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Home Of Linda Tippens

Noah Project being freed from old jail

By Bill McClellan
Managing Editor

After more than two years of fund-raisers, grant applications and old-fashioned hard work, the newly-constructed Noah Project-West facility will be dedicated Friday.

Soon, the irony of victims of spousal abuse having to seek protection and solace in an old jail will be gone, wiped away by a vision of care and concern, a vision of community.

The century-old jail will still stand a block from the courthouse square, but Noah Project-West is moving out. No more will children play behind metal bars that formerly held the county's worst criminals. No more will workers be concerned about the peeling, lead-based paint, the sagging floors, cracks in the walls so numerous that the sun shines through.

Noah Project-West offices have already moved to their new location at 2707 25th Street. It is expected that by the end of the month the security system will be installed and the shelter will move, too.

"I was doing some intake paperwork on a family the other day down here in the new office," said Dee Wilson, outreach coordinator for Noah Project-West, "and it broke my heart to have to take them to the old jail. I think that's when the reality of all this really hit me."

Friday's dedication — planned for 10 a.m. — will mark the end of a long, tumultuous but rewarding period for Noah Project, which opened here in 1984 in the old jail. The lockup — deemed unfit for prisoners anymore — was never intended to be anything but a temporary home for the shelter. It stayed though, and for 14 years has been a refuge for hundreds of victims of abuse.

Throughout that time, its supporters always envisioned a new, larger place. A study conducted in 1994 ruled out renovating the old jail house. More than a century old, its problems were too many. And so in January of 1996, the vision began to take shape with a strategy dinner. That March, the campaign officially began.

Following much hard work and generous donations by private foundations, groups and individuals — no state or federal funds were used — ground-breaking was held on July 21, 1997.

The newly-completed facility has four large bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, kitchen and dining areas, a playroom for children and storage. It also has space for offices and counseling. The cost is slightly more than $292,000, not counting furniture and a few other odds and ends.

"One thing the community will like to hear is that we are debt free. We do not owe anyone anything and we are very proud of that. On the other hand, we are praying for a God-loving asphalt person because there is no money left over," Wilson said with a laugh.

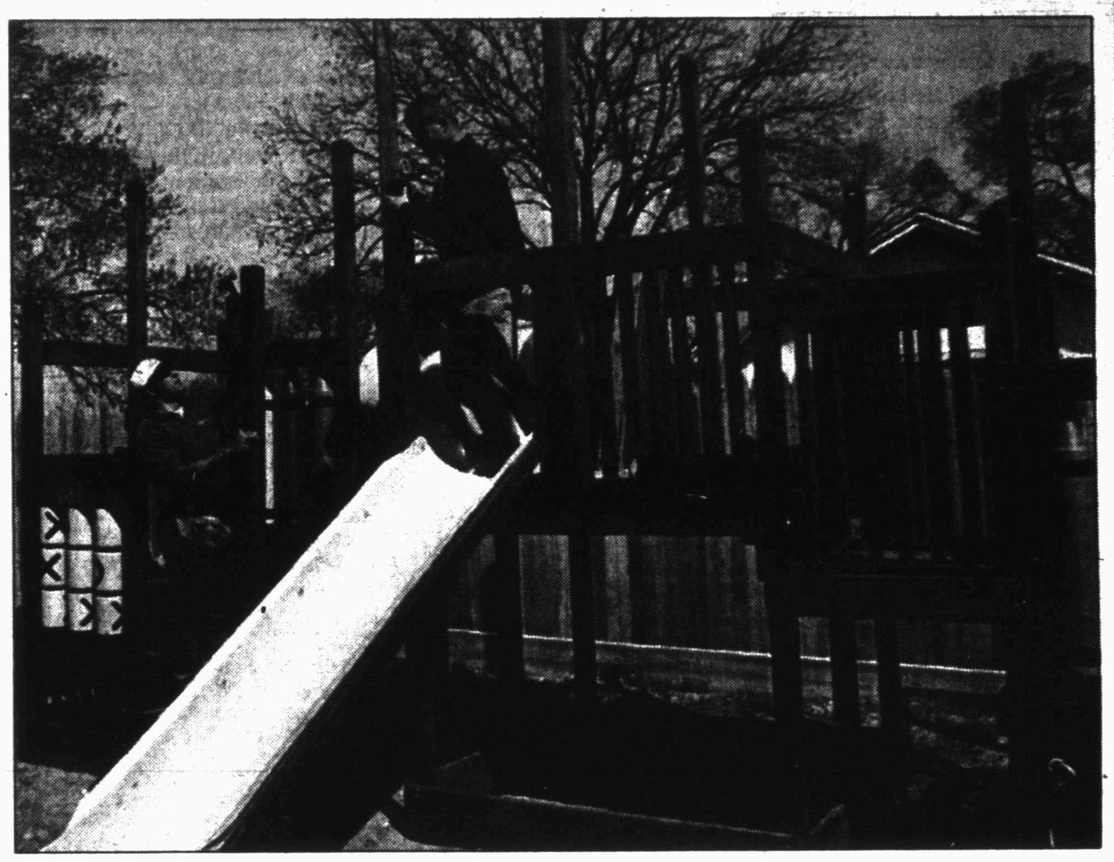
Noah was incorporated in Abilene in 1979 and the first shelter opened there in 1980. Noah Project-West serves Scurry, Kent, Fisher, Mitchell and Nolan counties.

In addition to shelter, Noah Project furnishes abuse victims with food and personal hygiene items, transportation, medical and legal assistance, and referrals to other service agencies. Perhaps most important, it provides psychological and social counseling to allow the abused to regain control of their lives and become self-sufficient members of their communities.

Noah Project-West serves about 170 adults and 200 children a year in one form or another. Of those numbers, some 75 adults and 125 children will seek shelter there.

Following Friday's dedication service, Noah Project-West will be open for visitors from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The community is invited to see the reality of a dream it helped to make come true.

"This is a real testimony to the communities we serve and certainly a testimony to what God has done," said Wilson. "We are looking forward to dedicating this facility for the community, and foremost, for God."



READY FOR OPEN HOUSE — Completing some playground equipment at Noah Project-West are Ben Kirkpatrick, left, and Brandon Bennett, with Rainbow Play Systems of West Texas in Lubbock. The playground is dedicated in memory of Megan Jalamos, who died in August, 1996, as a victim of abuse. The equipment was donated by Martha Moore. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Nothing is ever so bad that it can't be worse — or better."

Texas would be an interesting town in which to live. Think about the variety of weather you could enjoy, just in Texas.

Texas has approximately 20 million people. In order to help understand the diversity, state officials restated commonly used statistics.

For example, if 100 Texans were chosen to form a town representing the state, here's what the town Texas would look like:

There would be 49 males and 51 females of which 85 would be white, 12 would be black and three would be Asian or native Americans. Hispanics would account for 28.

Of those residents, 29 would be under age 18 while 43 would be 18-44. Another 18 would be 45-64 and 10 would be over 65.

Twenty kids would be enrolled in public schools and five would be college students and only one of them would be attending a private school. Some 53 residents would have a high school diploma.

Only 24 would have health insurance and eight would belong to a health maintenance organization. Out of 100, 18 would have some kind of disability.

The mythical town of Texas would live in only 37 households of which 62 would live in owned housing and 38 would be renters or homeless. Nine would live alone.

Almost 75 percent would have a driver's license. With 74 drivers, there would be 80 registered vehicles.

Even in the town of Texas, there would be a need for law enforcement. There would be six arrests each year and five property crimes. There would be one incident of family violence. One resident would be in prison, three would be on either parole or on probation.

The town budget would be $207,400 and the single largest budget item would be $77,380 for public education. There would be one soldier in town and nine military veterans.

In Texas, there would be 71 residents old enough to vote but only 56 registered. Still only 30 would actually cast a ballot.

The town's economy would be fueled by one farm, 51 workers and three unemployed. Twelve residents would work in service industries, 10 in wholesale or retail, eight in government, six in manufacturing and 12 in other economic sectors.

Seventeen citizens would be below the poverty level, and 13 would receive food stamps.

In Texas each year, there would be one death and two births. And every two years, four residents would get married and two would file for divorce.

Wonder if they have a coffee shop?

Judge rules Jones has no case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Freed from the prospect of an embarrassing trial for sexual harassment, President Clinton responded today with an understated, "Obviously, I'm pleased." One of Paula Jones' attorneys described her as "tearful" and said an appeal was "99 percent" certain.

Both sides acknowledged that the case is not yet behind Clinton.

While Clinton savored his court victory with an unlit cigar, he still must confront a criminal investigation by Whitewater counsel Kenneth Starr that grew out of the Jones' lawsuit.

Starr's probe moved ahead today with the appearance of White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles at the federal courthouse, where the grand jury is meeting. And Starr, speaking to reporters outside his home, said his is "not a political job." but "professionals gathering facts" for the grand jury to make an assessment.

In an obvious criticism of Clinton raising executive privilege, Starr added, "it would be very helpful if all witness that were summoned before the grand jury would simply answer the questions."

Mrs. Jones was not commenting but her lawyers and supporters were making the rounds of morning TV.

"I don't think this is over until the 8th Circuit rules (on an appeal)," said Susan Carpenter McMillan, spokeswoman for Mrs. Jones.

Responding to U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright's opinion that Clinton's alleged crude advances on Mrs. Jones did not constitute harassment, Carpenter McMillan added: "If that ruling stands, then you just have an open season on women here in this country for groping and grabbing."

"Mrs. Jones was tearful because ... it's been an ordeal for her," John Whitehead, Mrs. Jones' attorney, said on ABC's "Good Morning America." There was a "99 percent" probability of an appeal, he said.

In Africa with his wife, Clinton tempered his first public remarks on the victory, telling reporters today: "Obviously I'm pleased with the decision. The judge's ruling speaks for itself."

Wright's stunning ruling in Little Rock, Ark., on Wednesday did not vindicate the president. Rather, the judge said Mrs. Jones' allegations fell "far short of the rigorous standards" for establishing her job discrimination claim under Arkansas law.

Senior White House adviser

See Clinton, Page 12

WTC rides into rodeo tonight, eyes focused on region summit

For the Western Texas College rodeo team, the race is on.

When the WTC NIRA Rodeo opens tonight at 7:30 at Scurry County Coliseum, the women's squad will be looking to build on its lead, while the WTC men will be trying to chase down first-place West Texas A&M.

Although the women hold a 369-point advantage over Tarleton, the Southwest Region championship is still up for grabs, according to WTC's Amanda Wallin.

"The lead we have isn't a very big one," Wallin remarked. "With only two rodeos left after this weekend, it's still anybody's game. There's no such thing as a comfortable lead."

WTC's women boast 1,289 points while Tarleton comes in with 920 and Vernon has 767.

The top two teams in the region qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo.

As for the men, another strong showing in Snyder would pull the Westerners even closer to the Buffaloes.

"We are performing much better this spring than we did in the fall," said WTC steer wrestler Luke Richards. "Everybody has better idea of how to win, and if we keep performing like we have been, I think we can catch West Texas A&M."

West Texas A&M has 1,546 points, Western Texas 1,260 and Vernon 1,060.

A key for WTC will be to place as many competitors as possible in the short round.

"We really need to fill up the short round with WTC people," said Westerner coach Greg Rhodes. "If the majority of competitors in the short round are from WTC, then the other teams can't score points."

The rodeo begins the first performance tonight at 7:30 and continues Friday and Saturday at the same times. Slack will follow each night's competition.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Admission is $4 for adults and $2 for children.

"With all the teams battling for the top spot in the standings, the performances are going to be good every single night," Rhodes stated. "It's like a horse race for the lead and anybody who likes racing will really like the action this weekend."

Prior to tonight's performance Western Texas and Great Western Dining will be sponsoring a cookout" at the coliseum. The all-you-can-eat meal will be held from 5 to 7 o'clock. Tickets are $5 each. The menu will include smoked brisket, ham, sausage, hot links, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, homemade rolls and hot cobbler.

Tonight's show will also highlight the crowning of this year's rodeo queen, Shelley York.

Scheduled WTC competitors for tonight's performance

Saddle Bronc: Shane Faulkner, Bay Hecht, Matt McCloy and Zane Runyan.
Calf Roping: Dee Bland and Gavin Harris.
Steer Wrestling: Jay Ross Bryant.
Team Roping: Eric Greer.
Breakaway Roping: Sequin Downey.
Goat Tying: Talina Bird, Amanda Wallin and Tona Wright.

Scheduled WTC competitors for tonight's slack

Calf Roping: Jay Ross Bryant, Clark Campbell, Trenton Koether and Ryan Rickels.
Team Roping: Dee Bland, Jim Bob Ellisor, Eric Greer, Joe Ross Jameson and Joe Moody.
Breakaway Roping: Shanna Ferguson, Jaymi Schmidt, Amanda Wallin and Tona Wright.

SISD has short agenda

Snyder ISD trustees have a short agenda this evening.

Only three action items face the board, which convenes at 6 o'clock in the business administration board room.

Trustees will consider a letter of intent with BGR Architects-Engineers that will allow the district to enter into an agreement with the firm if a proposed bond issue passes. The agreement will specify fees and other services the firm might provide.

Other items of action include the appointment of judges for the May 2 trustee election and the approval of a waiver specifying the number of credits a student may receive for algebra classes.

Information items to be discussed include the district's computer capabilities for the year 2000, TAAS scores and special education and summer school.

ASK US

Q—What is a "continuing contract" for teachers with Snyder ISD?

Q—A contract awarded to teachers employed prior to May, 1973. It basically gives a teacher "tenure." Eleven teachers currently have this contract.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 80 degrees; low, 41; 7 a.m. Thursday, 52; no precipitation; total for 1998, 4.79 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low 40-45. SW wind 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High around 75. W-NWwind 10-20 mph.

Matt Vanderpool
Mostly sunny

Sunset:
7:04 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:30 a.m.
Of 91 days in 1998, the sun has shone 89 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If things go wrong, don't go with them.

Roger Babson

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LIONS MAKE DONATION — County Judge Ricky Fritz, Lions Club vice president, presents a $300 check to Thomas Fogleman of Snyder Neighbors Sharing. SNS volunteers will repair 12 homes on April 25. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

U.S. House bill favors credit unions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Credit unions would be allowed to continue drawing new customers from outside their basic membership pools under a bill overwhelmingly approved by the House.

By a 411-8 vote Wednesday, the House passed the bipartisan bill to supersede a recent Supreme Court ruling that had been sought by the banking industry. Under the measure, federal credit unions could continue to include more than one group in their memberships, within limits.

Six major banking industry groups issued a statement describing the House vote as "an unfortunate rush to judgment." They said the bill would allow "the unbridled expansion of large credit union conglomerates in an industry already subsidized by taxpayers to the tune of $1 billion a year."

The legislation would let all current credit union customers keep their accounts. The Supreme Court decision in February restricting the credit unions' customer base had provoked worry among 20 million or so current members made ineligible because they are outside a credit union's immediate group.

The vote, coming as lawmakers pushed toward adjournment for a two-week spring break, culminated a feverish lobbying campaign by the credit union industry, which claims 70 million credit union members. Credit unions have been able to compete with banks by often providing lower-cost loans and other services at more favorable rates for their members.

"Credit unions represent democracy at work in the marketplace, and this legislation will go a long way toward ensuring they remain an integral part of the American way of life," Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, chairman of the House Banking Committee, said before the vote.

Some lawmakers rushed to the floor to recount their personal experiences with credit unions and to laud the alternative they offer to consumers.

"I love my credit union," declared Rep. David Bonior of Michigan, the House Democratic whip. "I got my washing machine, my dryer, my car, my kids' education, all from my credit union."

Although the Senate has yet to act on a similar bill, the House action likely will generate momentum there for the legislation, which also is supported by the Clinton administration.

"We are ready in position for victory in the Senate," Daniel Mica, president and chief executive officer of the Credit Union National Association, told reporters. "This really is a life-or-death issue for credit unions."

The easy passage was in stark contrast to Tuesday's failure by the House Republican leadership to win enough votes for sweeping legislation to overhaul the nation's Depression-era financial industry laws.

The GOP leaders had tried to boost that bill's chances for passage by tying the credit union bill to it.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey said Wednesday the Republicans planned to spend the next few weeks considering details of the financial overhaul legislation — an effort likely to include negotiations with the banking industry and other interest groups.

Police have expanded scope of 'angel of death' probe

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police have expanded the investigation of a hospital worker who confessed to as many as 50 mercy killings at one facility to include other hospitals that employed him.

Glendale police obtained by search warrant "a variety of records" pertaining to respiratory therapist Efren Saldivar's employment at Pacifica Hospital of the Valley in Sun Valley, Pacifica Administrator Trude Williams said.

"We have been cooperating with the police," Ms. Williams told The Associated Press.

She said police picked up the documents in mid-March, about two weeks before state regulators revealed that Saldivar had confessed to killing 40 to 50 terminally ill patients at Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

Police released Saldivar from custody because they had no evidence to corroborate his claims. He faces no charges.

Ms. Williams said Saldivar worked at Pacifica, a 248-bed hospital, for "less than six months" as a part-time worker who provided services on an as-needed basis.

Glendale police spokesman Sgt. Rick Young confirmed the investigation was expanded to "other hospitals" besides Pacifica and Glendale Adventist, but he refused to say which ones.

Glendale police have said Saldivar was employed by at least two other hospitals besides Glendale Adventist and Pacifica. The others were the former Thompson Memorial Hospital, now named Vencor Hospital of Burbank, and Glendale Memorial.

Officials at Vencor and Glendale Memorial didn't immediately return calls seeking comment.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Embarrassed Diner Discounts Waitress's Menu Suggestion

DEAR ABBY: The problem: I am a single woman who was out on a dinner date. The food server, who appeared to be in her early 20s, asked to take our order. Just as I was about to reply, the server stopped me and asked if I had looked at the senior citizen menu.

I told her that it would not be fair to order from that menu because I have not qualified for that discount yet. You would think that would have ended the subject, but no-o-o-o. She pursued the matter by saying, "You only have to be 55 to qualify for our senior citizen menu."

Granted, I will be 51 on my next birthday. But don't you think a person should be allowed to ask for the discount, not have the server determine eligibility?

After she left, I made a joke about it to my date, but I must admit that I was upset about the young woman's remarks, and I am afraid that my embarrassment was noticed by my date. Please tell food servers that everyone knows about senior citizen discounts without being nudged. Could I have handled this differently?

GROWING OLD IN FLORIDA (BUT NOT THAT OLD)

DEAR GROWING OLD: You showed remarkable grace under fire in dealing with the server in front of your date. She was insensitive and clearly out of line.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband is more than 50 years old and the oldest of four sons. He has always been loving and attentive to his parents, and they have always responded by treating him like yesterday's newspaper.

His parents always remember the birthdays and anniversaries of their other sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren, yet they never acknowledge my husband's existence.

We know that they remember the others because my husband is always invited to their birthday dinners, and we sit there while the cards, cash and presents are doled out, knowing his turn will never come. My husband was so hurt he finally asked his parents why they show such partiality. They said the other sons "needed" what they were giving them, and my husband didn't. Since when do you not need love and acknowledgement from your parents?

We are comfortable financially because we work hard and sacrifice. If we don't have the money for something, we wait and save for it. I feel we are being punished because we never ask for help. It's a shame that because we don't whine about always being short of money, my husband is completely ignored. Instead of being proud of their son, they dismiss him because they think he has money. Even if he has money, he still has a heart, Abby, and he hurts like anyone else.

Thanks for letting me get this off my chest.

OUTCAST

DEAR OUTCAST: Your husband may have thoughtless, insensitive parents, but he has been blessed with a wonderfully compassionate wife.

Perhaps your in-laws will recognize themselves in this column and realize that although their eldest son may be doing well on the outside, he is hurting on the inside, and they can help him with a simple gesture of love.

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DEAR ABBY: Will you please answer a question about telephone etiquette? If you call family or friends long-distance and their answering machine answers, is it polite to ask them to return your call?

RICHARD SHOWSTACK, NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR RICHARD: Yes. And if you really want to hear from them, say, "My number is ( ) and please call me *collect*."

They may not call you collect, but I'll bet they call you.

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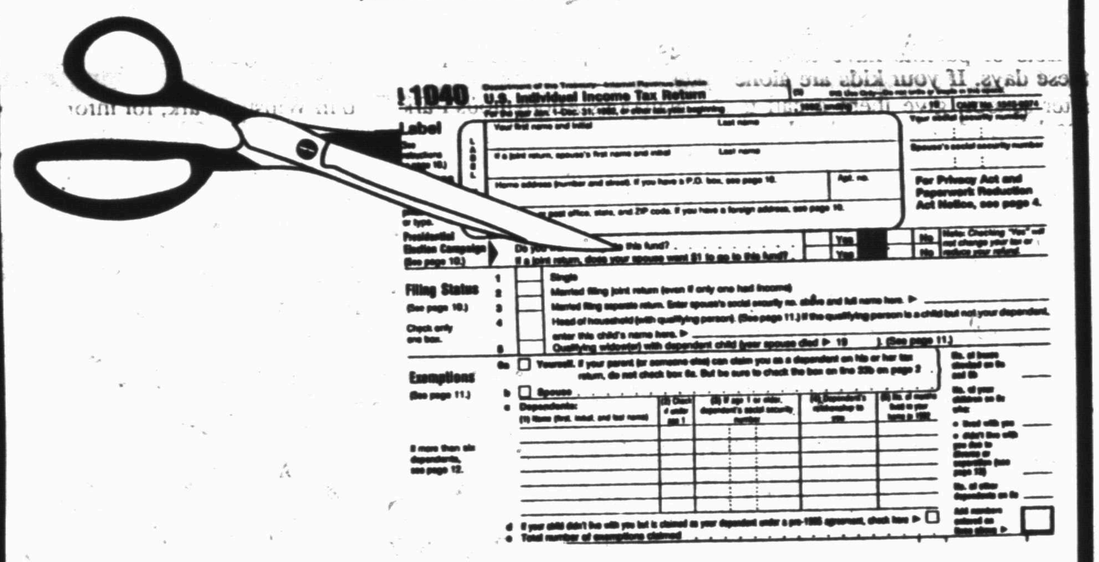
is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a dedication for our new **Shelter/Office Facility** at

2707 25th Street
Snyder, Texas
10:00 a.m.
Friday, April 3, 1998

Open House will follow at 10:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please take this opportunity to see the reality of a dream come true.

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Alex and Diana Tovar
(Contributed Photo)

50th wedding anniversary noted with reception Saturday morning

Alex and Diana Tovar of Snyder will celebrate their golden anniversary Saturday at an 11 a.m. reception in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Their children, Gus Tovar, Sally Rios, Richard Tovar, Robert Tovar and Silira Martinez, all of Snyder, Jack Tovar of Odessa and George Tovar of Corpus Christi, will host the event.

Alex, born on June 28, 1921 in Eagle Lake, and Diana, born on Jan. 5, 1931 in Maysfield, met, at Diana's sister's wedding in Maysfield. They married in Cameron.

The couple lived in Bryan before moving to Snyder in 1950. Diana is a medication nurse at Snyder Oaks Care Center and Alex retired as custodian at Western Texas College.

Mr. and Mrs. Tovar are longtime members of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Tovar have 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Bear, Jo Williams to celebrate 50th

A 50th wedding anniversary celebration will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in the garden room of First Baptist Church for F.R. (Bear) and Jo Williams of Snyder.

The event will be hosted by their children, Randy Williams of New Braunfels, and Danny Williams and Terry Williams, both of Snyder. Another son, Dusty Williams, died in 1983. Their eight grandchildren will also assist.

Bear Williams and Jo Oden were married in a double wedding ceremony with Mack Key and Nell Oliver at 4:30 p.m. on March 5, 1948 in the Colorado City Oak Street Baptist Church parsonage. The Rev. Truett Stovall officiated. The couples have since celebrated their anniversaries together.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-02-98
♠ K Q 8 6 4 3
♥ A Q 2
♦ 5
♣ 7 6 4

West
♠ 5
♥ 10 8 7 5 3
♦ K Q J 9
♣ K J 5

East
♠ ---
♥ K J 9 6 4
♦ 10 8 6 4 3
♣ 8 3 2

South
♠ A J 10 9 7 2
♥ ---
♦ A 7 2
♣ A Q 10 9

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Shortage to fit

A splinter bid is an unusual jump that isn't needed in a natural sense, because a lower bid in the same suit would be natural and forcing. It shows slam interest in the agreed trump suit and at most one card in the suit just bid. First, partner judges the degree of fit. If he has, say, K-Q-J-x in the splinter suit, there is duplication, so a slam will probably not be makable. However, if partner has x-x-x or A-x-x, the fit is excellent.

In this example deal, North's four-diamond response was a splinter bid. (This is much more useful than treating the bid as pre-emptive, showing a weak hand with long diamonds.) Now knowing about the singleton (or void) diamond opposite, South bid what he expected to make. (Could your partnership get to seven if North had the club king?)

West led the diamond king. (Perhaps this wasn't the greatest choice, as dummy was known to be short in diamonds, but at least it was safe.) What now?

As declarer, you could take two club finesses. At least one will work some three-quarters of the time. Yet it is silly to go down in a laydown. Win the opening lead, play a trump to dummy, cash the heart ace (discarding the club nine from hand), ruff a heart, ruff a diamond, ruff a heart, and ruff a diamond. With the red suits eliminated, play a club to your 10 (or queen). If West wins with the jack (or king), he is endplayed — and you are home. He must either lead back into your remaining club tenace or concede a ruff-and-discard.

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New meaning for flamingos

SALEM, Va. (AP) — Those pink flamingos dotting lawns along Carrollton Avenue aren't there for decoration — they're a sign of neighborhood solidarity.

The lawn ornaments began sprouting earlier this month in response to an anonymous letter sent to Jennifer and Evans Halstead, complaining that "Your house is a disgrace to the neighborhood."

"Try cleaning it up, especially the carport and the kids' toys," it said.

The unsolicited advice didn't sit well with the Halsteads.

"I didn't think we deserved it," Jennifer Halstead said. She said she and her husband have lived in the neighborhood for 10 years without problems.

So the couple stuck two plastic flamingos in their yard as a "little message to let whoever wrote the note know we got it," Mrs. Halstead said. "We're fixing the yard up just for you."

As word of the note spread through the neighborhood, flocks of flamingos soon began appearing in other yards in a show of support for the Halsteads.

"I'm going to continue putting more out until somebody apologizes," said Kathy Goodwin, who sports five pink flamingos in her yard.

Lots of parents have to work these days. If your kids are alone after school, give them a call to check in, and make sure they know how to reach you.
—Children's Trust Fund of Texas

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Pages remove Clinton from photo

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — There's someone missing from this year's group picture of the Iowa Senate's pages — President Clinton.

The pages' group shot is always taken in front of the Senate president's chair, and it includes the official portrait of the sitting United States president.

This year, the high school students who serve as pages voted to remove Clinton's portrait from the background because of the scandal surrounding the president's alleged relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

"He's not the best role model for young people," said Matt Johnston, a Senate page from Muscatine. "It was a majority consensus to remove his picture for our group picture."

The pages returned Clinton's picture to its traditional spot in the Senate after a photographer took the group picture.

Alexander Hamilton was appointed Secretary of the Treasury in 1789.

Tylo wins judgement

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge ruled that Hunter Tylo gets to keep the $4.9 million judgment she was awarded for being fired from "Melrose Place" — and then some.

Television producer Aaron Spelling's companies also must pay Ms. Tylo's legal fees of nearly $1 million, Superior Court Judge Fumiko Wasserman ruled Wednesday in upholding her $4.9 million judgment.

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14 Of medicine
15 Broadway show, — Boulevard
16 View
17 Ancient
18 Off — wall
21 City in Alabama
23 — up (dress in finery)
26 Long times
28 Count calories
29 Clean-air org.
30 Has a snack
31 Liberty
33 Most trivial
36 Semester
37 Superlative suffix
38 Southwestern Indians
40 Type of biography
41 Bridge of San Luis —
42 The Thinker sculptor
44 Day of the wk.
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56 Stable worker
57 Befuddled (2 wds.)
58 Defective vision

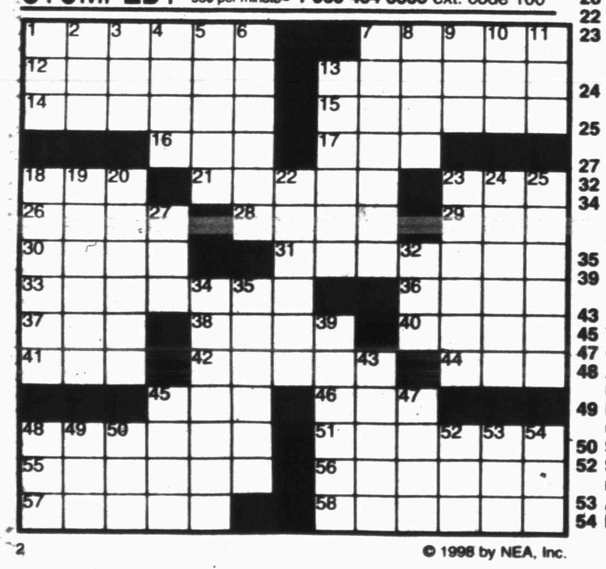
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25 Bacon, in Britain
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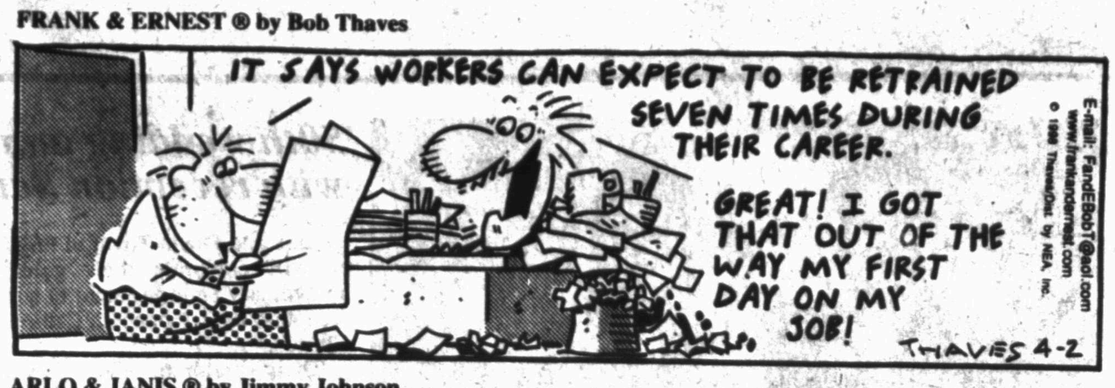
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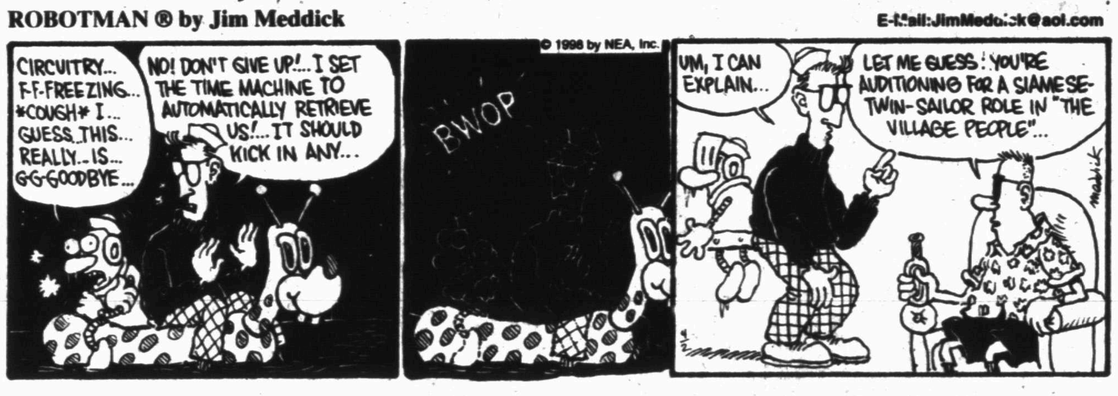
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SPORTS

NCAA to pay $2.5 million to Tarkanian in settlement

LAS VEGAS (AP) — What might go down as Jerry Tarkanian's biggest win came at a heavy personal cost.

More than two decades after he and the NCAA first locked horns, Tarkanian was expected today to formally settle a fight with the NCAA that left him battered but not beaten.

"They totally beat the hell out of me," Tarkanian said. "They screwed me and they know they did. But I would never give up. I was going to fight this forever if I had to."

The NCAA and Tarkanian planned to announce today a settlement of his suit that claims the NCAA manufactured evidence against his basketball programs in an attempt to run him out of coaching.

Tarkanian will get $2.5 million from the organization, and sources familiar with the case said the NCAA also will issue a conciliatory statement in which it says it regrets the battle.

Tarkanian's wife, Lois, confirmed the settlement figure Wednesday, and proclaimed it a win for the oft-beleaguered coach.

"We felt it was an amount that showed we had victory in this case," she said.

Settlement of the seven-year-old suit was reached one month before it was to go on trial here, the city where he had coached for almost 20 years. Tarkanian, branded an outlaw coach in the dispute, had contended the NCAA targeted his teams at Long Beach State and UNLV.

"They can never, ever, make up for all the pain and agony they caused me," Tarkanian said Wednesday, speaking by phone from Fresno, Calif., where he coaches the Fresno State team.

While not admitting liability, the statement from the NCAA will say the organization regrets the dispute, which began 26 years ago when Tarkanian was still coaching at Long Beach State, the sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The NCAA declined comment on the settlement, saying executive director Cedric Dempsey would talk about it Thursday.

Tarkanian's attorney, Terry Giles, said he was preparing to go to trial May 18 when he was approached about a settlement a few weeks ago by the NCAA.

Giles said testimony from former players, officials and lawyers would have shown that, except for one minor infraction, the NCAA had no evidence to back up probations given to basketball programs at Long Beach and UNLV.

"We felt very confident about our case for seven years," Giles said. "I told Jerry and Lois that the day we were in the courtroom picking a jury was the day we were beginning to win the case."

Tarkanian, who led Fresno State to the NIT semifinals last week, sued the NCAA after he was forced to resign from UNLV in 1992. The suit claimed the agency singled him out while he was at UNLV from 1973 to 1992. During that time the university was penalized three different times by the NCAA.



ALL-STARS — Snyder's 11 and 12-year-old Little Dribbler All-Star traveling squad will compete in Plainview Thursday through Saturday. Members of the team are, front row, left to right, Kenneth Fabre, Josh Pickerel, Tanner Reed, Isreal Sosa, Brad English and Wesley Kellner. On the back row are coach Jim Blume, Ty Collier, Tucker Early, Clint Blume, Peter Perez, Zach Garcia and coach Jeff Kellner. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lake View names new grid coach

San Angelo Lake View, which will compete with Snyder next season in District 5-4A, announced the promotion of Billy Klemstein to the position of head football coach Tuesday.

Klemstein, the Chiefs' defensive coordinator the past four years, takes over for Kyle Gandy who took the head job at Baytown Sterling.

Gandy compiled a record of 37-18-1 at Lake View, including two district championships and three playof appearances.

For the 34-year-old Klemstein, it will be his first head coaching job. He has been in coaching for 10 years, after playing offensive tackle at Southern Methodist University.

UT expects to announce decision

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas officials appeared ready to make public the findings of their investigation into the release of basketball player Luke Axtell's academic progress report to a radio station.

Patricia Ohlendorf, vice provost and UT counsel to the president, as well as Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds suggested today that an announcement regarding the probe could be made in the afternoon.

The probe has dragged on nearly two weeks, following complaints about coach Tom Penders to Dodds by four players, two of whom — Axtell and Gabe Muoneke — have said they intend to transfer.

A high-ranking university source told The Associated Press last week that Penders would be ousted as coach.

The issue still to be resolved was whether Penders, who has four years remaining on a contract that pays him $550,000 per year, would be terminated or reassigned, the source said.

The school has been investigating whether Penders had any involvement in Axtell's mid-semester grades being faxed to radio station KVET-AM.

The unauthorized release would have violated the Buckley Amendment that protects the privacy of students' academic information.

After Axtell and the other players met with Dodds to complain about Penders, the coach suspended Axtell for poor grades.

Axtell then went public with his complaint and said his grades weren't so bad that he couldn't make them up.

Texas assistant coach Eddie Oran took responsibility for faxing the grades to the radio station, showing a D and three F's for Axtell this semester. Oran has repeatedly said that he acted alone in releasing the grade report.

Penders has said he would accept reassignment, but would sue if the university tried to fire him without paying him.

"I'm just going day by day as the head coach at Texas," Penders told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	-
NewYork	1	0	1.000	-
Florida	1	1	.500	½
Montreal	0	1	.000	1
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	-
St.Louis	1	0	1.000	-
Chicago	1	1	.500	½
Houston	1	1	.500	½
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1
Cincinnati	0	2	.000	1½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	2	0	1.000	-
SanDiego	2	0	1.000	-
SanFrancisco	1	1	.500	1
LosAngeles	0	1	.000	1½
Arizona	0	2	.000	2

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 0
Chicago Cubs 10, Florida 3
San Diego 10, Cincinnati 9
Houston 7, San Francisco 6
Colorado 6, Arizona 0

Thursday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 11-9) at Florida (Medina 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 10-9) at Montreal (Hermanson 8-8), 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 14-8) at St. Louis (Politte 0-0), 1:40 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 9-11) at Cincinnati (Cooke 9-15), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Portugal 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 11-9), 7:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 10-13) at Atlanta (Glavine 14-7), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 13-6) at Houston (Halama 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 12-10) at Arizona (Anderson 4-2), 9:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	-
Toronto	1	0	1.000	-
Baltimore	1	1	.500	½
TampaBay	1	1	.500	½
NewYork	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	2	0	1.000	-
Chicago	1	0	1.000	½
Detroit	1	1	.500	1
KansasCity	1	1	.500	1
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	1	0	1.000	-
Oakland	0	1	.000	1
Texas	0	1	.000	1
Seattle	0	2	.000	1½

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore 10, Kansas City 1
Toronto 3, Minnesota 2
Tampa Bay 11, Detroit 8
Boston 2, Oakland 0
Cleveland 9, Seattle 7
Anaheim 4, N.Y. Yankees 1

Thursday's Games

Boston (Wakefield 12-15) at Oakland (Rogers 6-7), 3:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Hawkins 6-12) at Toronto (Hentgen 15-10), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Worrell 4-8) at Tampa Bay (Saunders 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rapp 5-8) at Baltimore (Key 16-10), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 3-0) at Texas (Sele 13-12), 8:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 16-10) at Anaheim (Hill 9-12), 10:05 p.m.

SHS posts softball routs

Snyder's junior varsity softball squad knows all about offense.

The Lady Tiger JV ripped Iowa Park, 14-4, before trouncing Midland Greenwood, 15-5, recently at Cates Field.

Miranda Hackford showed her power against Iowa Park by slamming a home run for the Lady Tigers.

Cameron Mackey, Jennifer Newman, Rina Geiger and Miranda Hackford belted triples for Snyder. Mackey picked up the win, giving up six hits and striking out three through six innings.

Against Greenwood, it was a Mackey home run that set the pace.

Geiger and Lisa Hall knocked triples in the contest.

Mackey again picked up the victory, this time fanning seven opposing batters.

Snyder will be back in action Saturday at noon when it hosts Odessa High.

Snyder JV 14, Iowa Park 4

Snyder: Hackford, home run, triple and two singles; Geiger, triple and two singles; Newman and Mackey, triple and single; Shoemake, two singles; Haines, Hall and Burleson, single.

Snyder JV 15, Midland Greenwood 5

Snyder: Mackey, home run and two singles; Hall and Geiger, triple; Newman and Haarmeyer, two singles; Shoemake, Haines and Hackford, single.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-NewJersey	45	20	9	99	203	144
x-Philadelphia	38	24	11	87	216	173
Washington	34	28	11	79	195	186
N.Y.Rangers	22	35	18	62	184	213
N.Y.Islanders	25	38	10	60	191	209
Florida	21	40	12	54	177	229
TampaBay	17	47	9	43	142	233

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Pittsburgh	36	21	17	89	204	171
Boston	34	26	13	81	194	170
Montreal	35	29	10	80	219	189
Buffalo	32	26	15	79	187	165
Ottawa	28	31	13	69	168	179
Carolina	30	35	8	68	182	196

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	43	19	11	97	215	146
x-Detroit	40	20	15	95	227	179
x-St.Louis	40	26	8	88	223	178
Phoenix	29	32	12	70	198	203
Chicago	29	33	12	70	180	181
Toronto	26	39	9	61	171	214

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Colorado	37	22	16	90	215	186
LosAngeles	34	28	11	79	208	198
Edmonton	29	36	10	68	188	207
SanJose	30	37	7	67	182	199
Calgary	25	36	13	63	197	219
Anaheim	24	39	11	59	181	232
Vancouver	23	39	13	59	207	255

x-clinched playoff berth

Tuesday's Games

Washington 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2
Montreal 3, Carolina 3, tie

Wednesday's Games

San Jose 3, Pittsburgh 2
Buffalo 4, Los Angeles 0
N.Y. Islanders 4, Tampa Bay 0
Boston 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Carolina 4, New Jersey 0
Montreal 4, Florida 3
St. Louis 6, Toronto 4
Detroit 2, Colorado 0
Calgary 3, Dallas 1
Vancouver 4, Edmonton 2
Phoenix 5, Anaheim 1

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay at Washington, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	52	21	.712	-
NewYork	40	33	.548	12
NewJersey	37	35	.514	14½
Orlando	37	37	.500	15½
Washington	36	37	.493	16
Boston	32	41	.438	20
Philadelphia	27	46	.370	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	56	17	.767	-
y-Indiana	50	22	.694	5½
y-Charlotte	46	26	.639	9½
Atlanta	43	29	.597	12½
Cleveland	42	31	.575	14
Detroit	34	40	.459	22½
Milwaukee	32	41	.438	24
Toronto	15	57	.208	40½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Utah	54	18	.750	-
y-SanAntonio	50	23	.685	4½
y-Minnesota	38	34	.528	16
y-Houston	37	35	.514	17
Dallas	19	54	.260	35½
Vancouver	16	56	.222	38
Denver	9	64	.123	45½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Seattle	54	18	.750	-
y-L.A.Lakers	52	20	.722	2
y-Phoenix	48	25	.658	6½
y-Portland	40	32	.556	14
Sacramento	26	47	.356	28½
L.A.Clippers	16	56	.222	38
GoldenState	15	58	.205	39½

x-clinched division.
y-clinched playoff berth.

Tuesday's Games

L.A. Lakers 114, Toronto 105
Indiana 128, L.A. Clippers 106
San Antonio 95, New York 78
New Jersey 105, Atlanta 90
Charlotte 101, Philadelphia 93
Cleveland 93, Orlando 86
Miami 121, Boston 95
Chicago 106, Detroit 101, OT
Phoenix 97, Houston 86
Dallas 104, Vancouver 101
Seattle 88, Utah 86
Milwaukee 94, Golden State 89

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 112, Washington 91
Atlanta 105, Toronto 91
Cleveland 92, Detroit 90
Boston 98, Orlando 87
Milwaukee 106, Denver 100
Utah 98, Portland 89

Thursday's Games

Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Women's Golf Association

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will begin its spring golf season at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Players should meet at the pro shop prior to tee off. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Donkey basketball

Bob Crosby's Donkey Basketball will be held at the Hermleigh gym at 8 p.m. Monday.

Advanced tickets are $5 for high schoolers and up, and $3 for youngsters. They can be purchased at the Hermleigh school. Tickets at the door will be $7 and $5. All proceeds benefit Hermleigh Booster Club.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the National Little Dribblers Tournament to be held in Snyder April 15-18.

Anyone wishing to help should contact the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold a four-man scramble Saturday at 1:30. A meeting will be held prior to play at 1 o'clock.

Weekly MGA tournaments will begin Monday at 6 p.m.

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Transportation bill headed to negotiations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House celebrated passage of a $217 billion highway spending bill with the sobering reminder that time was running out to work out complex differences with the Senate-passed version.

In its legislative finale before taking off for a two-week vacation, the House approved the six-year highway and mass transit bill by a decisive 337-80 vote Wednesday.

The lopsided margin reflected a hugely popular measure that would bring road-building projects into almost every congressional district and create hundreds of thousands of jobs.

But there also was lingering unhappiness among conservatives about the bill's hefty price tag, which exceeded caps set in last year's balanced budget agreement by $26 billion, and concerns among Democrats that the increased spending on highways would result in slashes in education and health programs.

"We are moving down the wrong highway," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga. "Are we prepared as a great nation to choose concrete over children, bridges over books, pavement over people?"

The White House said the spending "goes too far and could threaten both fiscal discipline and the commitment to education and other critical investments in our future."

But Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., who as chairman of the House Transportation Committee was the main architect of the bill, recited numbers that struck home for many: 27 percent of American highways are in poor condition; the average American is stuck in traffic for 26 hours in a year; 42,000 Americans are killed in traffic accidents every year, and 30 percent of those are a result of bad roads.

"This bill touches the lives of each and every constituent and each and every member of this House," said Rep. Thomas Petri, R-Wis., the surface transportation subcommittee chairman.

The previous six-year transportation plan expired last fall, and a provisional program ends May 1, giving the House and Senate less than two weeks to find a compromise when they return from their spring recess.

The Senate bill provides $214 billion for highway building and safety programs and mass transit, similar to the House measure. And like its House counterpart, it does not say what other programs might be reduced to pay for increased highway spending. But there are also major differences.

The Senate version does not name specific projects, while the House bill sets aside 5 percent of highway money, some $9 billion, for about 1,500 projects lawmakers requested for their districts.

These projects range from $100,000 for a pedestrian riverfront walkway in Peoria, Ill., to $7 million for roads and sidewalks for an economic development project including a transportation museum in Allentown, Pa., to $97 million to widen the I-40 crosstown bridge in Oklahoma City.

Republican conservatives attacking these provisions as pork barrel projects based more on political payoffs than merit. "That's why we can't lead," said Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., confronting Shuster, a master in distributing projects. "You have taken the balanced budget agreement and you made a sham of it, and we all should be ashamed."

The bill also separates the highway trust fund, which is financed by gas taxes, from the general budget, and Shuster insisted that the gas tax revenue would pay for his programs. But it would also remove from the general budget a revenue cushion and require new savings to be found to ensure the budget stays in balance. The Senate bill keeps the trust fund in the general budget.

Jones has nothing to show for lawsuit

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Paula Corbin Jones, who dared to challenge President Clinton in court, endured four years of taunts from critics who accused her of being money-hungry and called her story "tabloid trash."

Now, barring a successful appeal of a federal judge's decision Wednesday to dismiss her sexual harassment lawsuit, she faces the specter of simply becoming an afterthought of U.S. history.

"Paula has spent four years doing something that no other woman had the courage to come forward and do," said her adviser, Susan Carpenter-McMillan. "She's paid a tremendous price."

Mrs. Jones would not speak with reporters and remained holed up in the gated apartment she has occupied for the past three years with her husband, Stephen Jones, and their children.

When Mrs. Jones emerged with her $700,000 lawsuit against the president in 1994, the former low-level Arkansas state employee distracted the nation with ribald tales of sexual harassment, allegedly at the hands of the Arkansas governor who would become president.

The country responded by attacking the preacher's daughter from a rural Arkansas town.

She was ridiculed by the media and called a puppet of right-wingers. She became the butt of jokes during late-night talk shows. She fought off attacks that she was motivated by money.

The president's attorney, Robert B. Bennett, poked through every crevice of her life, calling her story "tabloid trash with a legal caption on it." Topless pictures of her taken in 1987 by an ex-boyfriend were printed with a January 1995 Penthouse magazine article that accused her of being promiscuous before getting married.

"The one that paid dearly for this is a great heroic woman — Paula Corbin Jones — who, for four years, has endured the filth and the slime and attacks of the White House," said Ms. Carpenter-McMillan, who is also chairwoman of the Paula Jones Legal Fund.

"In one sweeping movement, the judge said that she is not allowed her day in court."

The trial had been scheduled to begin May 27 until U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright dismissed the case, saying Mrs. Jones' evidence — even if all true — fell "far short" of proving sexual harassment.

Mrs. Jones, 31, grew up in Lonoke, Ark., a rural town 30 minutes drive east of Little Rock, where her father was a preacher in the Church of the Nazarene. She moved to Little Rock after high school, attended secretarial classes at Capital City Junior College and held several office and sales jobs, none for more than nine months.

Judge says stop was unlawful

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A black Miami-Dade police major who claimed he was pulled over on the highway because of his race was unlawfully stopped, a judge ruled. But charges of battery and resisting arrest remain.

Aaron Campbell has claimed he was stopped because as a black man from south Florida he fit a racial profile sheriff's deputies use to stop motorists and search them for drugs.

Judge Thomas Mihok on Wednesday threw out two of the six charges against Campbell. Mihok said there was insufficient evidence for one count of resisting arrest with violence. He also dismissed one count of resisting arrest without violence because it was too similar to another charge.

Campbell is still charged with two counts of battery and one count each of resisting arrest without violence and resisting arrest with violence.

Campbell was pulled over by a white Orange County sheriff's deputy in April 1997 for having an obscured tag and making an improper lane change. The judge said Wednesday the deputy who made the stop misinterpreted the law concerning license plates and that the lane change wasn't improper.

"Certainly we feel vindicated at this point," said James Cheney Mason, Campbell's defense attorney. "We'll feel more vindicated if we get a jury verdict acquitting him so he can go back to being a major in Miami."

Campbell was suspended without pay after the arrest.

After being pulled over by Cpl. Richard Mankewich on Florida's Turnpike, Campbell grew angry when he was told why he was stopped. He cursed the deputy several times, grabbed his driver's license off the deputy's clipboard and demanded to talk to a supervisor.

Mankewich asked for the license back and called for two backup deputies.

Datebook

April 2, 1998

Today is the 92nd day of 1998 and the 14th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1513, Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon landed in Florida searching for the Fountain of Youth.

On this day in 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.

On this day in 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Giacomo Girolamo Casanova (1725-1798), writer and adventurer; Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875), writer; Emile Zola (1840-1902), writer; Buddy Ebsen (1908-), actor-dancer, is 90; Alec Guinness (1914-), actor, is 84; Marvin Gaye (1939-1984), singer-songwriter; Don Sutton (1945-), baseball player, is 53; Emmylou Harris (1947-), singer, is 58.

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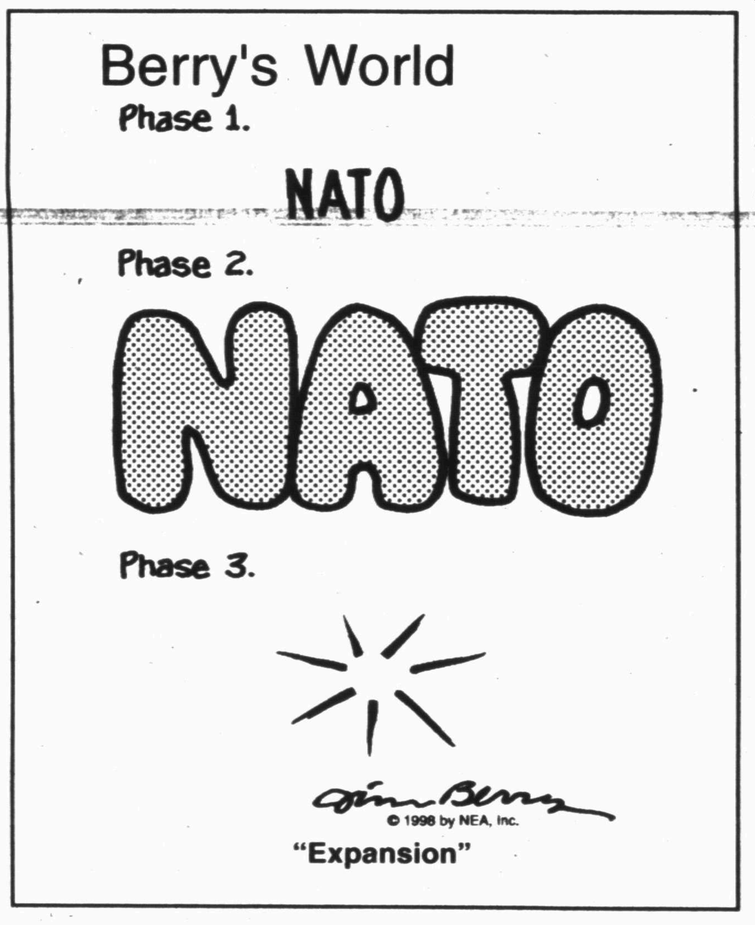
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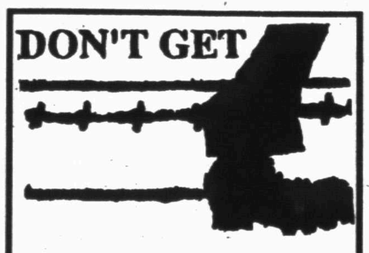
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It's another vigil for Kathleen Rohm

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman has returned to an intersection where she got her lost dog back after an eight-day vigil.

This time, she's gathering signatures to stop Harris County from selling pound animals for medical research.

Kathleen Rohm and her dog, Precious, were reunited after she went for a week, holding up signs about her missing pet to passing motorists.

Now, she says, she wants to collect 50,000 signatures on petitions asking that Harris County Judge Robert Eckels reopen the issue of selling animals from the county pound to universities for medical research.

The petitions will go to Eckels, because his was the swing vote on last year's vote of county commissioners' court to continue the practice. Eckels previously had voted against it.

Ms. Rohm said her goal was to gather the signatures in 48 hours. In about four hours, she gathered "200 or 300" signatures, she said.

"It is just beginning," she told the Houston Chronicle Wednesday.

She said three days is not enough time to wait for an owner to claim a pet that has been placed in the pound and prevent the animal's death.

Joe Feduccia, coordinator for the Houston Ad Hoc Committee Against Pound Seizures, suggested the petition drive to Ms. Rohm after she received considerable publicity while trying to recover Precious.

"Personally, I think they should stop (selling dogs for research)," Ms. Rolm said. But animal control officials should wait at least 30 days before destroying an animal, she said.

She said she also wonders why universities would want to use healthy dogs for medical research.

"Why do they have to break their legs? They are healthy dogs. Use dogs that are already injured," she said.

Feduccia, who is helping with the petitions, said he is against using animals in research at all. The practice "is cruel beyond belief," he said.

He claims that Harris County animal control officials refuse to allow observers to watch animals being loaded for delivery to university laboratories.

The public "would be outraged to see these friendly animals being taken off to labs," he said.

The county sold about 300 dogs last year out of the 19,000 to 20,000 animals handled by the shelter, according to Colleen Chappelle of the county animal shelter.

"The number of animals that pass through shelters in Harris County is astounding," she said. She estimated the total at about 100,000.

Of these, about 80 percent are euthanized, a number that has been relatively constant for several years, she said.

She said the shelter is not open to the public in the morning when dogs are loaded for transport because other activities are under way at that time.

"There is a lot of movement of animals, and we don't want to have people just standing around," she said.

Pets with identification, tags or names on collars, tattoos or microchips, are held for five days instead of the normal three, she said. Dogs being sold to universities are kept for 10 days, as are those in quarantine because of biting someone.

"Nobody holds animals for 30 days," she said. "Thirty days would come under my definition of cruel and unusual punishment."

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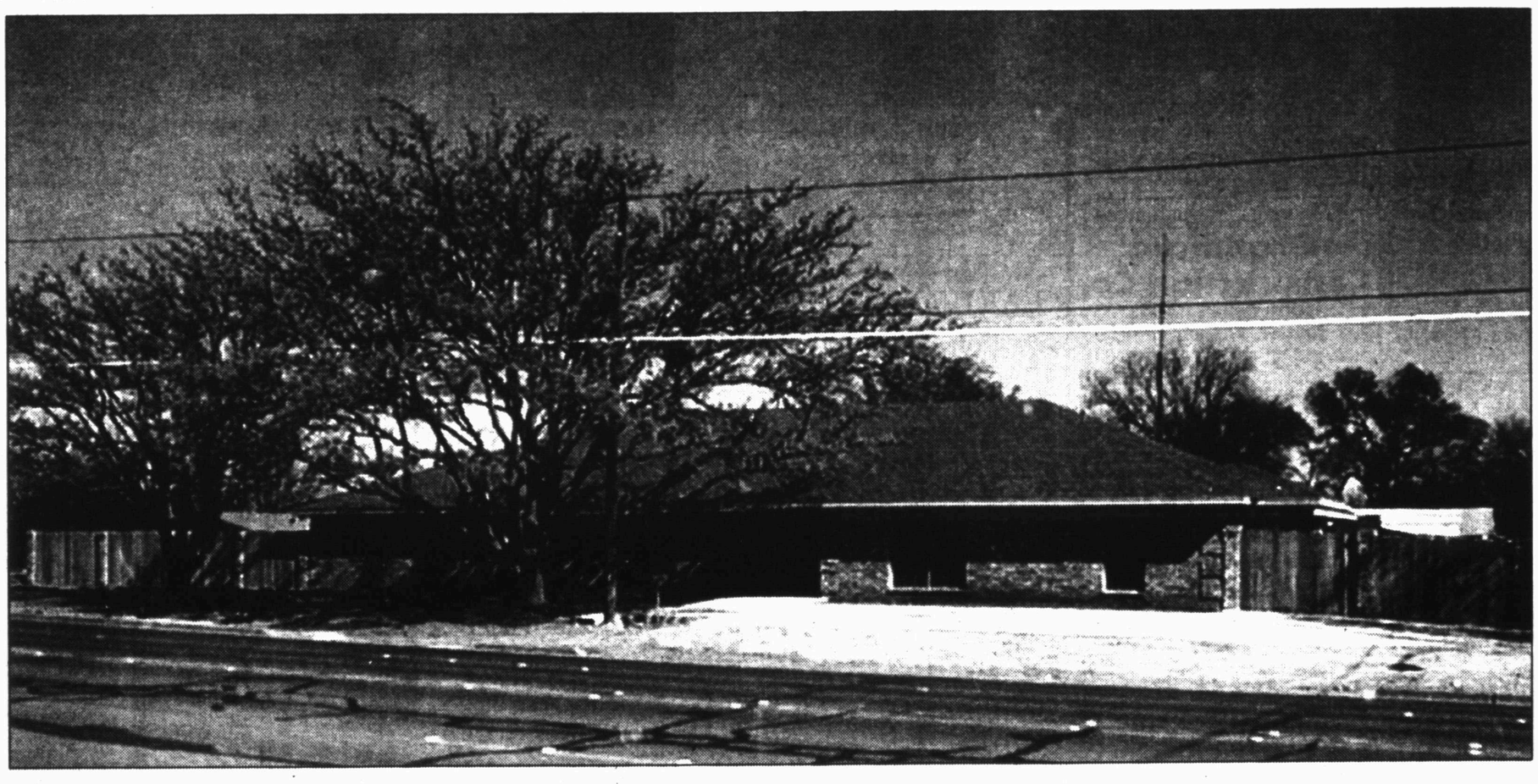
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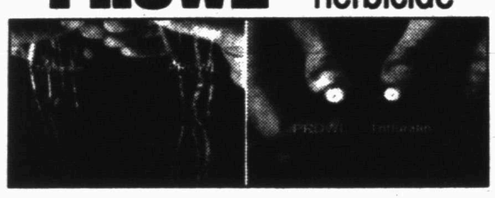
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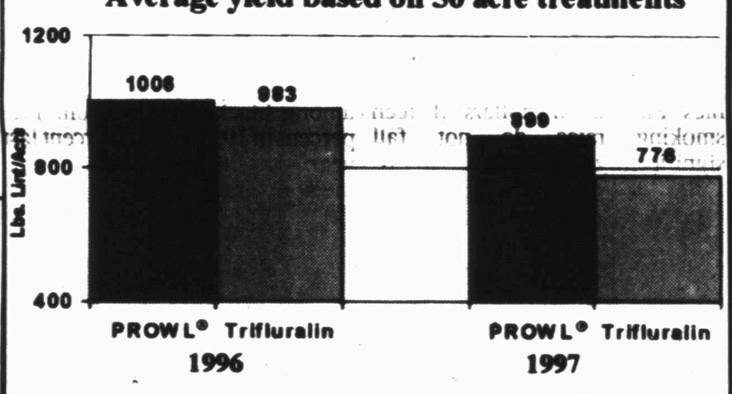
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Dismissal raises bar for Clinton critics

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Boorishness is not an impeachable offense.

So while President Clinton's legal troubles haven't gone away with the dismissal of the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, the political threshold for action against him is far higher than before.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright ruled that Jones didn't have a case worth the trial that was to have begun late next month, and would have been a theater of embarrassment for the president whatever the outcome.

Jones sued over an alleged proposition by then-Gov. Clinton in a Little Rock, Ark., hotel room seven years ago. "Although the governor's alleged conduct, if true, may certainly be characterized as boorish and offensive," the judge ruled, the record showed no basis for a sexual assault claim.

The White House rejoiced at what Press Secretary Mike McCurry called the vindication Clinton had long awaited.

AP news analysis

But vindication means clearing criticism, blame, guilt or suspicion, and it isn't quite that. The seamy allegations aren't gone. And Clinton has been scarred by the scandalous disclosures and assertions of the Jones proceeding.

One case is closed unless overturned on appeal, but it has spawned more.

The Jones ruling has no direct legal impact on the investigation by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr into allegations that Clinton had a sexual liaison with a White House intern and tried to get her to lie about it, which the president has denied.

But the Monica Lewinsky case is a direct descendent of the Paula Jones case, and that does have a political impact, if not on Starr then certainly in Congress, where House Republicans have been gearing up for the possibility the independent counsel might send them evidence for impeachment proceedings.

Starr doesn't have to answer to the beyond-the-beltway Americans who have questioned whether the whole messy business was worth pursuing in the first place, and who continue to rate Clinton's performance high even while judging his personal conduct questionable or worse.

Congressional Republicans do, with a campaign and off-year elections just ahead. They've provided the House Judiciary Committee with an extra $1.3 million that could go into impeachment preparations.

Democrats resisted that, arguing it was at least premature. Now they are crowing. Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, senior Democrat on the committee, said the Jones dismissal should be "the final word on what has become an unprecedented partisan witch hunt."

It won't be, of course.

Clinton knows there's more to come. "This has been a fact of life and no doubt other matters will remain a fact of life for him," McCurry said Wednesday with Clinton in Senegal.

The attorneys for Jones said they expected to appeal. The conservative foundation bankrolling them said they'd pay.

But that would take months, perhaps years, delays that fit the Clinton political strategy.

Starr said he was proceeding without delay.

"Judge Wright's ruling today has no effect on our authority and we will continue working to complete the investigation as expeditiously as possible," Starr said.

Not on his authority, but surely on the circumstances should he deliver indictments of Clinton associates or send the House evidence that Clinton committed perjury, suborned perjury or tried to obstruct justice.

That would be no less culpable legally because it occurred in a case later dismissed as unwarranted. But that lawyerly argument would be a hard sell politically, doubly so given the rarity of perjury prosecutions in civil cases like the Jones suit.

"There never really was a Paula Jones case," said William Ginsburg, attorney for Ms. Lewinsky. His client swore in that case that she did not have a sexual relationship with Clinton, but said there was in talking with a presumed friend who taped the conversation for Starr.

It's still a mess. There's still the underlying Whitewater land deal case, for which Starr was appointed independent counsel in the first place, and an assortment of other offshoots under his expanded authority.

But for Clinton, stopping the Jones case is a major win legally and an even bigger one politically.

And another frustration for his opponents, who have watched as his presidential job approval ratings soared while the sordid allegations unfolded.

"I assume that since this appears to be good news for Clinton, his poll numbers will go down," said Sen. Trent Lott, the Republican leader.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Study: 43 percent of teens use tobacco

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forty-three percent of the nation's high school students either smoke cigarettes or cigars or chew tobacco, and the number of teen-age smokers is steadily rising, the government says in a report likely to boost efforts to reduce teen smoking.

Among the most disturbing findings is that smoking by black students — once hailed as a success story for their continually low cigarette use — has almost doubled.

"We're losing ground in the battle to protect our children," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

The 1997 figures come in a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Vice President Al Gore, Shalala and other Cabinet members planned to announce the figures during anti-smoking rallies in eight states today, where they will call on Congress to quickly pass legislation to prevent tobacco marketing and use by minors.

Legislation that would force tobacco companies to pay $506 billion over 25 years and curb their marketing practices was approved Wednesday by the Senate Commerce Committee. The legislation also calls for fining companies billions of dollars if teen smoking rates do not fall significantly.

Tobacco companies vehemently oppose the bill because it fails to offer as much protection against lawsuits by sick smokers as an earlier deal they agreed to in the hope of settling 40 state lawsuits.

How many teens use tobacco is an important public health question because studies show more than 80 percent of smokers become addicted before they turn 18.

The last time the CDC counted teen-age smokers was in 1995, when 34.8 percent of the nation's high school students had smoked in the previous month. Last year, that number rose to 36.4 percent of students — and 16.7 percent were heavy smokers.

But the 1997 Youth Risk Behavior Survey for the first time counted both cigarette smokers and teens who use cigars or smokeless tobacco. The report found 48.2 percent of all teen-age boys and 36 percent of all girls use some form of tobacco. The most common users: white teen-age boys, at 51.5 percent.

The report's bigger finding is that black students' smoking rates are increasing faster than any other racial group.

Just 12.6 percent of black high school students smoked cigarettes in 1991. Last year, 22.7 percent did. Smoking doubled among black males, from 14 percent in 1991 to 28 percent last year. Smoking increased by 54 percent among black females, from 11.3 percent in 1991 to 17.4 percent last year.

Black teen smoking rates still are the nation's lowest — 34 percent of Hispanic students smoke and 40 percent of whites do.

Hepatitis A...

Woman said first victim of outbreak

MOULTON (AP) — A woman in her 70s has become the first victim of an outbreak of hepatitis A in Lavaca County where 65 cases have been confirmed and 21 more cases are suspected.

Health officials did not identify the woman.

Dr. Karlan Downing, health officer for Lavaca County, said she died Wednesday from complications brought on by hepatitis.

The woman had four existing medical conditions in addition to Hepatitis A, officials with the Texas Department of Health said.

"She had a lot of medical problems, and one of those problems was exacerbated by the hepatitis," Dr. Downing told The Victoria Advocate. She said the woman did not die of liver failure even though hepatitis A attacks the liver.

Hepatitis A can result in a yellowing of the skin and eyes known as jaundice. Its symptoms are similar to any intestinal infection. People with the disease will likely suffer from vomiting, fever, loss of appetite, diarrhea and stomach pain.

Latest figures from the Texas Department of Health show that 65 people have confirmed cases of the disease and another 21 are suspected to have it.

Dr. Downing said the numbers are well within expectations and have decreased slightly since Tuesday.

On Tuesday, officials announced 53 people had the disease and 36 more were suspected, for a total of 89 cases. Wednesday's announcement reduces the total number to 86.

The disease is rarely fatal, but the elderly have the greatest risk because hepatitis can strain an already taxed system. "Anybody who thinks they're coming down with something needs to see a doctor," the doctor said.

Hepatitis A is spread through fecal/oral transmission. People can contract it be eating food or using utensils handled by a person with fecal matter on his hands.

State officials announced March 25 that anyone who ate at Kloesel's Steak House in Moulton between Feb. 14 and March 14 should be aware of the outbreak. If they experience any symptoms, they should see a doctor immediately.

Immediately after the outbreak began, health officials inspected Kloesel's and ruled it safe. Restaurant owner Harvey Kloesel and state health officials are working together to try to find the source of the outbreak.

Early man arrested for driving, drinking

Officers arrested a 31-year-old Early man at 3 a.m. today for felony driving while intoxicated.

Roger Villarreal of 105 Bonnie Ave. was taken into custody in the 3900 block of College Avenue and booked into jail.

Also, a juvenile was taken into custody early this morning in the 100 block of 26th Street for public intoxication and probation violations. He was later released to his mother.

One person was arrested Wednesday by deputies on the Scurry-Borden County line for misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The 23-year-old male reportedly offered a marijuana cigarette to someone in Gail, who in turn, notified officials.

In other activity Wednesday, a person notified deputies at 10:39 a.m. that someone had assaulted a 13-year-old student at Ira earlier in the day. No charges have been filed at the present.

Officers were requested at Snyder Chrysler by owner Otto Meyer at 7:14 p.m. in reference to a possible forgery.

An offense report for burglary was submitted at 7:34 p.m. from the 200 block of Birch Street as Salvador Castillo reported a television stolen.

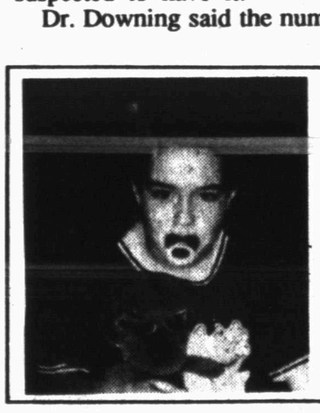
Johnathan Lujan requested an officer at 9:43 p.m. in the 1600 block of Eighth Street in reference to a house being vandalized. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

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NRCS Report

Mark Sides, Range Conservationist

Permanent vegetation in the form of native or introduced grasses is a cost-effective alternative to annual forage crops. Under good conditions, a grass stand can become established within one year. This means one seedbed preparation and one planting operation as opposed to yearly seedbed and planting operation with annual forage crops.

Permanent grass reduces erosion and the need for costly structural practices like terraces and diversions. Native species can reduce the need for early applications of fertilizer while providing grazing for livestock and wildlife habitat.

Here are some important things to remember when planting native or introduced grasses.

Plant at the right time. This takes advantage of spring moisture for germination and establishment. Also, chemical weed control can be accomplished before most annual crops emerge or become established. Optimum planting dates range from Dec. 1 to May 15 for warm-season grasses and from Aug. 15 to Nov. 1 for cool-season grasses.

Plant into a dead litter cover. Make use of last year's crop residues or a terminated small grain cover to keep soil in place, and to protect young grass seedlings during high winds common during the spring. This would be a good time for soil testing to see if fertilize is needed.

Weed control is important. Keeping the upper hand on weeds can mean the success or failure of a grass stand. Most weeds germinate and become established before warm-season grasses do. These weeds rob valuable moisture from grass seedlings, and even shade out young grass if the weed cover is thick enough. Either chemical or mechanical methods can be used, but if you use herbicides make sure they are suited for your grass type (s).

Plant the right grass at the proper rate. Some grasses do well in a variety of soils, but some need a specific type. Seeding rates can vary from one to 15 pounds per acre. depending on variety.

Don't plant too deep. Grass seed are usually smaller than most annual crops, and having smaller stores of energy, they should be planned at shallower depths. Maximum depth should be no more than ½".

Don't give up too quick. Everyone knows that weather conditions in this area are rarely good every year. Grass seed may take up to two years to germinate and become established depending on the weather. Weed control is important during this time.

For more information about grass seeding or other conservation practices, call or come by the Natural Resource Conservation Service office. The office is located in the new Scurry County USDA Office Complex at 5309 Big Spring Hwy. and the phone number is 915-573-6317 or 6318.

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Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 429 head of cattle for the Thursday, Mach 26 Sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $2 to $3 cheaper

Slaughter cows: 37 to 43; canners and low cutters: 28 to 36; slaughter bulls 48 to 56.
Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 90 to 112; 400 to 500; 82 to 97.50; 500 to 600, 80 to 90; 600 to 700, 70 to 77.50; 700 to 800, 68 to 79.50.
Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 82 to 92; 400 to 500, 72 to 85; 500 to 600, 72 to 77.50; 600 to 700, 65 to 73.50; 700 to 800, 64 to 72.
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 70 to 83; 700 to 800, 62 to 68.50.
Cow and calf pairs, good: 650 to 8775; grade, 450 to 575.
Springers: 350 to 650; baby calves: 75 to 175; doodlers: 150 to 225.

During the American Revolution, forces under Gen. George Washington suffered defeat Sept. 11, 1777, at the hands of the British in the Battle of Brandywine near Wilmington, Del. Washington's troops were forced back into Philadelphia, which fell to the British.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 658 head of cattle for the Saturday, March 28 Sale. The market on feeder and stocker steers was steady to $1 to $2 lower. Young bred cows were steady to $50 higher. Pairs were steady. Packer bulls and cows were $1 lower.

Steers:
200 to 400: 85 to 116
400 to 500: 86 to 100
500 to 600: 85 to 96
600 to 700: 70 to 86.25
Heifers:
300 to 400: 83 to 98
400 to 500: 76 to 90
500 to 600: 72 to 86.25
600 to 700: 64 to 82.50
Young bred cows: 590 to 710.
Medium age to older bred cows: 400 to 525
Young cows and calves: 725 to 800.
Medium age to older cows and calves: 525 to 680
Packer cows: 28 to 42.25.
Packer bulls: 42 to 51.25

SWCD Notes

A range field day will be held on the Bob Fee Ranch, south of Roscoe in Nolan County beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday April 23. It is being sponsored by the Texas Section of the Society for Range Management, Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc. and the Nolan County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Stan Reinke, area range conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service, San Angelo; Steve Nelle, wildlife biologist, Natutral Resource Conservation Service, San Angleo; F.T. (Ted) McCollum, livestock specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Amarillo; and Kent Mills, nutritionist, Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., will discuss how to manage pastures that are in poor range condition to try to get more economical productivity out of them.

The term "Poor Range Condition" refers to the species of forage that exist on a range site, or in a pasture. Historical usage of pastures as long as 40 to 50 years ago may have caused the loss of the better, more productive, and nutritious forages from the range sites. Many of those sites haven't improved, even with good management practices, in the last 20 or so years. The Field Day hopes to address methods of getting as much productivity from these sites as is economically possible.

Some of the topics will be rotational (or deferred) grazing, stocking rates, burning, brush and weed contol, multiple species grazing and introduction of improved species of forage. The panel will be offering suggestions of ways to make these types of pastures more productive, but the emphasis will be on a sharing of experience and knowledge by all who attend. A workshop is included in the Field Day to demonstrate management options that may help productivity on marginal range sites.

The Range Field Day will be held on the west side of the Bob Fee Ranch and is open to anyone interested in range and livestock management. Directions to the Field Day are from Interstate 20 take Exit 230 for Farm to Market Road 1230. Go south for 8 miles until the pavement ends. Then turn east (right) for 1 mile. Turn in across the cattleguard on right as the road turns back to the left (north). The Field Day will begin at 9 a.m. Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc. and the Nolan County SWCD will provide a hamburger lunch to complete the Field Day.

Anyone interested in more information should call Kent Mills, at 800-299-4496; Terry Been, 915-235-4485; Kevin Wright, 915-573-6317; or Steve Shrodem, 915-728-3473.



Town & Country Topics

By Katherine Roberts
County Extension Agent

Update on diswashing products

Whether the preferred method is by hand or by machine, dishwashing's goal is clean, spot-free dishes. Today's concerns about energy conservation, health and safety are prompting changes in dishwashing products.

Automatic dishwashing

In automatic dishwashers, cleaning is done without the benefit of elbow grease. Instead, cleaning is accomplished through a combination of the mechanical action of water being sprayed, the heat of the water and the chemical action of the detergent. And because today's time-pressed consumer has no interest in precleaning dishes before loading them, dishwashers and detergents need to be particularly effective. Automatic dishwasher detergents contain surfactants to lift stains off dishes; bleach to help remove stains; and the surfactants also keep them from redepositing on the glasses or dishes. This action also helps prevent spots from forming.

Automatic dishwasher detergents have been available in powder form for about 40 years. Dishwasher gels were introduced in the early 1990s. These structured liquids clean via a bleach system without using surfactants. Consumers perceive them to be more soluble, easier to use and less messy than conventional powders.

The quest to conserve natural resources is creating changes in automatic dishwashers. Many newer models use less water for washing and less energy for drying. Conservation and safety awareness have also created changes in the hot water supply. For safety reasons, many states now require new water heaters to be delivered set at 120 degrees F instead of the previous 140 degrees F. Many people are voluntarily lowering their water temperature to save energy. In addition, stricter enforcements by the U.S. Department of Energy may mean that tomorrow's dishwashers may use even less water, have lower wash temperatures and/or use less electricity in the dryer element.

The changes means that the chemical action of dishwasher detergents will become even more important. Less water makes cleaning more difficult. The wash water gets saturated with soil faster and soil redeposition on dishes is more likely. To achieve good cleaning results, it will be increasingly important for consumers to use the correct dosage of detergent. Manufacturers, in the meantime, are taking a close look at formations that will help keep soil suspended in the smaller amounts of water..

Auxiliary cleaning products, such as rinse agents and water softeners, may also become more important for good cleaning results. Rinse agents contain surfactants that lower the surface tension of water, causing it to rapidly "sheet off" dish surfaces. This prevents spots and facilitates quick drying which, in turn, means less energy use.

The problems created by lower water temperatures are likely to be addressed by the dishwasher manufacturers. Many dishwashers already contain internal water heaters that compensate for a lower water temperature. Newer models may also give options for reduce drying cyles. They may also use less water so less energy will be needed to heat the water.

Hand dishwashing

Changes in hand dishwashing products have been driven by health concerns. Consumers are increasingly aware of the presence of harmful bacteria, especially in areas where food is handled. And, they are receptive to dishwashing products that can control the spread of these bacteria.

About one-third of all hand washing occurs in the kitchen, where about 65 percent of consumers use a dishwashing detergent to wash their hands. This has prompted the development of dual-purpose products that have the properties of a dishwashing detergent, plus provide antibacterial protection to the skin when used as hand cleaners. These liquids are antibacterial when used for hand washing only, and not for the dishes being washed.

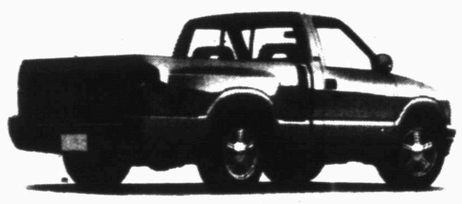
Environmental concerns have had an effect on the packaging for both types of dishwashing products. Automatic dishwashing powders are packaged in cartons made from recycled paperboard. An inner coating on the paperboard and an outer covering provide moisture barriers that prevent the powder from caking. Some hand dishwashing detergents are available in concentrated forms. Bottles for regular and concentrated products are made from recycled plastic and are recyclable.



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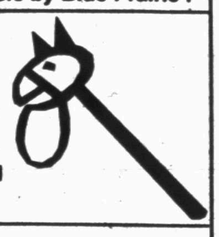
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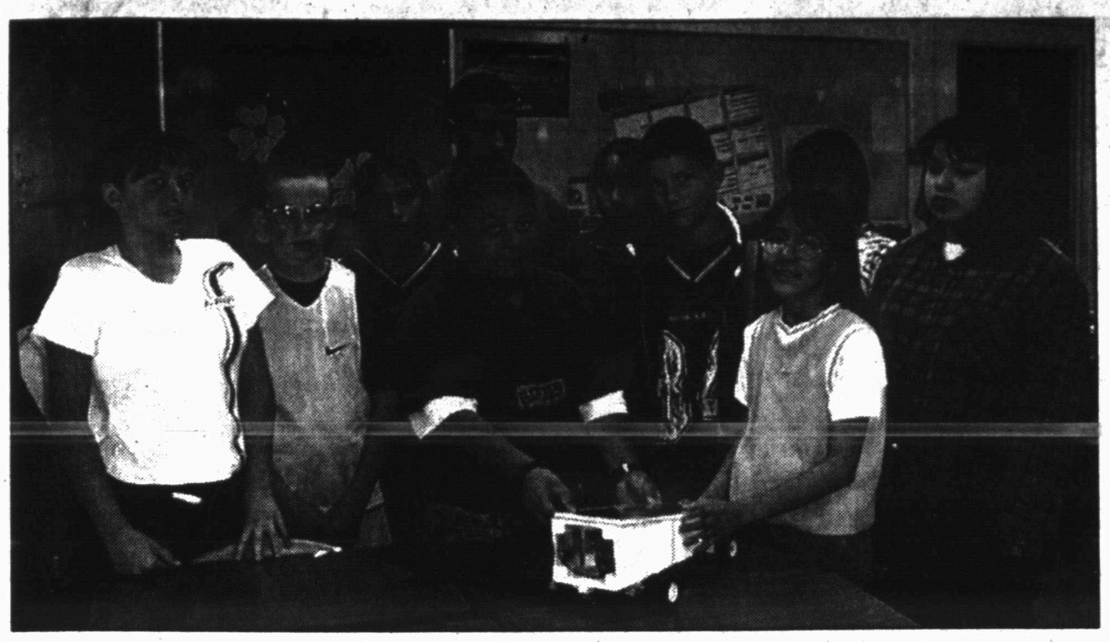
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SOLAR CAR RACE — Hermleigh 7th grade science students have constructed a solar car which they will race Saturday at Clack Junior High School in Abilene. The race was postponed from last month. Tony Garza designed the car which has a wood frame and the outside covering is made of aluminum cans. The school's mascot, a cardinal with flames, will be painted on it. Students include Misty McClure, Terrel Culp, Jimmy Luna, Juan Yruegas, Tony Garza, Maria Rangel, Randy Hernandez, Reecie Sauceda, Jessica Hernandez, Amelia Hermosillo. Luz Turrubiartes is not pictured. Mary Spieker is the instructor. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

C. Keatings, savings and loan figure, gets released from jail

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charles H. Keating Jr.'s latest stay in federal jail featured a night spent shackled naked to his bunk while guards kept the former savings and loan chief on suicide watch for drinking shampoo.

U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer ordered Keating released Wednesday after five days at a detention center near Phoenix for violating terms of his release by seeking a passport.

But she tightened the conditions that have kept Keating, former head of the Lincoln Savings & Loan, out of prison since his fraud and racketeering convictions were overturned in 1996.

After the hearing, Keating attorney Stephen Neal said his client swallowed some lye-based shampoo that was placed on his dinner tray Friday, his first day in jail. He became violently ill and his stomach had to be pumped.

"He was given the material with no notion from anybody that it was shampoo," Neal said. He did not accuse the guards of deliberately trying to induce Keating to drink the liquid.

Keating spent the night shackled to his bed because guards feared he was suicidal, Neal said.

An operator at the Federal Correction Institution Phoenix, where Keating was held, said there was no one on duty Wednesday afternoon who could comment. Prosecutors also declined to comment.

It works for women, so why can't men also use estrogen?

ATLANTA (AP) — Estrogen pills are good for older women's hearts. So researchers asked the obvious question: Why not men's?

A team from Hartford Hospital in Connecticut found this key female sex hormone may indeed help lower older men's risk of heart attacks. And while they say it is too soon to begin writing prescriptions for men, the idea is definitely worth more research.

"Much to our pleasant surprise, we saw positive trends in most risk factors" for heart disease among men taking estrogen in a nine-week experiment, Dr. Satyendra Giri said.

Giri presented the results at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology, which ended Wednesday. They will also be published in the April issue of the journal Atherosclerosis.

Giri and colleagues gave very low doses of estrogen to 22 healthy volunteers whose average age was 74. They found that the men's levels of HDL, the good form of cholesterol that protects against heart attacks, rose 14 percent, while their levels of artery-clogging LDL fell 6 percent.

There was a price: Four men complained of tender breasts and five had heartburn.

Much more study is necessary to determine whether the better cholesterol levels translate into lower risk of heart attacks and whether the treatment is safe for men. But Giri wonders how many men would be willing to take estrogen, even if it is proven to work.

"If we can't get rid of the side effects, it will be a very hard to sell this to the male population," Giri said.

Dr. Paul D. Thompson, another researcher, said the next logical step will be for pharmaceutical companies to develop synthetic forms of estrogen for men that offer the hormone's benefits without its side effects.

Suspended priest gets life

DALLAS (AP) — A suspended priest convicted of molesting altar boys was sentenced to life in prison less than a year after the scandal led to a record $119.6 million verdict against the Catholic Diocese of Dallas.

Rudolph "Rudy" Kos, 52, was sentenced Wednesday for convictions on three counts of aggravated sexual assault. He also was sentenced to 20-year prison terms for convictions on four other counts. He had pleaded guilty to one count of sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency with a child.

Kos will be eligible to seek parole in 15 years.

"He's gotten what he deserved. It should be death, but he got the most that the law allows," said Wade Schlosstein, one of those who accused Kos of assault.

The charges arose from the claims of four former altar boys who told police they were molested about 1,350 times over five years from the time they were 10, 11 or 12 years old.

Before the sentences were announced, some of Kos' accusers addressed him in court.

"Because of you, I thought I wasn't even deserving of my own family. And I asked you why, why you should do this to me?" Robert Hultz said. "I hope you never forget my eyes and the pain you have caused.

"It is men like you that bedevil our society, and thank God you will no longer be a part of it."

As one of his accusers addressed him, Kos called out: "You're a liar."

Some victims and their families said they will fight his attempts for parole.

"There's no more you can do to the man than put him away for life and I hope he stays there," said Pat Lemberger, whose 21-year-old-son Jay killed himself in 1992, allegedly after years of Kos' abuse.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is low-grade fever a problem?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Since 1955, I've had a low-grade fever (99.2) every day. Several doctors have checked me and concluded that there is nothing wrong. Their diagnosis? "As long as it's less than a degree above normal, we don't worry about it!" However, I feel weak and achy. Surely there must be help for me.

DEAR READER: There is nothing magical about the "normal" body temperature of 98.6. This is just the middle of a normal temperature curve: some people have lower temperatures, other healthy persons may run slightly higher. Therefore, I agree with your doctors. Don't pay any attention to a "fever" of 99.2, especially if you have an established pattern dating back more than 40 years. If your slight temperature elevation were reflecting a hidden illness or infection, you would have developed other symptoms over a period of four decades.

Nonetheless, I am concerned that you experience weakness and achiness. Perhaps these symptoms indicate an illness such as anemia or an overactive thyroid gland. Your doctors should be able to sort things out, using blood tests and X-ray examinations. In my opinion, your symptoms are more important than the rather trivial temperature elevation which, in my opinion, is probably normal.

DEAR DR. GOTT: If most arthritis medicines can upset the stomach and cause ulcers, why haven't drug companies developed a new medicine that combines the anti-inflammatory ingredient with something to reduce intestinal irritation?

DEAR READER: Almost all the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs have the potential to cause serious gastrointestinal disturbances. Such NSAIDs include Motrin, Indocin, Lodine, Voltaren, Relafen, and others.

Until recently, patients taking these medications either had to use antacids (which are not particularly effective) or H2 blockers (which reduce the formation of gastric acid) when chronic use of NSAIDs caused irritation.

Now, hope is on the way. The Searle company has just begun marketing a new product (Arthrotec) for arthritis pain. This prescription medicine contains an acid-reducer as well as an NSAID and may solve the very problems that you mentioned. I say "may," because it is so brand-new that public experience with it is understandably limited. However, it shows promise. Ask your doctor about it.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have canker sores. Is there any new treatment for this annoying affliction?

DEAR READER: Yes, there is. The Food and Drug Administration has recently approved Aphthasol for this purpose. The paste should be applied to each ulcer four times a day until healing takes place.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, April 3, 1998

In the year ahead don't be afraid to go after impressive objectives, just because you never tried to do so before. This is a new ballgame, with rules for which you're better-suited.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might experience some inner conflict, owing to your indecisiveness. Instead of having a foot in each camp, take a singular position and brace yourself for opposition. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually you're rather independent and adventurous, but today you might become immobile because of a fear of making a mistake. Keep things in proper perspective; mistakes can be corrected.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you get involved in a group activity today, be sure everyone realizes he must pay his portion of expenses. Don't let the full burden get passed to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Steer clear of competitive involvements today in which you know the odds favor your opponent. Making a side bet won't improve matters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be on guard today or else your emotions might overrule your logic. Be a bit detached, keep a cool head and hold your feelings in check.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep everything on a purely social basis with friends today. Don't try to draw them into your business deals or let them involve you in theirs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If possible, avoid associating with egoistical or arrogant individuals today. A domineering acquaintance might try to manipulate you to serve his/her purposes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're a pretty keen observer today, but unfortunately your focus might be on the frailties of others rather than on their virtues. No one is perfect, not even the guy in the mirror.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Check things out personally today before taking any gambles on investments recommended by a friend. Your counselor might not be half as smart as you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In order to maintain peace in your household today, avoid issues on which you and your mate feel compelled to take opposing positions. Neither is apt to yield.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If there is something you want done a special way today, be prepared to do it yourself. You'll be rather difficult to please and your demands might discourage helpers.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Strive to protect your possessions and manage your money wisely today, because there is a possibility you might be careless or wasteful, or perhaps even both.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	142	15-16	141¾	141 13-16+ 5-16
AT&T Corp			66⅝	65⅝ 66⅝
AirTouch	48	13-16	48	3-16 48⅜+ 7-16
Albertsons			53	52¾ 52⅞— 1-16
AlldSignal s			43	42 1-16 42⅜+ 3-16
Alltel			43⅜	43 9-16 43 13-16+ ⅛
AmOnline s	75	9-16	74	3-16 75 5-16+ 2⅝
AmStoresd			25⅞	24¾ 25 — 5-16
Ameritech s	48	7-16	47	15-16 48 — 9-16
Amoco			86⅝	86¼ 86⅞+ ⅜
Amocowi				43⅜ 43¾ 43⅜
AndarkPtr			71	11-16 71 71¼
Armcolnc			5	15-16 5 13-16 5⅜
AtlRichfld s			78¼	77⅞ 78 3-16+ 3-16
ATMOS Egy			30¼	29⅜ 30 — 3-16
Aviall			15	5-16 15⅜ 15 5-16+ ¼
BakerHughes			41¾	40⅜ 40⅜— ⅜
BellAtl	102¾	101¼	101	11-16+ 5-16
BellSouth			68⅛	67 7-16 68⅛+11-16
BethSteel	14	15-16	14¾	14 15-16+ 5-16
BritPet s			88	1-16 87 5-16 87⅛+ ⅜
BurlNoSFe	105	13-16	105	105 11-16+15-16
CBS Corp			33¾	33 9-16 33⅝+ ⅜
Caterpillar s			54¼	53 11-16 53 13-16— ¼
CenSoWst			27⅛	26 15-16 27 1-16— 1-16
Chevron			83	81⅛ 82⅛+ ⅜
Chrysler			41¼	40⅞ 40⅝— 1⅜
Coastal			66¼	66 66 3-16+ 9-16
CocaCola			80⅜	79⅜ 79 15-16—11-16
ColgatePalm s			88⅛	86 5-16 86 7-16—1 5-16
ComclMetals			35⅛	35 5-16 35 5-16— 3-16
CooperIn			60¼	59⅜ 59⅜— ⅛
CyprusAmax			16⅜	16 11-16 16 11-16+ 1-16
DallSemicn			36¼	35⅜ 35 11-16— 1-16
DeltaAirl			118⅛	116⅛ 117 3-16+ ¼
DigitalEq			52	13-16 52 7-16 52⅜+ ⅛
Dillards Inc			37	1-16 36⅞ 36 15-16+ 3-16
DowChem			96	1-16 95 7-16 95⅜— ⅜
DresserInd			49	15-16 49 49⅛— 1⅛
DuPont s			69	67⅞ 68⅛+15-16
EastmanChem			68	7-16 68 68 + ¼
EstKodak			66⅜	65 7-16 66 3-16+ 5-16
EDS Corp	45	15-16	44¾	45 11-16+ 5-16
Entergy			29	7-16 29⅛ 29⅜— ⅛
Exxon	69	15-16	68	11-16 69⅛+15-16
FstBksAm			24⅛	24 24 — ⅜
Flowers s			24	23⅛ 23 15-16+ ¼
FordMotor			63¼	62 62 13-16— 1
GTE Cp			59	15-16 59 59⅛+ ⅜
GenDynam			89	88 88⅛+ ⅜
GenlElecs			87⅛	87 87⅛+1 3-16
GenMills	75	11-16	75	75 5-16— 5-16
GenMotors			67⅛	66⅛ 67 3-16— 3-16
GaPacGP s			66⅛	65 1-16 65 15-16+13-16
GlobalMar			25	15-16 25 5-16 25⅜— ¼
Goodrich			52⅛	51 9-16 52 7-16+1 9-16
Goodyear s			74	3-16 73⅞ 74⅛— 1-16
GtAtlPac			30⅝	29 13-16 30⅝+ ⅜
Halliburtn s	52	3-16	50	13-16 51 3-16— 1
Hanson ADS			29¼	29 1-16 29⅜— ⅛
HarteHanks s			24¼	24 1-16 24 1-16
HomeDepot s			70	68 15-16 69⅛— ⅜
HoustonInds			29	1-16 28⅞ 29 + 3-16
IBM s			105	5-16 104 105⅛+11-16
IntlPaper			49	9-16 48 7-16 49⅛+11-16
JohnsonJn			74	13-16 74 5-16 74⅜+ 1¼
K mart				18⅜ 18¼ 18¼
Kroger Co	46	15-16	46	9-16 46 15-16+ 1-16
Litton			59⅛	58⅛ 59⅛+13-16
LockhdMart			115¼	113¾ 115 + ⅜
Lowes Cos			69¾	68⅛ 68 13-16— 9-16
Lubys				19¼ 19 19
LucentTech s			69¾	66 9-16 69¾+ 3¼
MayDeptStrs			63¾	62¼ 63 + ¼
Medtronic s			53	7-16 52⅜ 53 7-16+ 5-16
Mobils			80	78 3-16 79⅜+1 5-16
Monsanto			53¾	52 11-16 53⅞+ 1
MorganJP	133	13-16	132	13-16 133 1-16— 9-16
Motorola			61	9-16 59⅝ 61 5-16+13-16
NCR Corp			34	33 7-16 33 15-16— 1-16
NationsBk			73	9-16 72¼ 73⅜+ ¼
Navistar			34¼	34⅛ 34 9-16— ⅛
Norwests			41	40 9-16 41 + 1-16
OryxEngy	25	15-16	25	11-16 25⅜— 3-16
Penney JC				77⅛ 76⅛ 77⅛
Pennzoil			65	7-16 65 65⅛— 5-16
PepBoys			22¼	22⅛ 22 9-16— 1-16
PepsiCo	43	7-16	42	15-16 43 3-16— 7-16
PhelpDodge			64	63⅛ 63⅜— ¼
PhilipPet			50	7-16 50 50⅛+ 5-16
PilgrmPrd			14	14 14 — 3-16
Polaroid	44	3-16	44	44 1-16+ 1-16
Praxair			52⅜	51⅞ 52 3-16+ 1-16
ProctGamb s	87	15-16	87	3-16 87⅛+ 3-16
PubSNwMx			24⅛	24 5-16 24⅛+ ¼
RoyalDut s			58	9-16 58⅛ 58⅜— ⅜
SBC Comm s			43¼	42 11-16 43 3-16+ 3-16
SaraLee			63	5-16 63 1-16 63⅛+ 5-16
Scripps EW				55⅞ 55⅛ 55⅝
SearsRoeb	59	1-16	58⅛	58 11-16— 1-16
SherwinW			37⅞	37⅛ 37 11-16+11-16
SmthBc ADS s			65¼	64⅞ 65⅛+11-16
SouthernCo			28	27 7-16 27 13-16+ 3-16
SwstAirl s			30⅛	29 5-16 29⅜— 3-16
Sprint			68¾	66⅝ 68¼+ 1¼
SunCo			42⅛	41 15-16 42 1-16+ ⅛
TNP Ent	33	5-16	33	1-16 33 1-16— 3-16
Tandy s			46⅜	46 46 1-16— 9-16
TempleInland			61	15-16 61⅜ 61 13-16+ ⅛
Tenneco	42	9-16	42	1-16 42 7-16— 1-16
Texaco s			61⅜	61 61 9-16+ 9-16
Textind			60	59⅜ 59 15-16+11-16
TexasInst s	57⅛	55	15-16	57 5-16+ 5-16
TexUtil			40	39 13-16 39 15-16— ⅛
Textron s			76⅜	76 1-16 76⅜— ⅛
Travelers s	60	13-16	59⅞	60 13-16+1 3-16
TriconGlbR n				32 1-16 31 31⅛+ ⅜
TrinityInds			54	5-16 54 54⅛— 7-16
TritonEngy			37	11-16 36⅞ 37⅛+ ⅛
Tyler				8⅛ 7⅞ 8⅛+ ⅛
US WestCm			56⅛	55 11-16 56⅛+ ¼
USWstMda	34	15-16	34⅜	34⅜— 3-16
USX-Marathn			38	37⅞ 37⅝— ⅛
USX-USS	39⅜	38	11-16	39⅛+1 5-16
UnCarbde	51⅛	50	11-16	50 15-16— 9-16
UnionPacif			56¾	56¼ 56⅛+ ⅛
UnitedTech			94	93⅛ 93⅜— ⅛
Unocal			39⅛	39 1-16 39⅜— ⅛
WalMart	51¾	50⅜	50	13-16—11-16
WstnGasRs			19⅝	19¼ 19 3-16— ⅛
WinnDixie			46¼	45 11-16 45 15-16
Woolworth			25	3-16 24 13-16 24 15-16
Xerox Corp	109¾	108	108¼	— 3-16
ZenithE			4	2⅝ 2 11-16— 1⅜

Local Interest Stocks

Applied Mtls.	39 1/4	+1 5/8
BJ Services	37	-1/16
Cracker Brl.	40 7/8	+1/8
Clayton Hms.	20 15/16	+3/8
Compaq	25 11/16	-1/16
Cabletron	14	-1/16
Cisco Sys.	69 15/16	+5/8
Dell	68 9/16	+1/16
Brinker Int'l.	22	0
Calloway Glf.	28 3/4	-3/16
Fannie Mae	64 3/8	+13/16
Intel	76 11/16	-13/16
JP Morgan	133 7/16	-3/16
Korea Fund	7 3/4	-3/8
Lehman Bros.	75 1/4	+1/2
3 M	92 7/16	+5/16
Phillip Morris	39 7/8	-1/16
Microsoft	91 5/8	+1 1/4
Netscape	18	-1/8
Oracle	30 15/16	-7/16
Petsmart	10 1/2	0
Patterson Egy.	12 11/16	+1/8
Sun Am.	48 5/8	+1 1/16
Safeskin	40	+2 1/8
Sun Micro	42 3/4	+3/8
US H & G	6 5/8	-3/16
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Fremont shaken by series of bombs

FREMONT, Calif. (AP) — Three explosions in three days. Two more bombs found. No suspects or claims of responsibility amid growing fear.

The facts are stark in a baffling series of bombings that have stunned and angered — but not injured — residents in this peaceful city on San Francisco Bay.

"If the city were compared to a human body, this is a cancer which must be found, identified and removed as quickly and as effectively as possible," Mayor Gus Morrison said at a Wednesday news conference.

Authorities, including city police and federal bomb experts, announced a reward fund of $85,000 and an information hot line.

Investigators say the incidents probably are linked, citing similarities in the devices. They described the bombs as sophisticated and therefore have ruled out teen-age pranksters.

But so far, police have no suspects.

"We have looked at all possible (suspect) profiles and then some," said Fremont police Capt. Ron Hunt, head of the investigation. "We are open to all possibilities."

The incidents began Sunday when a firebomb exploded at the house of Police Chief Craig Steckler. The blast ripped a 10-foot-wide hole in the roof and set the front porch on fire.

That afternoon, his predecessor as police chief, City Councilman Bob Wasserman, found a similar explosive in a brown paper bag on the walkway leading to his front door. It was safely disarmed.

That night, two pipe bombs ripped through a new home in an upscale hillside neighborhood, causing extensive damage. A 17-year-old girl asleep inside was unharmed.

On Monday, police acting on an anonymous phone tip found a pipe bomb inside a home under construction in the same Mission Heights neighborhood.

The latest incident occurred Tuesday, when a water district worker found an exploded bomb at a water tank above the neighborhood. The tank was not damaged.

The attacks in the hillside neighborhood prompted the evacuation of dozens of families to let police and federal agents with bomb-sniffing dogs search their houses.

Power being restored after tornado, damages assessed

COATESVILLE, Va. (AP) — With a powerful storm on the way, John Giles ran next door to warn his father-in-law. In the few minutes he was gone, a tornado destroyed his home and killed his wife and their baby boy.

Eighty yards from his father-in-law's house, Giles found only the brick foundation and front steps of what had been a new, two-story wooden home. The area was swept bare, the front steps and wrought-iron railing leading up to nothing.

Piled on the lawn and blown into a thicket were a baby's dressing table, a sofa, a wheelbarrow and an armoire with clothing still inside. A tablecloth and bits of yellow insulation hung from tree limbs more than 50 feet above the ground.

"This is what he saw," said Hanover County Fire Chief Mike Harman Sr., staring at the rubble where the bodies of Sheila Giles, 39, and 13-week-old Jeremiah were found.

Joe Chambers, who lives about 1,000 feet away from the Giles home, went out today to assess the damage.

"We had been down there a couple of weeks ago to give a gift for the baby," Chambers said. "She was a real sweet woman. I wish they would have put in a basement."

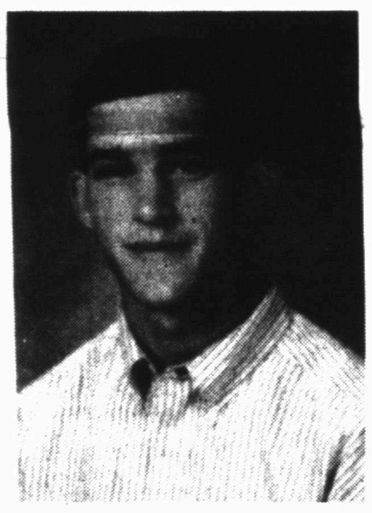
Chambers' house lost one wall. He and his wife, Carole, stayed in their basement.

"We never saw anything. All we heard was the noise," he said. "You could hear everything ripping and tearing, everything flying. It just happened within a minute."

The tornado in this Virginia town 25 miles north of Richmond was just part of violent weather across the Southeast on Wednesday night. At least one tornado touched down in eastern North Carolina, where rain and hail flooded roads and high winds knocked down trees. Four people were injured.

Authorities on the scene today began compiling comprehensive storm damage totals.

Obituaries



Kevin Lacik

Kevin Lacik

1978-1998

Kevin Michael Lacik, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School and current student at Western Texas College, died this morning at his home at 4508 Garwood.

Mr. Lacik, 19, was pronounced dead about 7:40 a.m. by Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds, who has ordered an autopsy.

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 6, 1978 in Big Spring, Mr. Lacik was a member of Snyder's First Presbyterian Church.

In high school, he was a member of the National Honor Society and a running back for the Snyder Tigers football team. He also participated in drama and was a member of the SHS Student Council and Future Farmers of America.

Survivors include his parents, John Lacik and Cynthia Lacik of Snyder; two sisters, Kaylee Lacik of Snyder and Kelli Lacik of Lubbock; his maternal grandparents, Nona and LeRoy Key of Snyder; his paternal grandparents, Irene and Harold Lacik of Snyder; and his maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Opal Key of Snyder.

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James Floyd

1923-1998

Graveside service for James Leslie Floyd, longtime Snyder resident, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Snyder Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Floyd, 74, died Tuesday, March 31, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born Aug. 18, 1923 in Snyder, Mr. Floyd had worked as a service station attendant.

Survivors include three sisters, Eddie Lee Cobb of Snyder, Dorothy Hunter of Abilene and Susie Bell Edwards of Riverside, Calif.; a stepbrother, Ennis Powell of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews, including Roann Clay, Vonnie Wallace, Brady Cobb, Melvin Cobb and Welton Cobb, all of Snyder.

Chris Wofford

1962-1998

LOVINGTON, N.M. — Funeral service for Christopher Wofford, 35, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Lovington Cemetery under the direction of Smith-Rogers Funeral Home.

His brother, Anthony Wofford, pastor of Snyder's Word is Life Deliverance Church, will officiate.

Mr. Wofford, a resident of Carlsbad, died Monday, March 30, in an automobile accident southwest of Hobbs in Lea County, N.M.

Born on Dec. 25, 1962 in Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. Wofford was employed by Nabors Drilling Co. as an evening-tower driller.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Ruby Wofford.

Survivors include two sons, Christopher Wofford Jr. of Fort Stockton and Christopher De Shawn Wofford of Seymour; a daughter, Mariahlah Ruby Wofford of Carlsbad; a stepdaughter, Mariah Silvas of Carlsbad; a sister-in-law, Kathy Wofford of Snyder; another brother and sister-in-law, T.R. and Ella Wofford of Carlsbad; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Theresa and James Russell of Lubbock and Tanya and Scott Johnson of Hobbs; and his fiancee, Jo Ann Silvas of Carlsbad.

Statehood vote said unlikely for P. Rico

WASHINGTON (AP) — Puerto Rico's statehood hopes dimmed today as congressional leaders told the island commonwealth to have patience and not to expect a Senate vote this year.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., met with Puerto Rico's Gov. Pedro Rossello before a committee meeting on a bill to authorize a vote by Puerto Ricans on whether to make the U.S. territory the 51st state or give it independence.

"Sen. Lott praised (the governor) for his leadership in Puerto Rico and on this issue, but right now a vote on Puerto Rico is not scheduled," Lott spokesman John Czuartacki said today.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, said lawmakers would likely have to hold several full hearings on the matter before authorizing such a historic vote.

"Growing up under territorial status in Alaska, I certainly support the right of residents to formulate what the vision of their future may be," Murkowski said in a statement. But, he added, "I have no illusions about the time and effort that will be required."

In early March, the House surprised many observers by breathing new life into the Puerto Rican statehood movement. That chamber voted 209-208 to give Puerto Ricans three choices in a referendum before the end of the year — continued commonwealth status, statehood or independence.

Rossello continued to press his case to elevate Puerto Rico to state status, arguing his people have lived too long without true self-determination.

"We have the opportunity, together with the Congress and our people, to bring an end to half a millennium of ignominious political inferiority: four centuries under a Spanish monarch and now one full century under the greatest democracy ever created by the human race," Rossello said in a prepared statement. "A democracy that should find it untenable and repulsive to keep a large number of its citizens bereft of their basic citizenship rights."

Clinton

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Rahm Emanuel said today the dismissal meant that Starr, whose grand jury investigation is probing whether Clinton committed perjury and obstructed justice in the Jones case, needed to "move and wrap this up quickly."

Former Clinton adviser James Carville, appearing with Carpenter McMillan on NBC, said he hoped to see the Jones case spawn another investigation.

"I think a lot of money was changing hands for a lot of people to tell a lot of lies," Carville said. "We need a thorough investigation into payola."

The Jones team's burden would be high for reversing the dismissal. Although Mrs. Jones contended she was placed in a dead-end government job for refusing sex with Clinton on May 8, 1991, Wright said the former Arkansas government clerk, who filed her suit in 1994, "failed to demonstrate that she has a case worthy of submitting to a jury."

"She admits ... she continued to work ... another 19 months ... she never filed a formal complaint or told her supervisors of the incident," Wright said. Clinton's behavior in the hotel room, "if true, may certainly be characterized as boorish and offensive," the judge wrote in her 39-page ruling, but failed "to reveal a basis for a claim of criminal sexual assault."

White House officials hoped that Wednesday's ruling would pressure Starr to wrap up his investigation into allegations Clinton had sex with former intern, Monica Lewinsky, and lied about it under oath.

Mrs. Jones, 31, remained in her home near Long Beach, Calif. Clinton has said he doesn't recall meeting her and denies any sexual encounter or attempt to blunt her advancement on the job.

The Dallas-based law firm handling Mrs. Jones' case said it was "a shame that, unless the ruling is reversed on appeal, there will now never be a determination of who was telling the truth and who was lying."

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Register to vote

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

Model plane club

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 this evening at Winston Field. Visitors are welcome.

Nursing home financial planning

Snyder Oaks Care Center and Senior Information Services of America are co-sponsoring "Nursing Home Financial Planning," a workshop dealing with financing long-term care, at 7 tonight at Snyder Oaks Care Center

'Always, Patsy Cline'

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

Snyder Healthcare bake sale

Snyder Healthcare Center Family Council will have a bake sale beginning at 9 a.m. Friday in the administration hall.

Special education rodeo

Western Texas College rodeo team will be holding its annual rodeo for special education students at 9 a.m. Friday in the coliseum. There is no admission charge.

Heart walk planned

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

Golden K Fish Fry

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

Planetarium show

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

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

Pre-emerge weed control clinic

Dr. Peter Dotray, weed specialist from Lubbock, will present an update on herbicide for pre and post emerge weed control in cotton. The program will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Fluvanna Community Center.

WTC Booster Club

Western Texas College Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Rudy's. Everyone is invited.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Right Relationships," followed by "Til Death Do Us Part" will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Pecan management workshop

A multi-county pecan management workshop will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Ledbetter Pecan headquarters in the Plains Community (Highway 1054 in Borden County). Dr. George McEachern, professor and extension horticulturist, will conduct the workshop.

Jews for Jesus presentation

Stan Myer, speaking on behalf of Jews for Jesus, will speak on what the Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in common in a presentation set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

SJHS shop students holding raffle

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

Alzheimers forum

Social service director James Rhodes has arranged for Sue Davis to address the community on Alzheimers at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16 at Snyder Healthcare Center.

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival

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

Pick 3

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

9-2-8

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 12-14-16-32-49-50.