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COMMUNITY GARDEN — Ramona Reed (left) and Mrs. Jacob Rodgriguez Sr. were two of several volunteers who assisted in planting the community garden, a project of the Ministerial Alliance, on Good Friday. A variety of vegetables, including squash, cucumbers, beans, cantaloupe and corn were planted. (SDN Staff Photo)

U.S. to send 2,000 troops to Albania...

NATO now targeting tanks, armored units

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States agreed to send 24 Apache attack helicopters, 18 multiple rocket launchers and 2,000 troops to Albania so NATO can closely strike Serb troops and tanks in Kosovo and "tighten the noose around" Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's forces.

Although U.S. troops will be put at greater risk in escalating the nearly 2-week-old NATO airstrikes across Yugoslavia, Pentagon officials said the Apaches could help halt the Serb's ethnic cleansing campaign. It already has cleared the province of more than 350,000 ethnic Albanians and could halve the 2 million Kosovo population that once was only 10 percent Serb.

"This will basically help NATO tighten the noose around Milosevic's neck," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Sunday. "This will help NATO do more to kill armored forces quickly than we've been able to do so far."

Defense Secretary William Cohen said today: "We're going after his tanks, his armored units, his artillery, those forces on the ground that are carrying out this horrific ethnic cleansing. They are going to be targeted now and taken out."

Cohen, in an interview with The Associated Press, said the United States will accept 20,000 refugees on a temporary basis. "We'll have to decide whether they go to Guantanamo (Cuba, site of a U.S. Navy base) or possibly Guam. That hasn't been decided just yet."

Although NATO airstrikes with cruise missiles and bombs have been unrelenting since they began March 24, bad weather has prevented many allied pilots from reaching targets, which have moved closer and closer to Milosevic's power, hitting downtown Belgrade throughout the weekend.

The 18 multiple launch rocket systems will protect the all-weather Apaches with short- and medium-range missiles, some armed with scores of "bomblets," to take out Yugoslav air defenses throughout Kosovo, Bacon told reporters. Fourteen Bradley Fighting Vehicles, military police and intelligence personnel will be among the U.S. troops sent to Albania.

"Obviously, close-in engagement is, by definition, riskier than more distant engagement. But the Army is trained to cope with that," Bacon said of the inherent danger.

NATO leaders meeting today in Brussels, Belgium, must approve using the weapons, which were requested a week ago by Army Gen. Wesley Clark, NATO's supreme allied commander. President Clinton would then need to approve the Apache gunship plan a second time, although Cohen has signed the deployment order, the Pentagon said.

It could take a week to 10 days to deploy the Apaches from Illesheim, Germany, because many U.S. military cargo planes also are being used for humanitarian aid, military officials said.

U.S. and NATO officials have expressed surprise at how swiftly Milosevic's army, paramilitary and police forces have been able to sweep ethnic Albanians from Kosovo since NATO airstrikes began, creating a refugee exodus that has created a humanitarian crisis in the Balkans.

Noise level disputed by HEPA expert

An expert on noise modeling has disputed the U.S. Air Force's claims on the noise level that a proposed low-level flight training program will generate.

Professor William J. Weida, a consultant for the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association, will hold a press conference Wednesday at 2 p.m. at 2515 College Ave. to dispute the military's findings released in the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative environmental impact statement.

Weida claims the USAF has intentionally underestimated the noise level generated by jet aircraft.

Weida is currently a professor in Economics and Business at the Colorado College, specializing in defense economics and statistics.

He is a former instructor at the United States Air Force Academy and served as a combat pilot in Vietnam with 200 missions flown.

The Air Force will conduct a public hearing Wednesday from 5 until 9 p.m. at Snyder High School on the proposed flight training plan.

Court won't revive reporter's libel suit from Waco standoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today refused to revive a Waco television reporter's libel lawsuit over coverage of a federal raid on the Branch Davidian compound in 1993.

The justices, without comment, let stand a Texas Supreme Court ruling that threw out John McLemore's lawsuit against Dallas-Forth Worth station WFAA-TV. The lawsuit accused the station of airing reports implying McLemore had tipped the religious sect about the raid.

The Feb. 28, 1993, confrontation led to a 51-day standoff that ended when the compound was consumed by fire, killing Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and more than 80 followers.

McLemore, then a reporter for KWTX-TV, was on the scene when the raid erupted in gunfire.

A Treasury Department investigation cleared McLemore of any misconduct. The report said the Davidians were alerted by a postal driver, who had been told by a Waco TV photographer that a raid was imminent. The photographer said he had not known the postal worker was a Koresh follower.

McLemore sued various news organizations and individuals in 1994. All the defendants except WFAA were dropped or dismissed from the case before it reached the Texas Supreme Court last year.

The state court ruled that McLemore's coverage of the raid had made him a public figure, requiring that he prove the allegedly libelous comments about him were made with "actual malice" — with knowledge or reckless disregard of falsity.

Had the court ruled that McLemore was not a public figure, he would have to prove only falsity and negligence, an easier legal standard to meet.

The Texas court ruled that WFAA showed the sued-over reports were based sufficient reporting and with the good-faith belief they were true.

In the appeal acted on today, McLemore's lawyer argued that he never should have been deemed a public figure.

Many nations to begin taking in large numbers of refugees

BLACE, Macedonia (AP) — Covered in grime, four aid workers grunted as they struggled up a steep muddy slope, carrying a blanket. In it lay the limp form of a gaunt, bearded man in a traditional Albanian hat.

The four set down their burden in a makeshift hospital tent next to a pile of mud-soaked garbage and quickly turned back toward the squalid, sprawling refugee camp below.

"It's horrible down there," one of the workers said as he hurried down the hillside on the Macedonia-Yugoslav border, where tens of thousands of refugees from the war in Kosovo were waiting Sunday to make their way onward.

In response to the burgeoning humanitarian crisis, NATO nations prepared to begin taking in large numbers of refugees while stressing it was only a temporary measure until they could return to homes in Kosovo. Germany is ready to accept 40,000; the United States, 20,000; and Turkey, 20,000, NATO said Sunday.

On the border camp's outskirts, a long line of people stood listlessly, waiting to be chosen for the next bus going to an accommodation or transit center. Occasionally someone would collapse into the mud. Behind them, wisps of smoke wafted over a sea of shelters made from plastic sheeting or blankets.

With no latrines in the camp, the muddy earth underfoot was mixed with feces. Some refugees washed themselves in a freezing river.

"It is like nothing I have ever experienced," said one woman who identified herself only as Lora. Tears in her eyes, she strained to look for the rest of her family in the crowd below.

Buses were moving refugees out of the camp at a rate of 300 an hour, or about 5,000 a day, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said. Macedonian officials hoped to get an airlift under way today to ferry the refugees out of the country.

Police and army troops banned the media from entering the camp or coming into direct contact with the refugees in recent days, but visitors found thousands of people sitting in the dirt, many holding plastic bags or huddling with coats over their heads.

In the meantime, after days of waiting, aid was beginning to arrive at the camp. Local Red Cross workers, assisted by UNHCR, were distributing boxes of cookies and cartons of juice. Blankets and plastic sheeting were also being supplied.

"The situation has always been bad, but at least we are feeding them," said UNHCR spokesman Joe Hegenour.

Macedonia, a former Yugoslav republic, agreed to let refugees pass over its border in return for a promise that nearly all would go elsewhere. More than 120,000 have arrived so far.

Montenegro, the smaller of the two republics that make up Yugoslavia, has taken in another 35,000 Kosovars fleeing Serb atrocities. Albania is coping with an influx of about 226,000.

Fearing political and ethnic instability as a result of the refugees' arrival, Macedonia has said it can take in no more than 20,000.

Some questioned whether NATO might be exacerbating the problem by providing temporary shelter outside the region, saying such a course of action played into the hands of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

"We should not disperse people all over," European Union Humanitarian Aid Commissioner Emma Bonino said Sunday. "We should not cooperate in any way with ethnic cleansing."

Many local residents "Walking Across Texas"

Over 275 Scurry County residents are involved in the "Walk Across Texas" fun and fitness program and most of them may have to accelerate some this week following traditional Easter meals on Sunday.

The eight-week program started in mid-March and is set to conclude on May 5.

Presently, 32 team captains are managing groups of seven team members in an effort to accumulate a total of 800 miles per team.

Teams are not only walking, but riding bicycles, doing several types of aerobics, using treadmills and other types of exercise designed to improve one's health.

So far, team members have reported weight reduction, higher energy levels, lower blood pressure, a reduction in stress, plus better communication with friends and family members as all ages engaged in some friendly competition.

Logging the most miles the first week were the Road Warriors, led by David Hanes. The Warriors logged 117 miles and team members are LaDonna Hanes, Carla Nunley, Britt Canada, Cindy and Kevin Fritz and David and Molly Kattes.

Second week winners were the Misfits and they logged 243 miles.

Joan Bunch captains this team and members are Cynthia Jackson, Travis Bunch, Lana Peterson, Donna Greene, Abelia Espinosa, Julie Bearden and Terry Williams.

College slates judging events

Western Texas College's agriculture department is hosting a judging contest Tuesday for area high school 4-H and FFA members. Some 20 teams involving about 100 students will compete.

Contestants will be from the Childress to Seminole and the Abilene to San Angelo area.

Judging begins at 5:30 p.m. in building 15A on the campus (former home of cosmetology). Members of the college's meat's judging team will judge all events.

This is the fifth year the college is hosting this event.

Next Tuesday, WTC will also host an entomology and cotton judging contest for high school FFA students. Entries are from the same area as this week's judging contest.

Cotton judging will also take place in building 15A, but the entomology contest will be in the Science Building, under the direction of Dr. David Kattes.

Indictments result in woman's arrest

A 20-year-old Snyder woman was arrested at 5 a.m. today on two March grand jury indictments for endangering a child.

Summer Ann Flores of 1401 Ave. K was taken into custody at 2500 Ave. J by Snyder police officer Dan Hicks.

Flores, who remained in jail this morning on two $5,000 bonds, is charged with endangering her unborn twins on Dec. 28, 1998 by ingesting cocaine.

She gave birth to the babies on Jan. 1, 1999.

ASK US

Q—In the police reports, sometimes assaults are listed as Class A and other times Class B or C. What is the difference?

A—An assault is classified by the severity of the actual assault and ranges from threats, Class C, to serious bodily injury, a felony.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 69 degrees; low, 43; high Sunday, 79 degrees; low, 52; no precipitation; total for 1999, 2.97 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low, around 40. W wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High near 80. Light, variable wind becoming S 5-15 mph in the afternoon.



Chris Richards
Mostly Sunny

Sunset: 8:05 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:27 a.m.
Of 94 days in 1999, the sun has shone 88 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Learn to accept in silence minor aggravations."

Sir William Osler

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Police sergeant presides over dog disputes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Does your neighbor's dog howl at the moon until 2 a.m.? Did the pit bull next door eat your hamster? Is little Fifi sneaking into your yard and leaving unwanted deposits on your lawn?

Don't take the law into your own hands. Take those mutts to court — Dog Court.

Yes, in San Francisco, justice is going to the dogs, thanks to police Sgt. William Herndon. He's a sort of Judge Judy for pooches who for the past five years has presided over Dog Court, where people with a bone to pick come to seek justice.

Herndon obviously loves dogs — he has two — and wants to protect owners' rights to their animals, as long as the city's human population isn't placed in jeopardy.

"This is a very important job," he said before a recent session began. "I want to do right for the people, for the dogs and make it safe for the city."

Unlike a court for people, the dogs don't get to face their accusers. Instead, the folks on both sides of the issue show up, tell their stories — with witnesses, if necessary — and then, after a week or two, Herndon rules.

Occasionally an attorney shows up, but generally this is the most basic form of justice — informal, casual, common sense.

His charter is a section of the city's health code, and the code says his word is final. In reality, owners can ask for a writ transferring the case to Superior Court, although that doesn't happen often.

Frequently, Herndon will order an alleged offender into the custody of the Department of Animal Care and Control for an evaluation by a canine behavioral expert.

Herndon, 45, heard three cases on a recent Thursday. The first two are fairly routine. In both, unleashed dogs bit other dogs, and Herndon tells the owners he will let them know his decision at a later date.

But the third case is serious. A young man named Sergio Guevara owns two pit bulls — Buggsy and Cookie. Because of a broken-down fence, the dogs are able to get into a neighbor's yard. As Curtis Norman is shooing the dogs home, Buggsy jumps up and bites Norman's arm.

Although Norman seems willing to forgive and forget if Guevara fixes the fence, Arlene Norman, Curtis' wife, isn't as accepting. "I don't want to be attacked," she said with a scowl, mentioning visiting grandchildren.

Herndon tells Guevara to drop his dogs off at animal control by the end of the following day, so they can be examined by a behaviorist. He warns Guevara he won't get the dogs back until the fence is fixed.

Unfortunately, the story has a sad ending. While the dogs are being examined, Buggsy bites the behaviorist. Although the injury isn't severe, that's it for Buggsy — a destruction order is issued.

The fate of Cookie, who didn't join the attack, was still to be determined.

Of the 250 or so cases he's handled, one that sticks in Herndon's mind involved a 4-year-old girl who was playing with a stuffed animal when a dog belonging to her mother's boyfriend allegedly attacked, biting her in the scalp. When the mother got the dog off — prying open its mouth with a broom handle — she said it went back and bit her again.

"The mother said it was just an accident," Herndon said with a touch of disbelief in his voice. "Even the little girl said it was an accident. The dog was destroyed."

Does he handle any funny cases? Not many, apparently; he had to struggle to come up with the following:

"We had the case of a Jack Russell terrier who lived in a neighborhood where people left their doors open," he said. "The dog got loose and ran into a neighbor's house, where he chased the people around. He didn't bite anybody."

Can antibiotics prevent heart attacks, death?

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Could taking an antibiotic spare heart patients from future heart attacks, bypass surgery or even death?

Researchers hope to find out with a federally funded study based on growing evidence a common bacterial infection may trigger heart attacks and worsen, perhaps even cause, atherosclerosis — narrowing of the arteries from plaque deposits.

Given that known risk factors for heart disease such as smoking, high cholesterol and high blood pressure can't account for many cases, doctors increasingly suspect infectious agents may be partly to blame for some of the 1.75 million heart attacks, bypass surgeries and artery-clearing angioplasties in this country each year.

The prime suspect: a bacteria called Chlamydia pneumoniae, a cousin to the sexually transmitted form of Chlamydia that causes pneumonia and bronchitis.

"Maybe 60 percent of the population have gotten it in the past," often without becoming ill, said Dr. John Kostis, chairman of medicine at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, one of 26 sites used in the study.

Dr. Jeffrey Anderson, chief of cardiology at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, said that just as doctors have learned many peptic ulcers are caused by a bacterial infection and can be treated with antibiotics, the same could be true with some heart disease cases.

"Antibiotic therapy could become a major breakthrough treatment against a disease that kills more Americans each year than any other disease," he said.

Half of the 4,000 heart disease patients to be studied will be given a weekly antibiotic pill, Zithromax, for one year, while the comparison group gets a dummy pill. Neither will know who is taking which pill.

The two groups will be compared over four years to see which has more heart "events" — deaths, heart attacks, increasing atherosclerosis requiring surgery, and major chest pain, which indicates the heart isn't getting enough oxygenated blood.

Blood from some patients will be tested to see if the antibiotic is killing the bacteria, lead researcher Dr. J. Thomas Grayston, professor of epidemiology at the University of Washington in Seattle, said last week.

Zithromax was chosen because it is long-acting and, unlike most antibiotics, can get inside cells, where the tough-to-kill Chlamydia can hide, dormant, for years, he said.

A recent surge of research generally shows the majority of patients studied who had heart attacks or other complications had been infected by Chlamydia pneumoniae.

"We don't know if it's a cause or an innocent bystander," said Sonia Skarlatos of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, a part of the National Institutes of Health providing $11 million for the project.

Early, small studies have shown that giving Zithromax, known generically as azithromycin, to patients after a heart attack reduces chances of a second one.

Pfizer, the drug's maker, is conducting a similar trial, giving the antibiotic for three months to halt of the 3,600 heart attack victims in the study, according to Michael Dunne, director of its central research division in Groton, Conn.

Grayston said comparing results of the three-month and yearlong treatments, and other differences between the two studies, could help in determining which patients might benefit most from preventive antibiotic treatment.

Low-key anniversary marks 31th year since King's death

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — One year after 4,000 marchers stretched six blocks to mark the 30th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King Jr., a scant 15 showed up Sunday to remember the slain civil rights leader.

The 31st anniversary rally, sponsored by the Memphis chapter of the NAACP youth council, featured chants, songs and speeches. The group stood under the balcony of The Lorraine Motel, where King was assassinated in 1968.

"Society can be reborn again if we can stop violence and stop the hate," said 15-year-old Aren Cowan, the council's vice president, in one speech. She noted this was the first year the anniversary has fallen on an Easter Sunday.

The motel is now the site of the National Civil Rights Museum, where many visitors were unaware of the day's significance as they wandered upon the afternoon rally.

"We didn't know anything about it," said Ruth Johnson of Huntsville, Ala. "We were just here."

Kim Peters, a teacher from Fredericksburg, Va., said King is among the famous black Americans her classes discuss during February's black history month.

"I wanted to see this. ... We had no idea that anything like this was going on," she said.

The low-key rally was a stark contrast to the 30th anniversary, when thousands of marchers, led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Memphis Mayor W.W. Herenton, sang "We Shall Overcome" and other standards from the civil rights movement and carried pictures of King and signs saying, "Remember the Man and the Message."

Elsewhere in Memphis, several multiracial community worship services Sunday remembered King's life and death while celebrating Easter.

"It was 2,000 years ago that Jesus of Nazareth died on Calvary. And this place we call Memphis is a kind of Calvary because a man of God died at The Lorraine Motel 31 years ago today," said Rev. Bill AdKins, pastor of the Greater Imani Church and Christian Center in a morning service at the Mid-South Coliseum.

King was slain in Memphis while helping organize a strike by city sanitation workers. He was standing on the balcony of The Lorraine when he was felled by a single rifle slug.

James Earl Ray, a prison escapee from Missouri, pleaded guilty to killing King and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. He later recanted. Sunday's anniversary was the first since Ray died last April of liver disease at age 70.

Berry's World



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"Squirrels are pigging out in the bird feeder and, again, it doesn't bug me. Does that mean I'm becoming a liberal?"

Date Book

Monday, April 5, 1999

Today is the 95th day of 1999 and the 17th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1614, American Indian princess Pocahontas and English colonist John Rolfe were married.

On this day in 1985, "We Are the World," by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie, was broadcast around the world.

On this day in 1993, Sherry Davis became the first female announcer for a major-league baseball team.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Lister (1827-1912), surgeon; Booker T. Washington (1856-1915), educator; Spencer Tracy (1900-1967), actor; Gregory Peck (1916-), actor, is 83; Bette Davis (1908-1989), actress; Colin Powell (1937-), U.S. Army general; is 62; Michael Moriarty (1941-), actor, is 58.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the LA Lakers scored his 31,419th career point in a game against the Utah Jazz, becoming the highest-scoring player in NBA history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Well-timed silence hath more eloquence than speech." — Martin Farquhar Tupper

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 31) and last quarter (April 8).

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Calvin Coolidge used to sit out on the White House porch in his rocking chair after supper, but he gave up the custom when the throngs who gathered to see him became too numerous.

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Vomiting may have physical cause

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 26-year-old daughter has a terrible problem. Since the age of 4, she has had recurring bouts of vomiting. She says her throat fills with phlegm, but we can't see anything. The doctors say the problem is in her head. We don't know where to turn.

DEAR READER: Before labeling your daughter's problems as emotional, I'd want to make absolutely certain that she isn't suffering from an uncommon abnormality of her upper digestive tract — for example, a spasm, a blockage or a kink. Take her to a gastroenterologist, who should perform certain tests, including endoscopy (examination of the esophagus and stomach using a lighted fiber-optic tube). Only after her digestive tract proves to be normal would I recommend evaluation of any emotional factors that may contribute to her problem.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My boyfriend has an itching on the end of his penis and a feeling of pressure in his testicles after sex. His other girlfriend is prone to yeast infections. A third girlfriend has had herpes. I don't have any symptoms, but wonder if I should be treated. What is causing his problem?

DEAR READER: I think he has too many girlfriends. Perhaps he would have less itching and pressure if he were to limit his affections to one partner. Medical studies have clearly shown that multiple sexual partners increase the risk of a wide variety of sexually transmitted diseases, not only for the central character, but for everyone with whom he or she has relations.

In my opinion, your boyfriend should be checked for venereal diseases. This should include a general medical exam and blood tests, as well as a microscopic analysis of any penile discharge. In addition — to be on the safe side — you, too, should be checked by a gynecologist. Some sexually transmitted diseases, such as chlamydia and herpes, may cause few, if any, symptoms early on, but may lead to serious consequences, including infertility, if not treated. I believe that both you and your boyfriend should seek medical attention.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Vaginal Infections and Disorders." 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: For several months, my nose and cheeks have been turning red — only in the evening. By morning, the skin has returned to normal. What could be causing this and how do I stop it?

DEAR READER: Your symptoms suggest that something in your environment may be irritating your skin. Allergies can do this. So can alcohol beverages. Try to analyze what it is that you are doing after sunset that you're not doing during daylight. If you cannot ferret out a cause, see a dermatologist — preferably one who is willing to examine you during evening hours, at the height of your problem.

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Oil Patch News

Howard County

First Reserve Oil and Gas has completed the No. 3-H Hyman in the Howard-Glasscock field, 13 miles southeast of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 38 barrels of oil. Perforations were from 2,171-258 feet, and location is in Section 88, Block 29, W&NW survey.

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Missouri sets concealed gun vote

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Using pulpits and pickup trucks, activists in a statewide battle over the legalization of concealed guns campaigned hard in the final days before Missouri's voters decide its fate.

The pulpits Sunday included New Northside Baptist Church, a spiritual cornerstone in a mostly black St. Louis neighborhood that is occasionally rocked by gunfire and violent death.

"The myth that concealed weapons reduce crime is nonsense," declared the Rev. William J. Ellis, who has led the church for more than a quarter of a century.

He urged his worshippers to reject Proposition B on Tuesday because "that way, we won't have to get a metal detector for those entering the church house."

The message was the same in a coordinated appeal to congregations — with pastors criticizing Proposition B as loophole-ridden, unsafe and too risky for children.

If approved, anyone 21 or older may apply for a permit to carry a concealed firearm for a fee starting at $80. Twelve hours of training would be required.

Known alcohol or drug abuser and people with felony or misdemeanor firearms convictions or dishonorable military discharges would be ineligible for the permits.

Many worshippers at Easter ceremonies were quietly reverent but unswayed in their support for concealed guns.

Steve McCauley, who lives in an older section of St. Louis known as Dutchtown, said his 90-year-old neighbor "is afraid of her shadow and won't let anybody in but the postman."

So when his pastor at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church "asked us to consider voting against it" during Sunday's sermon, McCauley quietly kept his support for Proposition B to himself.

Then he drove his pickup truck to the headquarters of Missourians Against Crime — the leading support group for Proposition B and recipient of more than $3 million in contributions from the National Rifle Association.

"I'm a supporter because of crime. It's the right to protect yourself. I want everyone to have that choice, and I don't even own a gun or have any plans to seek a license if conceal-carry is approved. But we need this right," McCauley said.

Supporters of Proposition B, while enjoying a roughly 4-1 lead in fund raising on the strength of the NRA donations, nonetheless were apprehensive that their side of the story wasn't being told.

Greg Jeffery, 40, insisted that his state-by-state research showed Proposition B's background checks and other provisions to be among the strongest of states with concealed guns laws.

"The history of this in other states shows that people act safely, responsibly and peaceably when conceal-carry is implemented," he said.

The Proposition B campaign may intensify today, as actor and NRA leader Charlton Heston appears in Springfield to rally support for the measure.

Meanwhile, the mayors of St. Louis, Kansas City and Columbia were linking up with Proposition B foes for campaign-ending news conferences in those cities.

Both sides planned to congregate outside Busch Stadium to distribute literature to St. Louis Cardinals fans; the baseball club is officially on the record against Proposition B, amid concerns about hidden guns making sports turn deadly.

Back at New Northside Baptist Church, Jacqueline Gary, a worshipper with daughters ages 2 and 13, still had serious doubts about Proposition B. She plans to vote "no."

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Easter's sermons of renewal obscured by Kosovo events

By The Associated Press

Through a dreary drizzle, throngs flocked to Easter services past yellow ribbons in Capac, Mich. Worshipers in East Los Angeles wept while reflecting on the plight of a neighbor, Army Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Ramirez — captured last week in Yugoslavia.

In New York City, Cardinal John O'Connor, sounding weary, said he spent part of the weekend gazing at the "frightening pictures, the horrendous pictures" of Kosovo's unfolding violence.

And at the Vatican, Pope John Paul II departed from customary words of hope at Easter. "Enough of this cruel shedding of human blood!" the frail pope told the tens of thousands gathered in Rome's St. Peter's Square.

Across the nation and abroad Sunday, the uplifting notes of renewal that normally mark Easter sermons were smeared with the wartime realities of human cruelty.

In the United States, the gloom was acute in the hometowns of three U.S. servicemen captured last week while on a NATO peacekeeping mission near the Yugoslavia-Macedonia border.

"We pray for all their families in this time of darkening," the Rev. Jesse C. Galaz told his East Los Angeles congregation at St. Alphonsus Church, just a few blocks from where the family of Staff Sgt. Ramirez lives.

"We feel for the family," said a misty-eyed Cecilia Ruiz, a 38-year-old woman whose teenage son recently joined the Marines, and who said she prays daily for Ramirez.

"As a mother, I know what it's like to worry about your son going off to fight a war," she said.

Outside a Lutheran church in Capac, Debby Withun talked of her heart being burdened with thoughts for Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Stone, whose home is nearby.

"It just happens to be that he comes from our little town, but there are two other towns across the United States that are going through the same thing," she said.

President Clinton made a five-minute phone call Sunday to Tricia Stone, Christopher's wife. Mrs. Stone said Clinton offered prayers for the families of all three men and said he believes they are being treated better than they were last week.

In Huntsville, Texas, the hometown of Army Spc. Steven Gonzales, yellow ribbons dotted just about everything — telephone poles, fire hydrants, sign posts and gas pumps, and the clothing of most who gathered for a sermon at University Heights Baptist Church.

Elsewhere, religious leaders worldwide urged prayer for the hundreds of thousands of battered Kosovo refugees — many of them still without food or shelter

— In New York, Cardinal O'Connor told thousands at St. Patrick's Cathedral that Christians could not "in conscience be here to celebrate the resurrection if our hearts do not go out to those who at this very moment are still enduring the crucifixion."

— During an Easter Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, Cardinal Bernard Law implored the thousand-plus worshippers to learn from the actions of nuns who stayed in Kosovo, despite being urged to leave for their own safety.

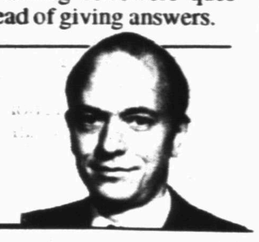
— In Germany, traditional Easter peace marches were dominated by calls for an end to NATO's attack on Yugoslavia. "The horrible happenings of these days lies like a dark cloud over our Easter holiday," Cardinal Friedrich Wetter, archbishop of Munich, said in his Easter sermon.

— Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, spiritual head of the Church of England, urged the British to support refugees with donations, and said NATO's bombings of the Serbs were justified. The "civilized world cannot stand idly by and accept that evil should triumph," Carey said.

And at the end of a Holy Week, John Paul II followed morning Mass by asking followers questions instead of giving answers.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North 04-05-99 ♠ Q 10 2 ♥ J 6 4 ♦ Q 3 ♣ K Q 7 6 4	
West ♠ A 9 8 6 4 ♥ K 3 ♦ 10 9 4 ♣ A 8 5		East ♠ 7 5 ♥ Q 7 5 ♦ J 8 7 6 5 2 ♣ J 9
	South ♠ K J 3 ♥ A 10 9 8 2 ♦ A K ♣ 10 3 2	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

Count winners and losers

By Phillip Alder

Boss Tweed, commenting on the ballot in New York City in November 1871, said, "As long as I count the votes, what are you going to do about it?"

Sounds suspicious, but at the bridge table, if someone says, "As long as I count my winners and losers, what are you going to do about it?" try to get him as a partner.

In today's deal, a competent player failed to make three no-trump. What would you have done in South's position? West leads his fourth-highest spade.

Would you, as South, open one no-trump? I would. Even if you are using 16-18, the fifth heart makes that hand worth 16 points. One no-trump is the best opening bid in bridge because it makes partner's life so easy. And it avoids the awkward rebid problem if partner responds one spade to one heart. True, you will probably miss a 5-3 heart fit, but that might not be a disaster.

South started well by winning the first trick with his spade king, keeping dummy's queen-10 as a later entry. Now came a club to dummy's queen, a diamond to the king, and another club. However, West defended well. He went in with the club ace and returned a diamond. Suddenly South saw that he had only eight tricks: one spade, one heart, two diamonds and four clubs.

After winning with the club queen, declarer could have led a heart to his ace, followed by a second club — or, my preference, played a heart to the 10. When in the dummy next, South will run the heart jack, playing for four hearts to go with two spades, two diamonds and a club.

Keep counting!

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

Just For Today NA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information, call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

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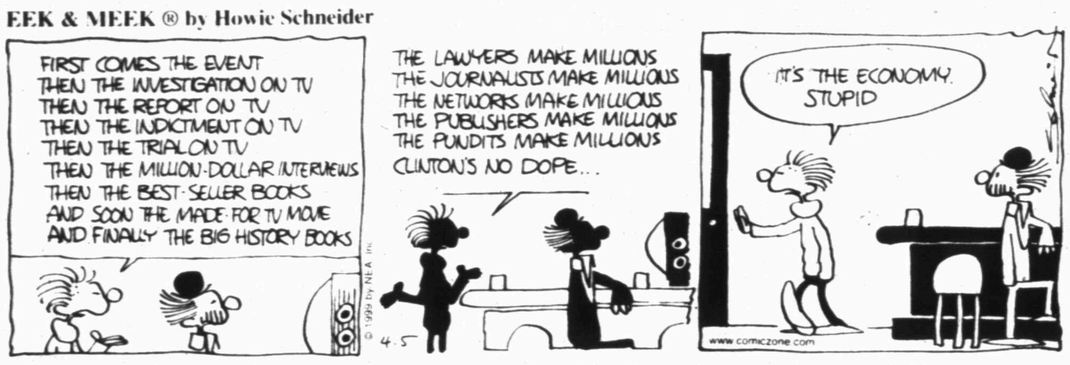
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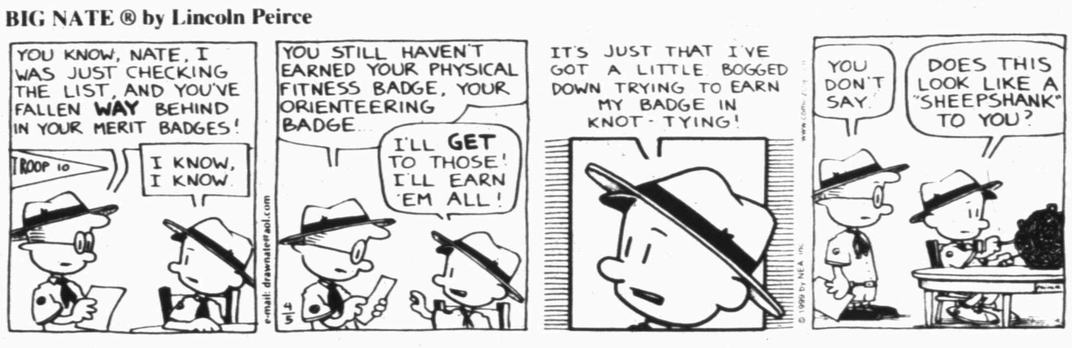
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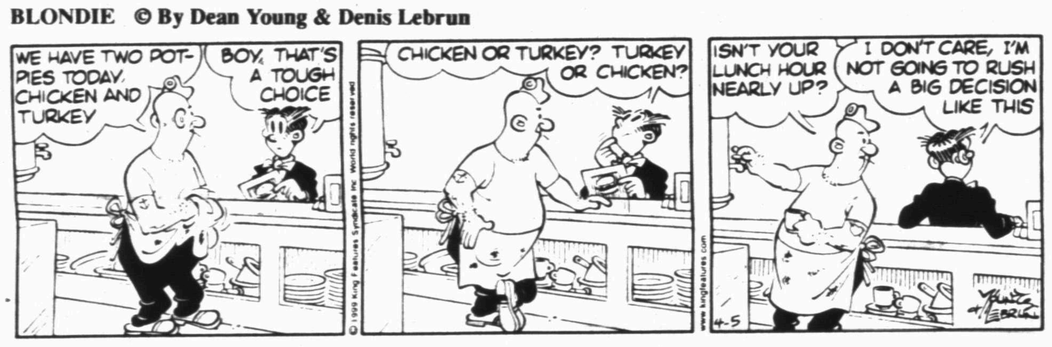


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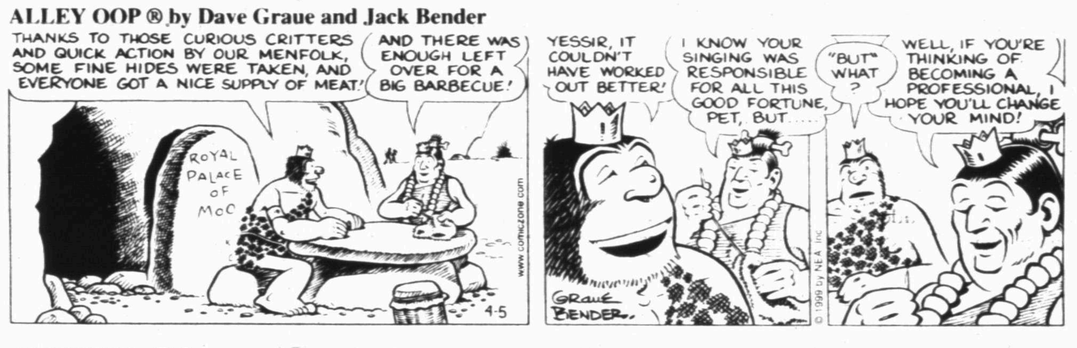
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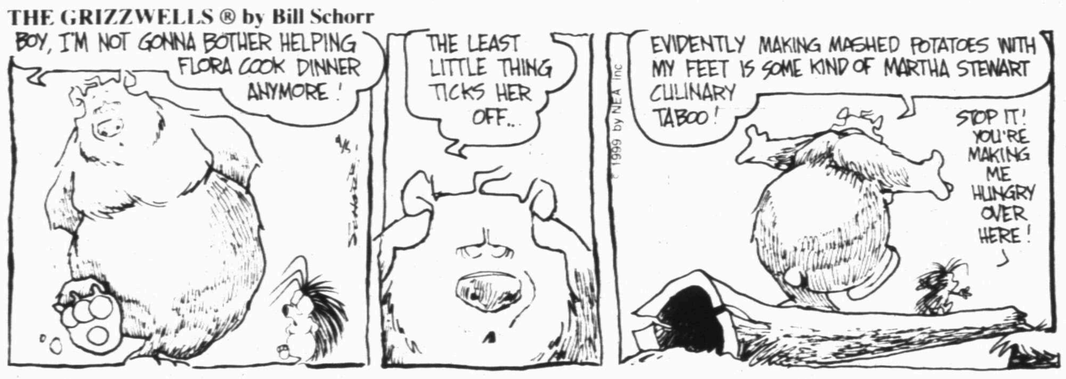
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7 River in Alaska
12 Over-adorned
13 Melon pear
14 Eugene's state
15 Lent follower
16 Yoko —
17 Use as an experiment
18 Legendary bird
21 '60s demonstration
23 Go bad
26 Esau's country
28 Nerve network
29 Actress Merkel
30 The Emerald Isle
31 Make amends for
33 Summer house
36 "— — first you don't . . ."
37 Tint
38 Decorate again
40 Whimper
41 CIA forerunner
42 Perch
44 French plural article
45 Major hostilities
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51 Point farthest from the earth
55 Nervous
56 Fame
57 — Lauder of cosmetics
58 Oozed out

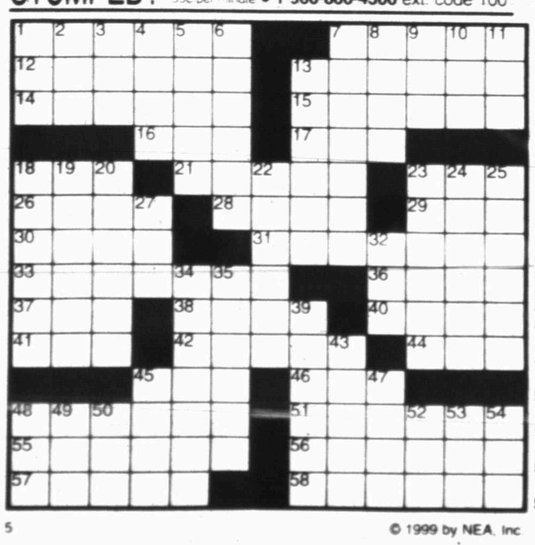
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2 Timetable abbr.
3 Compass pt.
4 Villain in "Othello"
5 Short jackets
6 Impressionist painter
7 Pined
8 — -daisy
9 Set of tools
10 Washington's bill
11 Negative word
13 Having a small figure
18 Reverberate anew
19 Hateful
20 16th-century explorer
22 Destructive mollusk
23 Shamefaced
24 At reduced price
25 Experiences
27 Encountered
32 Van Winkle or Torn
34 Orchestrate
35 Queen Elizabeth's father
39 Coveted awards
43 Sun hat
45 Extensive
47 Corn product
48 Actress — Caldwell
49 Cricket positions
50 After expenses
52 Name for the Reps.
53 Ranch female
54 Stop

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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A Little Bit Of HUMOR

Todd: What lies on the ground 100 feet in the air?
Gerald: A centipede sunbathing

Bobby: What happens to ducks when they fly upside down?
Melissa: They quack up.

Teacher: Michael, if the Earth is round, why don't we fall off?
Michael: The law of gravity, sir.
Teacher: Correct.
Michael: But what happened before the law was passed?

Derek: How does time fly?
Dex: Throw the clock out the window.

Lee: How can you make varnish disappear?
Michelle: Take out the letter "R."

Elaine: Why was Cinderella such a rotten football player?
Vernon: Because she had a pumpkin for a coach.

Jana: What can you serve but not eat?
Judy: A tennis ball.

Discover the family to which a skunk belongs by filling in the missing letters in the animal names. Write the letters in the order they appear on the blanks below.

□ A R T H O G
C H E □ T A H
A N T E □ T E R
M O O □ E
H Y □ N A
W A L □ A B Y

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SPORTS

Tech slips past WTC at Big Spring rodeo

BIG SPRING — The Lady Westerners turned in a top-rate performance at the Howard College rodeo. Unfortunately for WTC, Texas Tech got a career effort from one of its riders.

The Lady Raiders got 170 points from one contestant to edge the Western Texas women by 28 points in the final standings on Saturday. The win was Tech's first top-three finish of the season.

In the men's division, the Westerners were forced to contend with below-average stock, capturing third place behind Tarleton and West Texas A&M.

"Our women's team has closed the gap in the regional standings, considerably," said WTC coach Greg Rhodes. "We are now within striking distance of Tarleton. Our men's team has to hump it up and make up some ground. But I think they can do it."

Sequin Downey spurred the Lady Westerners with a time of 3.4 seconds to take the top spot in the short round of breakaway roping. Downey's run in the finals gave her first place in the average.

In the goat tying event, Brandee Brock's 9.5 was second in the short round, giving her the top slot in the overall standings.

Also competing in goat tying, Jill Childers finished in a fourth-place tie in the average.

For the WTC men, Joe Ross Jameson turned in a time of 4.8 in the finals of the steer wrestling, good enough for second place in the short round and first place in the average. Zane Runyan grabbed the third spot overall.

In team roping, Matt Gully was second in the short round and third in the average.

In bareback riding, Wes Stevenson grabbed the runner-up slot in the average, after taking third in the finals. Kyle Bowers finished fourth in the average.

WTC hosts its own event beginning Thursday at Scurry County Coliseum.

The three-day rodeo will feature nightly performances at 7:30, with the finals on Saturday evening.

On opening day...

Injuries lingering for Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers' biggest roster decisions going into spring training weren't the kind to lose sleep over — all they needed were a backup catcher and a utility infielder. But with the season beginning today, there are a few reasons for concern.

Slugging first baseman Rafael Palmeiro and closer John Wetteland hardly played in Florida because they spent most of their time rehabilitating serious injuries. Then, just when the news was improving on those two, fragile second baseman Mark McLemore felt a twinge in his oft-injured legs.

All three were expected to be available for this afternoon's season opener against Detroit. But starting a 162-game season with nagging injuries sure makes the road to the playoffs a lot tougher.

Palmeiro had his right knee operated on twice in 26 days for two different problems. Both have been corrected, but he's still rebuilding his strength and trying to making up for lost time at the plate. He had some big hits in the last few exhibition games and likely will start the year at designated hitter, keeping his $45 million bat in the lineup and preserving his status as the most durable player this decade after Cal Ripken Jr.

Wetteland's surgically repaired right arm was doing fine when he severely strained his right ankle. He took off more time than he wanted to, but it seems to have worked as he's been dominant in his last few appearances.

After opening with three games against the Tigers, Texas hosts its top division rival Anaheim for four games. A week later, the Rangers start a 15-game stretch that includes 11 games against the New York Yankees, Cleveland and Boston — the other three AL playoff teams last year.

Rick Helling, who went from a career-high of five wins to 20 last season, will show right away whether 1998 was a fluke. His first six starts are likely to include Detroit, Anaheim, Cleveland and either Oakland or Seattle — plus the Yankees twice.

Helling won his first six starts last year and closed the season by going 5-0 in his last seven starts. His 4.41 ERA was the fifth-highest ever for a 20-game winner, but it showed he knew how to take advantage of the whopping 6.61 runs per game Texas scored for him.

"I don't think that I've done the best that I can — that's what motivates me," Helling said. "In no way did last year make me lazy. I've worked just as hard as if I'd been 7-20."

Start time changed for SHS game

After having their district opener moved from Ft. Stockton to Moffett Field, the Snyder Tigers have another change in the league schedule.

Tuesday's 5-4A contest at Big Spring, originally slated for 4 p.m., has been pushed back an hour to 5 o'clock.

Entering Tuesday's matchup, the Tigers are tied atop the district standings with Andrews at 2-0, while Big Spring is 1-1 after a shocking upset of Lake View on Thursday. The Steers had notched only one victory all season, before knocking off the Chiefs.

Overall, Snyder carries a mark of 15-6, while the Steers are 2-14.

Following Tuesday's visit to Big Spring, the Tigers host Lake View at 7:30 Friday.

In other diamond action, the Lady Tigers will host first-place Andrews in softball action on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

The Lady Mustangs (15-6) own an unblemished 6-0 league tally, while the Lady Tigers (15-8) hold a 4-2 district mark.

Red Raiders win 27th straight at home, 12-2

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech took a 3-0 lead on an infield grounder, an error and a double play and then exploded for nine runs over the next four innings en route to a 12-2 victory over Iowa State on Sunday.

The Red Raiders (28-8, 10-4) won their 27th straight game on their home field while completing a sweep of the three-game weekend series with the Cyclones (7-23, 0-15).

Brad Ralston (7-0) went the distance for Tech, allowing eight hits and three walks while striking out eight. Iowa State starter Jeremy Taylor (0-3) allowed seven hits, walked five and struck out two in his four innings.

Mark Austry paced Tech's 14-hit attack, going 3-for-5 for Tech, including a third-inning double that cleared the bases. He scored twice himself.

Marco Cunningham went 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs, Allen Marshall went 2-for-5 with two RBIs, Jason Huth went 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs, and Jon Weber went 2-for-4 with two doubles.

Jon Siple had his ninth double of the year for Iowa State, and Jade O'Brien had his fourth triple, among the Cyclones' eight hits.

Westerners grab third

RUIDOSO, N.M. — Competitors in the WJCAC golf tournament didn't have to battle just the course, but also the conditions.

With the event shortened to 36 holes due to high winds and freezing temperatures, Western Texas captured third place overall, 23 strokes behind conference champion Midland Junior College.

The Westerners, who were in second place after one day, fired identical rounds of 310 to finish 12 shots in back of the eventual runner-up New Mexico JC.

"It was tough both days," WTC coach Milton Ham said. "It was almost unbearably cold on Saturday. We did pretty good considering the conditions and we're still improving."

Martin Gustafson paced the WTC squad with rounds of 71 and 81 for a 152 total.

Jason McGrath and Brad Nutt posted tourney totals of 154, with Michael Hanson coming in at 82-79—161. Cory Mahaney turned in rounds of 84 and 80, while Kory Williams posted a two-day total of 168.

WTC will be back on the links Sunday for the State JUCO tourney at Quicksand Golf Club in San Angelo.

Baylor whips Kansas, 14-4

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Anthony Hensley hit his first homer Sunday as No. 12 Baylor had 15 hits in a 14-4 win over Kansas.

Josh Scott (7-2) pitched 6 1-3 innings for the win, allowing three earned runs and striking out seven. Hensley went 3-for-6 with three runs scored, two RBIs and two stolen bases.

The Bears (29-6 overall, 13-2 Big 12) have won 11 in a row.

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

Lions Club golf tourney

The Snyder Lions Club golf tournament will be held April 24 at Western Texas College.

The format will be a four-man scramble, with each team having a minimum combined handicap of 50. All handicaps will be varified by April 17. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five finshers, with $800 going to the winning team.

Registration fee is $50 per person and includes green fee, cart rental and a hamburger lunch. The field will be limited to 20 teams. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC and Snyder Country Club pro shops.

WGA weekly play day

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

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Toronto	0	0	.000	-

Central Division

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Chicago	0	0	.000	-
Cleveland	0	0	.000	-
Detroit	0	0	.000	-
KansasCity	0	0	.000	-
Minnesota	0	0	.000	-

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	0	0	.000	-
Oakland	0	0	.000	-
Seattle	0	0	.000	-
Texas	0	0	.000	-

Monday's Games

Detroit (Moehler 14-13) at Texas (Helling 20-7), 2:35 p.m.
Boston (Martinez 19-7) at Kansas City (Appier 1-2), 2:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Alvarez 6-14) at Baltimore (Mussina 13-10), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago (Baldwin 13-6) at Seattle (Fassero 13-12), 10:35 p.m.
New York (Clemens 20-6) at Oakland (Heredia 3-3), 10:35 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Toronto (Hentgen 12-11) at Minnesota (Radke 12-14), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 11-15) at Texas (Sele 19-11), 8:35 p.m.
Chicago (Parque 7-5) at Seattle (Moyer 15-9), 10:05 p.m.
New York (Hernandez 12-4) at Oakland (Candiotti 11-16), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 12-10)at Anaheim (Belcher 14-14), 10:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	-
Florida	0	0	.000	-
Montreal	0	0	.000	-
NewYork	0	0	.000	-
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	-

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	-
Cincinnati	0	0	.000	-
Houston	0	0	.000	-
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	-
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	-
St.Louis	0	0	.000	-

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	1	0	1.000	-
Arizona	0	0	.000	½
LosAngeles	0	0	.000	½
SanFrancisco	0	0	.000	½
SanDiego	0	1	.000	1

Sunday's Game

Colorado 8, San Diego 2

Monday's Games

San Francisco (Gardner 13-6) at Cincinnati (Tomko 13-12), 2:05 p.m.
New York (Leiter 17-6) at Florida (Fernandez 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 15-14) at Atlanta (Glavine 20-6), 4:10 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 19-11) at Los Angeles (Brown 18-7), 4:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Roque 4-2) at St. Louis (Osborne 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 14-11) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 13-14), 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

New York (Reed 16-11) at Florida (Hernandez 12-10), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 6-9) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 11-14), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Reuter 16-9) at Cincinnati (Bere 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Ogea 5-4) at Atlanta (Maddux 18-9), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago (Trachsel 15-8) at Houston (Reynolds 19-8), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 13-14) at San Diego (Clement 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
Arizona (Stottlemyre 14-13) at Los Angeles (Park 15-9), 10:10 p.m.

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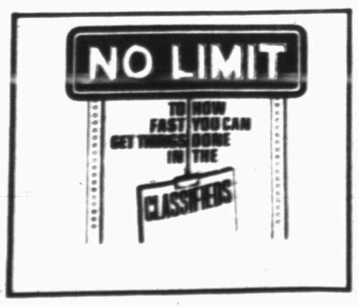
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Trial to begin in '85 bombing

DALLAS (AP) — Jury selection is scheduled to begin Tuesday for a man charged with leaving a briefcase bomb that exploded when it was opened, killing three people in Lake Worth on Thanksgiving night in 1985.

Tarrant County prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for 33-year-old Michael Roy Toney.

The bomb was left outside a trailer at the Hilltop Mobile Home Park. When a family member opened it, the explosion was powerful enough to cause fire damage to a neighboring trailer that required one of its occupants to be treated for smoke inhalation.

Killed in the explosion were Joe Blount, 44; his daughter, Angela Blount, 15; and her friend, Michael Columbus, 18, of Oklahoma.

Blount's 14-year-old son, Robert, was severely burned but survived. Blount's wife, Susan, was asleep in a back room and was not injured.

About 300 people have been summoned as potential jurors. Because it's a death penalty case, and prospective jurors will be questioned individually, it could take several weeks to pick a panel. Testimony is tentatively scheduled to start on May 10.

Lead prosecutor Mike Parrish said he still doesn't know why the three were killed or whether they were the intended victims.

Some law enforcement officials speculated that the target of the bombing was a suspected drug dealer who lived near the Blounts in the same trailer park. That person moved out immediately after the deadly blast.

Prosecutors have subpoenaed dozens of witnesses from as far away as Pennsylvania and California, including Toney's parents, his ex-wife, people he assaulted, former prison and jail cellmates and firearms experts.

'The Matrix' debuts at #1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The special effects-ladden action movie "The Matrix," debuted atop the weekend box office, grossing $27.6 million for the biggest opening weekend this year, industry estimates showed.

"The Matrix," starring Keanu Reeves and Laurence Fishburne, came out ahead of two other newcomers, "10 Things I Hate About You" and "The Out-Of-Towners." It also was the best opening for Reeves since 1994, when "Speed" took in $14.5 million at its debut.

"10 Things I Hate About You," an updated, teen-centered version of the Shakespearean classic "The Taming of the Shrew," was a distant second with $8.7 million.

"The Out-Of-Towners," a loose remake of the 1970 comedy about an out-of-town couple in New York City, starring Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn, was third with $8.1 million.

"Analyze This" and "Forces of Nature" tied for fourth with $6.3 million.

"EDtv," about a video store clerk who agrees to let television capture every minute of his life, dropped from third to sixth place after losing 45 percent of its audience in its second week.

Two Oscar winners remained in the top 10. "Shakespeare in Love" was seventh with $3.3 million, while "Life is Beautiful" was No. 9 with $2.8 million.

"Doug's 1st Movie" was eighth with $3.1 million. "The Mod Squad" clung to the top 10 with $2.4 million after losing 60 percent of its audience in its second week.

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Births

Twalla Peppers of Snyder announces the birth of her six-pound, three-ounce son. He was born at 8:53 p.m. on April 4 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Officers take 9 into custody

Six adults and three juveniles were taken into custody over the weekend on charges ranging from outstanding warrants to driving while intoxicated.

A 27-year-old male was arrested at 2:42 p.m. Saturday in the 1400 block of College on outstanding warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

Officers took a 25-year-old male into custody at 8:13 p.m. Saturday in the 300 block of 24th Street on outstanding warrants for issuance of a bad check, failure to stop and failure to appear.

At 10:21 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 29-year-old male in the 3000 block of 38th Street for Class C assault. An offense report for assault/family violence was also submitted.

Officers took a male juvenile into custody at 11:16 p.m. Saturday in the 3000 block of College for probation violation. He was transported to the police department and later released to their parents.

A 19-year-old male was jailed for possession of marijuana and minor in possession. Officers arrested him in the 2300 block of 33rd Street at 12:32 a.m. Sunday.

Officers took two male juveniles into custody in the 2600 block of Avenue U at 12:33 a.m. Sunday for driving under the influence and public intoxication. The subjects were transported to the police department and later released to their parents.

At 5 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested an 18-year-old in the 4500 block of College for driving while intoxicated.

Public intoxication and evading arrest sent a 19-year-old male to jail at 11:24 p.m. Sunday. Officers arrested him in the 3100 block of Avenue T.

Other weekend activity included officers filing an offense reports for burglary of a vehicle, assault and found property.

Harvey Pinkerton requested an officer at 12:36 p.m. Saturday in reference to someone stealing CDs from his vehicle while it was parked in the 3600 block of Kerrville. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

An offense report for assault/family violence was filed at 3:23 p.m. Saturday.

Officers filed offense reports for found bicycles at 12:57 p.m. Sunday in reference to two being found along Deep Creek off College Avenue.

An offense report for Class A assault/family violence was filed at 11:09 p.m. Sunday.

Officers also investigated a one-vehicle minor accident at 8:15 a.m. Sunday on the access ramp in the 800 block of U.S. Hwy. 84. Involved was a 1995 Mitsubishi Galant driven by Miroslaba Cantu Gutierrez, 42, of 2603 Avenue Y.

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AT&T Corp wi	53½	53½	53⅛	+ ¼
AirTouch	95 9-16	94 13-16	95⅛	+ ⅜
Albertsons	53⅜	52 11-16	53	— 1-16
AlldSignal	51¼	50⅝	51⅛	+ 1
Alltel	64 7-16	63¼	64 7-16	+ ⅜
AmOnline s	154⅛	150 9-16	153 15-16	+3 15-16
AmStores	32⅛	32¼	32 5-16	— 1-16
Ameritech	60 7-16	59⅜	60¼	
AndarkPtr s	38 5-16	37 1-16	38 3-16	+ ⅛
ArmcoInc	4 11-16	4 9-16	4 11-16	+ ⅛
AtlRichfld	73⅜	72⅛	73 9-16	+ 1¼
ATMOS Egy	25	24⅜	24 9-16	+ 5-16
Aviall	16 3-16	15 15-16	16	— ⅛
BP Amoco	97	95¼	97	+1 3-16
BakerHughes	24 3-16	23 9-16	24 3-16	+ 9-16
BankAmerica	70 9-16	69⅜	70 7-16	+1 7-16
BellAtl s	52¼	51⅛	52	+ ⅛
BellSouth s	41 15-16	41 5-16	41 9-16	+ 5-16
BethSteel	8¼	8 9-16	8 11-16	— 1-16
BurlNoSFe s	32 9-16	31½	32 5-16	+ ⅛
CBS Corp	41¼	40 13-16	41 1-16	+15-16
Caterpillar	48 13-16	47 7-16	48 13-16	+ 1⅛
CenSoWst	24¼	23 13-16	24¼	+ ½
Chevron	89 7-16	86¼	89 7-16	+ 2⅛
Citigroup	66 11-16	65½	66 9-16	+ 1⅛
Coastal s	34¼	34 1-16	34 3-16	— 1-16
CocaCola	61 3-16	60¼	60 13-16	— ⅛
ColgatePalm	93⅞	93⅛	93 11-16	+11-16
ComclMetals	20¾	20 1-16	20⅛	+ ⅛
CooperIn	43 7-16	43 1-16	43 5-16	+13-16
CyprusAmax	12	11⅞	11 15-16	+ 1-16
DaimlrChry n	88⅛	87¾	88⅛	+15-16
DallSemicn	39½	39 3-16	39 7-16	+ 7-16
DeltaAirl s	70	68⅝	69 15-16	+1 5-16
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DowChem	95¼	93¼	95	+ 1
DuPont	59 15-16	58 13-16	59⅛	+1 5-16
EastmanChem	44⅛	43¼	44⅜	+1 5-16
EstKodak	64¼	63¾	63 9-16	— 5-16
EDS Corp	49 15-16	49¼	49 15-16	+1 1-16
Entergy	28 9-16	28 1-16	28⅛	+ ⅜
Exxon	71½	70 1-16	71⅛	+ 1⅜
Flowers	25 1-16	24 13-16	24⅛	— 1-16
FordMotor	57 11-16	56 11-16	57 11-16	+1 3-16
GTE Cp	61 3-16	6060⅛	—	¼
GenDynam	67	66 1-16	66⅛	+ 1⅜
GenlElec	114	112 7-16	113 15-16	+2 5-16
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GaPacGP	79	78 3-16	79	+ 1
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Goodrich	35 15-16	35¼	35 7-16	+ ⅜
Goodyear s	52¾	52 1-16	52⅛	+ ½
GtAtlPac	30⅝	3030⅛	+	9-16
Halliburtn	38 1-16	37¼	37⅛	+ 1¼
Hanson ADS	43 7-16	43 5-16	43 5-16	— ¼
HarteHanks	27 11-16	27¾	27⅛	— 5-16
HomeDepot	62 3-16	61 5-16	61 9-16	
IBM	181¼	178 9-16	181⅛	+ 4¾
IntlPaper	44¼	43 7-16	44 3-16	+11-16
JohnsonJn	94¼	94 1-16	94 11-16	+ 9-16
K mart	16 9-16	16¼	16 5-16	+ ¼
Kroger Co	60 7-16	59 13-16	59 15-16	+ 3-16
Litton	57¾	57 5-16	57 7-16	+ 7-16
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Texas Briefs

Vandals deface memorial for JFK

DALLAS (AP) — Spray paint-wielding vandals caused thousands of dollars worth of damage over the weekend to the John F. Kennedy Memorial.

The black and red graffiti on the interior walls of the downtown memorial might have been done by a hate group because of the painted images, including a swastika, said Officer Leroy Quigg of the Dallas police gang unit.

Police believe the vandalism occurred late Friday night or Saturday morning. Cleanup should be completed in a few days, officials at the nearby Sixth Floor Museum said.

The monument attracts about 500,000 visitors annually. It was also vandalized in 1997.

The memorial, built in 1970, consists of 50-foot-high white concrete walls that surround a square black marble slab bearing the name of the president who was assassinated nearby in 1963. It is owned by the city and Dallas County, with the county responsible for providing security.

John Nagel, a staff member at the nearby Conspiracy Museum, said he noticed the spray paint Saturday afternoon while leading a group of tourists through Dealey Plaza.

"All I can say is that I'm heartsick," Nagel told The Dallas Morning News. "The worst part was I had a tour with me, and I had to explain to them that it shouldn't be like this."

Television show features Texas girl

SAGINAW (AP) — Volunteers have joined the search for missing 6-year-old Opal Jo Jennings, and her disappearance was mentioned on a national television show.

"America's Most Wanted" aired a brief segment on the dark-haired girl who was abducted March 26 from the yard of her grandmother's home. Fifteen family members spanning five generations watched the syndicated TV show Saturday night.

"There she is," several family members said when Opal's picture flickered on the TV screen.

John Walsh, the host of the show, told viewers about "a little girl who desperately needs our help tonight."

Police hoped airing the segment would increase tips, although they noticed no immediate increase in calls after the show aired on a Dallas-Fort Worth TV station.

Meanwhile, volunteers in groups of five to 10 walked and rode horses across Saginaw Saturday, looking for clues in the girl's disappearance.

Also Saturday, Opal's grandmother, Audrey Sanderford, showed off the light blue dress that Opal had planned to wear for Easter. A 19-year-old cousin of Opal and his fiancee bought the dress for the girl.

Mrs. Sanderford said the dress was hidden so that Opal wouldn't wear it — and wear it out.

"She was handling it all the time," Mrs. Sanderford said. "She would have worn it out, or it would have had to be washed."

Police said about 50 volunteers turned out to search for the girl. They checked rain-swollen creeks, railroad tracks, a park, construction sites and fields.

Police spokesman Karl Johnson said the city has been divided into sectors, and police crossed a sector off their list once it had been searched.

"We don't know where Opal is," he said, "but we can eliminate the places where she is not."

FBI wraps up search at Texas ranch

CAMP WOOD (AP) — FBI agents have left a South Texas ranch where they were looking for clues into the disappearance of atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair, but they say their investigation is not over.

"This search was only part of the investigation," Robert Grant, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI's San Antonio division, said Sunday.

The FBI has refused to confirm the subject of the investigation, but Texas Department of Public Safety officials have said it was helping federal agents in a search for evidence in the 1995 disappearance of Mrs. O'Hair; her son, Jon Garth Murray; her granddaughter, Robin Murray O'Hair; and $500,000 in gold coins.

Grant said he couldn't comment on whether the search was successful, but added, "It was not a waste of time."

"I am pleased with the effort we put in and with what we did," he said.

The FBI used dogs, heavy equipment including a backhoe and a helicopter with night vision to search parts of the 5,000-acre ranch about 100 miles west of San Antonio in Real County. The U.S. Attorney's office said the ranch owners were not targets of the investigation.

Mrs. O'Hair's 1963 Supreme Court case led to the ban on organized prayer in public schools. She founded American Atheists Inc., a nonprofit group dedicated to the separation of church and state which was based for many years in Austin.

David R. Waters, 52, the former office manager for Mrs. O'Hair, and Gary P. Karr, 50, were arrested March 24 on weapons charges. Waters has denied involvement in the O'Hairs' disappearance, and neither man has been charged in connection with the case.

The Detroit Free Press reported that FBI agent Bill O'Leary testified during Karr's March 26 detention hearing that Karr admitted being an accessory to four homicides in Texas and helping get rid of the victims and their property.

Police: Woman posed as teen boy

HOUSTON (AP) — Police charge a 34-year-old woman posed as a teen-age boy to lure young girls into sex.

A detective calls her the first major female pedophile in Texas. But she managed to elude police last month and is now a fugitive, and might have fled to Mexico.

Martha Gomez's masquerade was so good that it even fooled the girls' parents, police said.

Houston police Detective Ron Horowitz said he showed one mother a picture of Ms. Gomez.

"'Yeah, that's Emilio.' Then I broke the news to them, 'That's not Emilio, that's Aunt Martha,'" Horowitz told the Houston Chronicle. "The girl's mother went berserk."

Ms. Gomez has been charged with three counts of sexual assault of a child involving a 13-year-old and two 16-year-old girls. One of the 16-year-olds was raped at gunpoint, police charged.

"She is the first major female pedophile in the state of Texas," Horowitz charged.

Police said Ms. Gomez, 4-foot-9 and 124 pounds, lured girls with phone dates, met them at their homes while their parents were at work and had sex with them.

Horowitz said Ms. Gomez maintained her deception by never fully disrobing, turning off the lights and using a "fake male sexual organ" to engage in intercourse.

Though some of the mothers knew of the relationships with "Emilio," none suspected he was a grown woman, or that their daughters were having sex with the paramour.

"The problem with the adults is that (Ms. Gomez) didn't spend a lot of time with the adults.

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Agency flooded with too much e-mail flood

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government wants to hear from you. Just don't send a lot of e-mail.

In the latest demonstration of computer technology surpassing Washington's ability to cope with it, the U.S. Forest Service scrambled to adopt new rules about how taxpayers can send electronic messages to all its employees.

The government says it moved to prevent what could become a deluge of unwanted constituent e-mail, which can be sent with a single mouse-click to thousands of bureaucrats more easily and more quickly these days than a single letter can be hand-delivered by the Postal Service.

But the modern convenience of e-mail for citizens is proving inconvenient for the government, which is struggling to balance its obligations to listen to the nation's populace against its desire to get its work done.

The Forest Service changed its rules earlier this year after Andy Stahl of the activist Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics discovered a method to send e-mail messages to 27,000 agency employees, a sort of high-tech handbilling.

Then, about 40 groups and individuals, sympathetic to forest industries, caught wind of the stunt by Stahl, a former agency employee. They asked for e-mail addresses for all 34,000 employees so they, too, could send messages — an estimated 1.3 million e-mails in total.

"Would you please send me the e-mail list for Montana Forest Service employees?" asked a writer in Montana.

Fearing the agency's computers might crash under the strain, Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck decided to become a human filter for all the digital discourse. "It could potentially grind it to a halt," said spokesman George Lennon.

Under the agency's new policy, anyone who wants to get a message to all Forest Service employees will send it to Dombeck. If he decides the message is appropriate — and he promises to be extremely lenient — he will then post it on the agency's internal Web site.

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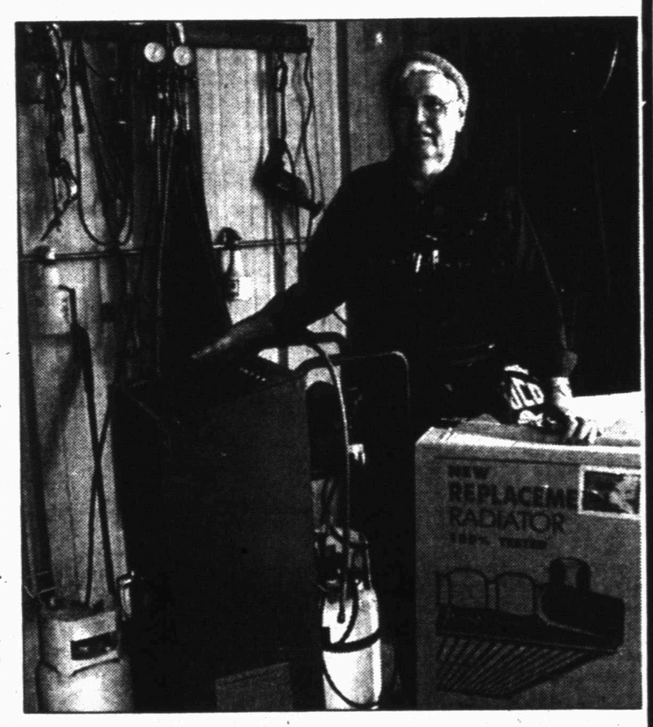
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U.S. warplanes diverted from Iraq to Kosovo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has diverted important parts of the U.S. air fleet charged with monitoring the sky over northern Iraq in order to sustain its role in NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia, officials said.

Among the planes sent to Europe for the intensifying conflict with Yugoslavia are Navy EA-6B Prowlers, which are electronic warfare planes that jam and can attack air defense radars, and refueling aircraft, according to defense officials who discussed the matter on condition they not be identified.

As a result, the American and British fighter aircraft used to enforce a "no-fly" zone over northern Iraq have not flown since March 20, four days before NATO launched its airstrikes against Yugoslavia.

Not coincidentally, U.S. officials have reported no Iraqi violations of the flight ban in that period, and almost daily U.S. and British attacks on Iraqi air-defense sites in the north have stopped. Air Force F-15E attack planes conducted the last attack in northern Iraq on March 16, against anti-aircraft artillery. In the 10 days prior to that, U.S. planes attacked in northern Iraq almost every day.

The pace of confrontations in southern Iraq also has slackened, although allied planes are continuing to monitor the sky.

On Sunday, American F-16 and F/A-18 fighters, joined by British GR-1 Tornado fighters, attacked a surface-to-air missile battery and two unspecified communications sites south of Baghdad in response to Iraqi violations of the southern "no fly" zone, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said. There also was a U.S. attack Friday, the first since March 19.

U.S. planes did not fly over the northern "no fly" zone Sunday, the 15th straight day of no flights.

Allied aircraft based in Saudi Arabia and aboard a U.S. aircraft carrier in the Gulf carry out air patrols over the southern zone, whereas the enforcement effort in the north relies entirely on land-based planes in Turkey.

Privately, Pentagon officials express surprise that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has not used the Yugoslavia conflict, which is drawing so much of the U.S. military's attention and resources, as an opportunity to make trouble in the "no-fly" zones, which are intended to suppress the Iraqi air force.

Asked last week why Saddam has been so quiet recently, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon replied, "I suppose the most charitable answer is perhaps his forces are exhausted and taking a break."

Officials at U.S. European Command in Germany, whose aircraft at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, are enforcing the northern "no-fly" zone, acknowledge that some aircraft have been diverted to the NATO campaign.

They will provide no details, including how many or which kinds of aircraft were sent.

Congress considers changing 'marriage penalty' provision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans have never heard of Vivien Kellems. But if they are married and each spouse earns roughly the same salary, they should keep her in mind while filling out their income tax returns.

Miss Kellems, who died in 1975, was a prominent Connecticut businesswoman who successfully lobbied Congress in 1969 to change the tax code so it would not discriminate against unmarried adults. Single people had been at a tax disadvantage to married couples since 1948.

But when one group gains from tinkering with the progressive tax code, another loses. Such is the case with the "marriage penalty" now affecting 21 million couples who pay an average of $1,400 more than if they had not tied the knot.

Congress is weighing at least one proposal to help some married couples, hoping to tap the budget surplus to cover the reduced revenue.

Miss Kellems, of East Haddam, Conn., was a manufacturer of cable grips who founded War Widows of America with actress Gloria Swanson and campaigned against unfair tax treatment for single women.

She noted millions of women in her generation were unmarried because of a post-World War II shortage of potential husbands.

"What do you do if you can't get a husband? Should you be taxed for that?" she testified before a congressional committee, according to "The Decline (and Fall?) of the Income Tax" by Yale University law professor Michael J. Graetz.

Decades later, Congress is wrestling with a polar-opposite problem: The entry of millions of women into the work force is exacerbating the marriage penalty in the tax code.

"Today, the only form one can file to avoid the marriage tax penalty is paperwork for divorce," said Rep. Jerry Weller, R-Ill., sponsor of a bill with 230 co-sponsors aimed at eliminating the disparity.

The penalty is caused by America's progressive tax system, which taxes income at different rates based on how much someone earns and whether a taxpayer is single or married.

Without a flat tax rate the same for all taxpayers, it is impossible to end all inequities in the code.

Married couples in which both spouses earn roughly similar amounts are the most affected by the disparity. In contrast, households where one spouse brings home significantly more — again, subject to different tax rates — gain a marriage "bonus" averaging about $1,300.

Graetz argues that this winds up punishing people who decide to marry, unless they fit what he calls the "Ozzie and Harriett" model where one spouse stays home and the other works.

"The tax law must respond to changes in the economy and the society," Graetz wrote.

Republicans in Congress have made fixing the marriage penalty one of their top tax priorities, and many Democrats also embrace the change.

Budget resolutions passed last month by the House and Senate put the penalty at the top of the list for some $800 billion in tax cuts the GOP wants over the next decade, using some of the budget surplus.

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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Husband's Hairline Hang-Up Has Wife Searching for Cover

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jack," is a wonderful companion and a caring father, but he has one hang-up that's driving me up the wall and embarrassing me in front of our friends. I've talked with him about it until I'm blue in the face, but he refuses to accept it. He has been losing his hair steadily for the last 10 years, and although nearly half of our female friends have bald husbands, Jack refuses to acknowledge the fact that he no longer has the hairline he once had. Abby, he now parts his hair behind his ear and "sweeps" it over the bald spot.

To make matters worse, his favorite sport is boating. No matter how much "goo" he uses to keep his swatch of hair anchored down, once we're out on the water, he has a foot-long "flag" of hair streaming in the breeze. When we have friends with us, they often stare at the back of his head in horrified fascination, and I'm so embarrassed that I don't know where to look. What can I do to get Jack to wake up and realize the only person he's fooling is himself?

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If you can't convince your husband that bald is beautiful, you might be able to convince him that his disguise is fooling no one by taking a video camera along on your next boat trip. One look at the replay should help him see the wisdom of consulting a hairstylist who can assist him in maximizing the hair he has left — or visiting a specialist to explore the option of a transplant or hairpiece. I wish you the best of luck. There are none so blind as they who will not see.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband (I'll call him Nick) fathered a daughter out of wedlock 23 years ago. Nick and the mother were both very young and marriage was not an option. The child, "Sherry," was placed for adoption.

Sherry located her birth parents about six months ago. Only a few people (mostly relatives) know about this young woman. Nick and I have been married 18 years and have two children, 16 and 12. He and Sherry have a close relationship, and she has met our children.

Abby, we're unsure how we should explain this to people. Nick would like to have a large party and introduce her to our friends and family. I'm not certain that a large "coming out" party is the best way to go.

We have read your column for years and would appreciate your opinion. What would you do in our situation?

NICK'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: I commend you for your mature, healthy attitude. Since Sherry and her father now have a close relationship, your friends and relatives are sure to find out about her one way or another. Rather than giving Sherry a "coming out" party, a diplomatic way to introduce her might be to host a party during one of the holidays, when friends and family usually gather anyway. As the invitations are extended and accepted, all prospective guests should be told exactly who Sherry is to avoid any surprised reactions that could make her feel uncomfortable or unwelcome.

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Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, April 6, 1999

Many exceptional opportunities could surround you in the year ahead, but they won't do you any good unless you seize them with confidence. Remember, you can't reap what you don't sow.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Those wonderful positive thoughts you had yesterday might escape you today, and leave you contradicting the courage of your convictions. Don't let negative thoughts prevail today. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Continue to be the self-supporting person you are and avoid turning to others for favors today. If they aren't able to honor your request, it could make you feel embarrassed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Anticipating the worse today will most certainly cause you to behave in a negative fashion and impede your good judgment. Look at the bright side of things.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Before pointing the finger of blame at co-workers today, evaluate your own behavior to see if you're the one who is giving them justification for being a bit difficult.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't bet dollars just to win a few pennies today. Be realistic in your judgment and make certain that any risks you take are in proportion to what you hope to gain.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It won't hurt you to bend a little if your mate is having a troublesome day and is reacting with frustration. You could help soothe the situation with sensitivity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Strive to be a tolerant person when dealing with someone else's imperfections today. If you are merely a faultfinder, you could cause others to abandon their cooperation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Focus on winning tomorrow rather than gnashing your teeth on things that aren't going your way today. Concentrate on a game plan and lay low until another favorable time rolls around.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Whereas you may have been exceptionally organized and productive yesterday, you will seem more reticent and sluggish today. Make sure this lack of drive doesn't undermine your best interests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Nothing is ever gained by anticipating negative results before anything happens. Besides, the odds are that whatever you decide to worry about today will never transpire, so don't torture yourself!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) For unknown reasons today, you could find yourself strangely being unduly stingy with a friend who has always been quite helpful to you. You can reverse this by being forewarned.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you fail to make the most of what you have at your disposal, it's unlikely you'll achieve the objectives you set for yourself today. If you're handed a lemon, make lemonade!

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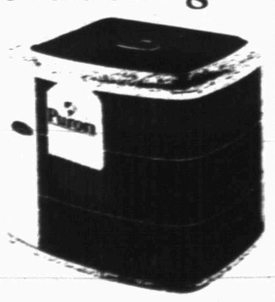
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High court OKs police search

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police can search the personal belongings of all passengers inside a car when lawfully seeking criminal evidence against the driver, the Supreme Court ruled today.

By a 6-3 vote in a Wyoming case, the court expanded the already considerable police power to search motor vehicles without a court warrant.

"Effective law enforcement would be appreciably impaired without the ability to search a passenger's personal belongings when there is reason to believe contraband or evidence of criminal wrongdoing is hidden in the car," Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the court.

In dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens said, "Today, instead of adhering to the settled distinction between drivers and passengers, the court fashions a new rule."

Under that rule, Stevens said, police might be able to search a taxi passenger's briefcase if they had reason to believe the driver had a syringe somewhere in his vehicle.

In other cases today, the court:

—Said criminal defendants who plead guilty have a constitutional right to remain silent at sentencing without judges holding it against them, the Supreme Court ruled today. Judges cannot impose harsher punishment if such defendants refuse to give details about the crime, said the justices' 5-4 decision in a Pennsylvania drug case.

—Ruled prosecutors cannot be sued for having lawyers searched and interfering with their ability to advise a client appearing before a grand jury, the Supreme Court said today. The court ruled unanimously that such action by California prosecutors in the Menendez brothers' murder case did not violate a lawyer's constitutional right to practice his profession.

—Agreed to review the death sentence of a convicted Virginia killer whose scheduled Tuesday execution it postponed last week. The justices said they will decide whether death row inmate Terry Williams should get a federal court hearing on his claims that he was denied adequate legal help during his sentencing trial.

The peculiar Wyoming case that spurred today's decision on car searches began as a routine traffic stop, a situation that arises countless times daily across the nation.

A car driven by David Young was stopped for speeding on Interstate 25 in Natrona County in the early morning hours of July 23, 1995. After a Highway Patrol officer saw a hypodermic syringe in Young's pocket, Young candidly said he had used it to take drugs.

During the ensuing search, two other officers asked the car's two female passengers to get out of the car. One of them, Sandra Houghton, left her purse on the car's back seat. Inside it, police found drug paraphernalia and liquid methamphetamine.

She was convicted on a felony charge but appealed.

The Wyoming Supreme Court threw out her conviction last year, ruling that police were justified only in searching the car for drugs Young may have had with him — and therefore could not search Houghton's purse.

Today's decision reversed the state court's ruling.

Libya hands over suspects in bombing of Pan Am jet

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Clearing the way for a trial after years of defiance, Libya today handed over two suspects in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jet over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The surrender of alleged former intelligence agents Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah means the two men can be tried in the Netherlands under Scottish law on charges of planting the suitcase bomb that blew up Pan Am Flight 103.

The Dec. 21, 1988, bombing killed 270 people — including 189 Americans — and led to U.N. sanctions that have isolated Libya from the West for the past seven years. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said today he was sending a letter to the Security Council president that would trigger the suspension of those sanctions.

"This development marks a vital step forward in what has been a long ordeal for all involved, especially for the families of the victims, who have suffered an irreparable loss," Annan said.

The suspects surrendered after intense lobbying by South African President Nelson Mandela and Saudi Arabian and U.N. officials. Libya promised last month to turn over the men by Tuesday.

Accompanied by U.N. legal chief Hans Corell, who witnessed the handover in the Libyan capital, Tripoli, the pair arrived at the Valkenburg military airport in The Hague. They were to be held in a prison there or in the port city of Rotterdam pending proceedings to extradite them to British custody in the Netherlands.

Dutch authorities said the extradition process could be completed within a week to 10 days, but could take months if the suspects decide to fight it.

Once extradited, the suspects will be arraigned on charges of murder, conspiracy to commit murder and violations of international aviation laws. They then will be transferred to a cell at Camp Zeist, a former U.S. air base near the central Dutch city of Utrecht, about 30 miles southeast of Amsterdam, where the trial will be held under heavy security.

The base was under heavy security today, with more than 100 Scottish police patrolling the grounds, some with attack dogs.

Under Scottish law, their trial should start 110 days after their extradition and arraignment. It is expected to last up to two years.

Mother of 'switched baby' said likely to sue for custody

BUENA VISTA, Va. (AP) — A judge today approved a $2 million settlement for one of the 3-year-old girls switched at birth in the University of Virginia Medical Center, over the objections of the girl's biological mother.

With the settlement issue creating friction between the two families, Paula Johnson, the biological mother of Rebecca Chittum, likely will even seek custody of Rebecca, one of her lawyers, John Blakely, said today.

"The natural mother has a God-given right to raise her child and is the natural custodian of her own child," Blakely told Circuit Judge Thomas Wood at today's hearing on the settlement for Rebecca.

Such a move would overturn the agreement between the two families, reached last year after the switch was discovered, to leave the two little girls with the only families they have known since they were born in 1995.

There has been no settlement agreement reached for Callie Marie Conley, the 3-year-old being raised by Ms. Johnson.

Rebecca and Callie were switched at the University of Virginia Medical Center in 1995. Ms. Johnson took Callie home, believing she was her child, and has been raising her.

Rebecca went home with Kevin Chittum and Whitney Rogers, the biological parents of Callie. The couple died in a car crash July 4, around the time the switch was discovered during a court case involving establishment of Callie's paternity.

The cause of the switch, discovered last summer, was never determined.

The parents of Chittum and Ms. Rogers are now raising Rebecca. A guardian appointed to decide whether the settlement was in Rebecca's interests, lawyer S.D. Roberts Moore, told the judge it was fair.

Wood had to approve the settlement proposed by the state because a child is involved. He called it "a very good settlement given the perils of litigation. It is a very generous settlement."

Ms. Johnson planned an appeal.

The settlement consists of:

— $400,000 placed in a long-term annuity that will be grow to nearly $1.6 million over 35 years.

— $200,000 in a short-term trust fund for Rebecca to be accessed by the grandparents raising her.

— $125,000 paid directly to the grandparents.

— $100,000 in lawyers' fees.

Blakely told the judge that the settlement was insufficient and that at least $1 million should go solely to the child. "There's no reason to divert any of this money away from this child to the grandparents," he said.

Steuart Thomas, representing the state of Virginia, said the state believed the settlement was fair. He noted that the state has a $1 million cap on medical malpractice awards. The state is involved because the hospital is a state institution.

Obituaries

Mr. Jaramillo

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Graveside service for Guadalupe Jaramillo, 80, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Snyder Cemetery. Joe Coronado will officiate.

Mr. Jaramillo, a resident of Snyder for the past 25 years, died Saturday, April 3, in Abilene Regional Medical Center following a brief illness.

Born Aug. 18, 1918 in Mexico, he married Felicitas Hill on Oct. 2, 1973 in Colorado City. She died in 1992.

Mr. Jaramillo was a farm worker and had moved to Snyder from Mexico. He was a member of Iglesio de Christo in Snyder.

Survivors include two daughters, Fela Jaramillo and Juana Jaramillo, both of Mexico; six sons, Miguel Jaramillo and Antonio Zapata, both of Corpus Christi, Guillermo Jaramillo and Joe Jaramillo, both of Burnet; Jesus Jaramillo of Mexico and Lupe Jaramillo of Colorado City; numerous brothers, sisters and grandchildren.

Workers strike at shipbuilding yard

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — Hundreds of chanting steel workers gathered outside the Newport News Shipbuilding yard in the first strike in 20 years against the Navy's only source of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers.

Members of Local 8888 of the United Steelworkers said they decided to go on strike over wages and pension benefits just after midnight Sunday.

"If we don't stand up now for what's right, our families are going to be hungry four years from now. We can barely make our mortgage payments and our car payments as it is now," said sheetmetal fabricator Allen Harville, 43, who has worked at the yard for 25 years.

More than 400 workers gathered outside one of three main entrances to the yard early today, chanting "88 Close the Gate," referring to the local's name.

Workers from the late shift began leaving the yard when the contract expired to join the picket line as a parade of trucks and cars honked their horns in support of the strikers.

The union, which represents the yard's 9,200 hourly workers, demanded an across-the-board hourly pay increase of $3.95 over three years. The current top rate for a mechanic is $14.53. Union officials say hourly workers last got a raise in 1993.

The shipyard offered wage increases over three years and said it would boost the average worker's pay a total of $2.49 an hour, with automatic promotions based on experience and skills.

About 7,200 hourly workers voted Thursday to reject that offer, which the yard said was its final one.

The shipyard builds the Navy's Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. It also repairs and refuels carriers.

The company has said it would continue operations using salaried employees.

Local president Arnold Outlaw said no negotiating sessions had been held since the union vote Thursday.

"I was hoping that it wouldn't come to this. We put a very fair proposal in front of them. All they have to do is call me," said Outlaw, pointing to the cell phone clipped to his belt.

Yard officials did not return telephone calls early today.

The yard currently is building the aircraft carrier Ronald Reagan and is repairing the carriers USS Nimitz and the USS Harry S. Truman. The Reagan is scheduled for completion 2002.

The company, with 17,400 workers at the yard, has more workers at a single site than any other private employer in Virginia.

The Teamsters and the Communications Workers of America said they will honor the Steelworkers' picket line.

The Teamsters represent United Parcel Service employees, some of whom make daily deliveries of critical parts to the yard.

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ONGOINGS

Hermleigh Cemetery Association

Hermleigh Cemetery Association will meet at 7 tonight at the Hermleigh Community Center. For more information, call 863-2355 or 863-2338.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary

The VFW ladies auxiliary will meet at the post home at 7 this evening to elect officers for the coming year.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 this evening are "T.V. Friend or Enemy" followed by "Teen Pressures: David vs Goliath."

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School for the 1999-2000 school year will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the east foyer of the East Side Church of Christ, 201 31st.

SHS choir concert Tuesday

Snyder High School's Choral Department will present its spring concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. The choirs — Strictly Treble, Concert Choir and A Cappella Choir — will perform the music that has been prepared for Thursday's UIL competition at Texas Tech. The A Cappella Choir will give a demonstration of the Sight Reading portion of the competition. The concert will also feature the newly-formed Honors Choir at West Elementary.

Masonic Lodge

The Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will have at stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Lodge Hall.

Free tax aid service

Free tax help is available each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Help is also available for shut-ins. Call 573-3822 or 573-4035.

Public hearing for bomber training

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initative (RBTI) on from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday in the Snyder High School auditorium.

Class of 1979

The SHS class of 1979 reunion planning committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the home of Carrie Richardson at 2708 28th St.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer-grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents. Child care is provided.

Golden K fish fry

Golden K Kiwanis Club fish fry will be held from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center. Cost is $6 for adults and children under 6 can eat free. Takeout plates will be available.

Southern Gospel group

First Church of the Nazarene will present "Lighthouse," a Southern Gospel group, at the 10:45 a.m. service and evening service Sunday. Lunch will follow the morning service, according to Pastor Mike Howard.

American Legion officers

The American Legion Layne Kite Post #181 will elect officers next Monday.

Softball tournament

A men's softball tournament to benefit Special Olympics is planned April 17-18 at Winston Park. It will be double elimination and cost is $100 per team. Entry fee is due by April 9 by contacting Coach Stewart or Daisy Braziel at 915-573-1114.

1989 class reunion

The SHS 1989 class reunion committee is seeking addresses of former classmates for the 10-year reunion. Information is needed ASAP so it can be mailed out. Contact Christy Smith at 573-8392, or 573-1420 for additional information.

Relay for Life

Snyder's American Cancer Society will host the Relay for Life April 30-May 1 at Tiger Stadium. Sponsors, teams and volunteers for entertainment are needed. Contact Mark Cypert at 573-5454 or 573-5714.

Windbreak trees available

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has extra windbreak trees, both hardwood and evergreens, available.

Pick 3

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

0-1-6

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $10 million.

The ticket was sold in Kaufman.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 11-17-21-25-31-32.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.