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4 advance to state UIL from Snyder

Snyder High School will send four students on to the Class 4A State UIL Academics Meet in Austin next month.

Jenise Judah, Kenneth Darlin, Christy Tankersley and Kevin Kerr will represent SHS at the May 8-9 contest.

Judah, a senior, will participate in two events — ready writing and accounting.

She was second in ready writing at last weekend's Class 4A Region UIL Academic Meet in San Angelo. She also returns for the second year to compete in accounting. She was sixth individual at the Regional meet in San Angelo and will return as part of Snyder's first-place accounting team.

Joining her on the team are Darlin, another senior making his second trip, and Kerr. Darlin was third high individual at Region while Kerr, a senior, placed seventh.

First through third place individuals and first place teams advance to state.

Tankersley, another senior, took second place in computer applications on Saturday and will be heading back to state competition. She won first place in computer applications at state a year ago.

The computer science team of Darlin, Trey Gorman and Buddy Whittenburg placed third overall. Though that did not qualify them for state, they received special praise for their effort. Gorman, who was seventh place individual, and Whittenburg are both sophomores.

UIL academic sponsors are Lynda McCormack, Richard Hester, Janice Northerns, Phyllis Smith, Darlene Stokes, Wynola Early, Betsy Griffin, Shad Nachlinger, Betty Henderson, Becky Johnson, Thomas Strayhorn and Lynda Patterson, coordinator.

Below is a list of SHS students who placed at the Regional meet.

Literary Criticism: Michael Hensley, 4th.

Spelling & Vocabulary: Vanessa Jones, 5th.

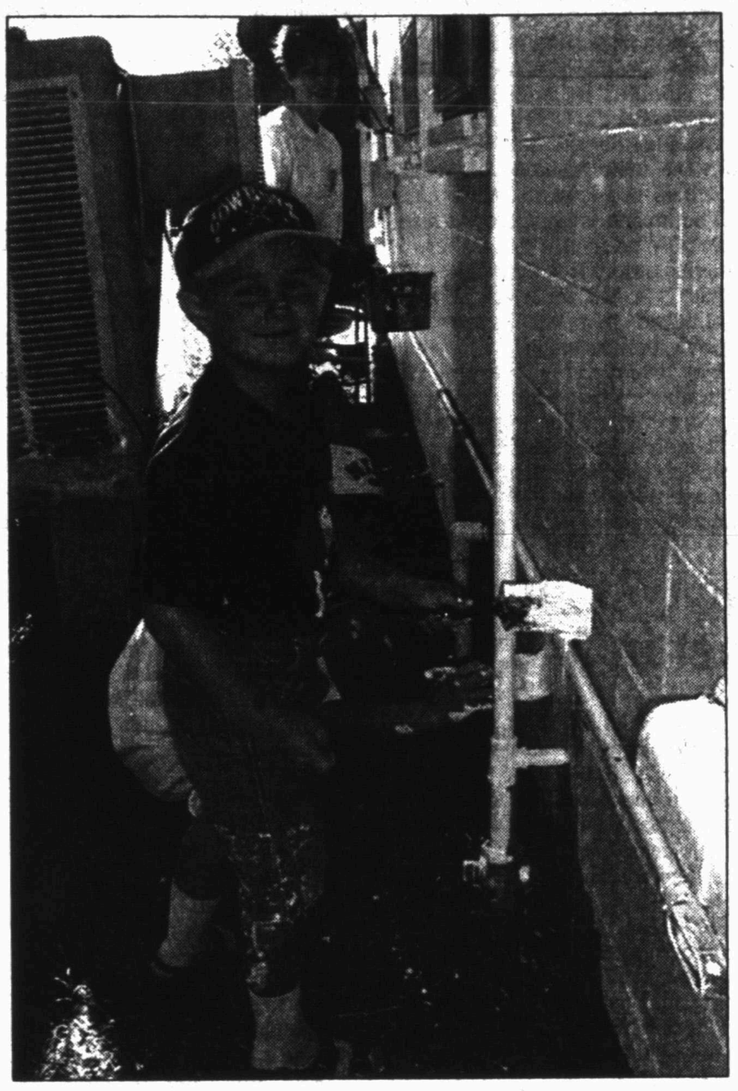
Feature Writing: Melinda Hernandez, 5th.

Accounting: Team, 1st; Individual, Kenneth Darlin, 3rd; Jenise Judah, 6th; Kevin Kerr, 7th.

Computer Applications: Christy Tankersley, 2nd; Blake Bell, 7th.

Computer Science: Team, 3rd; Individual, Trey Gorman, 7th.

Ready Writing: Jenise Judah, 2nd.



PAINTING'S FUN! — Colton Curry looks to be enjoying his job Saturday during Snyder Neighbors Sharing workday as his mother, Kathy, supervises. Eleven houses were repaired for people who could not do it themselves. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Town hall meeting set tonight on renovation of public schools

Snyder citizens have another opportunity to provide input on a proposed bond issue for the local school district.

Tonight's town hall meeting is designed to allow citizens to look over renovation and construction options and have their say about the bond issue. The meeting will begin at 7 o'clock at Worsham Auditorium.

Snyder ISD trustees are considering bond packages ranging from $20 million to $29 million to update the district's facilities. The higher price tag includes some new construction, such as a competition gym.

Other options include closing one or more of the district's five elementary schools.

Last week, an informal poll of the trustees indicated four in favor of closing Central Elementary.

Trustees have discussed two options if this occurs, including building a new wing at the junior high school. Another option is building pods of classrooms at the remaining elementaries to accommodate the displaced students.

Yet another option that has been discussed is to close Stanfield, Central and Northeast and expand East and West elementaries.

While trustees have seen options with price tags in the high-$20 million range, most seem to be settling in on a figure of around $20 million.

Tonight, architects will have overheads available and citizens will be able to look at project design and preliminary design concepts — for instance, the location of a new wing at Stanfield to replace temporary buildings, if trustees decide that is what they want to do.

Board members and administrators will be at the meeting to hear encouragement, ideas and complaints about the overall project.

It is expected that the board will eventually call for a bond election in August. However, a school bond issue election can be called anytime, as long as there a 45-day notice is given, administrators said.

Besides tonight's townhall meeting, trustees have scheduled additional board workshops for May 4 and 5.

Suspects at large...

Clues sought in Allsup's robbery

Investigation into the armed robbery of the Hermleigh Allsup's early Saturday, is continuing, according to Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson.

"Our department spent most of the weekend on the case, including interviewing people in the area of the store," Jackson said.

Chief Deputy Delwyn Davis said this morning that some leads have surfaced on a possible vehicle that the two robbers used in leaving the scene.

Faye West, who was working the night shift of the store on U.S. 84 which stays open 24-hours, was found by three customers around 12:48 a.m. Saturday, bound and gagged in the back room of the store. She was not seriously injured.

Davis said Saturday that three customers walked in while the robbery was in progress, and even as Davis was being bound with duct tape.

"A man who was behind the counter when the people walked in, and the person tying up Mrs. West, fled out of the back of the store," said Davis.

"No one at the scene was able to give a vehicle description," Davis said.

The suspects were identified as a black male, age 16-20, and a white male about the same age.

Roy Sibley, district manager with Allsup's in of Abilene, said this morning that robberies at their stores have decreased some 50 to 60 percent over the past few years due to the company's deterrents.

"Lighting, location, security safes, surveillance cameras.....all go to deter robberies," said Sibley.

The last robbery at the store was in 1991. Ricardo Alaniz was sentenced to 15 years for that crime, and remains in prison.

Early voting period concludes Tuesday

Tuesday is the last day to cast a ballot in the early voting period for trustee elections at Western Texas College and Snyder and Ira public school districts.

The actual election is Saturday.

Early voting is open to those residing within the particular school district or community college district, and is being conducted during normal office hours.

Early voting has been relatively light. Forty-five ballots have been cast at the Snyder Public Schools Administration Building, voting site for the Snyder ISD board of trustees election. Three people are seeking two at-large seats on the board. They are Windham School District deputy regional director Bill Moss, TDCJ Lt. Danny Bass and incumbent Luann Burleson.

A contested race at Western Texas College has generated 68 ballots so far. Board president Dr. Jay Kidd is being challenged by local chiropractor Dr. James Hanks for Place 4. Early voting is being held in the administration building.

At Ira, Place 7 Mobil Oil plant reliability specialist Doug White, the incumbent, is being challenged by a former school board member, Carl Smith. Smith is co-owner and general manager of Ira Pump & Supply.

Just 14 votes have been cast in that election, where early balloting is being conducted at the administration office.

Citizens who plan on waiting until Saturday to vote should be aware that the ballot box for Snyder ISD and WTC will be moved to City Hall. Ira ISD voters will cast their ballot at Ira Community Center. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Hermleigh ISD and the City of Snyder are not holding elections this year. They were waived because there were no contested candidates.



LET GO — "Junior" is not letting Kendra Tidwell do much work Saturday at a car wash held by Price Daniel Unit employees in support of Special Olympics. The car wash was one of many planned events the unit is sponsoring in support of the Special Olympics. (SDN Staff Photo)

McNair named first runner-up

LUBBOCK — Lisa McNair was named first runner-up in the queen contest at the District 2-T-2 Lions Convention, held last weekend here.

She received a $500 scholarship.

Resa Denae Monk, representing the Lubbock Law Enforcement Lions Club, was crowned queen and received a $750 scholarship.

Twenty-five girls were entered in the contest.

It was also announced at the convention that Snyder will host the District 2-T-2 Lions Convention in 1999.

Lisa is a senior at Snyder High School and the daughter of Lee and Debra McNair.

Ira High's one-act play earns alternate at region

Ira's one-act play, "The Importance Of Being Earnest," was named alternate winner at the Class 1A UIL Region II One-Act Play Contest at Hardin-Simmons University Saturday.

Tye Shirley and Lindsy Josey were awarded places on the all-star cast. Receiving honorable mention were Billy Keith Box and Brook Wilkes.

The judge, Susan Loughran of St. Edwards University in Austin, praised the beauty of the set, music and the costumes, according to Sue Parham, director.

"She felt as though the cast wore their costumes every day and she was particularly impressed with the way they handled the style and manner of the comedy," Parham said.

The judge also remarked about the overall good job with the British accent and she thought the character development was well done.

This was the last performance for Ira for seniors Billy Keith Box and Chris Gee.

Lillie Sullivan was the co-director.

Wink and Loneta high schools advanced to state.

ASK US

Q—How many years has the Special Olympics been going on?

A—Special Olympics is in its 27th year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 91 degrees; low, 59; high Sunday, 78; low, 45; 7 a.m. Monday, .45; .20 of an inch precipitation; total for 1998, 5.00 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy; 20 percent rain chance. Low, mid 40s. N wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy; 20% rain chance. High near 70. NW wind 5-15 mph.



Steven Hubanks
Rain chance

Sunset: 8:20 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:02 a.m.
Of 116 days in 1998, the sun has shone 114 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want.

Dan Stanford

APR 27 1998

Capital does not have an era of good feelings

AP news analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mood in the capital is ugly. The rhetorical gloves are off. A senior House Republican directs a back-alley epithet at the president of the United States.

When Democrats complain, the House GOP whip counters by suggesting a public debate on whether there is a more appropriate term than "scumbag" to describe President Clinton.

Is this the worst of moods coming during what are generally considered the best of times?

The economy is booming, the budget deficit is vanishing and the nation is at peace.

Yet no president in memory has taken the personal criticism directed at Clinton.

"We ought to be feeling good about ourselves, but we seem to be in a food fight," said Lewis Gould, a professor of history at the University of Texas.

The epithet used by Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., was the harshest, but not the only, criticism that stretched normal rules of polite discourse.

"I do believe after looking at all that's going on that this president could very well be a sexual predator. And he has committed some heinous acts," said House GOP Whip Tom DeLay of Texas.

Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas, the House majority leader, told schoolchildren that Clinton was "a shameless person."

Gould, who specializes in the history of the presidency, said other chief executives have taken harsh criticism, but "the level of venom now" seems much higher.

"Everybody's got the gloves off," said Henry Graf, a historian at Columbia University. "It's a form of violence in society."

Most surprising is the gloves-off attitude by members of Congress.

Usually, the president is treated with the same studied politeness members use toward each other.

The arcane language of House Rule XIV refers to "a Member ... called to order for words spoken in debate." It has most often been applied to personal attacks on another congressman.

Not even in the depths of Watergate when Congress was moving toward forcing Richard M. Nixon from the presidency did members use the kind of language against him that is routinely directed against Clinton.

Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon B. Johnson aroused the passions of their political opponents, but the attacks, at least within Congress, were generally moderate.

Political rhetoric is another matter.

When Thomas Jefferson first ran for president he was portrayed by his opponents as a supporter of the French Revolution and "a howling atheist." Abraham Lincoln was denounced during the 1864 campaign as "a half-witted usurper."

"Civility is cyclical," said Stephen Hess, a presidential scholar at the Brookings Institution. "It goes in waves in American politics."

Hess suggested that one difference between the mood now and a few decades ago is that members of Congress spend less time socializing with each other.

He looked back on a time when lawmakers "played poker together, and even though they were political enemies they got to know each other."

Few members of Congress have stretched the bounds of civility to the extent of Robert Dornan when he represented a southern California House district.

Nicknamed B-1 Bob for his support of the bomber, Dornan lost his seat in a hotly contested elected in 1996. For more than a year he fought to overturn his 979-vote loss to Loretta Sanchez.

While in the House, Dornan led the attacks on Clinton, calling the president a "draft-dodging adulterer" and accusing him of "giving aid and comfort to the enemy."

Retired Col. Colin Powell: volunteer program on track

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Gen. Colin Powell says his year-old campaign to involve corporate America and individuals in a new spirit of volunteerism has had a lasting and substantial impact.

"We've accomplished a lot. And it is not just a matter of getting more volunteers to clean up cities," Powell, chairman of the America's Promise organization and former chairman of the military Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

Powell planned to issue a report today on progress made since President Clinton and past presidents met in Philadelphia a year ago for a summit on volunteerism that gave birth to America's Promise. He is also to address some 60 mayors in Chicago on how they can get local governments active in his movement.

He said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he would tell the mayors that "we're going to be the drum beaters, the evangelicals. We're going to generate interest and support in this."

Powell disputed contentions that there has been waning interest in his efforts since the media focused on Clinton, Powell and other leaders cleaning up trash in inner-city Philadelphia.

He said Big Brothers and Big Sisters report a 22 percent increase in people coming forward to be mentors for young people, and that boys and girls clubs are committed to making room for another 500,000 children.

Citing other examples, Powell said the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has promised to help 3 million young people find summer jobs, and the eyeglass company LensCrafters has given 100,000 free eye exams.

"So to whine about, well, the lots are still dirty, the more important thing is we've got to touch the lives of the next generation of young people that are coming along,reshape them, give them a hope for the future, make them believe in themselves, believe in America," he said.

Powell, who considered a bid for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination, said his core problem was how to restore a sense of values and structure in America.

He said he wanted to reinstitute the concept of marriage to discourage teen-agers from promiscuous sex that results in children in single-parent households. "We've got to restore a sense of shame and teach our children and all of our institutions the difference between right and wrong," he said.

It's also necessary, Powell said, to combat what he called the "Jerry Springerization" of the nation, referring to the television talk show famed for its focus on the bizarre and fighting among guests. "If that's the model our children see, then that's not the model that's going to lead them to seek a better life," he said.

Ray's rites set in May

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The brother of the late James Earl Ray would like to have a funeral for the convicted assassin of Martin Luther King Jr. in about three weeks — one open to everyone, including King's family.

Jerry Ray, 62, said the three-week delay is to make sure his brother's pastor, the Rev. James Lawson, will be available to officiate.

"It will be a memorial to James to show he's done 30 years for a crime that he didn't commit," he said Sunday.

The Rays discussed having the funeral at the church in Memphis where Ray's pastor used to officiate. But Jerry Ray said he decided to hold the funeral in Nashville, where his 70-year-old brother died Thursday from liver disease.

'Big Hit' No. 1; 'Titanic' breaks international record

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The kidnapping caper "The Big Hit" pulled off a theft of its own this weekend, snatching the top spot at the box office from the supernatural romance "City of Angels."

"The Big Hit," starring Mark Wahlberg, Lou Diamond Phillips and Antonio Sabato Jr., earned an estimated $11 million in its debut. "City of Angels" finished second with $9 million, Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. said Sunday.

Meanwhile, "Titanic" broke more new ground, becoming the first film ever to gross more than $1 billion internationally. Although the pace of global earnings has slowed from $30 million to about $25 million weekly, "Titanic" is on pace to earn another $200 million abroad.

The film, which won 11 Academy Awards, is the No. 1 moneymaking film in 59 locations from Argentina to Yugoslavia. It is No. 2 and still rising in Singapore and Turkey, Twentieth Century Fox International said.

"When you think that no other picture has done over $913 million worldwide, it's something we may not see again for a long, long time," Fox spokesman Tom Sherak said.

"Titanic" has nearly doubled the previous international record held by "Jurassic Park."

Now in its 19th week of release, the film has earned $561 million in the United States and Canada. This weekend, "Titanic" tied for third at $5 million with "The Object of My Affection," a love story starring Jennifer Aniston.

"Lost in Space," based on the 1960s television series, dropped to No. 5 with $4.4 million, followed by "Paulie," a children's story about a talking bird, with $4.3 million in its second week.

Box office receipts for "Species 2" fell 65 percent to $1.4 million, dropping the sci-fi thriller to No. 11. On just 117 screens, "Sliding Doors" starring Gwyneth Paltrow earned the most money per screen — $7,009 — to take in $820,00 in its first weekend.

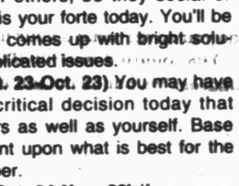
"The Truce" also made a promising debut with $23,000 on five screens.

The estimated grosses for the top movies at North American theaters for Friday through Sunday:

1. "The Big Hit," $11 million.
2. "City of Angels," $9 million.
3 (tie). "The Object of My Affection," $5 million.
3 (tie). "Titanic," $5 million.
5. "Lost in Space," $4.4 million.
6. "Paulie," $4.3 million.
7. "Neil Simon's The Odd Couple II," $2.5 million.
8. "The Players Club," $2.2 million.
9. "Mercury Rising," $2.1 million.
10. "Scream 2," $1.8 million.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

In the year ahead you will be more adventurous in all areas of your life than you have been in the past. Involvements will blend old friends with new friends in a way that will prove to be quite fruitful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In a group involvement today you might see a way to do something from which the majority can benefit. Even though your presentation won't be letter perfect, push for its implementation. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Being around persons today who are progressive thinkers will stimulate your own thought processes, so seek out imaginative companions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Two career objectives can be advanced today through the use of innovative procedures. Discard the unproductive and embrace the new and promising.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to participate in activities today that are light-spirited and competitive. Situations in which you can demonstrate your mental and physical agility should prove enjoyable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Sorting out the affairs of others, be they social or commercial, is your forte today. You'll be the one who comes up with bright solutions to complicated issues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may have to make a critical decision today that affects others as well as yourself. Base your judgment upon what is best for the largest number.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you exercise self-discipline today, you'll be as competent a finisher as you are a starter. This is a good time to finish several matters you've left swinging in the wind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Competent allies for a project you want to initiate can be found in the ranks of persons you know socially. Enlist their support, instead of seeking help from business acquaintances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Before making any major changes in your household at this time, bring everyone into the decision. Collective input could result in something better than you initially conceived.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not wait on others to take the initiative today in a situation in which something of personal importance is at stake. Start rolling the ball and let them catch up with you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Something propitious might unexpectedly develop for you today. It will enable you to serve as a spokesperson who unites dissenting factions for a profit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're likely to be more in tune with the times today in advancing a new interest than you will be if you dillydally. Take advantage of present circumstances and swing into action posthaste.

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Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

Pioneer Natural has completed the No. 421 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 24 barrels of oil and 630 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,525-3,324 feet, and location is in Section 8, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Pioneer Natural has completed the No. 8 Etta Holt in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The venture was finaled to produce 51 barrels of oil and 146 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,473-3,282 feet, and location is in Section 11, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Garza County

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 605 Forbes field unit, five miles east of Slaton. The well was finaled to produce six barrels of oil and 175 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,630-725 feet, and location is in Section 1, Block 1, K. Aycock survey.

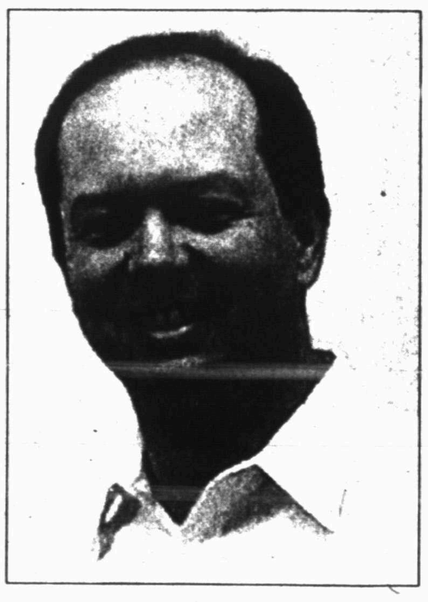
Patterson Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 1 John 3D in the Happy field 14 miles south of Post. PLanned for a depth of 5,200 feet, drill site is in Section 29, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Brothers Production Company will drill the No. 3105 PLK in the Happy field, 10 miles southwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,100 feet, drill site is in Section 31, Block 2, T&N0 survey.

Howard County

Santa Fe Energy Resources will drill the No. 2 Powell Ranch, an 8,000-foot wildcat located six miles south of Coahoma. Location is in Section 26, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

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Government finds vets who got nasal radium

WASHINGTON (AP) — Albert A. St. John, weakened by a life-threatening blood disorder, hasn't been able to work in years. He thinks the nasal radium treatments he got during flight training in World War II caused his illness, but he's been turned down for veterans' disability benefits.

"I'm hanging on for a cure or compensation, or both," said the 72-year-old retired postal worker from Jemison, Ala., who said he and his wife get by on less than $13,000 a year. "If I owed anything, I'd be in real bad trouble."

Eight months after the Defense and Veterans Affairs departments embarked on an outreach program to alert thousands of veterans who got nasal radium of possible medical problems, they say only 42 veterans have been notified.

In other cases, veterans say their claims for medical care or disability have been delayed or denied because there's no proof in their military records that they had radium treatments.

"All I want is a little sleep and a little relief," said Chic Sale of Asheville, N.C., a substitute teacher who blames the radium treatments he got during submarine training in New London, Conn., 45 years ago for the severe, nightly headaches he suffers from now.

The VA gave Sale a physical exam and told him to file a claim for further treatment. Five months later, he's still waiting for a response and doesn't hold out much hope because his military records — typical of Navy files — make no mention of radium treatments.

According to a 1997 Navy report to the White House Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments, Navy records were routinely purged of anything that wasn't a standard Pentagon or Navy form before going into storage at the National Records Center in St. Louis.

Because Navy researchers found scant references to radium in a search last fall of 156 boxes of files, they concluded that the treatments were probably entered "on nonstandard forms other than medical records and ... not retained when the files enter records center."

Records — or lack thereof — also are at the heart of the notification effort. After combing thousands of files, the VA found documented proof of radium treatments for just 84 men, only half of whom could be located.

"It's a complete game they're playing," said Stewart Farber, a public health scientist from Pawtucket, R.I., who has spent years researching the radium issue. "It's clear they could reach these men."

Farber argued that many more veterans could be reached if the VA placed advertisements in veterans' magazines or searched other records, such as a log book of 1,000 submariners treated by the late Dr. Henry Haines at the New London base.

Thousands of men, mostly submariners and pilots who had trouble with drastic changes in pressure, received nasal radium in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. Civilians, especially children of military personnel, also got the treatments to combat recurrent colds and sinus and adenoid problems.

Typically, a rod containing 50 milligrams of radium was pushed through each nostril and placed against the opening of the eustachian tubes for six to 12 minutes. Repeated over a period of months, this would shrink tissues. The eustachian tubes help the ear to drain and balance pressure on the inner and outer ear.

In recent years, radium patients have complained of tumors, thyroid and immune disorders, brittle teeth and reproductive problems. A 1996 follow-up of a Dutch study showed that children who had radium — at lower doses than in the United States — ended up with twice as many cancer incidents as children who had not been exposed.

Dr. Neil Otchin of the VA said the department has made numerous efforts to inform veterans and their doctors about the risks of nasal radium, including publishing articles in medical journals, providing information to veterans' service groups and holding a teleconference in 1996.

All VA medical centers have been mailed information on radium to better handle radium-related "health" claims, such as Sale's. A VA-requested bill, pending in the Senate, would allow veterans who had radium to get treatment for the same disorders afflicting veterans with exposure to other forms of radiation.

A more aggressive approach would only scare veterans, Otchin said.

"We've certainly tried not to fall into that trap," he said. "There really is not a special medical screening or follow-up that is being recommended at this point, unless they have symptoms."

For St. John, there's little to hang on to. He's searching for other veterans who had nasal radium in an effort to strengthen his case for disability. His only proof of treatment is a cryptic notation — "altitude indoctrination" — on the old military flight card that also lists his vaccinations.

"They're just totally ignoring this because they're not showing anything in the records," he complained.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Widow Dating Widower Expects Vacation Fireworks Will Fizzle

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DEAR ABBY: I met a very attractive widower I'll call Bob a few weeks ago at an RV park for seniors. He lost his wife eight years ago. My husband died three years ago. Bob and I spent most of that week in each other's company during the day, and since we've returned home, we have had lunch together several times.

Last week, Bob revealed that he's had surgery and radiation treatment for prostate cancer. I also have been treated for cancer. We are both nearing the time we will be considered cured.

Abby, we are planning to vacation together this summer. I keep expecting him to mention something about his inability to perform sexually, but he hasn't. To tell you the truth, sex is not all that important to me. In fact, I would rather skip that part of a relationship.

Would I be out of line to let him know in advance that I am not expecting any skyrockets or Roman candles on our vacation?

HESITATING

DEAR HESITATING: Perhaps Bob has said nothing about his inability to perform sexually because his sex life is not yet over. Although I advocate honesty in relationships, I think that letting him know you expect no rockets and Roman candles could be potentially embarrassing and presumptuous.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently started a new job that I enjoy very much. Yesterday, however, I discovered I am working in an office with someone I never expected to meet. She is the wife of a man with whom I had a brief affair more than two years ago.

I saw "Bill" only a couple of times before I realized he was lying to me about being separated and in the process of a divorce. The second time we got together, I'm pretty sure it was at the home he shared with his wife, in their bed! He told me it was his mother's house. After I saw pictures of his two children on the dresser, I ended the relationship.

My problem is I am very uncomfortable in the presence of Bill's wife. She seems to be a very nice person, but I can't carry on a conversation with her the way I can with my other co-workers. I'm sure it is only a matter of time before Bill comes to visit his wife at work, and I can't imagine how to act when that happens. Please help.

TRYING TO FORGET

DEAR TRYING: You were wise to end this no-win situation as quickly as you did. Now it is time to forget it. Your initial discomfort in the presence of Bill's wife will lessen over time. If Bill shows up, treat him as though you've never seen him before — which is better than he deserves.

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DEAR ABBY: I can understand "Growing Old in Florida's" distress with the persistent and none-too-sensitive food server. Of course, the server was only trying to be helpful, and not everyone who is entitled to a senior discount is comfortable asking for it. I know I wasn't, early in my "career" as a senior.

"Senior citizen" doesn't sound nearly as dreadful as OAP (Old Age Pensioner), the term they use in England. *That* can take the starch out of you!

Wouldn't it be better to educate salespeople, food servers, etc., to simply ask their patrons, "Are you eligible for any of the discounts we offer?" This shouldn't offend anyone, and those who deserve it will get their discounts without having to ask.

LENORE MATHER, WAVERLY, N.Y.

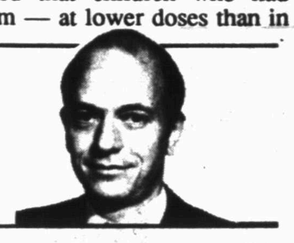
DEAR LENORE: That's a tactful solution to a sometimes tricky situation, and I hope your letter is posted everywhere discounts are offered.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	04-27-98	
	♠ 8 6		
	♥ Q 6 5		
	♦ K Q 5		
	♣ 10 8 7 5 4		
West		East	
♠ Q 10 7 5 3 2		♠ J 9	
♥ 4 3		♥ 8 7 2	
♦ 8 6 3		♦ A 7 4 2	
♣ K 2		♣ A Q J 9	
	South		
	♠ A K 4		
	♥ A K J 10 9		
	♦ J 10 9		
	♣ 6 3		

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

Count those losers

By Phillip Alder

This week, let's look at avoiding losers in suit contracts.

When the dummy comes down, an expert goes through a routine. If it's a suit contract, he gives priority to counting losers and winners. (In no-trump, he counts top tricks, but let's leave that until next week.) Less good players usually do neither, so they play much worse than they might. And if you find the counting takes an hour or two to do, don't quit! Even an expert was once a struggling beginner. Yet the more you practice, the easier it gets. And if you will only check losers or winners, count those losers. They will be more important on most deals.

How do you count losers? By looking at your hand and taking dummy's high cards into account. In today's deal, you are in four hearts. West leads the spade five. How many losers do you have? What's your line of play?

Yes, South's four-heart rebid was aggressive, but he bought a good dummy.

Did you find three losers (two clubs and one diamond)? If so, you forgot the spade four. All right, you saw how to deal with that loser, but you should count it.

There are two common ways of eliminating a loser: ruff it in the shorter trump hand (usually the dummy) or discard it on a winner in the other hand. Here, the former applies.

After winning trick one, cash the heart ace, play off the second top spade, and ruff the spade four with dummy's heart *queen*. Always ruff high when you can afford to do so.

Finally, draw trumps and concede the three minor-suit losers.

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Datebook

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Today is the 117th day of 1998 and the 39th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1964, John Lennon's book "In His Own Write" was published in the United States.

On this day in 1973, FBI director L. Patrick Gray resigned in the midst of the Watergate scandal.

On this day in 1993, Dr. Jack Kevorkian lost his California medical license.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward Gibbon (1737-1794), historian; Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-1797), writer and feminist; Samuel F. Morse (1791-1872), inventor; Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885), U.S. president; Rogers Hornsby (1896-1963), baseball great; Jack Klugman (1922-), actor, is 76; Coretta Scott King (1927-), civil-rights leader, is 71; Anouk Aimee (1932-), actress, is 66; August Wilson (1945-), playwright, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1958, Baltimore's Tom Phoebus pitched a no-hitter against the Boston Red Sox.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is justice, not charity, that is wanting in the world." — Mary Wollstonecraft

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1923, a tornado hit a rural school near Johnson, Kan.; five students were hurt and the teacher died.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

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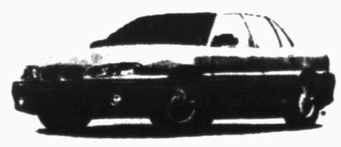
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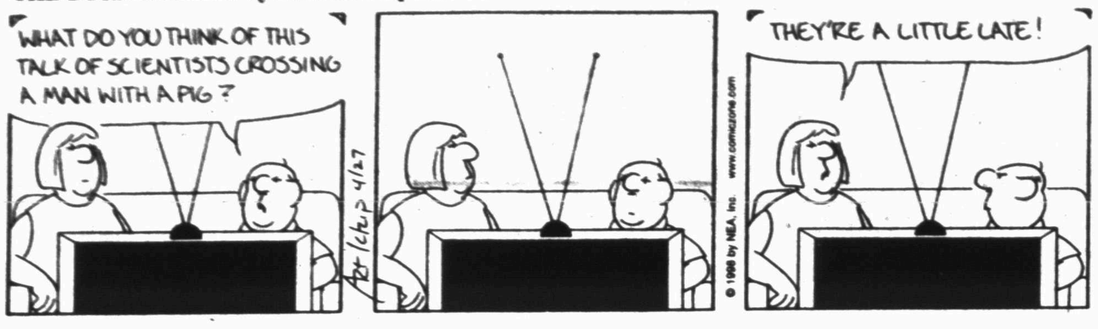
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21 Puzzle-cube inventor
23 Traffic problem
26 Cry of bacchanals
28 Southern bread
29 One day — — time
30 Take shape
31 More infested with wrigglers
33 Police officer's outfit
36 Gusto
37 Pecan or almond
38 Quantity of paper
40 Bandleader Arnaz
41 Wide shoe size
42 Natives of Copenhagen
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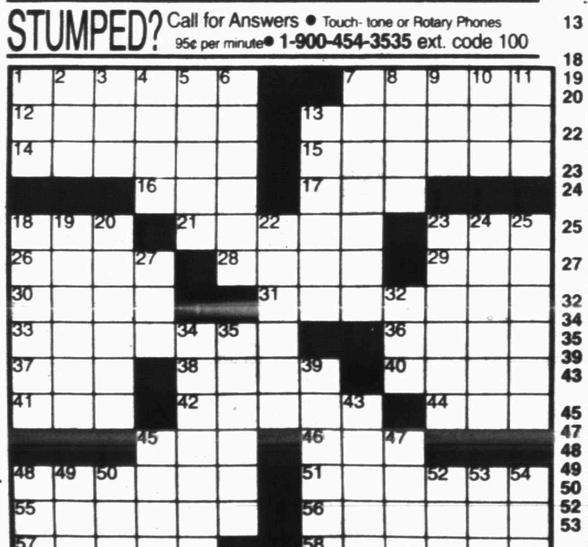
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8 Actress Diana —
9 Happy — — lark
10 Jiffy
11 Vessel's curved planking
13 Lacking pigment
18 Dull
19 City road
20 Crystalline gem
22 Robin Hood, for one
23 Put in prison
24 Army order (2 wds.)
25 Hitchcock movie
27 Mischievous sprite
32 Club —
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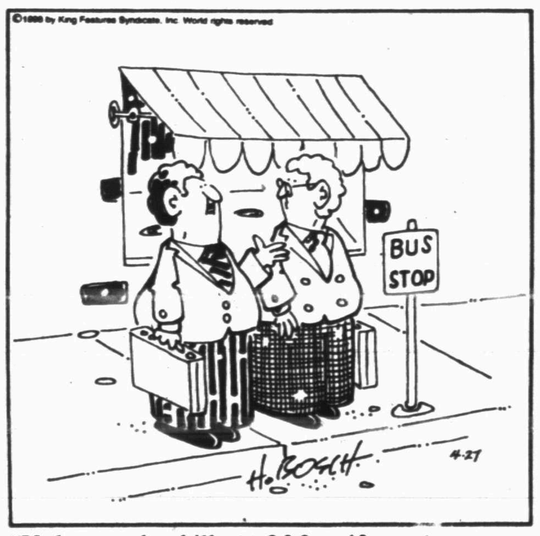
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SPORTS

Tigers get set for Mats; hoping to hold on to 2nd

District 2-4A's baseball schedule is in the home stretch.

Snyder begins the final week of the regular season Tuesday with a visit to fourth-place Estacado at 4:30.

The Tigers are currently sitting in second place behind Frenship, following an 8-5 loss to FHS on Friday.

Levelland holds down the third spot, only one game behind Snyder.

Kyle Beck will get the start on the mound for Snyder.

Beck is coming off a stellar performance in his outing on the hill. The senior surrendered only three hits, walked two and fanned 11 batters at Levelland a week ago.

Beck also got the job done from the plate, belting two home runs and double, with seven RBI.

The Tigers, 6-2 in district play, and 21-5 overall, will host the 2-4A finale Friday at 7:30 against Plainview.



BRINGING THE HEAT — Snyder hurler Kyle Beck delivers to the plate while Levelland coaches Hector Limon (foreground) and Randy Rush (right) look on. Beck will be on the mound Tuesday for the Tigers at Estacado beginning at 4:30. (SDN Staff Photo)

Astros rout Expos, 15-0

MONTREAL (AP) — Moises Alou was thinking about lost opportunities even though he had just tied his career record for RBIs in a game for the second time in three games.

Alou capped a productive weekend in Montreal with a homer and five RBIs Sunday to lead the Houston Astros to the biggest shutout victory in franchise history, a 15-0 rout of the Expos.

"I think I should have had more," Alou said. "I wasted some at-bats. I got kind of satisfied so I was upset at myself. I left five runners on base my last two at-bats. I have to be more consistent."

Alou was 3-for-6 and scored three runs as the Astros completed a three-game sweep of his former team. His three-run homer in the seventh capped the sixth five-RBI game of his career. Alou also had five RBIs on Friday night.

Backed by hot bats, Rangers' Sele chalks up his fifth victory

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Texas Rangers, already hitting better than .300 for the season, improved on their average in winning two of three games from the Kansas City Royals and getting 41 hits in 103 at-bats in the series.

Texas had 15 hits Sunday in routing the Royals 11-4 as Aaron Sele (5-0) became the first five-game winner in baseball. The Rangers have scored 57 runs in Sele's five victories.

"I didn't have good command," he said. "I didn't have too much, but I was able to get through five innings."

Sele, who entered the game 0-4 in his career against the Royals, became the first Texas pitcher to win his first five starts in a season since Kevin Brown in 1990.

The right-hander allowed four runs and eight hits in five-plus innings. His ERA, which had been a league-leading 1.16, jumped to 2.00.

The Rangers are hitting .329 (258-for-784) as a team for the season.

"The guys are the top of the lineup have been unbelievable, and the guys behind them have been doing the job," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "We have a chance to score in every inning."

Leadoff hitter Tom Goodwin is hitting .403, and Mark McLemore has a .398 average right behind him.

"We are getting great production from the top and the bottom of our order," first baseman Will Clark said.

Jamison will turn pro

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Antawn Jamison, college basketball's player of the year, is skipping his senior year at North Carolina to enter the NBA.

"If I would have stayed, it would have been for selfish reasons like breaking records," he said during a campus news conference today. "Once you really think about it, there's not much more to accomplish, other than maybe winning a national championship."

The 6-foot-9 forward said he reached the decision last Wednesday after consulting with coach Bill Guthridge and former coach Dean Smith, who told him he probably would be among the the top five picks in the June 24 draft.

Jamison said a key element in his decision was that he can graduate after the second session of summer school this year, ahead of his senior class.

"I am so close to two goals that I want — the NBA and graduating," he said. "It was an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

Sports Briefs

Dodds wins in sudden death

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Look up the definition of a journeyman golfer and you'll likely find a picture of Trevor Dodds.

Four times during a nine-year period from 1984-92, Dodds made the PGA Tour, only to return to qualifying school after failing miserably to make a living at the game he loves.

Despite the setbacks, he forged on.

"I kept getting my card and I wouldn't perform up to my expectations or anybody's expectations. But I just felt like you've got to have the tenacity and the perseverance to keep going," Dodds said Sunday following his first tour win, a playoff victory over Scott Verplank in the $2.2 million Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic.

Dodds, 38, a former college All-American at Lamar who battled testicular cancer last season while playing the Nike Tour, became the 15th different winner this season in as many PGA Tour events.

It was the second straight year the Greensboro tournament went into a playoff, this time with winds gusting to 25 mph which frustrated player after player down the stretch.

Dodds may have been at an advantage, having played in windy Texas while in college.

Dodds, who shot a final-round 69 for a 12-under 276 total, trailed by two shots as he stood on the 18th tee. He almost holed his approach shot and birdied one of the course's toughest holes for the fourth straight day to move one behind leader Bob Estes at the time.

Hale Irwin wins again

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Hale Irwin has been the target on the senior tour so long he might as well play with a bullseye painted on his shirt.

Irwin acknowledged as much Sunday when he nearly blew a six-shot lead before making a 3-foot putt on the last hole to edge Vicente Fernandez by a stroke in the Las Vegas Senior Classic.

Irwin won for the third time in seven tournaments and moved close to the $1 million in winnings mark on the year by winning the 72-hole event on the windswept TPC Summerlin course.

Unlike his seven-stroke win in last week's PGA Seniors Championship, however, this one didn't come without some anxious moments.

Irwin, who took over the money winning lead from Gil Morgan and won for the 16th time in less than three years on the senior tour, three-putted twice on the front nine Sunday to shoot a 4-over 40 before coming back with a 1-under 35 on the back to win at 6-under-par.

Irwin, who usually runs away with golf tournaments once he gets a lead, never gave the lead up, but had to par the last two holes, among the toughest on the course, to win.

Swedes dominate LPGA

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. (AP) — The Swedes are dominating the LPGA Tour this year — and Annika Sorenstam hasn't even won a tournament.

Liselotte Neumann cruised to a three-stroke victory Sunday in the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship, making her the second Swedish player with two tournament victories in the still-fledgling season.

She leads the money winnings list with $419,776, followed by countrywoman and fellow double-winner Helen Alfredsson. Then there's Sorenstam, who ranks sixth on the money list even though she has skipped five of the 11 LPGA tournaments, including the event at Eagles Landing Country Club in suburban Atlanta.

Neumann clinched the 12th victory of her career by shooting a 2-under-par 70 in the final round, finishing with a 14-under 202. Dottie Pepper and Lorie Kane tied for second at 205.

Lions Club tourney

Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held Saturday at Western Texas College. Tee times are 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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

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

Tuesday play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Fformat will be low net twosomes.

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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	15	9	.625	-
NewYork	13	8	.619	½
Philadelphia	11	11	.500	3
Florida	8	16	.333	7
Montreal	7	16	.304	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	15	8	.652	-
Houston	14	10	.583	1½
St.Louis	14	10	.583	1½
Chicago	12	12	.500	3½
Pittsburgh	11	13	.458	4½
Cincinnati	10	13	.435	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	17	6	.739	-
LosAngeles	12	11	.522	5
SanFrancisco	12	12	.500	5½
Colorado	10	15	.400	8
Arizona	7	18	.280	11

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 2, N.Y. Mets 0
San Francisco 2, Milwaukee 1
Houston 4, Montreal 3
St. Louis 8, Philadelphia 5
Arizona 4, Florida 3, 11 innings
Colorado 11, Atlanta 7
Los Angeles 3, Chicago Cubs 2
San Diego 4, Pittsburgh 3, 16 innings

Sunday's Games

Florida 12, Arizona 6
Colorado 7, Atlanta 6
Houston 15, Montreal 0
Philadelphia 9, St. Louis 3
Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, ppd., rain
Pittsburgh 6, San Diego 0
Los Angeles 4, Chicago Cubs 3, 12 innings
San Francisco 8, Milwaukee 7

Monday's Games

Houston (Hampton 4-0) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 1-2), 12:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Green 2-1) at Cincinnati (Winchester 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Perez 0-2) at St. Louis (Osborne 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
Florida (Sanchez 0-1) at Colorado (Thomson 1-2), 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Smoltz 2-0) at Arizona (Benes 2-2), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 0-0) at Los Angeles (Park 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 3-1) at San Diego (Hamilton 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Silva 2-2) at San Francisco (Darwin 1-2), 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Cordova 3-1) at San Francisco (Estes 0-4), 3:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Stephenson 0-1) at Cincinnati (Winchester 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 3-1) at Houston (Halama 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 2-2) at St. Louis (Politte 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Florida (Larkin 1-0) at Colorado (Astacio 1-3), 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 3-0) at Arizona (Blair 0-4), 10:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Mercedes 2-0) at Los Angeles (Nomo 1-3), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clark 2-2) at San Diego (Ashby 3-1), 10:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	14	5	.737	½
Boston	16	6	.727	-
Baltimore	13	10	.565	3½
TampaBay	11	11	.500	5
Toronto	9	13	.409	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	13	9	.591	-
Minnesota	10	13	.435	3½
KansasCity	10	14	.417	4
Chicago	8	13	.381	4½
Detroit	4	16	.200	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	15	7	.682	-
Anaheim	12	10	.545	3
Seattle	11	13	.458	5
Oakland	8	14	.364	7

Saturday's Games

Boston 3, Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, Detroit 4
Baltimore 8, Oakland 2
Anaheim 7, Tampa Bay 1
Chicago White Sox 8, Toronto 1
Minnesota 8, Seattle 2
Texas 11, Kansas City 8

Sunday's Games

Boston at Cleveland, ppd., rain
Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., rain
Oakland 12, Baltimore 4
Texas 11, Kansas City 4
Toronto 5, Chicago White Sox 5, 6 innings, rain
Minnesota 2, Seattle 0
Anaheim 2, Tampa Bay 1

Monday's Games

Detroit (Thompson 1-3) at Boston (Rose 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Oquist 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Saunders 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 3-0) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Clemens 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 3-2), 7:35 p.m.
Seattle (Johnson 0-1) at Kansas City (Belcher 1-3), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 4-0) at Minnesota (Morgan 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Ogea 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 3-1), 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Oakland (Telgheder 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Johnson 1-0), 12:35 p.m.
Detroit (Castillo 0-0) at Boston (P.Martinez 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Dickson 0-3) at Baltimore (Rodriguez 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Williams 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 2-0) at Kansas City (Pichardo 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 0-3) at Minnesota (Milton 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Bere 0-3), 8:05 p.m.

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Regional action...

Snyder vying on court, links

SAN ANGELO — Eleven Snyder athletes were to have begun competition in regional tournaments this morning at three different venues with hopes of arriving at the same destination — Austin.

Lady Tiger linksters will be looking to advance to their fifth consecutive state tournament, as they teed off at Riverside Golf Club in San Angelo.

Daysha Weaver, Randi Reed, Keisha Gafford, Lacey Kidd and Sally Barham comprise the Snyder squad which is the favorite to repeat its '97 state title.

Also competing on the links as a medalist is Landon Day. Day, just a freshman at SHS, was to have competed at Bentwood Country Club this morning.

Joining Day at Bentwood are five Snyder tennis players.

The doubles duo of Adrian Gonzales and Jamie Juarez already notched the District 2-4A title and will be looking for a regional crown this afternoon.

Laura Gonzales and Whitney Graham will team up in girls doubles, while Allen Smith will try and serve up a trip to Austin in boys singles.

Both tourneys will wrap up Tuesday.

The state golf and tennis tournaments will be held May 11-12.

Local Sports Schedule

Today

Golf: Region I Tournament in San Angelo, first round, girls at Riverside GC, boys at Bentwood CC.

Tennis: Region I Tournament in San Angelo.

Baseball: Abilene at Snyder JV, 4:30.

Tuesday

Golf: Region I Tournament in San Angelo, final round, girls at Riverside GC, boys at Bentwood CC.

Tennis: Region I Tournament in San Angelo.

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Estacado, 4:30.

Brooke Lowrance is all-conference

NORMAN, Okla. — Snyder's Brooke Lowarance, a junior on Texas Tech's women's golf team, earned all-conference honors after the Lady Raiders Sunday rallied to finish fourth in the Big 12 tournament.

Tech, rated 25th in the nation, improved in the third round with a 302, the squad's lowest score of the tournament and second best in the final round.

The Lady Raiders posted other rounds of 315 and 312 for a 929. Texas A&M finished first with a 919 while Texas was second with a 923. Oklahoma State was third with a 924.

Lowrance had two rounds of 76 and one of 77 for a 229 to finish seventh in the medalist race, landing her a spot on the Big 12 all-conference team. Lowrance was only four shots behind the Aggies' Isabelle Rosbert, who shot a 225 for medalist honors.

Tech Coach Jeff Mitchell said Lowrance now has a good chance to earn All-American honors. Next up for the Lady Raiders is the regional tournament.

NBA PLAYOFFS

NBA Playoff Glance
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-5)

Thursday, April 23
Charlotte 97, Atlanta 87
Indiana 106, Cleveland 77
Houston 103, Utah 90
San Antonio 102, Phoenix 96

Friday, April 24
Miami 94, New York 79
Chicago 96, New Jersey 93, OT
Seattle 108, Minnesota 83
L.A. Lakers 104, Portland 102

Saturday, April 25
Indiana 92, Cleveland 86, Indiana leads series 2-0
Phoenix 108, San Antonio 101, series tied 1-1
Charlotte 92, Atlanta 85, Charlotte leads series 2-0
Utah 105, Houston 90, series tied 1-1

Sunday, April 26
New York 96, Miami 86, series tied 1-1
L.A. Lakers 108, Portland 99, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0
Chicago 96, New Jersey 91, Chicago leads series 2-0
Minnesota 98, Seattle 93, series tied 1-1

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

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

Wednesday, April 29
Chicago at New Jersey, 7 p.m. (TNT)
Phoenix vs. San Antonio, 8 p.m. (TBS)
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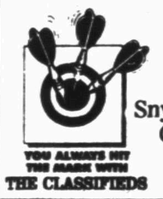
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AA and NA open noon meeting; Park Club.

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Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

Dialogue, cancer support group; CMH board room; 7 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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WEDNESDAY

AA and NA open noon meeting; Park Club.

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

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.

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.

Daughters continue to back the father who raised them

BOSTON (AP) — The man accused of kidnapping his daughters from their mother nearly 20 years ago is an honorable man, the daughters said today, and they are standing by him.

They said Stephen Fagan, who changed their identities and told them their mother was dead, is a good father.

"The media has portrayed him as everything from a gold-digging playboy to a thief. I am here to tell you that is not true," said Rachael Martin, 23, speaking at a news conference with her 21-year-old sister, Lisa.

"He was, and is, the best mother, father and friend any could ask for," said Lisa Martin.

Their father has said he abducted them in 1979 because family law at the time left him no options to win custody from the girls' mother, whom he said was neglecting them. The couple had divorced in 1978.

"I firmly believe what happened with my sister and I 19 years ago happened for a reason," Lisa Martin said. "We'd like to say, 'Daddy we love you.'"

Neither of the girls mentioned their mother, Barbara Kurth, who addressed them last week through the media. They declined to take questions from reporters.

Fagan's lawyer, Richard Egbert, said it was unlikely the girls would contact their mother while their father is facing charges. He also suggested the girls were insulted that their mother professed her love through "a nationally televised press conference orchestrated by a lawyer." He said she never tried to contact them since their father's arrest.

Kurth denies that she neglected the children, and has accused Fagan of being a con man. He said she was an alcoholic, while her lawyers said she suffered from narcolepsy, an illness that causes sudden, deep sleep.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What is lupus?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed by blood tests as having lupus. I have no idea what this is. I'm on no medication and my only symptoms are headaches and sore muscles.

I'd appreciate further information.

DEAR READER: Systemic lupus erythematosis is believed to be caused by an inappropriate immune response. That is, the body's immune system attacks its own healthy organs for no apparent reason.

Once such an assault begins, virtually any organ can be affected. Common symptoms include fatigue, fever, weight loss, rashes, arthritis, anemia, seizures, heart inflammation and kidney damage.

In most cases, the diagnosis is confirmed by blood tests.

Not all patients with SLE become dangerously ill. In some, the disease may cause a few vague symptoms that do not progress for several years. However, in others, SLE can lead to medical emergencies.

Although there is no cure, many drugs are available for treatment. Prednisone is often used to ameliorate acute attacks, while azathioprine and cyclophosphamide help keep symptoms under control. To a large degree, the type of therapy and how aggressively it is pursued depends on the severity of the disease. For example, some forms of lupus are related to certain prescription medications; simply stopping such medicines will suffice. However, in other patients — especially those with kidney failure — steroids may be needed.

You seem to have a mild case of SLE. Therefore, I suggest that you follow your doctor's advice with respect to treatment.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Which contains more caffeine, coffee or tea?

DEAR READER: The amount of caffeine depends on the strength of the brew and, in the case of tea, how long it is steeped. As a general rule, a strong cup of regular coffee contains more caffeine than a standard-brew tea, but the amount can be varied according to individual tastes.

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Law officers respond to multiple calls

Local law enforcement personnel responded to a number of calls over the weekend. Most were minor in nature.

Three people were arrested, one on outstanding warrants and two teen-agers on alcohol and drug charges.

DPS troopers arrested a 34-year-old man at 11:47 p.m. Saturday on Highway 84 on DPS warrants out of Lubbock County for speeding and failure to appear.

A 17-year-old male was arrested by officers at 2:33 a.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of East Coliseum Drive for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor and minor in possession of alcohol. Three passengers in the vehicle were transported to the police station and later released to their parents.

At 8 p.m. Sunday, DPS troopers arrested a 17-year-old male on Highway 84 for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

In other activity over the weekend, officers were called to IGA #400 at 7:07 p.m. Saturday in reference to a shoplifter in custody. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

At 11:42 a.m. Sunday, George Kiker reported the theft of three knives from his residence in the 1400 block of 26th Street. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Over the weekend, officers also responded to four reports of loud music and four reports of prowlers. Eleven people requested help after locking keys in their cars.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: April 25 — Britton Hill, LaVerne Hood, Nancy Stansell; April 26 — Cliserio Sanchez, Cliff Cooper, Mary Hall of Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: April 25 - Britton Hill, Frank Pinkerton, Nancy Stansell; April 26 — LaVerne Hood.

CENSUS: 37 (Med., Surg.-9, Long-term Care-28).

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Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

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AMR Corp	150⅜	148	1-16	148⅜—3 9-16
AT&T Corp	61⅛	59	59	11-16— 2⅜
AirTouch	53⅜	53¼	53⅜—	7-16
Albertsons	48⅜	47⅞	47	15-16—1 1-16
AlldSignal s	43⅝	43	43⅜—	⅜
Alltel	43⅜	42	13-16	42 15-16— ⅜
AmOnline s	73⅜	71	7-16	71 7-16—3 1-16
AmStoress	24	9-16	24	1-16 24⅛— ⅜
Ameritech s	43⅜	42⅜	42	13-16— 9-16
Amoco	86	84⅜	85⅛+	⅛
Amocowi	42	15-16	42	7-16 42⅛+ 3-16
AndrkPtr	72	9-16	71⅛	71 9-16— 1⅛
Anmcolnc	6⅜		6⅜	6 5-16— 3-16
AtlRichfld s	77⅛	76	15-16	77 7-16+ ⅜
ATMOS Egy	29	1-16	28	13-16 28 13-16— ⅛
Aviall	14⅛		14⅛	14⅜— 3-16
BakerHughes	41⅜		40⅜	40 7-16— ⅜
BellAtl	92⅛		91	7-16 91 13-16— 1⅛
BellSouth	63		5-16	62¼ 62 9-16—1 1-16
BethSteel	14		15-16	14⅛ 14 13-16— ⅜
BritPet s	90		89	7-16 89 9-16—1 3-16
BurlNoSFe	99⅜		98	3-16 99 1-16— 1⅛
CBS Corp	34		3-16	33 9-16 33⅜— 1⅛
Caterpillar s	56	3-16	55	5-16 55⅜—1 5-16
CenSoWst	25		7-16	25 25⅜— ⅜
Chevron	83		81	9-16 82 1-16— ⅜
Chrysler	40⅜		39⅜	39⅜—2 9-16
Coastal	69	5-16	68	7-16 68 7-16— 7-16
CocaCola	73	7-16	71⅜	72 5-16—1 5-16
ColgatePalm	86	15-16	85	11-16 86⅛— 1⅜
ConclMetals	33⅛		32⅜	32⅝— ⅜
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CyprusAmax	16⅜		16⅜	16⅜— ⅜
DallSemicn	36	15-16	36	5-16 36⅜— ⅜
DeltaAirl	116⅛		114	114 1-16—3 5-16
DigitalEq	55	9-16	55	55 1-16—1 7-16
Dillards Inc	36	5-16	36	36 5-16+ 3-16
DowChem	97	11-16	96	13-16 97 1-16— ⅜
DresserInd	49⅜		49	49 7-16— ⅜
DuPont s	74⅜	73	1-16	73 11-16—13-16
EastmanChem	69	5-16	68⅜	69 5-16+ 7-16
EstKodak	71⅛		71	71 5-16— ⅜
EDS Corp	40⅜		40⅜	40⅜—13-16
Entergy	26	15-16	26⅜	26⅜— ⅜
Exxon	73	15-16	73	1-16 73 11-16+ 3-16
FstBksAm	23	3-16	23	3-16 23 3-16
Flowers	21⅛		20⅜	21⅛
FordMotor s	45⅛		44⅜	44⅜— 9-16
GTE Cp	58	1-16	57	57 5-16—1 7-16
GenDynam s	41⅞		41⅜	41⅜—11-16
GenElec	83⅛		82⅜	82⅜— 1⅜
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MorganJP	134¼		131⅛	132 1-16—3 9-16
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NationsBk	74⅛		72⅜	73⅛— 3⅛
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Penney JC	70	7-16	69⅜	69⅜— ⅜
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PhelpDodge	67⅛		66⅛	66⅜— 1⅛
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Woolworth	23	5-16	22	15-16 23 — 7-16
Xerox Corp	109⅛		108	108⅛— 2⅜
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Clayton Hms.	19 3/8	-7/8
Compaq	27 3/4	-1 5/16
Cabletron	13 5/16	-1/4
Cisco Sys.	70 1/8	-1 13/16
Dell	73 7/16	-2 7/8
Brinker Int'l.	22 1/4	-3/8
Calloway Glf.	26 7/8	-1/2
Fannie Mae	56 11/16	-1 1/2
Intel	80 1/8	-1 15/16
JP Morgan	132 3/16	-3 7/16
Korea Fund	7 5/16	-3/8
Lehman Bros.	69 7/8	-3 3/4
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Phillip Morris	37 3/16	-15/16
Microsoft	89 1/2	-2 5/8
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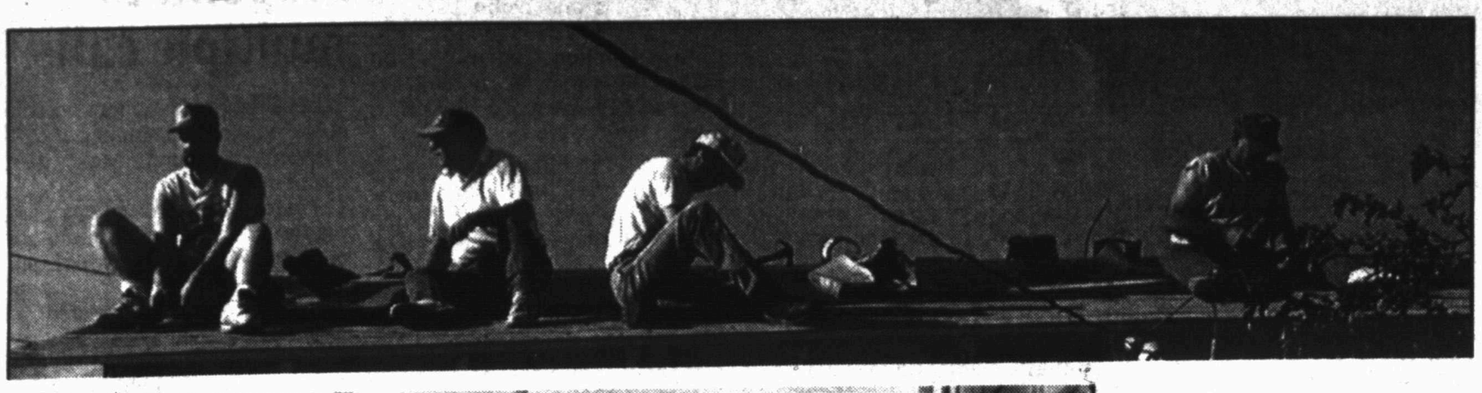
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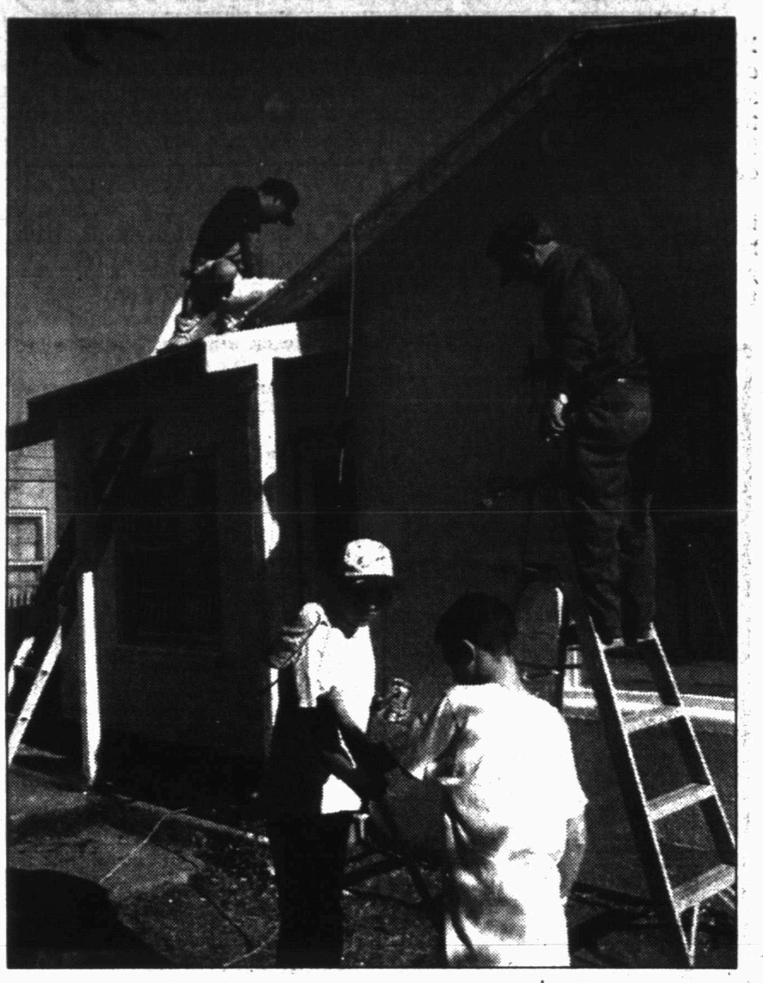


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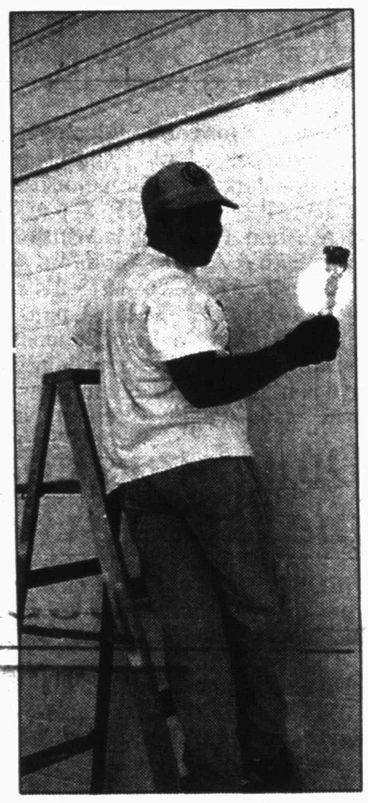


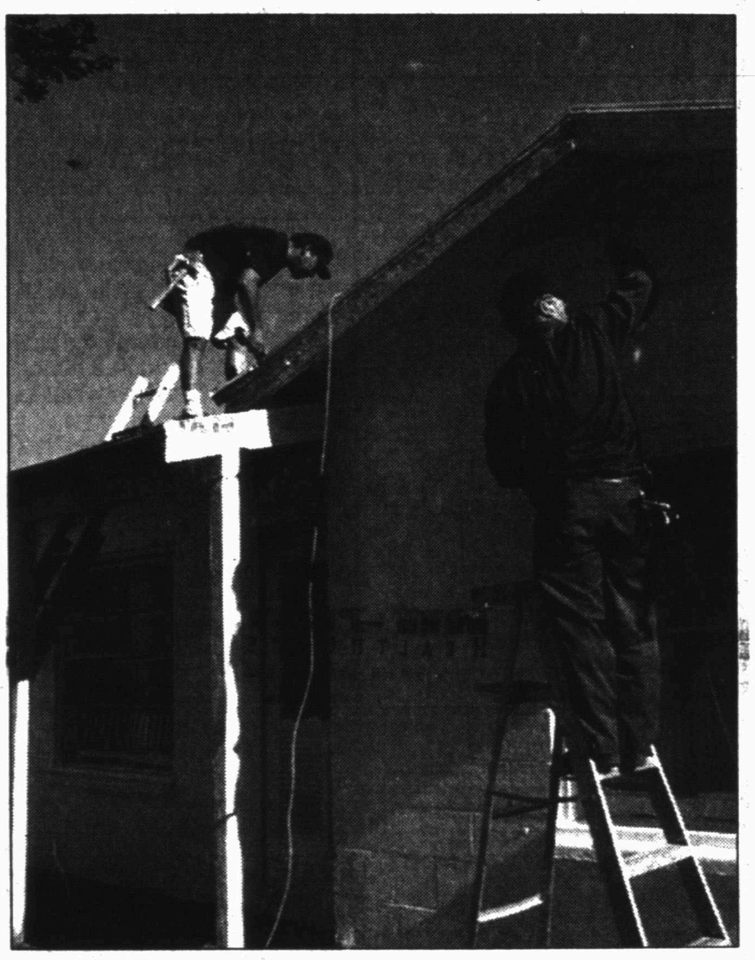


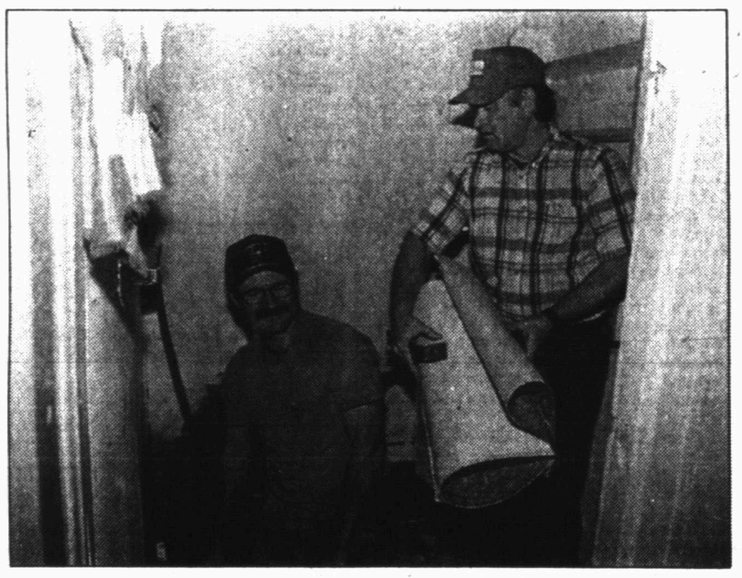


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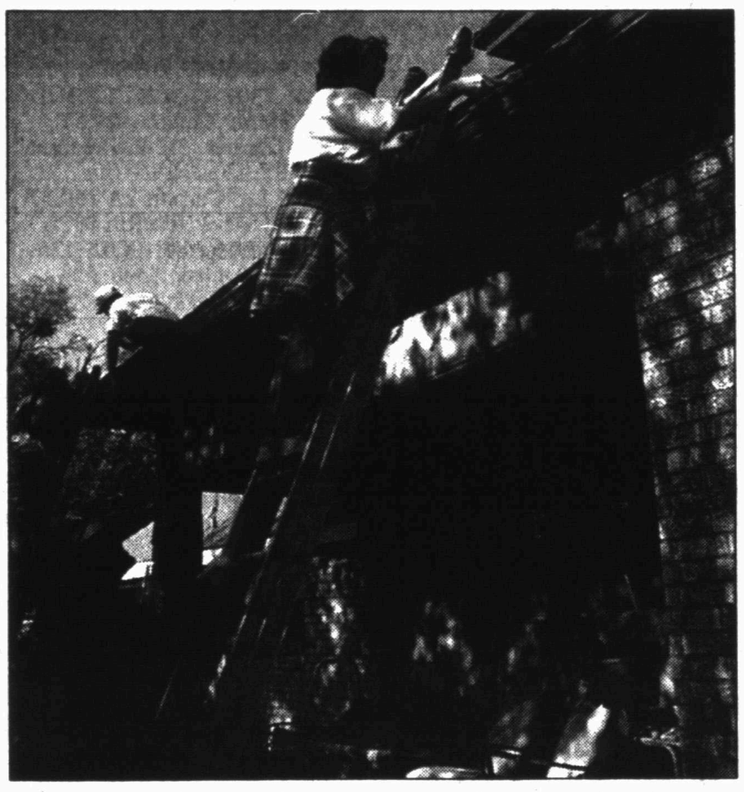


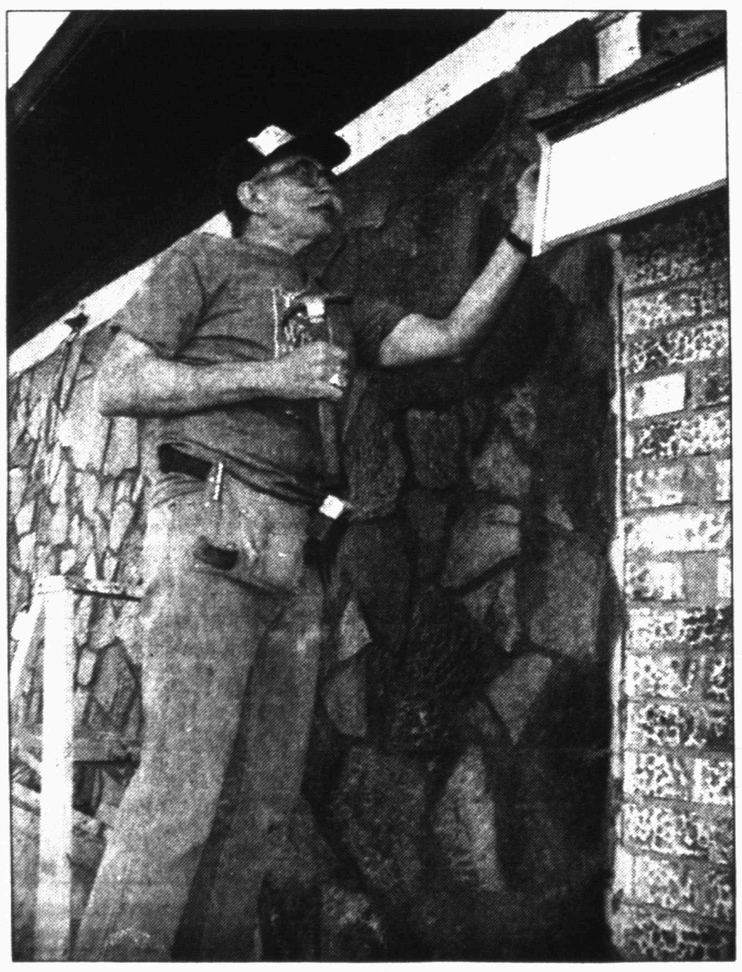


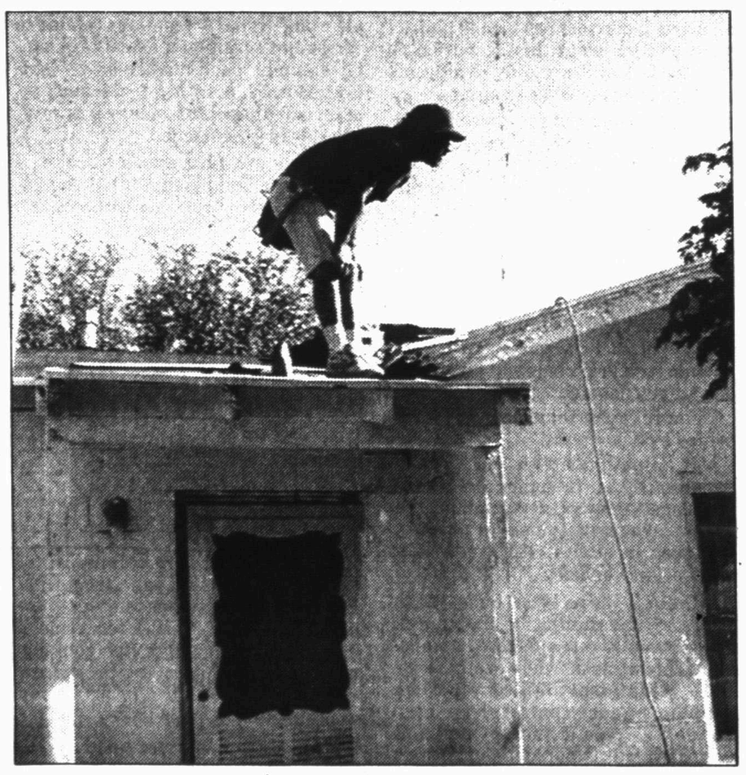


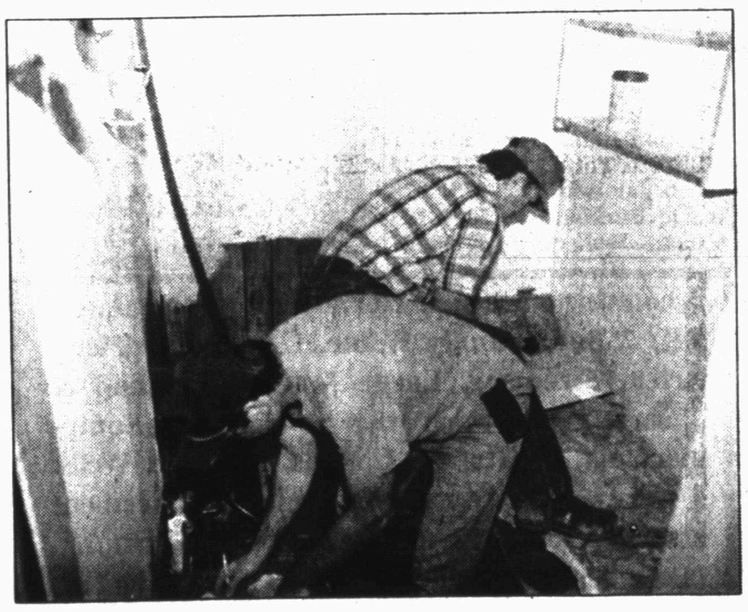












After 36 years, company set to irradiate food

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — By Thanksgiving, a small company in Virginia hopes to show the poultry and beef industries that sterilizing meat in one of its irradiators is the best way to quell fears of food poisoning.

Lawrence Barrett began working to irradiate food in 1963 when he founded Applied Radiant Energy Corp. That was the year the U.S. government took its first step toward approving food irradiation by allowing its use on wheat powder. At the time, expansion of irradiation use looked promising.

But the anti-nuclear movement spoiled Barrett's plans.

"It seems food irradiation became connected to the nuclear industry, and to some people anything nuclear is evil," said Jim Myron, Applied Radiant's vice president in charge of research and development.

Barrett instead used the technology to irradiate wood flooring and make it more durable, while continuing to hope that the government would eventually clear the way for irradiated food.

"The regulatory processes were much more severe than I surmised," said Barrett, who needed approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Food and Drug Administration and the Agriculture Department. He also had to get environmental permits because the sterilization takes place in water.

In irradiation, packaged food is bombarded with gamma rays emanating from rods of cobalt-60. The rays will kill bacteria such as E. coli, salmonella and listeria. The process takes place in 20 feet of water in a tank with thick concrete walls and ceiling.

Irradiation has been used for years on limited amounts of produce, spices and other foods. In 1992, the FDA approved irradiation for killing bacteria such as E. coli and salmonella in poultry, but no major processor wanted to be the first to use the procedure.

However, last summer's recall of 25 million pounds of ground beef feared contaminated with E. coli sparked new interest in irradiation. In December, the FDA approved irradiation of red meat using cobalt-60 gamma rays.

Two weeks ago, ConAgra Inc. President David Rohde became one of the first major food executives to publicly outline plans to install irradiation in meat-processing plants when the technology becomes feasible on a large scale.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Court asked to uphold line-item veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration asked the Supreme Court today to uphold Congress' historic decision to let him veto specific items in spending and tax measures.

The 1996 line-item veto law does not violate the separation of powers between Congress and the president, said Solicitor General Seth Waxman.

"This is not an example of a president repealing a provision of a law that Congress has enacted ... but exercising a discretionary authority that Congress has given him," Waxman said.

"From a taxpayer's standpoint, this was a law that's been canceled," said Justice Anthony M. Kennedy.

"That sounds to me like legislating, no matter what legal dressing you want to give to it," added Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Louis Cohen, a lawyer for an Idaho potato growers' group that challenged the law, said when the president uses the line-item veto, "he is by doing that producing a truncated statute that Congress didn't pass."

The high court is expected to rule by July, but it appeared possible that the justices again might not decide whether to uphold the line-item veto.

Waxman argued that the potato growers and New York City, which also challenged ıe law, lacked legal standing be use they were not directly affected by vetoes carried out by Clinton last year. Last year, the justices ruled that six members of Congress who challenged the veto law also lacked standing to sue.

"It's disappointing, you know, we went into a big windup last year without a pitch," said Justice Antonin Scalia, adding that it was "astounding" that this year's case involved two legal challenges brought by groups only indirectly affected by a veto.

Congress voted in 1996 to grant the president line-item veto authority. Clinton exercised the veto 82 times last year before a federal judge here ruled the law unconstitutional in February.

Nearly every president in the past century has sought the line-item veto as a tool for controlling "pork barrel" programs added by lawmakers. Most governors have similar authority over state spending.

The line-item veto law lets the president sign a bill and within five days go back to reject specific spending items or tax breaks in it. Congress could reinstate the item by passing a separate bill.

Waxman conceded that a line-item veto law allowing the president to strike individual items from a bill before signing it would violate the Constitution. He said the measure approved by Congress allows the president to either spend money allocated by Congress or cancel that spending and allow the money to be used for deficit reduction.

Supreme Court will decide if Congress left loophole in law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today agreed to decide whether Congress left a gaping loophole in a federal carjacking law. The court will hear the argument of a New York man who says he never intended to seriously hurt the people whose cars he stole at gunpoint.

The justices said they will review Francois Holloway's arguments that lower courts misread a federal anti-carjacking law by concluding it covers crimes committed with "conditional intent" to harm victims who refuse to comply with the robber's demands.

Holloway was convicted and sentenced to over 50 years in prison for his part in a carjacking ring that sold parts from stolen vehicles dismantled in a Queens shop.

In other cases the court:

— Said it will tackle a big-stakes dispute over pension funds, setting the stage for a decision that could affect the 33 million American workers and retirees who participate in defined-benefit plans. The justices will review a ruling that allowed five retired Hughes Aircraft Co., employees to pursue a 1992 lawsuit over what they say was a $1.2 billion surplus in the company's contributory pension plan.

— Agreed to use a California case to decide whether some local governments can avoid the need for federal approval to change their election systems by getting them ratified through state law.

—Rejected Rockwell International Corp.'s attempt to get out from under any further federal liability for its past operation of the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant near Denver.

—Let stand rulings that require the federal government to repay New York Life Insurance Co. nearly $32 million — taxes and interest the Internal Revenue Service said the insurance firm owed for 1984.

—Rejected a challenge to a Minnesota school district's operation of a rural school rented from a religious sect and attended only by children of the sect's members.

— Let stand a $71.8 million antitrust award against Eastman Kodak Co. won by competitors who repair Kodak equipment.

In the carjacking case, prosecutors said Holloway, on several occasions in the fall of 1994, confronted motorists with a gun and demanded that they surrender their car keys.

Obituaries

Mrs. Singleton

1917-1998

LORAINE — Rachel Singleton, a resident of Loraine for the past seven years, died Saturday, April 25, in an Abilene hospital.

Service for Mrs. Singleton, 80, was set for 2 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church. The Revs. Glenda Johnson and Dan Marshall were to officiate. Burial was to follow in the Loraine Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born in Camp Springs, she was a homemaker, a member of First United Methodist Church and active in the Colorado City Garden Club.

A former resident of Alamogordo, N.M., she was preceded in death by her first husband, Hoyt Britton. She married Oscar Singleton in 1972 in San Angelo. He survives.

Survivors also include a daughter, Judy Havins of Pleasanton; a son, Ellis Britton of Big Spring; two sisters, Beth Vaughn of Loraine and Doris Hall of Stanton; a brother, John Price of Sweetwater; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Wes Whitt

1936-1998

GRAND PRAIRIE — Wes Whitt, founder of Christ's Prison Fellowship and a frequent visitor to the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder, died Friday, April 24, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near his home in Malakoff.

Funeral service for Mr. Whitt, 61, is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Turnpike Church of Christ in Grand Prairie.

Born in Middletown, Ohio, he had been married to Shirley Sue Tunstill for 43 years. He graduated from Lubbock's Sunset School of Preaching in 1968 and had served as a Church of Christ minister for 30 years.

He founded the prison ministry in 1975. He later created EQ Inc. to help ex-offenders. He was the first person to receive the Governor's Volunteer Service Award in 1996, and he was honored by Gov. George Bush in 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Whitt of Malakoff; a daughter, Cynthia Sue Byers of Abilene; a son, Todd Whitt of Grand Prairie; a brother, Harry Whitt of Abilene; a sister, Mary Conley of Abilene; and five grandchildren.

Patsy Pettitt

1938-1998

BIG SPRING — Funeral service for Patsy A. Pettitt, former resident of Snyder, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Chapel.

Rodney Tedford, minister of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, was to officiate. Interment was to follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Pettitt, 60, died as a result of lymphoma cancer Saturday, April 25, in Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Born March 11, 1938 in McCamey, she married Leeon Pettitt on Nov. 29, 1957 in Big Spring.

Mrs. Pettitt was an administrative assistant at Howard College for 17 years, and she was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Mr. Pettitt was director of maintenance for Western Texas College, and they were members of 37th Street Church of Christ when they lived in Snyder.

She was preceded in death by a son, Cameron Pettitt, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School.

Survivors include her husband, Leeon Pettitt of Big Spring; two daughters, Tammy Burkhart of The Woodlands and Toni Stiles of Midland; her mother, Ailene Mallicote of Big Spring; a brother, Ed Gotcher of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or to the Howard College Scholarship Fund.

Roland Hamilton

1911-1998

GAIL — Roland Hamilton, a longtime Borden County farmer and rancher, died Saturday, April 25, in Gail.

Funeral service for Mr. Hamilton, 86, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in Lamesa's First United Methodist Church. The Rev. David Black, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Gail Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Born July 21, 1911 in Yoakum County, he married Blanche Bennett on Sept. 29, 1934 in Lovington, N.M. She died in 1987.

A resident of Lamesa, Mr. Hamilton was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church and served on the board of stewards.

Survivors include a son, Elwood Hamilton of Lamesa; a daughter, Linda Morris of Dallas; two foster brothers, Jess Everett of Snyder and Donnie Everett of Lubbock; a foster sister, Dewey Faye Miller of Fluvanna; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Shuttle returns to normal

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — With a leaky air purifier repaired and working well, the astronauts aboard space shuttle Columbia have returned to a normal routine.

"Everything is working actually very well," the crew's chief scientist, Richard Linnehan, said today. "There are always a few glitches that you get, start-up pains, I guess, when you get up in a lab and set up. We've worked through all those. We're getting good quality on the data."

Commander Richard Searfoss reported no problems with the carbon dioxide removal unit that shut down late Friday because of a leaky valve. He patched the unit Saturday by removing one end of a small hose, blocking it with tape to bypass the faulty valve, and reinstalling it.

"Any time you're dealing with life-support systems in a spacecraft, it is a big deal," Searfoss told reporters this morning. But he said the repair was "simple and easy" and he never feared it wouldn't work or that the science mission might be cut short.

Before taking a regularly scheduled half-day off Sunday, crew members took a spin in a centrifuge chair that allows scientists to see how the brain interprets motion in weightlessness. Some crew members also repeated an experiment that studies the effect of weightlessness on eye-hand coordination.

In all, 26 experiments are being conducted on the Neurolab mission — the most in-depth study ever of the brain and nervous system in weightlessness.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Crazy Like Jesus," followed by "You Don't Have to Cry Alone," will begin at 7 tonight.

Out of district transfers

Students who reside outside Snyder ISD but wish to attend Snyder Public Schools during the 1998-99 school year must complete application for transfer by Thursday or a tuition fee may be assessed. Parents may come by the School Administration Building, 2901 37th St., to file for student transfers. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stanfield school supplies

Incoming kindergarten students at Stanfield Elementary can order school supplies for next year starting today and ending Friday through the school office. Call 573-4621 for more information.

School supplies order deadline

All school supplies order forms for next year's 1st and 2nd graders at Stanfield, 3rd graders at Central and 4th graders at east must be returned prepaid by Friday.

Hermleigh FBC revival

First Baptist Church of Hermleigh is holding revival services Monday through Thursday, May 4-7. Dr. John McClung, pastor of the Living Word Baptist Church in Long Beach, Calif., will be the evangelist. Services will be held each evening at 7:30. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 863-2484.

Dermott School reunion

The Dermott School reunion will be held June 13 at the Dermott School on the county coliseum grounds. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Dayton McCarter at 573-3093.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at WTC for those seeking their GEDs. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Museum rummage sale

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

Road to Recovery program

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

Parents of SHS seniors

Parents of SHS seniors are reminded they need to make a $20 donation to help pay for the senior steak supper and all-night graduation party. The funds can be taken to the high school office or mailed to Barbara Eicke at Box 111. Checks should be made out to the Snyder High School Senior Class 1998.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief, caring for aging parents and learning to improve the family experience will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at First Baptist Church. Parents and teens are welcome and child care will be provided.

Fly those Tiger flags

Snyder businesses are reminded to fly their Tiger flags on Fridays to show support for the state-ranked Tiger baseball team.

Baseball boosters fund-raiser

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

BSA Fish-A-Thon planned

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

Pick 3

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

3-6-8

(three, six, eight)

Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 2-6-7-17-33-46.

Estimated jackpot: $12 million.

Number matching six of six: 0

Matching five of six: 98. Prize: $1,759.

Matching four of six: 6,204. Prize: $100.

Matching three of six: 125,485. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: $17 million.

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