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New Motor Bank / ATM
24th Street & College Avenue
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New motor bank planned by Snyder National Bank

The north side of downtown Snyder will get a facelift starting this summer, thanks to a major expansion project announced by Snyder National Bank.

SNB officials today revealed plans to build a new motor bank, complete with an automated teller machine, on the entire north one-half block bounded by College Avenue, 24th Street and Avenue R.

Joe Jackson, president and chief executive officer, said groundbreaking for the $500,000-plus facility will begin within the next 90 to 120 days. Construction is expected to take six to nine months.

Snyder National Bank presently owns the entire half block. The only building on the property, the former home of a finance company, will be removed.

The new facility will feature six teller lanes plus a lane for ATM use that can be entered off College Avenue.

Plans also call for two additional lanes reserved for commercial customers that will enter off Avenue R. Plans for a night depository are also included.

Along the alley-way, an eight-foot fence will be constructed and will conceal the rear of buildings that face the square from the north side.

Lighting, paving, landscaping and flag poles are also part of the project, which is being planned by Stiles and Stiles Architects of Lubbock. A contractor has yet to be selected.

Jackson said the current motor bank has only four customer lanes. "This is an opportunity to update our facility and provide special lanes for commercial customers," Jackson said. "Our present drive-in facility was built in the 1970s and needs to be upgraded."

Snyder National Bank is the oldest financial institution in Scurry County, dating to 1905.

BCD elects new officers

David Kattes welcomed as board president for 1998

In an annual reorganizational move Wednesday, Scurry Board of County Development gave the oath of office to new and re-appointed board members and elected officers.

David Kattes, professor of agriculture at Western Texas College, was selected as president. Chosen vice president was Tony Scott, owner of Subway. Terry Hefner, soil conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Services office, was re-elected secretary.

The oath of office was given to new board member Jerry Martin, senior technician with Pennzoil. Kattes and David Koonce, owner of Koonce Automotive Repair Service, were sworn in as re-appointed members.

Martin replaces Mark McCormick on the board. McCormick had served three two-year terms, the maximum an individual can be on the board without stepping down for a term.

County Judge Ricky Fritz, who performed the swearing-in ceremony, also presented McCormick with a plaque in appreciation of his work on the board.

Other than handling routine items, the only business before the board was approval of a $25 sponsorship to the Big Country Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. Fritz called it "money very well spent," and John DeLille, Development Corporation of Snyder executive director, said that the Big Country RC&D returned almost $50 to area sponsors for each one dollar contributed last year.

Contributions amounted to $1,825 from 73 sponsors and the Big Country RC&D brought in $95,738 in actual private, state and

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'Always, Patsy Cline' debuts at Ritz tonight

"Always, Patsy Cline," a popular musical based on the famous country singer's life, debuts tonight at the Ritz Theatre.

The show, featuring local singer and veteran country music performer Cindy Nix as Patsy Cline, continues through Sunday and will run again April 3-5.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are at 2:30. Tickets are $7.

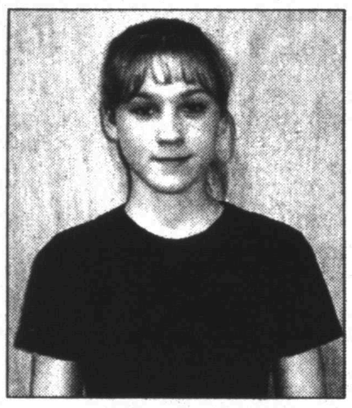
Music in the show are songs that were Patsy Cline's favorites, including "Crazy," "Back In My Baby's Arms," "I Fall To Pieces," "Anytime," "Love Sick Blues," "Seven Lonely Days," "Blue Moon of Kentucky," and "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky-Tonk Angels."

Gale Northcott will play the role of Louise, Patsy's devoted friend.

Others in the cast make up the live band called the Bodacious Bobcats. Johnna Babb is keyboardist Johnna Bob; Ross Preston is lead guitarist Jay Bob; Matt Preston is rhythm guitarist Jim Bob; Charles Dunn is bass guitarist Billy Bob; and Paul Glover is drummer Bob Bob.

The music director is Cindy Nix and the technical director is Ellie Dryden. Sponsors for this Ritz production include Pennzoil, Patterson Drilling, Reef Chemical, Pool Well Servicing and BJ Services.

Proffitt readies for regional bee



Wendy Proffitt

Wendy Proffitt, daughter of Doug and Jill Proffitt, will make her second trip to the regional spelling bee in Lubbock on Saturday.

The annual spell-off begins at 1 p.m. at Cavazos Junior High School.

In 1997, Wendy placed third at the regional level.

The seventh grader advanced to the 1998 regional bee by winning the county bee on March 6. In February, she also won the junior high bee.

Since the fourth grade, Wendy has also won the campus bees at East, Northeast and West.

Wendy has a talent for spelling. It's her favorite subject and she likes competing in spelling bees even though she said she will probably get a little nervous on Saturday.

She studies by having someone call out the words to her, usually three to four rows a day. At home, it's her mom whom Wendy said "puts up with a lot when she helps me study."

At school, its Virginia Trevey who coordinated the junior high campus bee.

One thing Wendy said she learned at the 1997 regional bee is that "all of the words do not come from the book you study."

Wendy also enjoys playing volleyball and the piano.

She will be accompanied by her parents, her younger sister Ember, who is looking forward to being eligible to enter spelling bees next year, and Mrs. Trevey.

Ag partnership hopes to attract industry, manufacturing to area

Sixty-seven counties produce 68 percent of the cotton, 64 percent of the peanuts, 62 percent of the sheep and 60 percent of all the wool in Texas, but almost none of it is processed in the state.

Increasing the opportunity for value-added processing and manufacturing of the products in that 67-county area was the focus of a public forum here Thursday by a group known as the Texas Agritech Corridor Partnership.

The meeting was organized by the Texas Department of Economic Development and led by Ben Shepperd, director of the Office of Rural Affairs.

Shepperd said ideas presented at the meeting will be implemented into a comprehensive plan involving input from other scheduled forums in the zone, which covers an area from north of Lubbock to south of San Antonio.

The group was to meet today in Brownwood and in Abilene next week.

Specific needs the group targeted in this area included improved transportation for finished goods, increased availability of water, housing and workforce training.

Shepperd said Snyder and Scurry County are well ahead of most rural counties in attracting value-added industries, noting the construction of the industrial park and the recruitment of Lorber Industries.

"It has taken teamwork to attract Lorber," said Shepperd. "And I don't think Snyder is going to rest on just one success story."

The meetings are designed to give direction in creating new non-farm jobs through the attraction, retention and expansion of value-added production and manufacturing industries to the region.

Also, the meetings will generate information which will hopefully attract capital investors interested in the opportunities presented by the corridor's abundance of natural resources, said Shepperd.

In attendance were representatives from the state, private business and various cities and counties. Representatives registered from from Snyder, Austin, Colorado City, Bronte, Roscoe, Sweetwater, Muleshoe, San Antonio and Lubbock.

Ira one-act advances at zone

"The Importance of Being Earnest," Ira's one-act play, won its zone contest Thursday at Westbrook, and advances along with Grady High School.

Tye Shirley was named best actor. All-star cast members were Billy Keith Box, Lindsy Josey and Emily Hardee.

Brook Wilkes received honorable mention all-star cast recognition.

Grady's play is "Do Not Go Gentle."

The district contest is slated Monday at Grady. Ira will take the stage at 3 p.m. under the direction of Sue Parham.

Hermleigh one-act advances

Hermleigh High School's "The Magician's Nephew" won its zone contest Thursday at Roby, and now advances to the district contest slated Monday at Grady High School.

Ester Martinez was chosen best actress and Jennifer Roemisch was named to the all-star cast. Larry Lambaren and Jason Hamandez were honorable mention all star-cast selections.

"My kids did a really good job. That was their best performance to date," said Mary Spieker, director. "I am real proud of them."

Highland High School also advanced.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's better to sleep on what you intend to do than stay awake over what you did."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

The Colorado City Record reports that the first home has been sold in a housing development aimed at easing that city's housing shortage.

Covenant Communities of Austin has built four homes in the Hillcrest Addition, and the first one has been sold to a C-City family.

The homes are delivered to the site 90 percent complete from a fabrication plant in Waco. The smallest home is 1,147 square feet. Prices ranges from $40,000 to $60,000, depending on the size.

The Plainview Herald reports that it will have an unusual municipal election.

A challenger running for mayor says that, if elected, he won't serve. The challenger is a long-time critic of Plainview city hall.

In a war of words, city officials say the candidate's actions are costing taxpayers an extra $8,400 in having to hold an election. The candidate says the city administration isn't telling the whole story.

The war of words has prompted Plainview editor Danny Andrews to tell a story about people of few words.

It seems a youngster never said anything — not a word — until he was five years old. No matter how much his family coaxed him, the kid never even grunted.

But one morning, his mother set a piece of toast in front of him and he blurted out with a frown, "This toast is burned!"

The family was ecstatic — crying and laughing at the same time. The family wanted to know why he hadn't said anything, until now.

"Until now, everthing was okay," he replied.

And there's an old story about the young man who decided to become a priest and inquired about joining a monastery.

He was told he must take a vow of silence and would be permitted to say only two words every 20 years.

The young man agreed.

After 20 years, he went to the head monk's office and said, "Bad food."

He returned 20 years later. This time he said, "Bed hard."

Twenty years later, the 80-year-old monk tottered in to see the head monk who, himself was nearing 100. He blurted out "I quit!"

As he turned to walk out the door, the head monk called out indignantly, "I'm not surprised. All you've done since you've been here is complain."

ASK US

Q—Who was Laura Bush's college roommate from Snyder?
A—Mary Frances Brice. She now lives in Central Texas.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 80 degrees; low, 52; 7 a.m. Friday, 52; .10 of an inch precipitation; total for 1998, 4.89 inches.

Area Forecast: Wind advisory. Tonight, mostly clear. Low around 50. SW-S wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy, breezy. High, lower 80s. S wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



Felicia Guzman
Windy

Sunset: 7 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:38 a.m.
Of 85 days in 1998, the sun has shone 83 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its joy.

Leo Buscaglia

MAR 27 1998

Young offenders handled differently

By The Associated Press

The horror of crimes like the Arkansas school shooting has led most states in the past decade to make it easier to try young people as adults.

In some places, no child is too young to be charged as an adult for certain crimes. And federal law allows adult trials for defendants as young as 13.

In fact, the trend is marching back toward the last century, before the juvenile justice system existed and miscreants of any age were treated the same.

"Kids all over America are laughing at the juvenile courts," said Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., who is co-sponsoring federal legislation to beef up the juvenile justice system.

"We're having more kids commit murder, armed robbery, the most serious offenses," Sessions said. "We have tripled the amount of prison space for adults, but almost no increase for bed space for juveniles."

Sessions wants to require states to lower the threshold to 14 for certain crimes. In fact, they already do.

All states have some provision for adult prosecution of people as young as 14. In Indiana, South Dakota and Vermont, it's 10. About 20 states have no bottom age for some crimes, typically violent ones like murder and rape.

That's the route an Arkansas lawmaker wants his state to take in the aftermath of Tuesday's killings in Jonesboro, Ark., where a 13-year-old and his 11-year-old schoolmate are accused of killing four students and a teacher.

Arkansas allows adult trials for people only as young as 14. State Rep. Jimmy Jeffress, a Democrat, failed last year in his effort to lower the limit to 12. Now he hopes to eliminate age entirely.

"We're creating a society of children who would commit acts we wouldn't conceive of a generation ago," Jeffress, a high school choral director, said Thursday.

The move to toughen penalties for young law breakers coincided with rising juvenile crime beginning in the mid-1980s.

In Rhode Island, 15-year-old Craig Price faced six years detention in a juvenile facility after admitting in 1989 he stabbed four neighbors to death, starting when he was 13. One year later, Rhode Island removed its bottom age limit for crimes that would send an adult to prison for life.

In Massachusetts, judges had discretion in handling juveniles arrested for murder. That changed after a former altar boy fatally stabbed his best friend's mother in 1995. The next year, Massachusetts had a law making adult charges mandatory for anyone as young as 14 accused of murder.

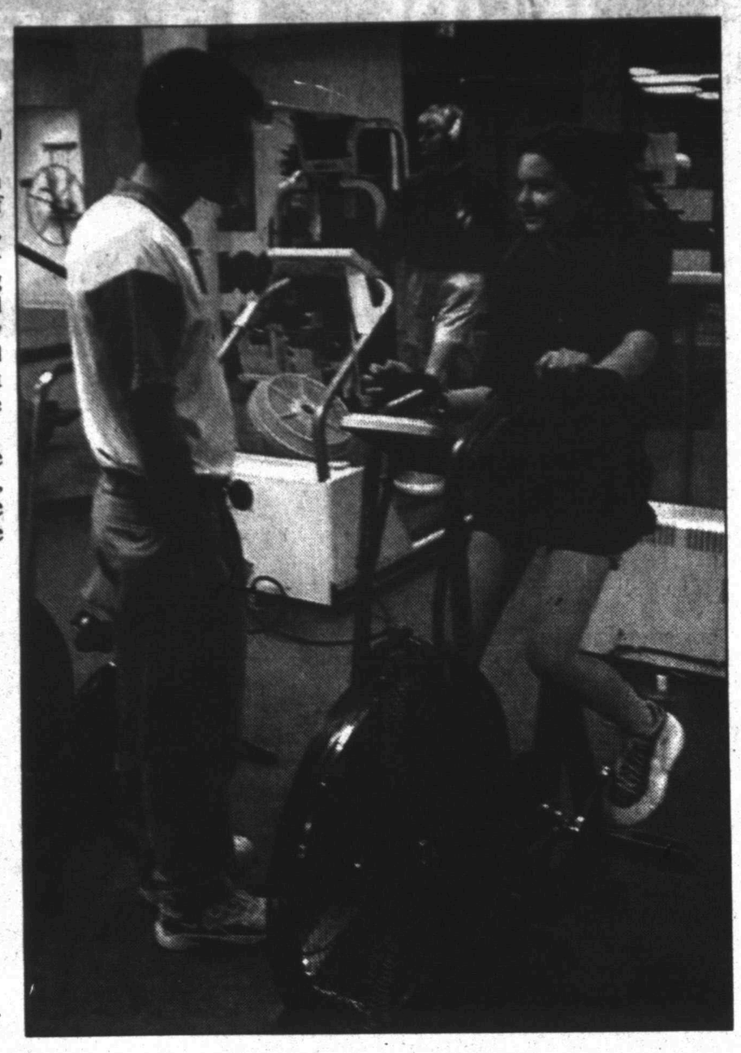
In Tennessee, no one case led former state House Majority Leader Bill Purcell to push for removal of the bottom age limit in 1994 for murder, rape, violent robbery and kidnapping — or attempts at such crimes.

"Our feeling was that in serious cases, arbitrary thresholds don't ensure justice for kids, or society," said Purcell, who now runs the Child and Family Policy Center at Vanderbilt University. "There was no longer any way to divide all children between those who were 14 or 13-and-364 days of age."

The tide of tougher penalties has not slowed even as juvenile crime recedes. Arrests of people under 18 for murder peaked in 1993 and fell 31 percent to 2,900 in 1996, according to the National Center for Juvenile Justice in Pittsburgh.

The juvenile justice system began in 1899 with the creation of a juvenile court in Cook County, Ill. Almost a century later, juvenile advocates argue that young people still need to be treated differently from adults. They point to recent studies that found youngsters convicted in the adult system are more likely to become repeat offenders.

Youngsters tried as adults face the same penalties as adults, though states will not impose the death penalty on young people convicted of capital crimes.



NEW FACILITY — Physical therapist Richard Stout visits with Rachel Fritz during the open house of Cogdell Hospital's new physical therapy department. Rachel is using the equipment as part of her therapy in recovering from hip surgery. (SDN Staff Photo)

Springer guest arrested again

GENEVA, N.Y. (AP) — A woman who revealed on "The Jerry Springer Show" that she had sex with a 16-year-old boy has been arrested for seeing him again.

Dawn Marie Eaves, 24, had been under court order not to have any more contact with the teenager. She was charged Wednesday with criminal contempt after police spotted them together in downtown Geneva.

Eaves was originally sentenced to five years' probation after she pleaded guilty to having sex with the boy. That charge followed her October appearance on the television talk show with the boy and Michael Griffith, who is the father of one of her children.

On the show, Griffith confronted Eaves about her relationship with the 16-year-old. The pair had an argument, which led to a fistfight between Griffith and various guests.

The television appearance prompted an investigation and a third-degree rape charge.

Eaves was in jail today in lieu of $2,000 bail.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Can lymphoma cause anemia?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are there disorders that cause the body to destroy its own blood cells? My wife is 45, has lymphoma and was given chemotherapy, which broke down her immune system. Subsequently, she developed anemia from blood destruction. Have you heard of similar cases?

DEAR READER: Yes, I have. They're not all that unusual.

A person can develop anemia from three fundamental situations: She's not making enough blood, she's losing what blood she has, or she is destroying blood cells.

In the first instance, nutritional deficiencies are usually to blame: not enough protein, iron or essential vitamins.

In the second instance, bleeding is occurring somewhere: from an injury, peptic ulcer, excessive menstruation and so forth. Treatment is directed toward stemming the loss of blood.

In the third instance, the situation is more complex. There are many reasons why patients destroy their own blood: autoimmune diseases (lupus and others) rank first, followed by certain cancers, severe allergies and chemotherapy. As you pointed out, one would expect chemotherapy (which reduces the immune response) to reduce hemolysis (blood-cell destruction) — and sometimes it does. However, along with affecting blood formation, it often has the additional effect of causing the body to attack its own blood cells. Granted, your wife's lymphoma is a notorious cause of hemolysis and is probably the cause of her anemia. But you should check with her oncologist to discover the cause of her hemolytic anemia. Is it the lymphoma or the therapy?

The treatment for this type of anemia is blood transfusions, until the precise cause can be determined by blood tests.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For several years, I've experienced an unusual symptom: Without warning, my testicles draw upward out of my scrotum. I don't have a hernia. My doctor keeps prescribing antibiotics, to no avail. Now I have a nagging ache in my groin and I'm quite worried.

DEAR READER: Nature has supplied a mechanism to help protect the testicles from harm. Under certain circumstances — notably stress and exposure to cold — the testicles are pulled up out of the scrotum by the cremasteric muscles. Once the "threat" has disappeared, the muscles relax and the testicles drop back into their normal positions.

If you have been checked for a hernia and do not have an infection to explain your symptom, it is probably caused by an overactive cremasteric response: The cremasteric muscles are simply contracting inappropriately. Although you may wish to see a urologist for confirmation, this cremasteric response is not harmful and will not injure you. The aching that you experience is common and should disappear with time.

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Roth opts not to raise cigarette taxes to pay cost of IRS overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's top tax writer decided not to boost cigarette taxes to finance his bill to overhaul the Internal Revenue Service, leaving the measure billions short of revenue.

Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, opted against a tobacco tax increase so as not to damage the IRS bill's prospects, an aide said.

"These are noncontroversial," Roth spokeswoman Ginny Flynn said Thursday of Roth's proposals to finance the overhaul. "The most important thing is to get the taxpayer protections passed without a controversial (revenue) offset."

Roth settled on a package of four items to raise about $6.2 billion over five years. The bill's cost is expected to tally another $12 billion over the second five years, but Roth has not decided how to pay for these changes yet, she said.

One option could be seeking a waiver of Senate rules that require any revenue losses be offset by corresponding tax increases or budget cuts. Such waivers, requiring 60 votes, are difficult to achieve.

Roth proposes to pay for the first five years of his bill by limiting certain foreign tax credits, repealing a decision concerning accounting for vacation pay, closing off benefits for certain real estate investment trusts and revising calculations on math errors.

There had been widespread reports among lobbyists and Senate staff that Roth was considering raising tobacco taxes.

Earlier, Roth said his plan is better than the House version in halting IRS' alleged abuse of some taxpayers.

"We have a whole new arsenal of taxpayer protections," Roth said at a press briefing.

The legislation would suspend interest and certain penalties if the IRS fails to notify a taxpayer within a year after a return is filed that a penalty could be imposed. Last year, Roth's committee heard instances of taxpayers facing thousands of dollars in penalties after their cases lingered for many years.

"I think it's critically important that we create incentives and make it within the interest of the agency to resolve these cases as expeditiously as possible," Roth said.

The House passed an IRS overhaul bill last November that would create a new oversight board consisting of private-sector executives and others to monitor the agency's workings.

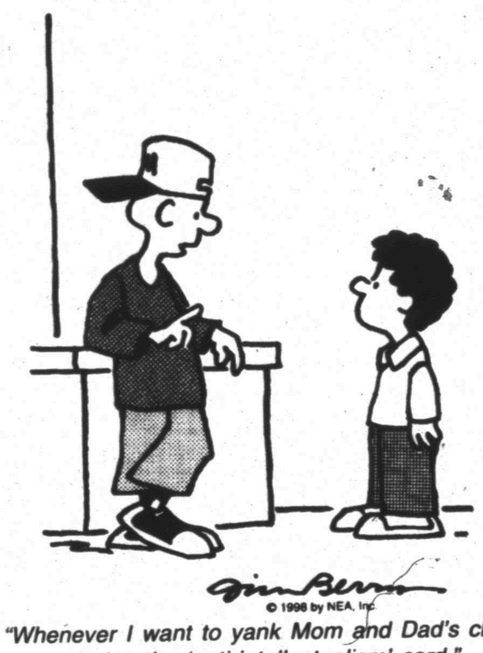
Roth's bill would expand the powers of that board, giving it oversight over law enforcement and collection activities and limited authority to review taxpayer records. The House bill included no such authority out of a concern that private board members might be tempted to examine the tax records of competitors.

"We think that it's important that board have oversight over collections which the House bill does not do," Roth said.

Roth also would remove designated seats on the board for the Treasury secretary and a representative for the IRS workers' union, the National Treasury Employees Union.

Roth said the union representative would represent the interests of employees while "the purpose of the board is to represent the public. So there's a conflict of interest."

Berry's World



"Whenever I want to yank Mom and Dad's chain, I play the 'anti-intellectualism' card."

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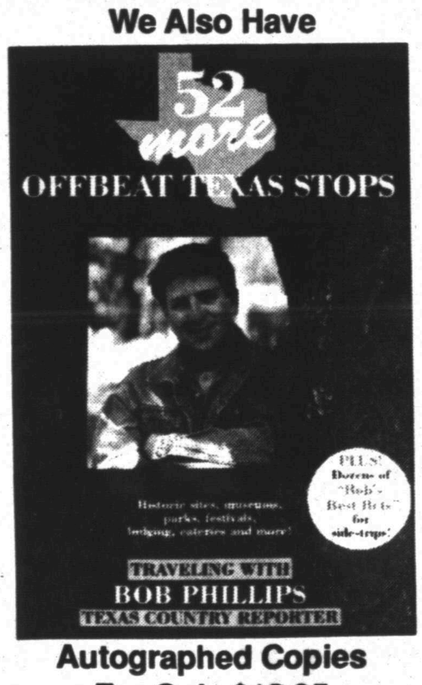
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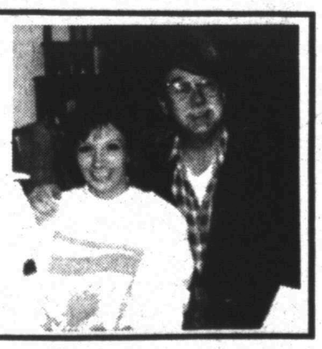
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Some try pushing GOP agenda to right

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. John Kasich, the chairman of the House Budget Committee, recently summoned his panel's Republicans to a small Capitol meeting room to start mapping the 1999 federal budget they will soon write.

Accepting President Clinton's priorities, participants say, was not on many minds.

"Mr. Kasich, it would appear, is charting a different course," said Rep. John Shadegg, R-Ariz., a committee member. "Yes, it is important to stand for your principles."

As a result, Kasich and his GOP colleagues are crafting a $1.7 trillion budget with deeper spending reductions and bigger tax cuts than Clinton or even the GOP-controlled Senate want. That is just one indicator of how conservatives and budget cutters are trying to shove the agenda rightward as Congress begins tackling major bills after its slow start this year.

Some Republicans say Congress' high approval rating in polls make this a good time to reach out to moderates. But many conservatives say battling Clinton and Democrats over issues like tax cuts, smaller government and abortion is the GOP's best course this congressional election year, regardless of how the votes turn out.

They argue that the lack of a presidential race should keep turnout low in November's voting, putting a premium on motivating the GOP's conservative core to troop to the polls. To do that, they want votes on issues that draw clear distinctions between the two parties.

"We know we won't win everything. What we're trying to do is define who we are and what they are," said Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., who with two dozen colleagues is focusing on making this year's spending bills as conservative as they can.

House and Senate leaders also are gingerly exploring how to activate the GOP's conservative base without antagonizing moderate voters. They have long planned votes on proposals like tax breaks for private school students, abolishing the income tax after 2001, and prohibiting the procedure opponents refer to as "partial-birth abortion" — knowing the measures will not pass Congress or Clinton will veto them.

Hardly any Republicans are talking about returning to the confrontational tactics of 1995 and 1996 that contributed to two shutdowns of the federal government. Even so, conservatives want to exceed some plans party leaders have laid out:

—As the House worked on a $2.9 billion emergency measure financing military and natural disaster recovery needs, conservatives and deficit hawks successfully pressured House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., to pay for it by cutting low-income housing and other domestic programs. Gingrich initially planned to use the expected budget surplus to pay for the measure because he feared cutting domestic programs would invite a veto fight with Clinton that would hurt Republicans.

• There is little sentiment in the Senate to cut domestic programs to finance the emergency spending, however, signaling an internal GOP fight before it even reaches the president's desk.

—Kasich, R-Ohio, and a band of conservatives say the House's $217 billion highway bill — 42 percent above current levels — is too expensive. They say it will either reduce the surplus or be paid for with spending reductions that could have been used to finance tax cuts. "The bigger that bill is, the harder it is to cut taxes," Kasich said.

The highway bill and its load of local road projects is supported by GOP leaders and is sure to pass the House. Kasich — a potential 2000 presidential contender — calls it an "abomination."

—Coburn and his supporters promise to battle to fashion conservative spending bills in the House, even if it takes a fight with GOP leaders. "We know some parliamentary maneuvers they don't even know we know," Coburn said.

El Nino may be waning, but it is not dead yet

LOS ANGELES (AP) — El Nino may be dying, but it's not gone yet.

"I think the worst is over. The most intense part of the season has gone by," George Taylor, president-elect of the American Association of State Climatologists, said in a telephone interview Thursday from his office in Corvallis, Ore.

Taylor, the climatologist for the state of Oregon, anticipates "some lingering effects" of the El Nino warm water pool in the Pacific that in its prime occupied an area 1½ times the size of the United States.

In particular, he cited continuing strong jet stream winds blowing across the Pacific that are the primary source for bringing warm, moist air into California.

From now through the end of April, El Nino is "likely to kind of give you a few whacks with its tail as it leaves. ... I wouldn't rule out some additional decent-sized storms," he said.

Federal weather forecasts "suggest that at least for Southern California, we can expect periods of storminess through the end of April," said Wayne Higgins, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center in Camp Springs, Md. "There will be nice periods. There will be periods ... where you will get these heavy rains."

On Wednesday, a storm dumped 2½ inches of rain on much of the Los Angeles region, providing roughly an entire month of typical March rainfall in a few hours.

Scientists have amassed clear evidence this year's El Nino is fading. On Thursday, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena released a video of satellite images that tracked the expansion and shrinkage of the warm tropical Pacific pool since January 1997. The most recent image shows the warm pool has broken up around the equator.

El Nino is a tropical Pacific phenomenon where westward-blowing trade winds weaken, allowing a mass of warm water normally situated off Australia to expand toward western South America. It adds moisture and energy to the atmosphere and becomes an engine for worldwide climate disturbances.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Caring Presence Eases Fears Of Patients in Nursing Homes

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DEAR ABBY: I have waited for more than two months to write this letter, and many prayers have been said to Our Father to help me get it right.

I have traveled from the Southwest to the Northeast visiting nursing homes with family members and dear friends, as well as doing volunteer work in them years ago. I have seen people there with cancer, Alzheimer's, emphysema, and some who were just old and sick. The staff in some homes is not very kind to many of the lonely residents.

Please, Abby, urge your readers who want to do something worthwhile to volunteer in nursing homes. I have been there and heard the residents crying out for their family members by name all night. I would go up and down the halls and stop to pat them on the hand or brush their hair.

Please tell families to stay with the loved ones when their days are numbered — or hire, ask or even beg someone to be by their side. Believe me, they are scared to death, and no medicine I have seen completely eradicates the pain.

My darling aunt, whom I loved dearly, died last Thanksgiving Day of cancer — so beautiful, but so afraid of being alone. There was no way I could leave. She would say, "Please don't leave ... I'm afraid," and so I stayed.

Abby, I hope your readers will take what I've said to heart. After all, any one of them could be next.

GRIEVING IN ORANGE, TEXAS

DEAR GRIEVING: Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your beloved aunt. I'm hopeful your eloquent letter will move others to volunteer in nursing homes. Although there are medicines that can alleviate physical pain, the most effective cure for loneliness is caring human contact.

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DEAR ABBY: Is the following happening all over the country, or is it just happening in the Southern states? I mean, females going all out to get a man.

My husband and I are retirees who have moved to Florida for our so-called "golden years," and this is the second time that this has happened. The most recent incident concerns a somewhat younger woman (a clerk in a food specialty shop) who used sexy conversation and spoken intimacies to attract my husband — who will be 80 years old his next birthday, but doesn't look it.

I am afraid that if this business continues, I will use physical violence on this person. I don't know what to do otherwise. Please help me.

R.L. IN WINTER HAVEN, FLA.

DEAR R.L.: Calm down — there is no guarantee your husband is buying what she's "selling." A word to the owner of the shop should be sufficient to stop the problem. Or you can take your business elsewhere. Violence is not a viable option.

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DEAR ABBY: The letters you receive about the kindness of strangers are always enjoyable to read. Let me take this opportunity to thank the gallant young man who, during an unexpected gust of wind, chased after my wig as it rolled across the library parking lot. Sign me ...

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♣ A Q 9 7		♣ K J 10
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	♥ K 10 9	
	♦ A K	
	♣ 6 3 2	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♦ J

No guesswork wanted

By Phillip Alder

If you didn't know he was alive too early, you might have assumed that the Duke of Wellington was referring to bridge when he wrote, "All the business of war, and indeed all the business of life, is to endeavour to find out what you don't know by what you do; that's what I called 'guessing what was on the other side of the hill'."

Bridge experts hate to guess. They prefer to work out what is on the other side of the hill — in the opponents' hands.

Suppose you are faced with a two-way finesse for a queen. You can finesse through either West or East, but are not sure which way to turn. Rather than guess immediately, there are two plans you should consider: Either play on the other suits first, hoping to learn enough about the whole deal so that the guess turns into a certainty — let's call that Plan A. Alternatively, you give an opponent the lead when he has only two choices: lead this suit, finding the queen for you, or concede a ruff-and-discard — the imaginatively named Plan B.

Well, is it Plan A or Plan B in this deal? You are in four spades; West leads the diamond jack.

You have three club losers, so must find the heart queen. As mentioned above, you could guess to finesse one way or the other, but it's much easier on the nerves if the opponents ride to your rescue.

After winning trick one, draw trumps, cash the second top diamond, and cast adrift with a Plan B club. After the opponents take their three club tricks, they must either lead a heart or concede a ruff-and-discard.

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

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

Singles Game Night at FBC Family Life Center; bring snacks, nursery provided; 7 to 10 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Pricing proposal would cripple small farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two top House Republicans say the Clinton administration's proposed dairy pricing reforms would cost farmers $365 million in lost annual income and force many smaller producers to quit.

Reps. Bob Livingston, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and Gerald Solomon, the Rules Committee chairman, made an unusual appearance to press their case Thursday at an Agriculture Committee hearing on the proposed changes.

Livingston, R-La., cited a study by an economist for Agri-Mark Dairy Cooperative of Lawrence, Mass., that suggests the department's proposal to change the way farmers are paid for fresh milk would cause steep losses in income everywhere but the Upper Midwest.

"USDA may be ignoring the rest of the country in this rule in favor of one region," Livingston said.

Solomon, R-N.Y., said the 1996 farm law passed by Congress called for market-oriented reforms but not for "removal or reduction of the basic pricing system" for farmers.

Under the plan, he said, dairy farmers in his upstate New York district would lose 48 cents for every 11.6 gallons of milk they sell. Based on 1997 figures for a 100-cow operation in New York, that would translate into a loss of nearly $8,300 for the year in a business with very tight margins.

"Taking money out of the pockets of dairy farmers is not the intent of this Congress and it will only accelerate dairy farm attrition and reduce local supplies of fresh milk," Solomon said.

The criticism by Livingston and Solomon was only the latest round in a decades-long regional battle over the quirky Depression-era system of pricing drinking milk based on a farmer's distance from Eau Claire, Wis.

Producers gives clues about last episode of NBC comedy

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerry and Elaine will be in a chapel, but "Seinfeld" producers are remaining tightlipped about any other details from the sitcom's much-anticipated final episode.

Producers of the top-rated NBC show broke their silence Thursday and told Fox News Channel that one of the closing scenes will take place inside a wedding chapel.

An estimated 79 million viewers will have to wait until May 14 to see whether Jerry finally ties the knot with Elaine, his ex-girlfriend on the show.

The show's star and co-creator Jerry Seinfeld announced last December that this would be the last season for the hit series.

During an interview on "Fox on Entertainment," executive producers Andy Robin, Greg Kavet and supervising producer Spike Fiersten flipped through the script, which they said was the original copy of the last episode.

The trio revealed little beyond saying that in the final scenes, Newman — the irritating mailman — will be unconscious in a hospital. The character of George, of course, will get the last word: "So what am I going to do now?"

Speculation about the last show has intensified as Internet sites and chat rooms are packed with discussion of possible final scripts.

The producers denied some of the rumored sign-offs that have the stars moving to Los Angeles and a final shot of a cackling Newman driving a mail truck down a California street.

Most of the finale will be taped in front of a studio audience April 8. But the audience will be escorted out for the last scenes to insure secrecy, Robin said.



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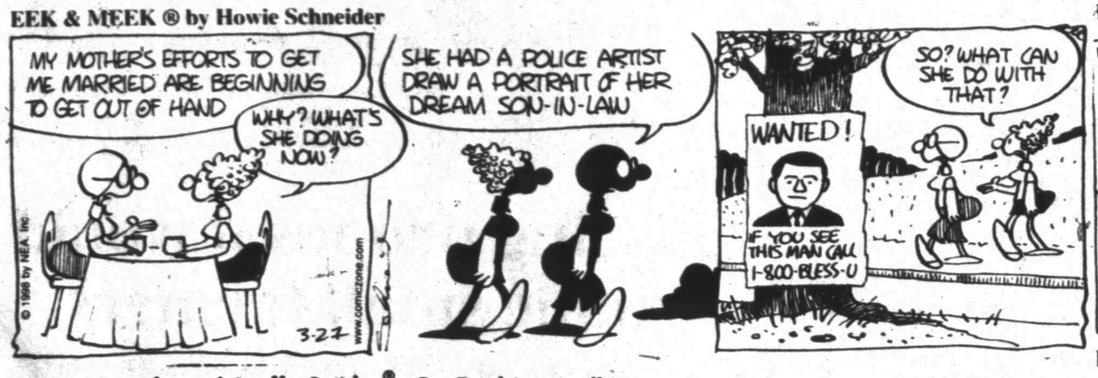
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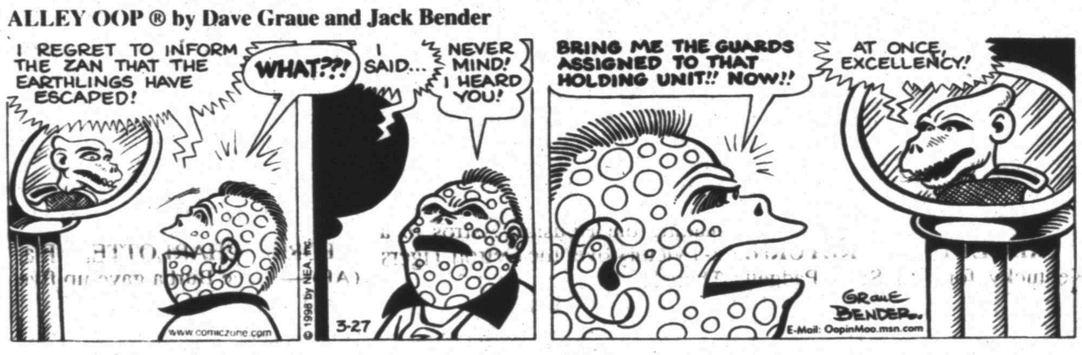
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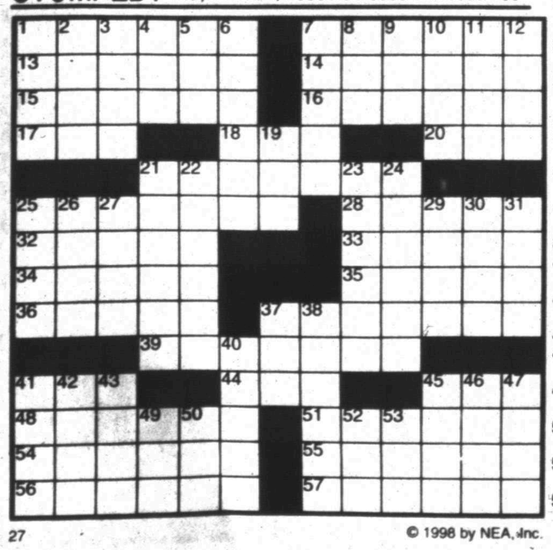
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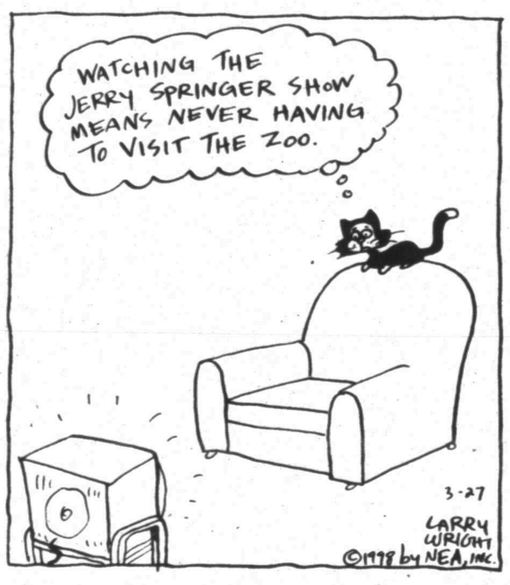
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SPORTS

Smith still playing vital role for Heels

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Though he's the one leading North Carolina into the Final Four, Bill Guthridge says longtime Tar Heels coach Dean Smith remains a big part of the team's success.

"I admire him so much," Guthridge said. "I think our team would be acting the same way if he were the coach. We're a veteran team."

Guthridge, 60, took over when Smith retired as head coach before this season. Guthridge said he still seeks advice from his predecessor and said Smith tried to prepare him for the top job.

"Coach Smith always wanted me to think in terms of a head coach, what decisions I would make. And I think that has helped me," Guthridge said.

Guthridge is only the seventh rookie coach to reach the Final Four. Only one, Steve Fisher of Michigan in 1989, has won the championship.

THE BIG TIME: Stanford coach Mike Montgomery, making his first appearance in the Final Four after 20 years as a head coach, recalls the early days of his career when he toiled in small jobs for low wages.

But he says he didn't think of it as paying his dues because he loved what he was doing.

"I was working for $1,000 here and $2,500 there just trying to get a foot in the door like a lot of guys did back then," he said. "You know, they had graduate assistanceships and you could have a lot of coaches and I lived in athletic dorms.

"But I was single and loving it, traveling around, eating, thinking that was a heck of a deal."

PADGETT'S RETURN: Kentucky forward Scott Padgett doesn't dwell on missed opportunities.

The 6-foot-9 junior missed Kentucky's 1996 championship season for academic reasons. He also sat out the first half of last season, but came back to help the Wildcats return to the Final Four.

While away from the team, Padgett made the Dean's list in the fall semester of 1996 and spring semester of 1997. And he was recently named to the Southeastern Conference's academic honor roll after compiling a 3.44 grade-point average last year.

"I know I'm part of it now," said Padgett, a social work major. "I'm happy with where I'm at."

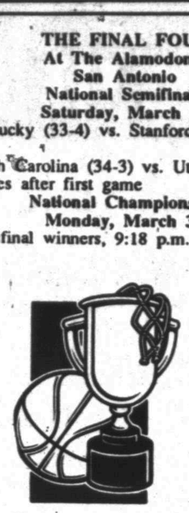
BILL'S BACK: Guthridge will become the sixth head coach to also have played in a Final Four.

Well, sort of, according to Guthridge.

"My role as a player in the Final Four was to sit on the bench," Guthridge said of Kansas State's appearance in 1958. "But I was there, and it was an exciting time."

NCAA Basketball Championships

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 28
Kentucky (33-4) vs. Stanford (30-4), 5:42 p.m.
North Carolina (34-3) vs. Utah (29-3), 30 minutes after first game
National Championship
Monday, March 30
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.





THE WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
National Semifinals
Friday, March 27
Louisiana Tech (30-3) vs. North Carolina State (25-6), 7 p.m.
Arkansas (22-10) vs. Tennessee (37-0), 30 minutes after first game
National Championship
Sunday, March 29
Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.

Day leading Players Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Glen Day would have been more than happy to share the lead with Fred Couples after the first round of The Players Championship.

Day had not led any round of any PGA Tour event in nearly three years. There was no reason to think that was going to change as he thumbed through his yardage book in the middle of the 18th fairway.

What it told him was 180 yards to the pin.

What it didn't say was that of the 7,501 players who had come through No. 18 on the Stadium Course in the history of the tournament, no one had ever made eagle.

"Somebody was going to get lucky," Day said. "It just happened to be me."

Day holed out with a 7-iron for eagle, capping a phenomenal four-hole finish Thursday that propelled him to a 6-under-par 66 and a one-stroke lead over Fred Couples and Rocco Mediate.

Day and Mediate finished just as the sun was casting long shadows across the fairways — it took as long as five hours for some threesomes to complete their rounds.

"Obviously, it's an advantage when you play late and play good, because tomorrow we wouldn't have the wind and the greens will be perfect," Day said. "I have a good opportunity to go out in the morning and post a good number, go back to the hotel and watch it."

There will be plenty of other names to watch.

Jerry Kelly was at 68, and a large group at 69 includes Phil Mickelson, Mark Calcavecchia, David Duval and Billy Mayfair, all of whom have won this year.

Jim Furyk, Mark O'Meara and Lee Janzen were at 70, while Ernie Els and Nick Price were among those at 71, despite finishes they would like to forget. Tiger Woods was at 72.

Price dumped one in the water at the island-green 17th and finished with a double bogey and a bogey. Els, the winner at Bay Hill last week, had bogeys on two of his final three holes.

"That's not the finish I wanted," Els said.

Day had no complaints.

He became only the fifth player to play Nos. 15-18 on the Stadium Course in 4-under.

Astros edge Detroit, 2-1

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Dave Clark tripled and scored the winning run on first baseman Tony Clark's ninth inning error, leading the Houston Astros to a 2-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers Thursday.

Clark led off the inning with his hit off Sean Ruynan (1-1), who then struck out Brad Ausmus and got Luis Rivera to line out to second base prior to Tony Clark's error.

The Tigers got their run in the third inning when former Astros outfielder Brian Hunter doubled to left field and scored on Bip Roberts' single up the middle.

Derek Bell doubled home Craig Biggio in the third inning for Houston's first run.

Reds blank Rangers, 2-0

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Dave Burba gave up five hits through five innings and the Cincinnati bullpen kept Texas hitless the rest of the way Thursday in the Reds' 2-0 exhibition victory over Texas.

Burba (2-1), the Reds' Opening Day starter, walked one and struck out two. He finishes spring training with a 2.13 ERA in seven starts.

Jeff Shaw relieved Burba for two hitless innings and Gabe White and Scott Sullivan eached worked an inning. Sullivan got the save.

Texas starter John Burkett (4-1) gave up a sacrifice fly to Dmitri Young in the third. The Reds got their other run on a sacrifice fly by Chris Stynes. Pokey Reese scored both runs.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	49	21	.700	-
NewYork	39	31	.557	10
NewJersey	36	34	.514	13
Washington	36	34	.514	13
Orlando	35	35	.500	14
Boston	30	39	.435	18½
Philadelphia	25	44	.362	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	53	17	.757	-
x-Indiana	48	21	.696	4½
Charlotte	45	24	.652	7½
Atlanta	41	27	.603	11
Cleveland	38	31	.551	14½
Detroit	34	36	.486	19
Milwaukee	30	39	.435	22½
Toronto	15	54	.217	37½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	51	17	.750	-
x-SanAntonio	47	23	.671	5
x-Houston	37	32	.536	14½
Minnesota	36	34	.514	16
Dallas	18	52	.257	34
Vancouver	16	53	.232	35½
Denver	8	63	.113	44½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Seattle	52	18	.743	-
x-L.A.Lakers	50	19	.725	1½
x-Phoenix	45	25	.643	7
x-Portland	38	31	.551	13½
Sacramento	26	45	.366	26½
L.A.Clippers	15	54	.217	36½
GoldenState	15	55	.214	37

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Wednesday's Games
Miami 105, Boston 91
Houston 86, Indiana 81
New Jersey 91, Philadelphia 86
Detroit 103, San Antonio 94
Chicago 85, Orlando 70
Dallas 105, Denver 94
Minnesota 99, Phoenix 97
Seattle 133, Washington 109
New York 77, L.A. Clippers 76
L.A. Lakers 114, Sacramento 91

Thursday's Games
Cleveland 97, Toronto 96
Charlotte 94, Milwaukee 80
Portland 108, Vancouver 102
Golden State 98, Seattle 91

Friday's Games
Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
New York at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Houston at Miami, 12:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Orlando at Toronto, 3 p.m.

Charlotte at Cleveland, 3 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 3:30 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
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Washington at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-NewJersey	44	18	9	97	199	137
Philadelphia	36	23	11	83	208	166
Washington	32	28	11	75	187	182
N.Y.Rangers	22	33	17	61	179	204
N.Y.Islanders	24	36	10	58	182	200
Florida	19	39	12	50	167	223
TampaBay	16	45	9	41	137	220

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	36	20	15	87	199	165
Boston	32	25	13	77	184	164
Montreal	33	29	9	75	204	181
Buffalo	30	25	15	75	180	161
Ottawa	28	30	12	68	166	176
Carolina	28	34	7	63	170	188

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	42	17	11	95	210	138
x-Detroit	38	19	15	91	219	174
St.Louis	37	26	8	82	208	170
Chicago	28	31	12	68	176	173
Phoenix	28	31	12	68	193	199
Toronto	25	37	9	59	161	202

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Colorado	36	20	16	88	209	177
LosAngeles	33	26	11	77	203	187
Edmonton	28	34	10	66	183	201
SanJose	28	36	7	63	173	190
Anaheim	24	37	11	59	177	222
Calgary	23	35	13	59	188	213
Vancouver	22	38	13	57	201	250

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Wednesday's Games
Ottawa 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
Montreal 2, Tampa Bay 1, OT
Anaheim 3, Chicago 2
Edmonton 4, Washington 2

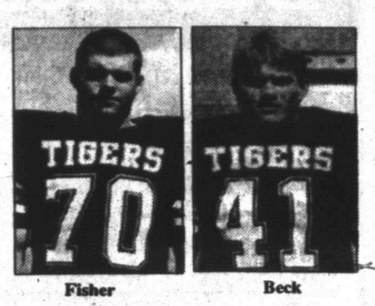
Thursday's Games
Boston 4, Philadelphia 2
Carolina 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
N.Y. Islanders 4, Pittsburgh 3
Florida 5, Montreal 4
Anaheim 3, Detroit 3, tie
St. Louis 3, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 1, Dallas 0
New Jersey 2, Colorado 0
Calgary 3, Washington 2
Buffalo 5, Vancouver 2
San Jose 5, Los Angeles 2

Friday's Games
Ottawa at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Florida at Boston, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
Carolina at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Washington at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Florida at Chicago, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Fisher, Beck carry powerlifting streak



Fisher Beck

Coach Joe Granato and Snyder High School have a streak going.

Kyle Beck and Bryan Fisher are keeping it alive.

Beck and Fisher will compete Saturday in the state powerlifting meet in Killeen, making it six consectutive years Granato has taken athletes to the competition.

"The only year we didn't get anyone to the state meet was my first year of coaching powerlifting," Granato said. "And that was just because I didn't know what I was doing."

The competition itself, held at the Abrams Fieldhouse on Fort Hood Military Base, will be comprised of three disciplines — squat, bench press and dead lift.

Fisher set a new regional record in the bench press at regionals, lifting 375 pounds.

Beck, meanwhile, set a personal record at the regional meet with a total lift of 1,320 pounds.

"Beck is at a little of a disadvantage because he competes in the 242-pound weight class, but he only weigh's 228," Granato said. "But Kyle is a competitor, and he'll do fine."

The two Tigers will be squaring off against approximately 120 other athletes in from the 4A and 5A classification.

But Granato explains that who you are competing against isn't always the most important thing.

"I always tell the guys not to worry about what everybody else is lifting. Just do the most that you can do," the coach remarks. "Because sometimes the other guys will be competing so hard against each other that they'll make a mistake and then you can slide up a few places.

"But I tell every guy that lifts for us that places don't always matter. Just keep lifting and keep improving every time you compete."

Fisher and Beck will weigh-in this afternoon, before beginning the meet at 9:15 Saturday morning.

Tigers host college team

After today, it's time to play when it counts.

The Snyder Tigers will hit the field in their final tune-up before district play this afternoon when they host Ranger Junior College JV at 4:30 at Moffett Field.

The Tigers are sporting a 15-2 mark and are riding a nine-game winning streak.

Snyder will be without the services of third baseman and pitcher Kyle Beck, who will be traveling to compete in the state powerlifting meet.

Expected to get the start on the hill for the Tigers is Chris Hernandez.

It will be the left-hander's first action since throwing 10 innings in the championship game of the Snyder tournament.

Snyder opens 2-4A competition at 5:30 Tuesday at Lamesa, before returning home to host Levelland next Friday.

Iowa Park visits SHS

Following a two-week hiatus, the Lady Tigers finally get back in action.

Snyder High School's softball team, which hasn't been on the diamond since hosting its own tournament March 14, welcomes Iowa Park to Cates Field today at 6:30.

The Lady Tigers went undefeated in pool play of their tourney and advanced through the bracket until falling to Andrews in the semifinals.

After facing Iowa Park, the Lady Tigers host Midland Greenwood at 3:30 Saturday.

Local Sports Schedule

Today

Rodeo: WTC at Odessa.

Baseball: Ranger College JV at Snyder varsity, 4:30.

Baseball: Snyder JV at Levelland, 5 p.m..

Golf: WTC at Southern Jr./Sr. Invitational, first round, Dadeville, Ala.

Softball: Iowa Park at Snyder JV and varsity, 5 p.m., 6:30.

Tennis: Snyder varsity at Hereford Invitational.

Track: Snyder girls at All-American Classic, Abilene.

Saturday

Rodeo: WTC at Odessa College.

Golf: WTC at Southern Jr./Sr. Invitational, second round.

Powerlifting: State meet, Killeen.

Softball: Midland Greenwood at Snyder JV and varsity, 2 p.m., 3:30.

Baseball: Snyder freshmen at Grape Creek, 1 p.m.

Tennis: Snyder varsity at Hereford Invitational.

Track: Snyder girls at All-American Classic, Abilene.

Track: Snyder boys at Coahoma Relays.

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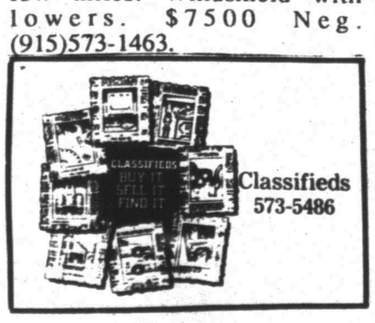
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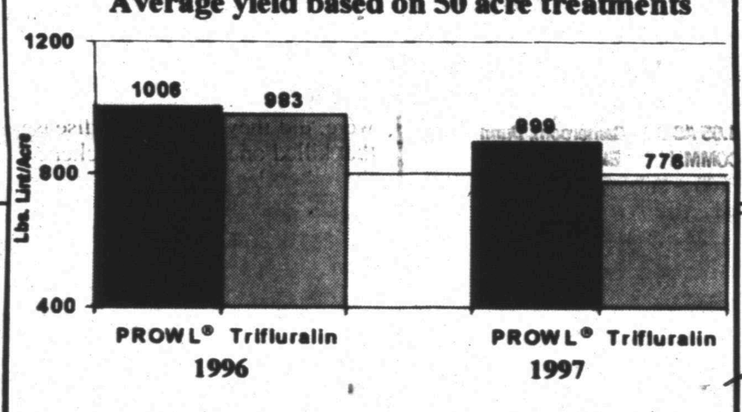
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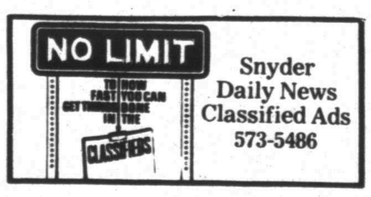
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4 Marines charged in wake of Italian gondola accident

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four Marines were charged with negligent homicide and involuntary manslaughter after their military jet severed a gondola cable at an Italian ski resort and plunged 20 people to their deaths.

A statement from the Marine Corps Atlantic Forces in Norfolk, Va., released today also said that the four crewmen of the EA-6B Prowler jet have been charged with dereliction of duty, damage to military property and damage to private property.

The Marines are launching another investigation into the leadership of the squadron involved in the deadly accident, the statement said.

The gondola crashed into the slopes after the jet based in Aviano, Italy, sliced its cable Feb. 3 in one of the deadliest training incidents since the end of the Cold War.

The incident touched off a crisis in U.S.-Italian relations and sparked calls from some Italians for the removal of U.S. troops from their country.

Earlier this month, a Marine investigation board that worked closely with Italian officials placed the blame for the tragedy on the four crew members, saying they broke rules on how fast and how low they could fly during their training maneuver.

The charges also include damage to military property and damage to private property, the official said.

The four crew members have refused to talk to investigators on the advice of their lawyers, submitting only written statements. In the statements, the crew denied they were "flat-hatting" — military slang for violating altitude restrictions.

A statement on behalf of the four crewmen will be released today, said Lt. Col. Stan Gould, a spokesman for Marine Corps Atlantic Forces based at Norfolk., Va.

The next step for the four Marines would be an Article 32 hearing, which is the equivalent of a civilian grand jury proceeding, to determine if there is evidence to support criminal charges.

That hearing will be held at Camp Lejeune, N.C., but no date or time has yet been announced for it. The officer who will conduct the proceeding is Lt. Col. Ronald L. Rogers, a Marine Corps military judge.

Rogers' recommendations will be passed on to Lt. Gen. Peter Pace, the commander of the U.S. Marines in the Atlantic. He will decide whether the proceedings might move forward to a court-martial, should that be recommended.

The recommendations could vary for each of the individuals involved.

The Marines' statement also said that Pace has ordered a new inquiry into the leadership of the squadron involved in the deaths. Col. Michael J. Cross, chief of staff of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing, will lead the investigation. It will focus on whether pertinent flight information was disseminated by squadron leaders at Aviano. The investigation is to be completed by April 15.

Town wonders about children but doubts persist about cause

TAYLORVILLE, Ill. (AP) — On a breezy spring day, squealing children line up for their turn down a red slide in the town's largest park. Steps away, buried in the ground, is the focal point of the mystery that haunts their town.

An old factory here once made gas from coal tar mined in this stretch of central Illinois. After the site was cleaned up, four children in this town of 11,000 were stricken with a cancer called neuroblastoma.

For nearly four months, jurors have listened to parents, lawyers and medical experts debating Taylorville's troubling question: Were cancer-causing chemicals released in the cleanup, and if they were, did they lead to the disease that killed one child and sickened the others?

Their families believe the cleanup stirred up coal tar dust and fumes that contaminated the town and caused the neuroblastoma in their children.

They sued for unspecified damages from the factory's owner, Central Illinois Public Service Co., and two other defendants. The jury was to begin its second day of deliberations today.

Whatever the verdict, it isn't likely to settle the questions about what really happened at the old factory site near Manners Park. All four families lived within three miles.

Their plights have touched most everyone in town. Alissa Sherwood, playing with her young son and nephew in the park, was friends with Brandon Steele, the boy who died from neuroblastoma.

She supports the families but stops short of blaming the company.

"I can't say that it's CIPS' fault because they don't have dominant proof. It could have been coincidence or it could have been a variety of things that caused the cancers," she said. "I can understand that the families want answers. ... In this case, there are no answers."

The plant, once used for making streetlights, was opened in 1892 by Taylorville Gas & Electric Co. CIPS bought it in 1912 but closed it in 1932 and eventually sold the property.

The trouble started in 1985, when new owners were excavating for a septic tank and broke into an underground tank filled with coal tar that apparently had leaked for years.

CIPS repurchased the property and started cleaning it up, mostly in early 1987. The cleanup was finished in 1989, and the property was filled with clean soil.

Between March 1989 and March 1990, three Taylorville children — Zachary Donaldson, Chad Hryhorysak and Erika May — were diagnosed with neuroblastoma. In August 1991, Brandon was diagnosed with the cancer that killed him. The other children are in remission.

Lawyers for the families said owners of the abandoned plant gambled with residents' lives, exposing them to a cancer so rare that odds of contracting it are about 1 in 100,000.

A lawyer for CIPS, now known as AmerenCIPS, argued that no significant amount of coal dust or fumes left the site and even if it did, there is no scientific evidence linking neuroblastoma and coal tar, which is found in household products such as dog shampoo and skin ointments.

McDonald's strategy involves tastier food

CHICAGO (AP) — The Arch Deluxe didn't whet appetites. Neither did the McLean or pizza. Now McDonald's Corp. is trying to lure customers with its same old menu — only tastier.

The hamburger chain plans to install new computerized and partially robotic kitchens in all of its U.S. outlets by the end of next year that can deliver fresher, made-to-order Big Macs, Quarter Pounders and, yes, some new items that would slow down the old kitchens too much.

Heat lamps won't be needed.

Some franchises cook McDonald's burgers early in the day, then reheat them. Adding a couple of pickles or skipping the special sauce can mean waiting another 15 minutes.

With the new "Made for You" system, Oak Brook, Ill.-based McDonald's said Thursday it hopes to keep the "fast" in fast food while drawing new customers in and snaring old ones back from the competition.

McLean Deluxe, Arch Deluxe, last year's Campaign 55 and even pizza failed to bring in new customers and improve profits as complaints persisted about the quality of the food.

The new kitchens will remember, for instance, when the lunch rush starts at a particular store and whether Quarter Pounders with cheese have been particularly popular lately. The computer will alert the staff to start making burgers just before the rush usually starts.

McDonald's has set up computer-run holding bins that regulate temperatures for cooked meat to keep it hot and juicy. By keeping track of the time meat was placed in each bin, store managers know exactly when 30 minutes have passed. At that point, McDonald's says restaurants should throw out the food, even if it remains hot.

The bins allow staff to wait for orders to appear on an overhead computer screen and make sandwiches quickly, no matter what the order. A digital clock tracks how long the preparation takes.

In plain sight of the customer, a computer-monitored machine dumps frozen fries into a basket that in turn is dunked into hot oil for cooking. Then the machine shakes the fries and dumps them into bins for serving. Robot machines elsewhere prepare drinks.

Analysts have said speed of delivery after preparing food is a key to keeping customers coming back, particularly in the drive-through lane, where some 60 percent of McDonald's business is done.

Alcohol, fines land several in county jail

Officers arrested two people on alcohol-related charges around 10 p.m. Thursday while three more were booked into jail earlier in the day in lieu of paying fines.

A 24-year-old male was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated on Round Top Road and FM 276 and a 17-year-old male passenger was taken into custody for public intoxication.

Shortly before noon, officers transported three people to jail to lay out their fines for various offenses.

An 18-year-old female was arrested to lay out her fine for public intoxication, while another 18-year-old female was arrested to lay out her fines for public intoxication, Class C assault and failure to appear. A 50-year-old male was arrested to lay out his fine for public intoxication.

In other activity Thursday, a person asked local officers and Lubbock police to attempt to locate a 1995 GMC pickup that another person had taken to Lubbock.

Officers were called to the 1200 block of 26th Street at 11:47 a.m. to check the welfare of a juvenile female. Officers first transported the 16-year-old female to the Law Enforcement Center and later to Cogdell Hospital for observation. She was then taken to Amarillo by the Scurry County juvenile officer and released to her mother.

An officer was requested in the 3700 block of Austin Avenue at 4:30 p.m. in reference to someone going through a person's mail.

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Parkinson's study raises ethical questions

BOSTON (AP) — Patients with advanced-stage Parkinson's disease are so desperate for a cure for the untreatable disease that they're willing to undergo fake operations.

In an experiment that has raised ethical questions, half of the participants in a study of a possible new way to treat the disease will have holes drilled in their skulls but will not get the actual treatment.

The study is aimed at testing the effectiveness of transplanting fetal pig brain cells into the brains of late-stage Parkinson's patients.

Participants in medical studies are routinely divided into two groups — one might receive a new drug, while the other gets a dummy pill, or placebo. This control group gives scientists a basis for comparison and guards against the "placebo effect," whereby some patients feel better simply from receiving medical attention.

Joan Samuelson, president of the California-based Parkinson's Action Network, an advocacy group, said the mock operations are necessary to advance a cure.

"We need to get a breakthrough as strong as is humanly possible and if that is what the researchers think is needed to advance science, we support that," she said.

The fact that patients are willing to participate in the study — even if they get only a placebo operation — shows their desperation for help, said Samuelson, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's 11 years ago at age 36.

The study has stirred debate over the ethics of subjecting patients to something more than just a sugar pill.

"This is not just giving somebody a pill. This is really doing an operative procedure on somebody," said Dr. Prather Palmer, a neurologist at the Lahey Hitchcock Clinic who monitored a group of patients already implanted with the pig cells.

The study is being sponsored by Diacrin Inc., a Boston biomedical company. The Food and Drug Administration, the agency that will ultimately decide whether to approve the fetal pig cell therapy, encouraged the operations as a way of providing a control group.

The study will be done at Emory University in Atlanta and the University of South Florida in Tampa. Patients will be recruited from those two institutions, Columbia University and Boston Medical Center.

Beginning over the next few months, surgeons will drill a nickel-size hole in the heads of 18 patients and implant 12 million fetal pig cells into the brain of each person using a long needle-like device.

Eighteen other patients will get surgery but not cells. Small depressions will be drilled into their skulls, just above the ears. The holes, however, will not be drilled all the way through the skull, as they will in the real operations.

In what is known as a "double-blind" study, neither the patient nor the doctor who monitors progress will know who has been implanted with pig cells.

Michael Egan, Diacrin's senior vice president, said that the risks are small and that the phony procedures are the only way to measure the success of the transplants and determine whether they should be extended to the estimated 1 million Americans with the disease. There is no cure for Parkinson's, which causes tremors and stiff movement.

Patients will be informed of the risks and will be told beforehand that they have a 50-50 chance of getting the real operation. Those who receive the mock surgery will be given the chance to get the cell transplant later, if the treatment proves effective.

Whether cells are transplanted or not, most patients will be able to go home the next day wearing just a small bandage.

Dr. Stephen Kott, a neurologist at Lahey Hitchcock Clinic in Burlington, which took part in an earlier study on the safety of the procedure in which no patients went untreated, told the Boston Herald that the clinic would not have agreed to the sham operation.

"There were ethical problems. There are risks involved," he said. "You can have a heart attack, or there can be an infection in the bone."

But George Annas, a professor of health law and medical ethics at Boston University, said, "There's almost no question in my mind that you have to do something like this to get a valid control group."

Besides, he added, "I'd be much more concerned about the people getting pig cells in their brains than people with just holes."

In the first-stage study done on 12 patients at the Lahey Clinic, the 11 surviving patients improved 19 percent on physical assessment tests taken one year after the operation. The patient who died suffered a blood clot unrelated to the operation seven months later.

Government studies rapid HIV test

ATLANTA (AP) — The government is recommending use of a new HIV test that yields results instantly instead of a week later.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday the rapid test will address a major drawback associated with the current method: Nearly 700,000 people a year never return to find out their test results.

AIDS advocates said the new test means more people will be able to get prompt education and treatment.

"Most people either don't want to or are afraid to deal with it unless they become sick," said Tony Braswell, executive director of AID Atlanta. "If you can tell someone while they are sitting there, talking with a counselor, you could get a headstart with them. You know, tell them that there life is not over."

Only one rapid test has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in clinics in the United States. The test, manufactured by Murex of Norcross, takes about 10 minutes to determine whether the virus is present. Several other tests are awaiting FDA approval.

Both the new and the old tests look for antibodies in the blood. However, the traditional, one-week test also looks for specific protein bands, which are considered the absolute indicator of HIV.

About 8,000 people would initially receive false-positive results from the new test, said Bernard Branson, an epidemiologist and the chief architect of the CDC's recommendation. In contrast, the current one-week test is nearly 100 percent accurate.

"It's clearly a risk messing with people's psyche — telling them they are HIV-positive. But you have to ask whether the benefit outweighs the risk," he said. "I think it could be considered a public health emergency to have 8,000 people with HIV walking around and not knowing it."

The CDC estimated the new test would allow health officials to notify 8,000 more infected people each year.

More than 2 million people are tested anonymously each year for the AIDS virus, but a third of them never bother to check the results. And because these people are tested anonymously, there is no way for clinics to call them up and inform them of their test results. Those who are infected and don't know it then go untreated.

The Bell Flower Clinic in Indianapolis has been using the rapid test for about a year.

To combat false results, the clinic gives three quick HIV tests. If one or more comes back with a positive reading, a traditional blood test is taken and the results are made available in about seven days, said Mary McKee, spokeswoman for the Marion County, Ind., health department.

The clinic performed 1,435 of the new tests last year and experienced a 4 percent increase in testing. "That's because the majority of people did not have to come back," Ms. McKee said.

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Your Birthday

Saturday, March 28, 1998

In the year ahead, the ambitious aspects of your personality will be emphasized. You will establish a promising course for yourself and have the tenacity to see things through to a conclusion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will be disappointed today if you expect everyone to do your bidding in exact accordance with your demands. If you're too harsh, they may not even make an effort. 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) Guard against inclinations today to view developments as negative conclusions before you even try. If this is your attitude, you will be defeated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your value judgment is a bit questionable today where people and material things are concerned. If you're indifferent, you might make poor decisions in each area.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Significant objectives can be achieved today, provided you don't use counterproductive methods. Your aim is to make things easier on yourself, not more difficult.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Instead of profiting from an abrasive past experience, you might repeat the same mistake again today and be subjected to the same consequence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be careful with joint endeavors today; your associate might make more problems for you than need be. This could occur if you're not watchful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not let a surrogate make decisions for you today that affects your work without first getting your approval. A mistake could be difficult to resolve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A poor attitude will make what you have to do today more difficult than necessary. If you tell yourself you can do something, the results will prove this true.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you're in charge of a project today, it's best to let people know you've laid down certain rules to follow. Be firm, friendly and fair.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not depend upon your mate today to take care of your responsibilities. What you leave undone isn't likely to be completed by your spouse.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) When dealing with a close friend today, give your pal the benefit of the doubt, so your buddy will feel you have faith in his or her abilities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you are unduly concerned about your own interests today, it could prove self-defeating, especially in business situations.

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Datebook

March 27, 1998

Today is the 86th day of 1998 and the seventh day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1866, Andrew Rankin received a patent for the urinal.

On this day in 1955, Nikita Khrushchev became the Soviet premier in addition to first secretary of the Communist Party.

On this day in 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, who was the first man in space, died in an unexplained plane crash.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen (1845-1923), physicist; Edward Steichen (1879-1973), photographer; Dashiell Hammett (1894-1961), writer; Louis Simpson (1923-), poet, is 75; Sarah Vaughan (1924-1990), singer; Anthony Lewis (1927-), journalist, is 71; Cale Yarborough (1940-), auto racer, is 58; Michael York (1942-), actor, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1947, Tommy Rodgers, a boxer with only one arm, won a title fight in Cambridge, Mass.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds." — Francis Bacon

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1982, an overnight freeze in western and southern North Carolina killed up to 95 percent of the peach crop.

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TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	140⅝	139	139¾	+ 1⅝
AT&T Corp	67⅛	66	66⅛	— ⅛
AirTouch	49 9-16	48⅜	48⅜	+ 1-16
Albertsons	53 3-16	51 5-16	51 5-16	—1 11-16
AlldSignal s	42¼	41 13-16	42 1-16	— ⅛
Alltel	43 13-16	43 7-16	43 7-16	— 5-16
AmOnline s	68 15-16	67 7-16	68¾	+ 1⅜
AmStoress	25¼	25 1-16	25 1-16	+ 1-16
Ameritech s	49 3-16	47 13-16	47 13-16	—1 3-16
Amoco	87⅜	86	86	—15-16
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BellSouth	64 13-16	63 13-16	63 13-16	— ⅛
BethSteel			14 11-16	14⅛ 14⅛
BritPet s			89⅛ 88	13-16 88⅜ — ⅛
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CBS Corp			33	32⅜ 32⅜ — ⅛
Caterpillar s			55⅞	54⅝ 55 7-16	+11-16
CenSoWst			27 9-16	27⅛ 27⅜	— 1-16
Chevron	84 11-16	83 11-16	83¾	— 9-16
Chrysler			42⅞	42⅛ 42 3-16	+ ⅛
Coastal	67⅛	66 7-16	66 7-16	—13-16
CocaCola			76⅛	75⅞ 75⅝	—13-16
ColgatePalm s			88⅛	86 86⅛	— ⅝
ComclMetals			35¼	35 35⅛	+ ⅛
CooperIn			60	59⅝ 59⅜	— 7-16
CyprusAmax			16 15-16	16⅝ 16⅜	— ⅛
DallSemicn			35⅛	34 15-16	35
DeltaAirl			118⅜	117 117	— 3-16
DigitalEq			52⅜	52 1-16	52 3-16	+ ⅛
Dillards Inc			36 13-16	36⅛	36⅜	+ ⅛
DowChem			95	94⅛ 94	13-16	+ ⅜
DresserInd			51	49 9-16	49⅝ — ⅛
DuPont s	69 11-16	68 5-16	68 5-16	— ⅝
EastmanChem			67 7-16	67⅛ 67⅛	— 3-16
EstKodak			63 13-16	63⅜ 63⅜	+ 5-16
EDS Corp	47⅛	46 9-16	46 9-16	— 1-16
Entergy			29⅛	29 1-16	29⅛	+ ⅛
Exxon			68 9-16	67⅛ 67⅛	—15-16
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FordMotor			65 11-16	65⅛ 65 7-16	+15-16
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Goodyear s			75⅛	74 9-16	74 9-16	— ⅛
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Halliburtn s			53⅜	51⅛ 51⅛	—11-16
Hanson ADS	30 15-16	30 13-16	30 13-16	+ 1-16
HarteHanks s			24	23¾ 23⅝	— 1-16
HomeDepot s			67⅞	66⅝ 66½	— ⅜
HoustonInds			28⅜	28 28⅛	— 7-16
IBM s			105⅛	104⅛ 104⅜	— 5-16
IntlPaper			49 7-16	48 5-16	48 5-16	— ⅜
JohnsonJn			73 13-16	72¼ 72⅛	— 9-16
K mart			16 7-16	16⅛ 16⅛	— 3-16
Kroger s			45 1-16	44 7-16	44⅛	+ ⅛
Litton			58 11-16	57⅞ 58½	— ½
LockhdMart			114⅞	114⅜ 114⅜	— ⅜
Lowes Cos			72⅛	70½	70½	—1 15-16
Lubys				18⅜	18⅛ 18⅛
LucentTech			127⅛	125 9-16	125⅜	+ ⅛
LucentTch wi				63⅛	63 63	+ 3-16
MayDeptStrs			62 3-16	61 9-16	62⅛	+ 7-16
Medtronic s			53⅜	53 3-16	53 7-16	+ ⅛
Mobils			78 13-16	77⅛ 77⅛	— 1⅛
Monsanto			51¼	51 51 5-16	— ⅛
MorganJP			137	134⅜	135½	+ ½
Motorola			57⅞	56⅜ 57 5-16	+ 9-16
NCR Corp			33⅛	32⅜ 32⅛	— ⅛
NationsBk			73 7-16	72½ 72½
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OryxEngy			26	25⅛ 25⅜	— ⅜
Penney JC			74	73 3-16	73⅛	+13-16
Pennzoil				67⅛	66⅛ 66⅛
PepBoys			23½	23¼ 23 5-16	— 3-16
PepsiCo			43⅛	42⅜ 42⅝	— ⅛
PhelpDodge			64 13-16	64	64 9-16
PhilipPet			51 7-16	51 51	+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd			13⅞	13⅜ 13½	+ ⅛
Polaroid			45⅛	44 13-16	45	— ⅛
Praxair			51⅞	50 15-16	51¼	+ ⅛
ProctGamb s	86 9-16	85 1-16	85 3-16	—13-16
PubSNwMx			24 5-16	23 15-16	24¼	+ 5-16
RoyalDut s			58⅛	57⅜ 57⅜	— 1-16
SBC Comm s	43 13-16	42 15-16	43 1-16	— ⅝
SaraLee			62¼	61⅛ 62 1-16	+ 1-16
Scripps EW			53⅜	53¼ 53⅜	— 1-16
SearsRoeb			57⅝	56⅛ 56 13-16	— ½
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SmthBc ADS s			63 7-16	62 9-16	62 9-16	+ ½
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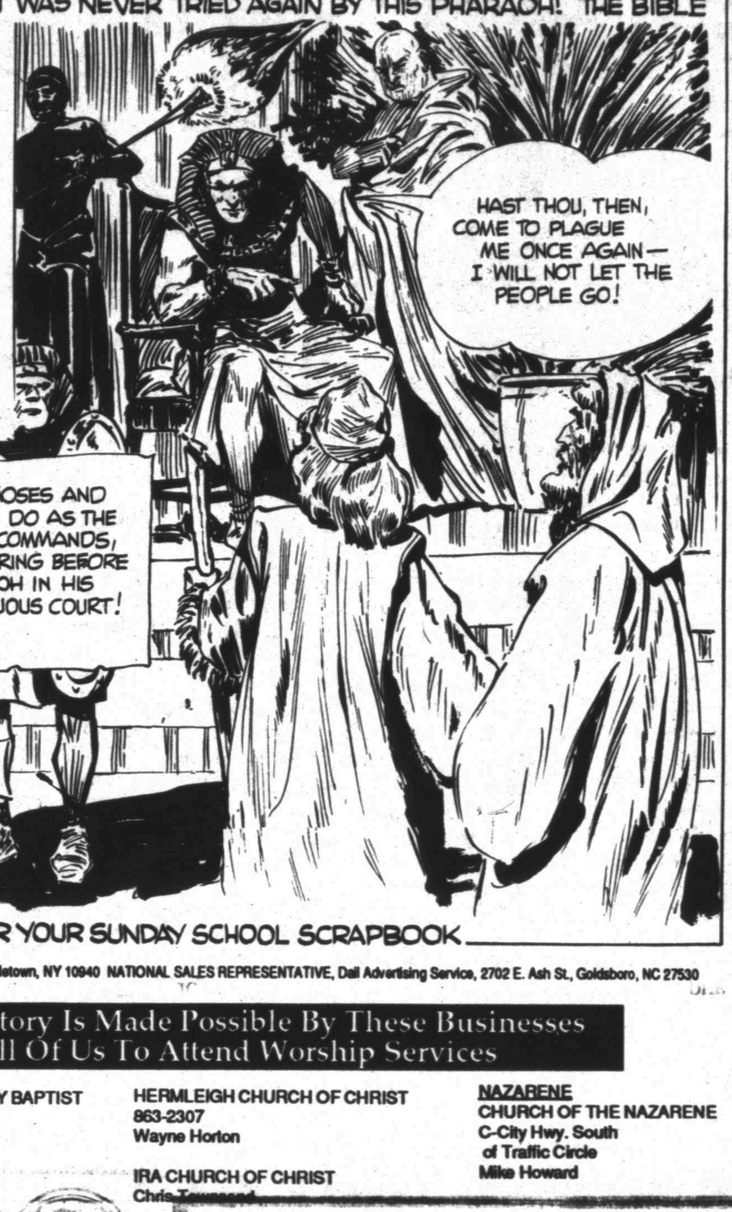
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Arms inspectors return to Radwaniyah

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. arms experts resumed inspections today of highly sensitive presidential sites, scouring buildings long closed to them for clues on whether Iraq is still manufacturing banned weapons.

The inspectors and their diplomat escorts returned to Saddam Hussein's Radwaniyah palace compound, U.N. spokesman Ewen Buchanan said in New York. Thursday's inspection there was the first time arms monitors had searched any of the eight palace compounds at the heart of a longstanding dispute between Iraq and the United Nations.

Last month, the standoff neared war when the United States threatened to strike if Iraq did not grant U.N. inspectors full access to all sites.

Jayantha Dhanapala, leader of the corps of 20 diplomats, refused today to give details of Thursday's eight-hour inspection at Radwaniyah. Diplomats said Iraqi officials had cooperated fully with the inspectors.

"We had a hard, long day. We worked hard," Dhanapala, the top U.N. disarmament expert, told reporters.

While gaining access to the sites is a major breakthrough for the inspectors, who began their work in Baghdad about seven years ago, it was questionable whether they would find what they are looking for: evidence that Iraq continues to build weapons of mass destruction.

If it were so inclined, the Iraqi government has had months to remove incriminating materials from the sites.

According to Buchanan in New York, the inspectors and diplomats visited two of the three sections of Radwaniyah on Thursday. It is one of Iraq's largest presidential complexes, comprising at least a dozen villas, five artificial lakes and streets lined with palm trees.

In December, Iraqi authorities took foreign reporters to Radwaniyah in an attempt to prove that the compound was free of weapons.

Until the inspectors certify that Iraq is rid of its banned arsenal, the U.N. Security Council will not lift economic sanctions imposed after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, which led to the Persian Gulf War.

Iraq long has insisted that it has destroyed or dismantled the weapons, and is in compliance with requirements of the U.N. resolutions that impose the punishing sanctions.

This morning, two convoys of about 10 vehicles each, accompanied by Iraqi escorts in others cars, drove from U.N. headquarters to the presidential site. Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz was present as the inspections took place.

The inclusion of the diplomats is part of a Feb. 23 agreement in which Iraq promised to open its palace compounds to weapons inspections as long as diplomats accompany the monitors on all visits.

The United Nations' top envoy to Iraq, Prakash Shah, said Iraq has made clear it wants to work with the United Nations in a bid to get the economic sanctions lifted.

Overflow crowd gathers as first funeral held in school shooting

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Those who loved Paige Ann Herring and those who knew her only in death packed a funeral home chapel today to mourn and to remember.

Hundreds began gathering at the Farmers Union Funeral Home more than a half-hour before the service began. Four paramedics came in their uniforms and many children were wearing the red and white jackets of Westside Middle School.

Paige Ann was less than two weeks past her 12th birthday when she, three schoolmates and a teacher were shot to death in an ambush Tuesday outside her school. Hers was the first funeral to be held.

The chapel holds about 300 people; an overflow crowd spilled out into an entryway.

Reporters were asked to stay away from mourners.

"God hath not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God hath promised, strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above," said a Bible verse included on the funeral home leaflet for the dark-haired, ponytailed youngster.

On Thursday night, friends and classmates hugged one another and cried as they waited to walk by Paige's open casket during visitation.

Photos of Natalie Brooks at different ages were to the right of her closed casket at a separate visitation. One showed a toddler dressed in a white bunny costume, while she wore a pink formal dress in a recent photograph. She was also 12. Her funeral was set for later today.

Services are scheduled Saturday for the three other victims, teacher Shannon Wright and students Stephanie Johnson and Brittany Varner.

Two students — Mitchell Johnson, 13, and Drew Golden, 11 — are being held on five counts each of murder and 10 counts of battery. Police say the two, dressed in camouflage and armed with rifles and handguns, ambushed classmates and staff members who had left the school after the boys triggered a fire alarm Tuesday.

Classes were canceled Wednesday, and the first thing school officials did Thursday was to disconnect the fire alarm. Students were worried about what to do if it sounded, so Principal Karen Curtner ordered it shut off "so we wouldn't have any of those problems today."

Classes resumed for a day with nervous parents taking their frightened children to school and crisis counselors urging students to talk about their grief and confusion.

A student teacher led Mrs. Wright's grammar class. But 12-year-old Colby Brooks knew that his slain instructor was still there watching him.

"She's probably crying, thinking how we're all grieving over her," Colby said.

Senate drafts bill about tobacco

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dramatically higher pricetag and fewer legal protections for the tobacco industry are part of a draft summary of the Senate's key tobacco bill circulating today.

According to the summary obtained by The Associated Press, the industry would be required to pay $506 billion over 25 years, compared to the $368 billion required by the settlement reached in June between companies and 40 states suing them.

The bill, sponsored by Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, was delayed as wrangling over nicotine regulation postponed a committee vote from the middle to the end of next week, when Congress recesses for Easter.

Two negotiators who attended late-night talks on Wednesday said McCain threatened to pull the plug altogether if an agreement cannot be reached today.

Sources close to McCain said he has issued the one-day threat before in an effort to jump-start talks. This time, the sources said, the deadline is Sunday night or early Monday.

Negotiators were meeting again today to hammer out an agreement on how much authority to grant the Food and Drug Administration over nicotine regulation. A proposal submitted late Wednesday by the White House would grant the FDA far more authority than many Republicans want.

According to a draft summary the tobacco bill would:

— Establish a trust fund fed by annual industry payments of $12 billion to begin, increasing to a total of $506 billion over 25 years, far more than the $368 billion the industry and states agreed to in June.

— Raise the price of cigarettes annually, from 65 cents per pack in 1999 to $1.10 per pack in 2003, as President Clinton has suggested.

— Sets reductions for youth cigarette smoking at 60 percent over 10 years, the same as the June settlement.

— Cap the amount the industry must pay per year in punitive damages at $6.5 billion and allow claims above that amount to be paid in future years. The cap would be removed for companies that miss youth reduction targets by more than 20 points. In such cases, the cap would be removed for five years or until reductions are met, whichever is later. Penalty payments would be non-tax deductible. Tobacco companies have strongly protested this proposal, demanding instead a ban on most kinds of lawsuits, particularly class actions.

— Authorizes smoking cessation and education programs.

— Establish a three-member arbitration panel to settle attorneys fees.

— Allow state and local governments to impose additional "tobacco product control measures."

— Permit the industry a limited exemption to antitrust laws.

— Establish a tobacco document depository, requiring the industry to file all deposition of corporate representatives and expert witnesses, court orders.

Obituaries

Marie Coffman

1919-1998

STANTON — Marie Coffman, the mother of John Timothy Coffman of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 25, in Stanton.

Funeral service for Mrs. Coffman, 78, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Vera Baptist Church. Rick Denson will officiate and burial will follow in the Vera Cemetery.

Born June 30, 1919 in Vera, she graduated from Vera High School and attended Decatur School of Cosmetology.

She married Anthony Kelvin Coffman on July 27, 1940 in Seymour. He died in 1984.

Mrs. Coffman had lived in Midland since 1984 and was a member of the Northeast Community Church.

Survivors include another son, Leonard Melton Coffman of Midland; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Velma Mixon

1914-1998

BRECKENRIDGE — Velma Lois Mixon, the mother of Helen Molano of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 25, in Breckenridge.

Graveside service for Mrs. Mixon, 83, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Woodson Cemetery. The Rev. Dennis Hester, pastor of the May Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of the Moreman Mortuary.

Born Aug. 2, 1914 in Comanche, she grew up and attended school in Lusk. She lived in Elbert from 1935 until 1976 when she moved to Breckenridge. She married J.R. Mixon on May 9, 1936 in Olney, and he died in 1975.

Survivors also include a son, James Donald Mixon of Phoenix; three grandchildren, David James Koonce of Snyder, LaRhonda K. Kelton of May and Crissy Mixon of Phoenix; three great-grandchildren, Kara Beth and Tana Jo Kelton of May and A'lex Marie Koonce of Snyder.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five sisters; five brothers; a son; and one grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be made to Meals on Wheels.

Mrs. Fitzgerald

1932-1998

SAN ANGELO — Graveside service for Wanda Butts Fitzgerald, niece of Mamie Patterson of Snyder, is set for 1 p.m. Monday in Fairmont Cemetery in San Angelo.

Mrs. Fitzgerald, 65, died Monday, March 23, in the Foothills Hospital in Calgary, Canada. A memorial service was held Thursday in Nanton Parkland United Church in Nanton, Alberta, Canada.

She was founder of Emporium Antiques in Nanton. Mrs. Fitzgerald was preceded in death by her husband, C.A. Fitzgerald, on May 23, 1990 and her father, Cecil M. Butts.

Other survivors include a son, Mark Fitzgerald of Grand Prairie; three daughters, Lisa Holstein of Lethbridge, Alberta, Lori Fitzgerald and Mamie Miller, both of Nanton; her mother, Ethel Butts of San Angelo; a brother, Ted Butts of Garland; two cousins of Snyder, Renee Floyd and Retha Canon; and two grandchildren.

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federal grant funds.

The sponsorship was unanimously approved by the board with the exception of Hefner, who abstained because she sits on the Big Country RC&D board.

BCD board members also approved financial statements, bills for payment and previous board minutes.

All board members were present, to include Kattes, Scott, Hefner, Koonce and Martin.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

New Hope fund-raiser

New Hope Baptist Church, 3305 Avenue L, will be selling barbecue plates Saturday, beginning at 11 a.m. The cost is $5 each and they will be served until they run out.

Revival at New Jerusalem

The New Jerusalem Temple, 311 26th Street, is holding a revival with Visente Ramirez and Maya Garza through Sunday. Services are at 6:30 each evening.

Library book sale

Scurry County Library is holding its annual book sale through Saturday during regular hours.

Scurry Democratic Party

Scurry County Democratic Party will hold its county convention at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Dermott School. For information, call 573-7874.

Jury call canceled

The civil suit scheduled for trial starting Monday in 132nd District Court has been settled. Persons called for jury duty need not report.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes and "Hope for Life's Journey" tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Judas and the Great Betrayal," followed by "Fear of Death," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Parents of 8th graders

Parents of Snyder 8th grade students are encouraged to attend a meeting at Worsham Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tuesday. High school counselor Debbie Phillips will answer questions about registration procedures, course selections and requirements for the diploma programs. Incoming freshmen have been given their registration materials and are encouraged to bring them to the meeting.

Genealogical society

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the county library. The program, "Pitfalls of Genealogy Research," will be given by Jo Thrower. Visitors are welcome.

SJHS shop students holding raffle

Eighth grade shop students at Snyder Junior High School are selling raffle tickets for a chest of drawers. Tickets cost $1 each and proceeds help pay for their trips to regional and state contests. For tickets, call the junior high at 573-6356.

Baseball boosters fund-raiser

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

SNS needs assistance

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is needing donations and volunteer help for its annual workday, set for Saturday, April 25. Twelve homes will be repaired. Donations can be mailed to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541 or dropped off at West Elementary or Sam Robertson Insurance office. Groups or individuals wishing to volunteer can contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538.

Nursing home financial planning

Snyder Oaks Care Center and Senior Information Services of America are co-sponsoring "Nursing Home Financial Planning," a workshop dealing with financing the cost of long-term care, at 7 p.m. Thursday. The workshop will be held at Snyder Oaks, 210 E. 37th Street. RSVP by calling Tracey Williamson at 573-9377.

Heart walk planned

The Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Association will sponsor a five-mile walk on Saturday, April 4, starting at 8 a.m. in Towle Park. Walkers are needed. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

Planetarium show

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

Special showings for school classes (best suited for grade 4 and above) can be arranged for any Friday in April by calling the science department secretary at WTC. There is no admission charge.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Fish Fry will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Snyder Senior Center. Tickets are $6, and children under age 6 eat free. Carryout plates are available.

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival

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

Pick 3

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

2-9-4

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

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