜
NationsBk s	57	56⅝	56⅝+	⅜
Navistar		9⅝	9⅝	9⅝
NoramEngy		14⅝	14⅝	14⅝
Norwest	46⅝	46⅛	46⅝+	⅜
Nynex	45⅝	45⅛	45⅝+	⅛
OryxEngy	18⅝	18⅛	18⅝+	⅛
PanEnergy	43⅝	43⅛	43⅝+	⅛
Penney JC	46⅝	46	46	— ⅛
Pennzoil	48⅝	48⅛	48⅝+	⅜
PepBoys		31⅛	30⅝	30⅝
PepsiCo s	32⅝	31⅝	32	+ ⅜
PhelpDodge	73⅝	72⅛	72⅝	— ⅜
PhilipPet	39⅝	39⅝	39⅝+	⅛
PilgrmPrd	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝+	⅛
Polaroid	39⅝	37⅞	39⅝+	1⅞
Praxair	43⅝	43⅛	43⅝+	⅛
ProctGamble	119⅝	118⅛	118⅝	— ⅛
PubSNwMx		17⅛	17⅛	17⅛
RoyalDutch	170	169⅝	169⅝	— ⅛
SBC Comm	51⅝	51⅛	51⅝+	⅛
SaraLee	41⅝	40⅝	41⅝+	⅛
SearsRoeb	50⅝	50	50⅝+	⅜
SherwinW s		26⅛	26	26⅛
SouthBchADS	72⅝	71⅞	72⅝+	1
SouthernCo		21⅛	21⅛	21⅛
SwstAirlines		23	22⅝	22⅝
Sprint	45⅝	44⅝	45	+ ⅛
SunCo		25⅛	25	25⅛
TNP Ent		20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
Tandy	51	50⅝	51	+ ⅜
TempleInl		52	51⅛	51⅛
Tenneco	38⅝	38⅛	38⅝	— ⅛
Texaco	105⅝	103⅝	105⅝	+1⅝
TexasInds	27⅝	27⅛	27⅛+	⅛
TexasInst	85	83⅝	84⅝	+1⅝
TexUtil	34⅝	33⅝	34	— ⅜
Textron	102⅝	101⅝	102	+ ⅛
Travelers s	49⅝	48⅝	49	+1
TrinityInds	25	24⅞	25	+ ⅜
TritonEngy	36⅛	35⅝	35⅝	— ⅛
Tyler		1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
US WestCm	33⅝	33⅛	33⅝+	⅛
USWstMds	17⅝	17⅛	17⅝+	⅛
USX Delhi	14⅛	13⅝	14⅛+	⅜
USX-Marathn	27⅛	26⅝	27⅛+	⅜
USX-USS	26⅛	25⅞	26⅛+	⅜
UnCarbide	43⅝	43⅛	43⅝+	⅜
UnPac s	58⅝	57⅝	57⅝+	⅛
UnitedTech s	75⅛	74⅛	74⅝+	⅛
Unocal	39⅝	38⅝	39	+ ⅛
WalMart	27⅝	27⅛	27⅝	— ⅛
WstnGasRs	16⅝	16⅛	16⅝+	⅜
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Rains turning frowns to smiles across Texas

DALLAS (AP) — The drought brought a taste of hell to Texas last spring and summer, but plentiful rains have revealed a glimpse of heaven in 1997.

Wildflowers may supplant wildfires as the dominant roadside attraction once again.

Last year, as dry weather draped a brown shroud over the vast Texas landscape, water levels fell in lakes and underground aquifers fell.

Crops failed. Stunted range grass provided cattle little to eat. Big ranchers bought expensive supplemental feed, but many others liquidated herds at unfavorable prices rather than face the additional expense.

"We were all very, very depressed about everything," Dale Bates, a West Texas rancher, told The Dallas Morning News. "Everybody's attitude was terrible."

But that was last year.

This year, every major Texas city except Wichita Falls has received above-average rainfall.

Last week alone, between two and seven inches of rain drenched huge hunks of Texas, adding more sheen to the brightening water picture.

"The whole thing has turned around," said Bates, who owns a 5,000-acre ranch near San Angelo. "The country is gorgeous. Wheat is good. Livestock prices are up. I could handle twice the livestock I've got right now."

In the first three months of last year, more than 1,500 wildfires scorched pastures and pine forests in a 52-county area of East Texas, according to the Texas Forest Service.

This year, from January through March, an estimated 159 fires burned only 2,226 acres in that same East Texas region.

"Rain is the reason," said Mahlon Hammetter, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service. "It's been the difference between night and day."

Edgewood, about 60 miles east of Dallas, came within two weeks of running out of water last year. The town of 1,000 people spent $20,000 renovating an abandoned lake for water storage. But rain is the biggest difference this.

"I'd say we had about three months of water last March," Mayor Fred Covert said. "Now we have about 30 months of water on hand. Millions of gallons instead of thousands."

Wildflowers are important to the tourist industry in Central Texas. The flowers were a bust last year. This year, luminous bluebonnets and orange-red Indian paintbrushes are bursting with color.

"It's definitely a feast for the eyes right now," said Laura Lozier, manager of the visitor center in Kerrville.

The Texas Water Development Board monitors 77 major reservoirs with a total water capacity of 34.5 million acre-feet. An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons and would cover a football field with one foot of water.

The 77 lakes held 3.3 million more acre-feet of water this March than a year ago.

Possum Kingdom Lake, 70 miles northwest of Fort Worth, is full. So are most other lakes in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The Highland Lakes chain of seven reservoirs on the Colorado River — from Lake Buchanan on the north to Lake Travis near Austin — were brimming in March.

"In fact, we have some concern about too much water in the chain to handle rainfall in the next 60 days," said George Bomar, senior meteorologist at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Last March, Texas beef producers were getting an average price of 55 cents a pound. This March, the average price was 67 cents a pound, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Pastures are green and stock tanks are full. Farmers and ranchers, usually taciturn and guarded, are talking positive.

Some want Gingrich to show leadership

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican lawmakers say there is "malaise" in their party and suggest that Newt Gingrich's future as House speaker hinges on his bringing tax cuts and other key GOP items to a vote.

"He has seemed so obsessed with his own rehabilitation that the party has suffered dramatically for it," said Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., one of Gingrich's most persistent GOP critics. "He really is in danger unless he turns this around."

Gingrich, who two years ago led his party back to power in Congress, has lost stature among the Republican faithful because of his ethics problems, the slow pace of this Congress and — most recently — his statements that tax cuts might be deferred until after a balanced-budget deal is reached with the Clinton administration.

Congress returns this week from a two-week spring break, and Republicans will be looking to Gingrich to display the leadership some say has been lacking in past months.

Rep. David McIntosh, R-Ind., who led a mini-rebellion among young House conservatives after Gingrich's tax policy statements, said Sunday that the speaker was "a brilliant leader." But inside the GOP, he said, "there's a real sense of malaise, that we need to get moving back on the agenda that we talked to the voters about in the last two elections."

McIntosh said it was important that Gingrich schedule a vote on tax cut proposals and bring up other matters that are of concern to the GOP ranks, including the elimination of funds for the National Endowment for the Arts and whether to renew favorable trade status for China.

King, appearing with McIntosh on CBS' "Face the Nation," said it will be up to Gingrich to explain his strategy to his fellow Republicans this week and that afterward "we should have a vote" on his future. McIntosh said he did not think such a vote was necessary, but that others might call for one "if we don't get back on track."

But members of the House GOP leadership defended Gingrich and said there would be no challenge to him. "A majority of the members of our conference support Newt Gingrich, support the work that he has done," Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, chairman of the House Republican Conference, said on CBS.

Unless someone openly runs against Gingrich, there is no reason for a vote, said Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas. "There is no erosion at all about pulling back from Newt Gingrich," he said on CNN's "Late Edition."

The leaders praised Gingrich for the tough stance he took with Chinese leaders during his recent visit to Beijing and his statements that tax cuts remain at the top of the Republican agenda.

Junior Republicans "ought to leave Newt the opportunity to recover some lost ground, and I know he will," former GOP vice presidential nominee Jack Kemp said on "Fox News Sunday."

The GOP leaders chose to blame President Clinton for the underachievement of this Congress.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Clinton has failed to live up to his conciliatory rhetoric on such issues as a balanced budget and redefining cost-of-living increases for recipients of Social Security and other federal benefits.

"If we don't see some quick action here in the next week or 10 days, the president, I think, is beginning to get in a position of marginalizing himself," Lott said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

For children...

Hatch, Kennedy team up for health insurance plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservative Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and his frequent liberal adversary, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., are teaming up to promote a bill that would extend health insurance to more children by raising cigarette taxes.

The plan drew immediate fire from Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., who tried to dissociate Republicans from what he said would be another big government program.

Rather than calling it the Hatch-Kennedy bill, the name used by the sponsors, "I prefer to call it the Kennedy bill," Lott said in a television interview Sunday.

The proposal, which the two senators plan to formally introduce on Tuesday, would raise the federal tax on a pack of cigarettes by 43 cents. Two-thirds of the revenue would go toward health care for the 10 million American children currently uninsured; the rest would help reduce the federal budget deficit.

Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the plan was aimed at the working poor who "just don't make enough money to purchase health insurance, and these parents are frantic."

Hatch said the proposal fit the Republican agenda of letting states set eligibility rules for who gets insurance and fully funding new spending programs. "I'm doing my best to drag Kennedy across the center line into the right," he said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But Lott, appearing earlier on the same program, said he opposed a tax increase on cigarettes. Even without it, he added, "there still would be a problem with another big government program takeover which costs billions of dollars when there are other solutions that will get the job done better."

Lott noted that 3 million uninsured poor children are already eligible for Medicaid payments to cover health costs.

Kennedy and Hatch also stressed that their legislation would have an equally important role in discouraging underage smoking. "The increase in the tax is going to be the most meaningful step that can be taken to stop the 14-year-olds in the country from becoming addicted to cigarettes," Kennedy said on NBC.

'Liar, Liar' breaks $100 million

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Despite a strong debut by Val Kilmer's "The Saint," the comedy "Liar, Liar" held on to the top spot at weekend box offices for the third straight week.

The Jim Carrey comedy had $18.5 million in ticket sales while "The Saint" opened its run with $16.2 million, according to industry estimates released Sunday.

"Liar, Liar" has earned $100.9 million in just three weeks in recording the best March debut ever and the top sales for an Easter weekend.

It has beat out a slate of other comedies and such highly promoted films as Harrison Ford's "The Devil's Own," which was third over the weekend with $7.4 million, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

Even Universal Studios officials seemed surprised by the popularity of the movie in which Carrey plays a slick lawyer whose son's birthday wish makes him unable to lie for 24 hours.

"The records for reaching $100 million were set during the summer season, when you have kids out of school and moviegoing is an around-the-clock activity," said Allen Sutton, Universal's senior vice president of distribution and marketing.

"To achieve it in such a short time at this time of year is certainly unheard of," he said. "People like to go to the theater and laugh out loud."

Three other films debuted in the weekend's top 10.

"That Old Feeling," starring Bette Midler as a divorcee thrown together with her ex-husband at their daughter's wedding, was fourth with $5.2 million. "Double Team," an action thriller with Jean-Claude Van Damme and basketball star Dennis Rodman, was fifth with $5 million.

"Inventing the Abbots" was 10th with $2.4 million. Liv Tyler, Joaquin Phoenix and Kathy Baker star in the 1950s coming-of-age tale.

Several movies — including Howard Stern's "Private Parts" — dropped out of the top 10. The film version of Stern's autobiography crashed in its fifth week. "Scream" and "Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie" lost steam in their second weeks.

The finale of the re-released "Star Wars" trio, "Return of the Jedi," was ninth with $2.5 million.

Several movies opened in limited release. "Anna Karenina," based on Leo Tolstoy's novel about Russian aristocrats and a tragic love affair, earned $80,000 on five screens. The re-issued German U-boat epic "Das Boot" had $70,000 on 13 screens; "Chasing Amy" had $57,000 on three screens.

The top 10 films from Friday through Sunday:

1. "Liar, Liar," $18.5 million.
2. "The Saint," $16.2 million.
3. "The Devil's Own," $7.4 million.
4. "That Old Feeling," $5.2 million.
5. "Double Team," $5 million.
6. "Jungle 2 Jungle," $3.4 million.
7. "The Sixth Man," $3.1 million.
8. "Selena," $2.7 million.
9. "Return of the Jedi," $2.5 million.
10. "Inventing the Abbots," $2.4 million.

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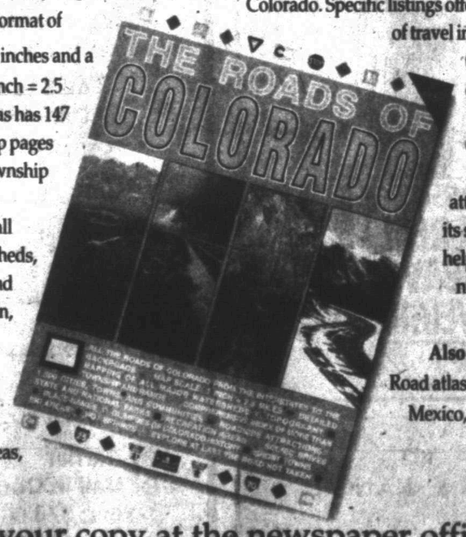

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Some major changes are indicated in your lifestyle for the year ahead, both social and professional. Whatever their classification, they'll be fruitful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Have fun with friends today, but give yourself a break and don't get into a expenditure one-upmanship, or you may find your wallet very light tomorrow. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to handle important career matters early in the day. You are more in harmony with events when your mind is fresher.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If it is difficult to garner support from others for your positions today, shape up your presentation to fit their real needs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Discarding projects which have yet to produce rewards could be self-defeating today. Your expectations will be met, if you remain patient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you and an associate have complete harmony of purpose today, greater benefits can be derived from this partnership than from individual efforts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your productivity might only stretch to a certain point today. Once your interest diminishes, you're likely to quit what you're doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If the terms aren't spelled out far in advance, you might not reap everything you should from a joint endeavor today. Start from a solid base.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be certain your mate is in accord with your intentions today so that your needs are properly served.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Guard against, inclination today to bluntly tell it as it is. You might say something difficult to apologize for later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be careful when shopping today, especially if you make a major purchase. Be certain all merchandise can be returned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take measures to implement your initial thoughts today, because your first ideas are likely to be your best ones. Delays induce indecisiveness.

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Tax change proposals set for public hearings

AUSTIN (AP) — Here's a list of tax change proposals being discussed at public hearings Monday and Tuesday:

GOODS AND SERVICES BEING CONSIDERED FOR NEW OR HIGHER STATE TAXES

Sales & Use Tax

— Aircraft repair equipment
— Automotive repair services
— Barber and beauty services
— Car wash services
— Custom computer programming services
— Off-shore drilling equipment used outside Texas waters
— Employment agency services
— Agricultural, manufacturing, mining and residential use of natural gas and electricity at 3.25 percent instead of the 6.25 percent sales tax level
— Interior design services
— Management consulting and public relations services
— Sale of items to nonprofit organizations except government entities
— Miscellaneous services, including massages
— Commercial research and development laboratory services
— Commercial economic, social or educational research services
— Temporary labor supply services
— Testing services provided by nonmedical laboratories
— Miscellaneous transportation services, including limousines
— Travel arrangement services
— Refrigerated warehousing and storage
— General warehousing and storage, including miniwarehouses and self-storage
— Special warehousing and storage
— Transportation and storage of boats
— Appraisal services other than insurance appraisals
— Mailing services
— Disinfecting services
— Other services, including telemarketing services

Franchise tax (nonprofit companies)

— Labor and agricultural
— Business development and promotion
— Social and recreational
— Cooperative organizations
— Unrelated business taxable income

SEVERANCE AND ENERGY TAXES

— Coal lignite use

INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES

— Insurance company's contributions to employee benefits
— Raise insurance premium tax rate
— Medicare-Medicaid premiums
— Company examination fee and overhead assessment credits
— Premium valuation fees on domestic life insurance only

CEMENT TAX

— Increase cement tax rate from .0275 to .0375

UTILITY TAXES

— Extend statewide a gross receipt tax on gas, electric and water utilities at a 4.152 percent rate

OTHER TAXES

— Oil and gas well services
— Commercial leases

MOTOR VEHICLE SALES, RENTALS, MANUFACTURED HOUSING SALES

— Interstate motor carriers sales and use
— Manufactured housing sales and use tax at 6.25 percent of 65 percent of the price

HOTEL AND MOTEL TAX

— Increase rate to 6.25 percent

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS

— Increase tax from 41 cents to 61 cents per pack of cigarettes.
— Increase rate to 40 percent on other tobacco products

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

— Beverages sold on airlines, passenger trains and limousines taxed as other liquor
— Increase tax rate on all alcoholic beverages by 10 percent.

STATE TAX EXEMPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED FOR REPEAL

Sales & Use Tax

— Subscription sales of magazines
— Handbills, circulars, flyers or similar items, including newspaper inserts
— Partial exemption on food items sold through vending machines
— Horses, mules and work animals
— Commercial fishing ice
— Certain aircraft
— Custom's brokers

Franchise Tax (for profit companies)

— All noncorporate businesses with a $100,000 deductible for each partner in noncorporate businesses up to 35 partners
— Title insurance companies
— Solar energy businesses
— Trade show participants
— Title-holding companies
— Farm finance companies
— Sludge recycling firms
— Deduction for food and medicine receipts
— Deduction for purchase of solar energy devices
— Regulated investment company special apportionment tax method
— Transportation company special apportionment method
— Telephone company special apportionment method
— Temporary FAS 96 credit
— Change franchise tax receipts sourcing rule for interest, dividends and other intangibles.
— Treat receipts from trademarks, licenses and franchises similarly to receipts from patents, royalties and copyrights based on use in Texas

MOTOR FUEL TAXES

— Aviation fuel exemption, at 4 cents per gallon
— Railway engine use, at 6 cents
— Agricultural use, at 6 cents
— Industrial and commercial use, at 6 cents
— Construction use, at 6 cents

HOTEL, MOTEL TAXES

— Repeals 30-day exemption
— Repeal government employee exemption

Device detects concealed weapons

NEW YORK (AP) — Law enforcement authorities are testing new security technology that is expected to lead to devices that will allow police to spot people on the street carrying concealed weapons, The New York Times reported today.

Justice Department officials hailed the new devices, saying they could save many lives.

"If you think of the situation cops face day in and day out, the greatest risk is approaching a subject who may be armed," Jeremy Travis, director of the National Institute of Justice, the department's research arm, told the Times. "So to be able to know in advance whether the individual is armed gives the officer a tremendous advantage in safety and tactics."

The devices use X-rays, ultrasound imaging, and computer-assisted metal detectors. They could also be used to enhance security in courthouses, prisons, schools and airports.

School funding tax proposal

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tional amendment, would go to voters, instead of Bush.

The governor, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and Republican state senators have endorsed the direction taken by the House committee. All have said they want to see the details before making final decisions.

Most of Houston-area smog can be traced to older plants

HOUSTON (AP) — Most industrial plants that contributed to Houston's air pollution problem in 1995 didn't need state emission permits because they'd been exempted by the state from stricter standards, the Houston Chronicle has reported.

The newspaper reported Sunday that documents it obtained indicated that much of the smog released by major Houston-area industries came from older plants.

These units were exempted by state law in the early 1970s from having to obtain state emission permits unless they underwent major modifications.

According to documents, most of one type of smog-forming pollutant — about 72 percent of some 60,000 tons documented — was released at grandfathered units belonging to 34 companies in Harris, Galveston and Brazoria counties. The remaining 28 percent of that pollutant was released at units with permits.

Another key group of smog-forming pollutant known as nitrogen oxides was released in bulk from these older plants in 1995. Some 65,000 tons of nitrogen oxides came from permit-exempt units belonging to 20 of the 34 companies. Another 63,000 came from those plants with state permits.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission recently reopened the issue of whether further reductions in smog-forming and other air pollutants are possible at older grandfathered industries.

Texas emission permits generally add tighter pollution-control requirements.

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THE BEAUTIFUL HILLSIDE MEMORIAL GARDENS — Snyder's perpetual care cemetery, is located on the Colorado City Highway. (SDN Staff Photo)

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Clinton and Netanyahu meet today

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton sought today to build a bridge between Israelis and Palestinians, but U.S. officials cautioned that his meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu may produce no "magic wand" for Middle East peace.

"It's very important to get the peace process back on track," Clinton said as he greeted Netanyahu at the White House.

He reiterated his call for Palestinian leaders to declare "zero-tolerance" for terrorism and said Israel should not have to make concessions for it.

"Freedom from terrorism is something no one should have to purchase," Clinton said.

Also, in a veiled message to Israel, he said his goal was to "re-establish the confidence necessary for the parties to go forward."

Netanyahu, accusing Palestinian leaders of "an almost zero effort" to stop terrorists from murdering Jewish civilians, said Israel would not make concessions to get Yasser Arafat to comply with his obligations.

"If they want peace, they must fight terrorism," the prime minister told an enthusiastic gathering of thousands of Christians and Jews who held their fourth annual unity conference in support of Israel.

Speaking also just hours before the White House meeting, presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said, "It is a moment in which the peace process needs new ideas and hard work and the president is prepared to deliver."

The diplomatic task facing Clinton and Netanyahu could prove difficult: Israelis and Palestinians are maintaining hardline stances over a Jewish housing development in Jerusalem that prompted Palestinian violence and a sidetracking of scheduled peace talks.

Sky gazers in Colorado help AF track missing jet's trail

PHOENIX (AP) — Several sightings near Montrose, Colo., are reinforcing speculation that a missing Arizona-based Air Force jet flew into Colorado, Air Force officials said.

The sightings of an A-10-like jet aircraft by Colorado residents Wednesday correspond with the calculated time the A-10 Thunderbolt II would have flown over the region, officials said Sunday.

Officials Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz. on Saturday released Federal Aviation Administration radar data showing the steady path of an unidentified plane traveling northeast from its last confirmed sighting by another pilot.

The radar hits faded near Telluride, Colo., sometime after noon on Wednesday. Montrose is 35 miles north of Telluride.

Rescuers from the National Guard, Air Force, Civil Air Patrol and local sheriffs in southwestern Colorado continued Monday to hunt by air and on land for the $8.8 million A-10 Thunderbolt and its pilot.

The Air Force has been piecing together the radar trail of the Tucson-based jet since it disappeared Wednesday afternoon en route to a training session in southwestern Arizona.

Hundreds of people in the Telluride area have called an Air Force tip line over the weekend.

"The Air Force is heavily relying on (the tips)," said 1st Lt. Cindy Butler of the Colorado Civil Air Patrol. "Tell people to keep calling because it's working."

Some of the reports were "highly credible," Col. Barry Barksdale, commander of the 355th Fighter Wing at Davis-Monthan, said Sunday. The aircraft was based at Davis-Monthan in Tucson, where Capt. Craig David Button had been training to use the A-10.

Air Force officials have hesitated to speculate on why the plane veered so far off course.

Button was the last in a three-plane formation headed from Davis-Monthan to a training session at the Barry M. Goldwater bombing range near Yuma. The trio had refueled in the air over Tombstone, just southeast of Tucson, and were headed west when Button's A-10 vanished.

Barksdale said Button could have become incapacitated, possibly suffering a blackout, a seizure or a heart attack. The plane's autopilot could be engaged by pushing a button on the control stick.

Obituaries

Royce Johnston

1925-1997

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Royce Johnston, a native of Snyder, died Saturday, April 5, in St. George. Mr. Johnston, 71, was the brother of Dale Johnston and Frances Hughes, both of Snyder, and Beverly Ainsworth of Fluvanna.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Metcalf Mortuary Chapel. Interment will follow in the St. George City Cemetery under the direction of Metcalf Mortuary.

Mr. Johnston was born in Snyder on June 10, 1925 to John and Myrle Baze Johnston. He married Janie Skean on Dec. 21, 1945 in Yuma, Ariz.

Mr. Johnston served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during WWII. He graduated as a mechanical engineer in 1956 from Texas A&M, and worked for North American Aviation. He had also been a managing sales engineer for Western Division of Raynord Corporation. Mr. Johnston lived in various areas of Texas and in Canoga Park, Calif., before moving to St. George.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Janie Johnston of St. George; two sons, John Royce Johnston of San Diego and Donald Bruce Johnston of Roslyn, N.Y.; another brother, Tommie Johnston of Bryan; two other sisters, Sara McCullough of Midland and Marilyn Jo Bradley of Sour Lake, Tex.; and two grandchildren.

Emory Pliler

1902-1997

SAN ANGELO — Emory A. "Buddy" Pliler, the father of Billie McCormick of Snyder, died Monday, April 7, in Meadow Creek Nursing Home. He was 94.

Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Lawnhaven Memorial Garden. Tom Holcomb, minister of Snyder's East Side Church of Christ, and Calvin Warpula, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 11, 1902 in Zephyr to George and Eula Hayes Pliler, he married Nella Rose Henderson on Sept. 27, 1925 in Abilene.

Mr. Pliler was owner of Buddy's Feed Store in Abilene for a number of years. He was a member of the Johnson Street Church of Christ and a Rotarian.

Mr. Pliler was preceded in death by his wife, Nella Rose; and two brothers and four sisters.

Survivors also include a son-in-law, Bobby McCormick of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, George E. and Nona Pliler of San Angelo; a sister, Ethelmore Strickland of Austin; five grandchildren, Gail Long of Abilene, Marilyn Shaw of San Antonio, David Pliler of San Angelo, Mark McCormick of Snyder and Don Pliler of Flower Mound; 10 great-grandchildren; and one-great-great-grandchild.

Grandsons and great-grandson will serve as pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to Johnson Street Church of Christ Christian Campus Center, East Side Church of Christ Joy School or the Needy Childrens Foundation.

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Three Ira 1-act players win awards

Ira's one-act play, "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson," did not advance Saturday during area competition at Eden, but three players garnered individual awards.

Tye Shirley was named to the All-Star Cast and Billy Keith Box and Stacey Taylor received honorable mention.

Eden, which also performed "And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson" was selected to advance, along with Lometa's "Dearly Departed."

Hospital

ADMISSONS: April 4, 5-None; April 6-Jeanette Claxton, 67 Appleton Lane.

DISMISSALS: April 4-Timothy Jones, James LaRoux, William L. Loper, Cynthia Vizcaino and baby boy, Ila Byrd, Maude Echols, Renae Hall, Ann LaRoux, Geneva Smith, Julia Trejo; April 5-None; April 6-None.

CENSUS: 47 (Med., Surg.-6, Long-term Care-38, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Bradon and Jeanette Claxton of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter. Weighing eight pounds, three ounces, she was born at 7:56 a.m. on April 6 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

District academic meet results listed

The following is a list of local winners in the 1997 UIL District 2-4A academic meet held Friday at Snyder Junior High.

Competing were Snyder Northeast and West elementaries, Snyder Junior High, Lamesa Middle School and Sweetwater Middle School.

Calculators

Grade 5: 1. Josh Kemp, 2. Sara Crawford, 3. Andra Dunham.

Grade 6: 1. Taylor Cotton, 2. Josh Green, 3. Cory Lyons, 4. Erika Estrada.

Grade 7: 1. Charlie Gorman, 3. Kate Wright, 4. Marci Kruger.

Grade 8: 3. Lance Foreman, 4. Neil Cooper, 6. Robert Stanley.

Dictionary Skills

Grade 5: 1. Beth Clements, 2. Lucy Amarillas, 3. Paula Fritz.

Grade 6: 1. Erin Cooley, 2. Ashlee Grantham, 3. Veronica Maldonado, 4. Zipporah Peoples.

Grade 7: 1. Dustin Whitson, 2. Nathan Smith, 3. Clifton Beights.

Grade 8: 1. Cameron Mackey and Kim Moore (tie), 3. Kayla Phillips, 6. Sha Massingill.

Earth Science

Grade 8: 1. Michael Compton, 2. Zach Allred, 4. Matthew Grimmett.

Impromptu Speaking

Grade 5: 1. Blake Grimmett, 2. Rankin Hardin, 3. Jed Martin.

Grade 6: 4. Jason Guynes, 5. Chris Sorrells, 6. Sarah Boley.

Grade 7: 1. Sarah Pilgrim, 3. Joanna Burk, 4. Cassie Lewis.

Grade 8: 2. Lindell Lee, 4. Leslye Starnes, 6. Eric DeLeon.

Life Science

Grade 6: 1. Lilli Valdez, 2. Jacinda Judah, 4. Rachel Cave.

Grade 7: 1. Jeffrey Proctor, 2. Andra Lancaster, 4. Amber Alexander, 6. Stormy Clark.

Maps, Graphs, Charts

Grade 5: 1. Paige Smith, 2. Erin Burleson, 3. Sara Thornhill.

Grade 6: 2. Whitney Jones, 4. Aaryn Jordan, 5. Natalie Perez.

Grade 7: 1. Justin McBroom, 2. Jason Williams; 6. Brodie Pierce.

Grade 8: 3. Jared Thornhill, 5. Missy French.

Mathematics

Grade 6: 2. Jacob Macias, 3. Isaac Sanchez, 4. Cory Cochran.

Grade 7: 1. Jeremee Lester, 2. Melissa Jones, 4. Anna Williams.

Grade 8: 1. Mark Medley, 2. Ryan Gibson and Kyle McClendon (tie), 4. Emily Vinson.

Number Sense

Grade 5: 1. Cami Trout, 2. Rebecca Pavlovsky.

Grade 6: 1. Matt McCormick, 2. Kelli Dodson, 3. Afton Schwertner.

Grade 7: 1. Brandon McGuire, 5. Whitney Rogers.

Grade 8: 1. Leslie Hancock, 2. Garrett Luft, 3. Jarred Minefee.

Oral Reading

Grade 5: 1. Justin Stoker, 2. Kyle Dortch, 3. Molly Haire.

Grade 6: 4. Kristin Casas, 5. Amanda Hartzog, 6. Kessie Keller.

Grade 7: 1. Cassie Cooper, 2. Haley Elkins, 5. Jay Scott.

Grade 8: 2. Jessica Dea, 4. Kara Babcock, 5. Valery Haines.

Ready Writing

Grade 5: 1. Jordan Donaldson, 2. Tanner Reed.

Grade 6: 1. Shell Hembre, 5. Cassandra Guerrero.

Grade 7: 1. Ryan McAnally, 5. Craig Bowen.

Grade 8: 3. Kristin Murray.

Spelling

Grade 5: 1. Clayton Floyd.

Grade 6: 1. Wendy Proffitt, 5. Clark Reed, 6. Michael Varnell.

Grade 7: 2. Trent Boyd, 3. Alex Best.

Grade 8: 3. Jennifer Bryan, 5. Latisha Nichols.

Lease proposal offered

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firm if it leases Cogdell, noting that since the firm was organized, it had recruited some 400 physicians to its hospitals.

Referring to the new St. Mary Family Healthcare Centers, Hardison said a "facility such as that makes physician recruiting a lot easier for a community."

The meeting this morning lasted just a little over a half-hour and was adjourned until 9 a.m. Tuesday.

At that time, the court is expected to discuss the offer and consider election procedures if the proposal meets with approval by commissioners.

Hardison said he believes the proposal will be available for no more than six months, based on the financial figures that were used.

"Most of it is based on January, 1997 figures — a lot can change at a hospital in six or seven months, both good and bad."

Hardison is expected to meet with local physicians today and hold a meeting at the Senior Center at noon Tuesday.

What's Up?

Band meeting slated

There will be a band meeting at 6 p.m. today in the high school band hall.

VFW meets tonight

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 tonight at the post home. Everyone is welcome.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The seventh Bible tape, "King of Kings," will air at 7 this evening. It will be followed by "God I Accept."

Hermleigh Festival

The monthly planning meeting for the Hermleigh Festival will be held at 7 this evening in the Hermleigh Community Center.

Extended clinic hours

Scurry County Health Unit will have extended hours Tuesday for shots. The clinic will be open from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-7 p.m.

Classical guitar performance

A free classical guitar performance is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College. Toby McWilliams and John Scott Ford, nationally-recognized guitarists, will perform.

Stanfield Parent Council

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria. Everyone is invited.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church.

High school registration

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

Thursday	Sollis	periods 5, 6 & 7
Friday	Sollis	periods 1, 2 & 3
Friday	Millican	periods 1, 3 & 4

Texas Special Olympics

The Area 14 Texas Special Olympics Spring Games will be held Friday and Saturday in Abilene. Opening ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at Indian Stadium.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Center. Cost is $6 per plate, including carry-outs. Children under six eat free.

SNS needs financial help

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

Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Senior Swimnastics

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

Free tax help provided

An AARP tax aide is available Wednesdays at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. to help middle and low income older taxpayers prepare their personal income taxes. For information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

TASP review slated

Western Texas College instructors are offering a TASP review for students who will be taking the TASP test on April 19. Students may come to either the 1-2 p.m. or 5-6 p.m. session on April 17 in the 7D Building, Room 101. Call 573-8511, ext. 296, for more information.

Wildflower tours available

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

Pick 3

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

8-5-3

(eight, five, three)

Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 02-33-35-38-40-42.

Estimated jackpot: $9 million.

Number matching six of six: 1

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Marble Falls.

Matching five of six: 113. Prize: $1,829.

Matching four of six: 6,181. Prize: $120.

Matching three of six: 119,710. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: $4 million.