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Campaign fund raising prompts extensive probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House committee investigating campaign fund raising said he has issued nearly two dozen new subpoenas and is looking into reports that the Chinese government wanted to contribute to the Democratic Party.

"The bottom line is, it's going to be a much more broad investigation than we thought it would be," Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Burton said he had previously issued five subpoenas and Saturday night sent out 20 more for documents his committee wants to see. He declined to provide details of the new subpoenas, saying he had yet to inform committee Democrats.

Democrats on both the House panel and the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, which has launched a parallel probe, have complained that the Republicans are out to attack the Democratic Party rather than expose the fund-raising excesses of both parties.

A report released today showed that Democratic and Republican parties raised an unprecedented $263.5 million in largely unregulated "soft money" campaign donations during the two-years leading to the 1996 election — almost three times the amount in the 1991-92 campaign.

There are no limits to so-called "soft money" contributions which cannot legally be spent directly on a candidate's behalf. The money may be used for generic advertising, get-out-the-vote efforts and other party-building activities.

The Center for Responsive Politics said Republicans got $141.2 million and Democrats $122.3 million in such contributions during the 24-month period prior to last year's election.

The Republican-led Congress is unwilling to initiate campaign finance legislation when Republican fund raisers are bringing in twice as much as Democrats, complained Sen. Bob Torricelli, D-N.J., on ABC's "This Week" program.

Burton said the first priority must be investigating past wrongdoing, including a Washington Post report last week that the Chinese embassy in Washington had considered making campaign contributions to the Democrats.

One key Democratic figure involved in raising money from the Asian community, John Huang, "may very well have given information that he shouldn't have to the Chinese and others" as part of the fund-raising efforts, said Burton.

Shaw will seek 3rd council term

Today is the first day to file as a candidate for city council and public school board elections and one candidate has already announced intentions to seek another term.

City Councilman Ron Shaw contacted the Snyder Daily News this morning by telephone to announce that he plans to file for a third term. Shaw is in Kentucky, tending to a family illness.

A postal employee for the past 14 years, he is a member of Northside Baptist Church, and was the organizer and past president of the Tumbleweed Toastmasters.

Shaw currently occupies one of two at-large places on the council up for election. The other is held by Dayton Robertson. Also on the ballot will be the position of mayor, held by David Holt, and the unexpired term in District 3, vacated last year by former councilman Kenny Gambrell.

There are eight trustee positions up for election on the three public school boards in Scurry County. Last Thursday, Geraldine Parker announced she will not seek a third term as the Place 2 trustee on the Snyder ISD board. Richard Chambers, the only other SISD trustee whose term comes up for election in May, indicated he probably will file for another Place 3 term.

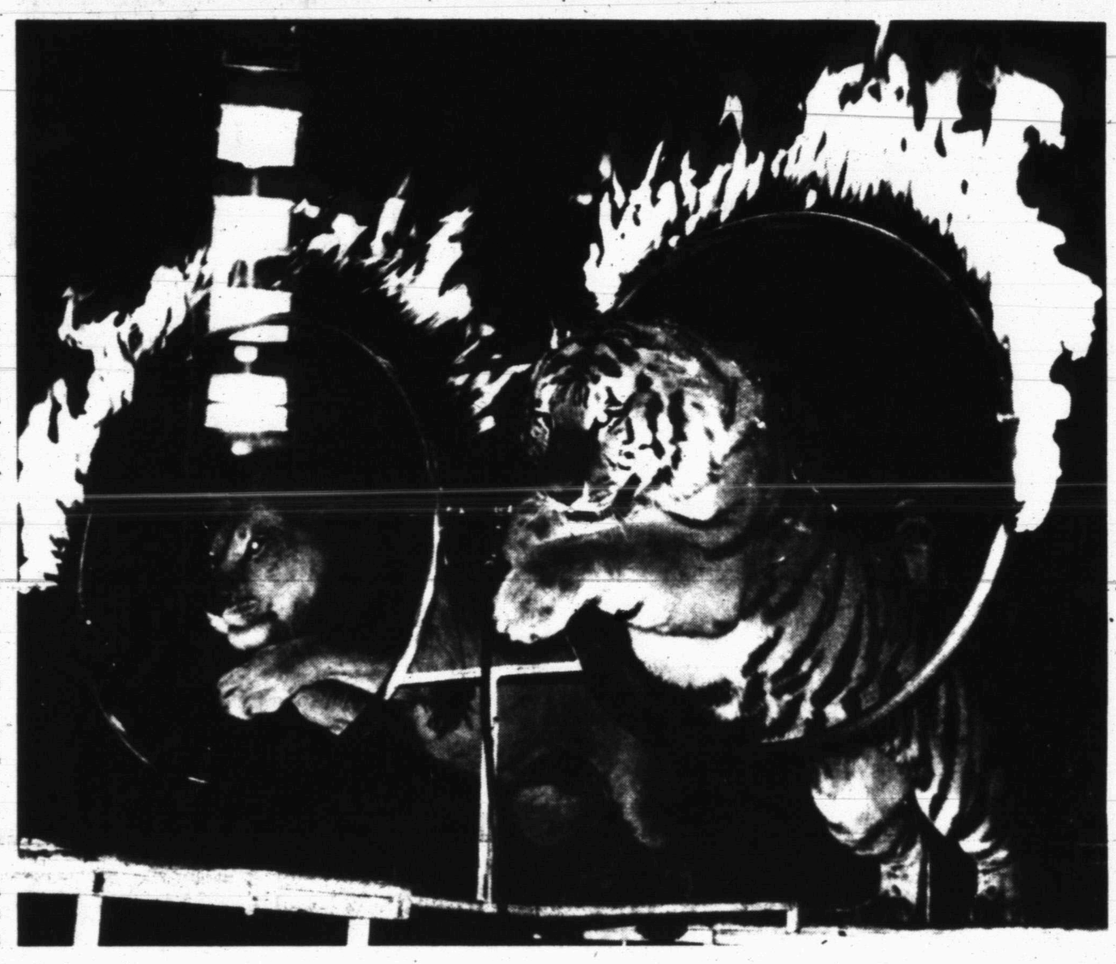
At Ira, Place 4, held by Bo Robinson, and Place 5, held by Dirk Dunn, are up for election. All seats on the Ira ISD board are at-large, but candidates must designate which place they are seeking.

There are four places on the Hermleigh ISD board, all at-large. Those seats are held by Jimmy Hudgins, John Williamson, Chip Roemisch and Tim Dacus.

There are no seats up for election on the Western Texas College board of trustees.

Persons wishing to file as a candidate should do so in the respective business office of the entity which they wish to represent. The filing period runs through April 2.

Early voting in the May 3 elections is April 14-29.



ROARING INTO THE COLISEUM — Circus Gatti comes to Scurry Coliseum Tuesday with performances scheduled for 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. The three-ring circus, billed as the "world's largest thrill show," is sponsored by the Scurry County Sheriff's Posse. The circus annually makes Snyder part of its tour of some 22 states and four Canadian provinces. (Contributed Photo)

Hancock to resign at Ira ISD

Ira public school trustees meet at 7:30 this evening to accept the resignation of Principal Tommy Hancock and order the May 3 board election.

Appointment of a personnel committee, a contract with an engineering firm, the driver education program and local policy updates are other agenda items.

Hancock, who is in his third year at Ira, has accepted the superintendent's position at Westbrook ISD. His resignation will be effective at the end of the current school year.

Trustees may consider appointing a personnel committee tonight to search for Hancock's successor and a girl's basketball coach. Coach Tim Mebane left prior to the end of last basketball season and the board is also expected to act on his resignation tonight.

Mebane's resignation also leaves the driver's education program without an instructor. Trustees will consider whether to discontinue the program or contract with an outside instructor.

In other action, the board will order the May 3 trustee election and appoint election judges and clerks. The filing period for the election opened today. Two places are up for election on the board: Place 4, held by Bo Robinson, and Place 5, held by Dirk Dunn.

Also on the agenda is consideration of a contract with CADO Architects-Engineers, Inc. of Abilene for professional services related to renovation of the gym. Superintendent Rick Howard said this morning that item may be tabled because he has not received a copy of the contract.

The renovation work would include expanding the seating and bringing tthe facility into compliance with ADA.

Telescope repairs made via spacewalk

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — In the tradition of make-do repairs made famous on Apollo 13, astronauts fastened bandages over the Hubble Space Telescope's aging insulation today to protect it from the naked sun's heat.

Working six stories over the cargo bay of space shuttle Discovery, with the cloud-covered blue Earth as a backdrop, Gregory Harbaugh and Joe Tanner fitted insulation blankets over two rips in the protective Teflon cover.

It was a last-minute add-on to the work scheduled for the fourth spacewalk of the mission. NASA added a fifth spacewalk for tonight to finish the insulation job.

"I think we can declare victory on this one," Harbaugh said while working on the insulation.

Even as they struggled with the tough task, the astronauts took time to admire the unparalleled view.

"Look at that planet up there," said Harbaugh. "Unbelievable."

"Which looks farther away, the Earth or the shuttle at this point?" asked Mission Control's Jeff Hoffman, who was on the crew of the first Hubble servicing mission in 1993.

"It's a close call," said Tanner.

"The Earth," said Harbaugh. "Almost looks like you could touch it."

Indeed, the setting was breathtaking. The astronauts were standing on a platform lifted by the shuttle crane to the top of the 43-foot telescope. Counting the height of the device holding the Hubble, they were about 60 feet over the cargo bay, still securely tethered to the shuttle.

The insulation blanket was brought along on the mission to repair possible pinholes in the light shield — the barrel-shaped top half of the telescope. It was fastened with a nylon and steel drawstring onto handholds and bolts.

Area schools to stage spelling bees

Scurry County students will get a chance to test their mettle during the next few weeks as schools will conduct their annual spelling bees.

The first campus bee will be held Tuesday at Hermleigh School as the fourth through sixth graders' spell-off gets underway at 12:20 p.m.

Hermleigh seventh and eighth graders will compete for top honors on Wednesday, beginning at 12:20 p.m.

Two campus bees are slated for Thursday. West spellers will compete at 9 a.m and Northeast students get their contest underway at 2:15 p.m.

Two bees are set for Friday. Snyder Junior High School's spell-off will begin at 2:15 p.m. East spellers will face off beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Ira School will complete the campus bees with a spell-off on Thursday, Feb. 27.

The county bee is slated for March 7 at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. The top two spellers from each school will compete.

At Hermleigh, Brenda Kuss, spelling bee coordinator, will pronounce the words and other teachers will serve as judges.

Kris Murphy is the coordinator for the junior high's bee.

Dorothy Petersen is the spelling bee coordinator at West and Donna Farley directs Northeast's bee.

Northeast has 26 students competing for top honors.

Rebekah Thornton will be the pronouncer. Dictionary judges will be Barbara Owens and Triesta Lilly. Spelling judges include Danita Beccue, Susan Scott and Paige Shaw.

East's top 10 spellers will compete for the right to advance.

Wayne Kennedy, principal, will be the pronouncer and judges include Anne Adams and Donna Smith.

Warlord releases six remaining hostages

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP) — Warlord Bakhram Sadirov today released his six remaining hostages — including five U.N. workers — after talks with Tajikistan's president, a U.N. spokesman said.

The hostages were released after Tajik President Emomali Rakhmonov ventured into the mountains east of the capital to negotiate personally with the warlord and convince him to end the 2-week-old standoff without bloodshed.

All six hostages were freed early this evening and were headed back to Dushanbe with Rakhmonov, U.N. spokesman Milos Strugar told the ITAR-Tass news agency. The six were from Nigeria, Russia, Switzerland, Tajikistan and Ukraine.

Sadirov, who had demanded direct talks with the president, sent two representatives and one of the hostages to meet Rakhmonov in a village near his base about 50 miles east of the capital. It was unclear whether Sadirov ever joined the talks.

The warlord's spokesman told Russian news agencies earlier in the day the hostages would be freed regardless of the outcome of the talks.

A spokesman for the Tajik security ministry in Dushanbe said most of Sadirov's fighters moved deeper into the mountains today in case they should come under attack during or after the hostage releases. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Sadirov has held as many as 16 hostages, but has released 10. He continues to hold six hostages: two U.N. military observers, three U.N. refugee workers, and Tajikistan's security minister.

The hostage crisis that began Feb. 4 has moved haltingly toward resolution for several days.

Sadirov had demanded the government pick up and deliver 40 of his fighters from bases in Afghanistan. On Saturday, 33 of his comrades were handed over.

One of Sadirov's commanders, Said-Murad Kiyamudnov, told the Interfax news agency that the warlord felt betrayed because the government did not return all 40 and seized the ammunition of those it did deliver.

On Sunday, the government tightened its cordon around Sadirov's base and threatened to use force. With the mediation of Russian officials, Sadirov agreed to release five of his remaining 11 hostages — three U.N. workers and two Russian journalists — in return for face-to-face talks with the president.

ASK US

Q—Would you know what Darlie Routier's Texas Department of Criminal Justice's identification number is?

A—The number assigned to her at TDCJ's Mountain View Unit near Gatesville is 999220.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 62 degrees; low, 28; high Sunday, 66; low, 28; 7 a.m. Monday, 41; no precipitation; total for 1997, 1.85 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, low around 50. SE wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, cloudy, breezy; 20% rain chance. High around 65. SE wind 15-25 mph, gusty.

Ryan Thompson
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:33 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:22 a.m.
Of 47 days in 1997, the sun has shone 41 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The best way to predict your future is to create it!

- Anonymous

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Texas Lottery pulls Cash 5 ad after letter from college class

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Texas Lottery has pulled printed ads for its Cash 5 game from stores after a college statistics class sent a letter claiming that possible winnings in the game were being exaggerated.

The class at San Antonio College, which was using Cash 5 data to practice statistical analysis, determined that someone who matches all five numbers in the game could win $57,575.70.

In-store ads for the game, however, state that five-of-five winners can win $75,000.

Lottery Commission spokesman Steve Levine said Cash 5 television ads won't be changed, and the decision to remove the printed ads is not an admission of error.

"The students just came up with a different way of finding their figures than we did; we're not saying their way is right," Levine told the San Antonio Express-News.

"We decided to pull the ads because that's the first thing we do when we get a legitimate and reasonable complaint about our advertising ... and we already were thinking about renewing our ads."

Gerald Busald, who teaches the 16-member, sophomore-level statistics class, said students checked their numbers before sending their complaint.

Routier's story not bound for TV film

HOUSTON (AP) — The tale of Darlie Routier, the mother sent to death row for killing one of her young sons, seems to have all the components that draw Hollywood to a crime.

So where are all the film crews this time?

Hollywood insiders say studios are shying away in large part because of an increasing reluctance to portray violence against children as entertainment.

"This has become a massive no-no for television," said Steve Fisher, who sells true-crime stories to various studios for the Renaissance Literary and Talent Agency in Los Angeles.

"Even implied violence, off-screen violence — the networks are saying 'no.' They just don't want to go near that."

Fisher also said the 27-year-old homemaker from suburban Dallas lacks the national notoriety of other cases. He points out that Ms. Routier received far less national attention than Susan Smith, a South Carolina mom accused of drowning her sons.

"Any other garden-variety Susan Smiths out there," Fisher said. "If they don't make it to the cover of People magazine, their story is going to be completely unsalable."

Texas crimes seem to have a knack for ending up on television, most recently the stories of two cadets accused of killing a high school girl as part of a love triangle and the cheerleading mother saga.

Other modern-day Texans featured in crime-related movies have included serial killer Henry Lee Lucas, millionaire Cullen Davis and mass-killer Charles Whitman.

Ms. Routier was sentenced to death Feb. 4 after being convicted for one capital murder in connection with the June 6, 1996, stabbings of two of her three boys.

Ms. Routier, who also was stabbed, said she and the boys were attacked by a killer who remains at large. She said she slept through the attack and awoke to see the back of a fleeing suspect.

Prosecutors argued she committed the crime and concocted the story of an attacker.



VISITORS — Lone Pedersen, center, Snyder's current foreign exchange student, is shown with her parents, Kenneth and Lisbeth Pedersen who will continue their visit in Snyder through Friday. From Denmark, they arrived last week. Lone's year-long visit is being coordinated through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Government-owned district for sex businesses proposed

HOUSTON (AP) — The city's most famous advocate of so-called family values and public decency now espouses legalized prostitution.

Geneva Kirk Brooks — well-known for fighting to keep Madonna's Sex book from public libraries — now wants to see a city- or county-owned district that would contain various sexually oriented businesses, including brothels.

Ms. Brooks, 73, said the AIDS epidemic and the rise of herpes prompted her change of heart regarding prostitution.

Although she still believes Larry Flint's Hustler should be banned, and while she has nothing but scorn for the owners of the city's topless bars, Brooks now says it is impossible to eradicate sexually oriented business.

So instead, such businesses should be confined to a single area, she told the Houston Chronicle for today's editions.

"I think the only thing we can do is to take one of the real dilapidated areas ... and just have a Boys' Town, like they do in other cities all over the world," she explained. "You'd only let adults in — no children. And if you have to read those trashy porno books, you can read them, but you can't take them out.

"The women should be registered sex workers and they ought to have regular medical exams," she continued. "It would be confined to a fairly small area that is centrally located and there would be no secret about what it is: prostitution and pornography."

Brooks is best-known in Houston for Citizens Against Pornography, which she founded 30 years ago after inadvertently catching a glimpse of an erotic movie. It was 1975, and she was so shocked she marched over to City Hall to begin her crusade.

Brooks became a regular at City Hall's public sessions — the once-weekly ritual in which citizens address council members.

Activist Ray Hill, who made a recent bid for City Council with the support of the city's sexually oriented businesses, has fought Brooks for years over the issues of personal freedom and pornography.

He said a quarter century of activism has changed them both.

"I think Geneva and I kind of learned together through common experience," said Hill. "Before, I was naive enough to believe that I could finally win the debate through the rightness of my cause. And what happened with Geneva was the proliferation (of adult materials).

"It's not going away," he continued. "I think the lesson to be learned is this: neither of us is going to ultimately and finally win this debate."

Texas Tech releases names of students on honor lists

LUBBOCK — More than 3,300 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall 1996 semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Students from Snyder named to the President's List are Jennifer Diane Hancock, freshman, arts & sciences undeclared; David Clark Kerr, sophomore, cell and molecular biology; Thomas Archibald Kerr, senior, biology; Gregory Mark McAden, sophomore, pre-occupational therapy; Amy Rae Patterson, freshman, French.

Also named was Alicia Dawn Kubena of Hermleigh, junior, multidisciplianry studies.

Students named to the Dean's List from Snyder are William Clay Collier, freshman, agricultural and applied economics; Lindsey Elizabeth Griffin, freshman, finance; Kara Beth Griffith, sophomore, arts and sciences undeclared; Holly Renee Jones, junior, multidisciplinary studies; Terry Lanell Kubena, junior, multidisciplinary studies; Kelli Nicole Lacik, sophomore, early childhood; Leddy Ty Lewis, senior, interdisciplinary agriculture.

Others named were Tammy Jane Logston, junior, multidisciplinary studies; Mark Alan Love, sophomore, finance; Leslie Brooke Lowrance, sophomore, business undeclared; Jannica Danielle Northerns, freshman, social work; Alanna Lorraine Stirling, senior, accounting; Melanie Jane Thompson, senior, early childhood; Allen Keith Ware, junior, electrical electronics tech.

Also named was Wendy Nicole Wilson Scott of Ira, junior, multidisciplinary studies.

Area and local students named to honor lists

STEPHENVILLE — The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student List for the fall 1996 semester has been released at Tarleton State Uninversity.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll must have a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system and be taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Distinguished Students include freshmen and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing.

Area and local students named to Distinguished Students List are Jeana Jones, from Gail and Heather D. Merrell from Snyder. July K. Danley, from Snyder, was named to the A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students Lists.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1997

You could be fortunate this year in establishing solid relationships with persons from all walks of life. It could be difficult to choose one friendship above the others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to keep very busy today; if you focus on your responsibilities without letting any frivolous interests sidetrack you, the results will be productive and rewarding. 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In order to thoroughly enjoy life and people today, the quality of your companions will be more significant than the quantity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is a good day to finish projects. Use this day effectively, because you're good at starting and finishing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep your schedule as flexible as possible today; you could become extremely restless and resentful if your day is too structured.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Focus your effort and attention today on matters that can contribute to your financial security. You could do well for yourself in this arena.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have an ability today to take charge and put awkward developments back on course. Associates might recognize this skill even more than you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Give credence to your intuition today. It could perceive things your logic might miss, especially pertaining to something you feel strongly about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Maintain high expectations in all your dealings today, even those you consider mundane. You could be in for several surprises.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will attract favorable attention wherever you go today. You have an aura of authority which is free of pretense and pressure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Involvement with others should turn out successfully today if you refrain from judging them. Do not be put off by shortcomings or overawed by attributes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Developments that require your personal attention should work out well today. You will use your resources effectively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Diplomacy and tact are your two best assets today. They can be used skillfully to ward off any annoying complications that could develop.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 2-A Key in the Lake Thomas east field, 15 miles southwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,900 feet, location is in Section 126, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Parker and Parsley Development has completed the No. 388 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 22 barrels of oil and 95 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,470-3,190 feet, and location is in Section 17, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

SDX Resources Inc. has completed the No. 14-35 Morrison in the Turner-Gregory field, six miles northwest of Westbrook. The well was finaled to produce 12 barrels of 26.2 gravity oil and 38 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,780-3,021 feet, and location is in Section 35, Block 29, T1N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Sheanandoah Petroleum has completed the No. 2-18 Macy-Lott in the Lazy JL field, 10 miles south of Post. The well was finaled to produce 69 barrels of oil and 69 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,775-f844 feet, and location is in Section 18, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Kent County

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 854 Salt Creek field unit, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 6,700 feet, location is in Section 165, Block G, W&NW survey.

Howard County

Costilla Energy Inc. will drill the No. 2-20A Hamlin in the Talbot field, 12 miles north of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 9,000 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 20 W.R. Settles in the Howard-Glasscock field, one mile southeast of Forsan. Contracted for 2,760 feet, drill site is in Section 135, Block 29, W&NW survey.

HAT Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 1 Pop-A-Top in the Luther field, three miles north of Luther. Planned for a depth of 10,500 feet, drill site is in Section 47, Block 32, T&P survey.

Fisher County

Great Texas Crude Inc. will drill the No. 1 Sheffield, a 6,500-foot re-entry wildcat located six miles southwest of Longworth. Location is in Section 6, Block Y, T&P survey.

Bettis, Boyle and Stovall will drill the No. 5 U.S. Gypsum in the LaPaloma field, three miles southeast of Longworth. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 7, Block 1, HT&B survey.

GP II Energy Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 106 Corey, a 6,862-foot wildcat located six miles north of Sylvester. Drill site was in Section 6, Block 22, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Pioneer Exploration will drill the No. 27-A Billie Hanks in the Hylton northwest field, six miles south of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 6,200 feet, location is in Section 28, Block Z, T&P survey.

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Sinclair Oil Corp. will drill the No. 1 Mildred in the Divide field, 17 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Planned for a depth of 7,000 feet, location is in Section 310, Block 64, H&TC survey.

Titan Energy Inc. will drill the No. 4207 Eagle in the E.A. field, three miles southwest of Nolan. Contracted for 5,800 feet, drill site is in Section 3, Block Z, T&P survey.

William R. Guffy will drill the No. 1 Bradford, a 5,400-foot wildcat in the Lake Trammel West field, six miles southwest of Sweetwater. Drill site is in Section 81, Block 22, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy will drill the No. 1 M.L. Compton, a 5,500-foot re-entry wildcat located 10 miles southwest of Maryneal. Location is in Section 92, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

Stargazers, FCE Club; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.; for more information, call 573-5144.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6 p.m.

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

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; program, Daryl Thomas with TU; hostesses, Donna Stehley, Nan Swanson and Tizzie Hall; 4:15 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; noon.

Scurry County Pen Women; hostess and gift, Bert Warren and Sherry Bryant; guest, Mrs. Schiebel to talk on "Punctuation;" program, Helene Tutt; 1:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 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

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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Catholic activists are seeking change

NEW YORK (AP) — While the faithful attended services inside Saint Patrick's Cathedral, dissident Roman Catholics were on the front steps stumping for change.

Members of the liberal group We Are Church passed around petitions in New York and nationwide Sunday, calling on the church to relax its stance on the ordination of women, celibacy for clergy, homosexuality and other issues.

"The majority of American Catholics are moving ahead regardless of what the Pope says," said Margaret Dubbins, of Los Angeles, who signed the group's petition on her way into Mass. "There's a silent majority within the church that is doing this anyway."

Leaders of the Fairfax, Va.-based We Are Church hope to get a million American Catholics to sign their referendum for change, said Sister Maureen Fiedler, the group's national coordinator.

"Jesus was open to dialogue with anyone, including people with whom he vehemently disagreed," said Sister Fiedler. "If our faith community is going to be true to that kind of church that Jesus left us, we have to be open to dialogue as well."

Organizers in Austria and Germany have gathered about 2.3 million signatures, and the movement is spreading to several other western European countries, she said.

We Are Church is calling for drastic change in an institution long wedded to tradition. The group's members want the Vatican to approve the ordination of women, drop its requirement that priests remain celibate and recognize the human rights of gays and lesbians.

They're also calling on the Roman Catholic leadership to give lay people a voice in the selection of bishops and pastors, and to allow them to exercise their own judgment on issues such as birth control.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North 02-17-97	
	♠ 10 9 5 3	
	♥ 7	
	♦ A K 9 7 4	
	♣ A 5 4	
West		**East**
♠ 4		♠ J 7 6
♥ J 10 5 4		♥ A K Q 9 3
♦ Q J 10 6 5		♦ 3
♣ 8 3 2		♣ K Q J 7
	South	
	♠ A K Q 8 2	
	♥ 8 6 2	
	♦ 8 2	
	♣ 10 9 6	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	4 ♥
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♥ J

Two weeks of gems

By Phillip Alder

The World Team Olympiad was held from Oct. 20 to Nov. 2 last year on the Greek island of Rhodes. Along with the deals featured last week that helped to decide the titles, there were many other excellent plays. This week's columns will highlight my favorites.

In this deal, four spades doubled was a popular contract, bid as a sacrifice over four hearts. Most went down, but Tom Hanlon from Ireland found the way home when given a little help by the defense.

West led the heart jack. East overtook to switch to the club king, which the declarer ducked. Hanlon won the club-jack continuation with dummy's ace, played a spade to hand, ruffed a heart in the dummy, played a spade to hand and ruffed his last heart in the dummy. However, now Hanlon couldn't immediately return to hand to draw East's last trump.

What was East's shape? He was known to have three spades. From the club and heart carding, he appeared to have four clubs and five hearts. If so, he had exactly one diamond. It was time for the Dentist's Coup: Hanlon cashed dummy's diamond ace before exiting with a club. After winning with the queen, East couldn't keep South out of his hand.

Note that if South doesn't cash the diamond ace before playing dummy's last club, East returns his diamond and gets a capping or crowning, according to choice, ruff in the suit.

When the opponents have sacrificed, it is (almost) always right to lead a trump. Here, a spade start would have dropped the contract into a bottomless abscess.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Daughter's Engagement Is No Cause for Mom's Celebration

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing because I am very disturbed by the lack of morals in our young people today.

Our daughter just became engaged after more than two years of living with her male friend. They didn't have the respect to care what we thought, and they knew how we felt because they were told that we will not visit them where they live. (We do see them at our home.)

They expected us to be delighted over their engagement. I felt it was time they were married, not engaged to live together for yet another year.

I was also surprised that her live-in boyfriend came to us to ask for permission to marry our daughter. (When they are breaking all the old traditions, why believe in this one?)

Needless to say, we were not very receptive, and said neither "yes" nor "no." After all, a few years of living together will not prove that their marriage will last.

I am also upset because our fine "strict" Catholic church doesn't address this subject from the pulpit.

I'd like to add that because of the live-in situation, I will neither have nor will I attend any bridal showers. Nor will I pay for the wedding. I would like to hear your opinion. I'm upset that things are this way and can't really enjoy my only daughter's wedding.

DISAPPROVING MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: Since you asked for my opinion, here it is: Obviously, you are hurting or you wouldn't have written to unburden yourself. Taking this rigid, insensitive, punitive stand will only increase your pain and reinforce your isolation from your daughter and future son-in-law.

You have nothing to gain and everything to lose, including contact with any future grandchildren, if you refuse to accept the young couple's decisions.

If it's not too late, please reverse your harsh decision, apologize to your daughter and her fiance, and enjoy the wedding.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about the letter from "Cannot Believe It in Florida," whose family spent more than $500 to entertain 12 wedding guests who collectively gave one inexpensive gift.

The next time she hosts a wedding, instead of seating guests in sections for "bride" and "groom," she should ask if they have given "expensive" or "inexpensive" gifts so she can seat them accordingly. Guests who brought a gift of value equal to the cost of their "admission" can enjoy the sumptuous meal and unlimited beverages, while those whose gifts do not measure up can line up for warm water and stale bread.

"Cannot Believe It" tried to show she has class and taste by describing the lovely wedding at an exclusive club, sparing no expense. But by writing and complaining to you about the unacceptable gift, she showed quite the opposite.

CANNOT BELIEVE HER IN VIRGINIA

DEAR CANNOT BELIEVE HER: I cautioned "Cannot Believe It" against approaching the guests about their gift. I hope she heeded my advice.

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DEAR ABBY: I know that this is going to sound like a silly question, but I really need to know: Is the word "harassment" pronounced "huh-*rass*-ment" or "*hair*-us-ment"? Even on the news they pronounce it differently.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

DEAR BAKERSFIELD: Although Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (Tenth Edition) lists two pronunciations for the verb "harass," the first (and preferred) pronunciation is with the emphasis on the *rass*. Presumably the same holds true for the noun "harassment."

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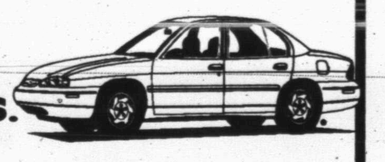
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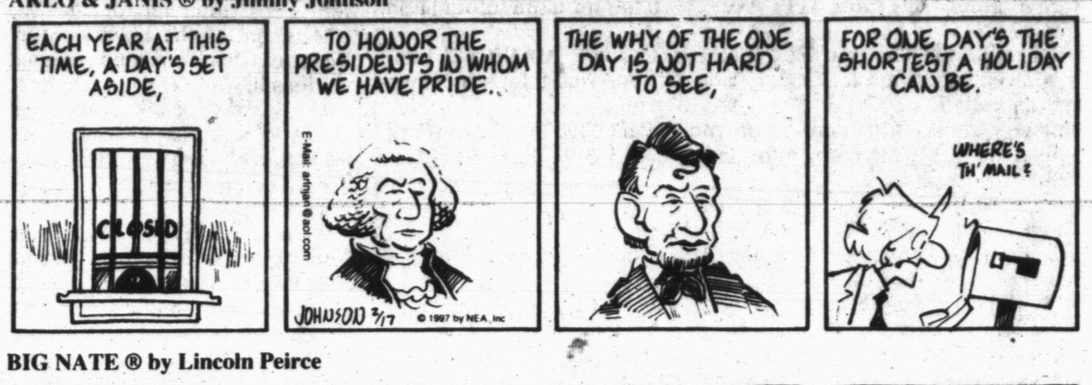
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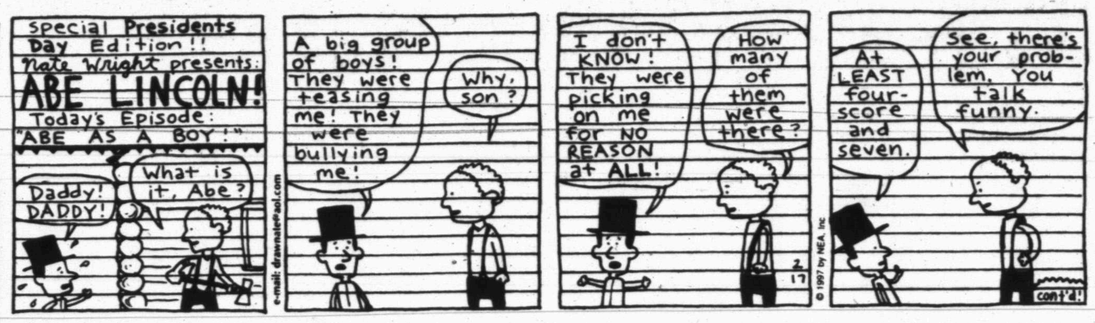
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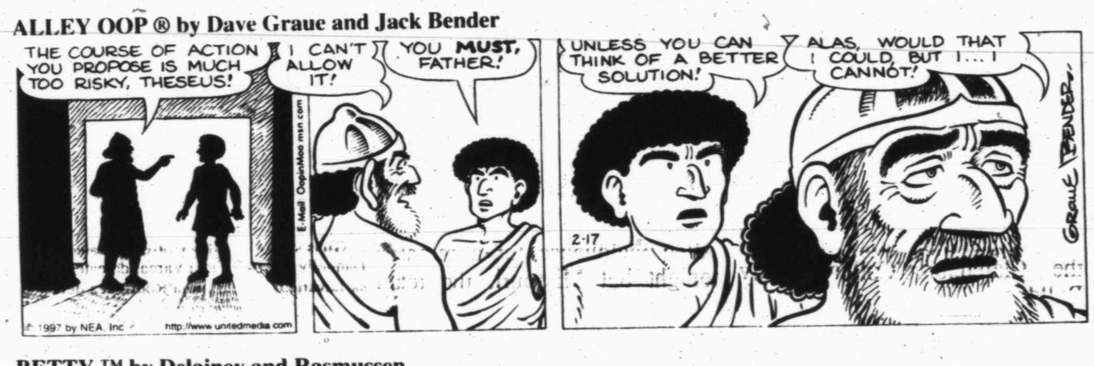
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ACROSS

1 Himalayan country
6 Palsy-walsy
12 Chide
13 Rest
14 Sorrel
15 Mistakes
16 Corrodes
17 Lhasa — (dog breed)
18 Jacob's son
19 — de France
20 Moby Dick's pursuer
24 Non-profit org.
26 Novelist Jong
27 Roman 1,006
30 Head of a monastery
32 Prefix for pod
33 Author Fleming
34 Blue pigment
35 Fixed
36 Notches
38 Architect — van der Rohe
40 Of grades K-12
41 Angry
42 Bee's home
46 Like a model
48 Swellings
49 Sheep meat
52 Hidden
53 Turmoil
54 Army command (2 wds.)
55 San Francisco team
56 — of the ball

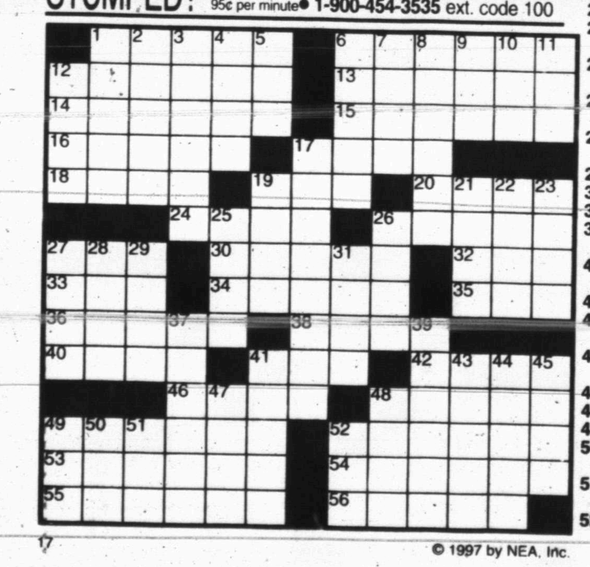
DOWN

1 Connected group
2 Use a pencil end
3 Trivial
4 Himalayan plant
5 — Miserables
6 Dress material
7 Towel word
8 Din
9 Extinct bird
10 Utah hrs.
11 Cry of affirmation
12 Cold wind
17 Resident of Selma
19 Missile abbr.
21 Popular songs
22 Land measure
23 Fishing lure
25 Religious service
26 Feminine suffix
27 Belonging to me
28 Colorado ski resort
29 1/12 of a foot
31 Foul smelling
37 Baby cat
39 Gardening tool
41 After-dinner candies
43 Utopian
44 Part of a poem
45 Ancient Italian family
47 Emcee
48 Observe
49 Coffee holder
50 Prefix for corn
51 Singing syllable
52 Taxi

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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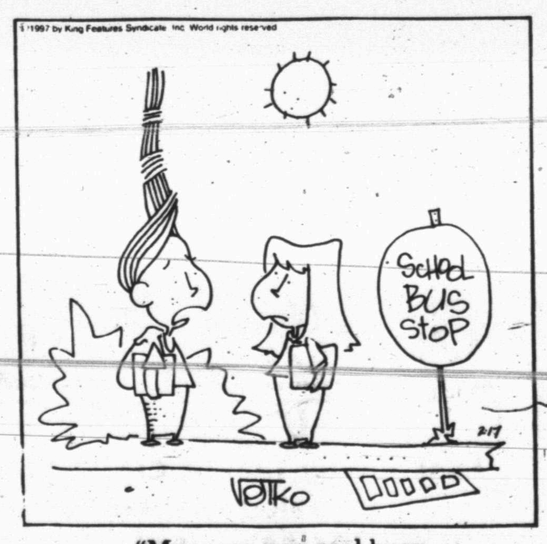
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"WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?"

SPORTS

Lady Tigers win own meet; boys' golfers finish third

The SHS girls' varsity golf team won its own tournament last weekend while the boys' varsity finished third.

At the Snyder County Club, the Lady Tigers garnered first in the 11-team field, shooting a team total of 327, 30 strokes ahead of the field.

Keisha Gafford fired led the Lady Tigers with a 77 on the par 72 course. Daysha Weaver shot a 79, and Julie Doolittle fired an 85. Alissa Wells finished with an 88, and Lacie Kidd shot a 95. Misty Williams finished with a 96, and Randi Reed turned in a 105.

Midland Lee finished second with a team total of 357. Crystal McHafee shot an 81 to lead the Lady Rebels.

Abilene High took home third with a team total of 367. Allie Curry fired her team's low score, an 88.

"We played pretty close to our potential," said coach Matt Glenn. "We shot a 327, and the closest team to us shot a 357, which is 30 strokes behind."

The Tigers finished third out of seven teams with a team total of 343 on the par 70 course at Western Texas College.

Troy Allen led the Tigers, shooting an 84, and Craig Billingsley fired an 85. Jacob Smith and Nick Long each shot an 87. Ryan Hale turned in a 93.

Lamesa captured first with a team total of 331. Jason Adams fired a team low 79.

Colorado City finished second with a team total of 336. Cody Carpenter shot a 74 for C-City.

"We could play better than we did." said Glenn. "We're going to have to get better. Lamesa is going to be the team to beat, so we have to go after them. The team this year is young,without much varsity experience."

Action for the Tiger linksters continues Thursday with the boys traveling to Midland and the girls competing in San Antonio.

Netters win dual matches

The Snyder Tiger tennis team continued its tuneup for the upcoming district tournament by defeating both Monahans and Pecos in dual matches Saturday.

The Tigers ripped Monahans 16-6. The Tigers swept the men's doubles and lost only one of four in the women's doubles.

The Tigers defeated Pecos 9-6. The Lady Tigers took all four doubles matches without dropping a set.

"These matches are basically just warmups to prepare us for the upcoming tournaments." said coach Chad Redwine. "Our first tournament is in Sweetwater on Feb. 28-March 1, and it will be important since we will be playing against teams from our district. This will help us in seedings for the district tournament on April 11-12."

Snyder 16, Monahans 6

Boys singles: Jaime Juarez lost 6-0, 7-6, 6-3 to Caleb Clark; Brett Gibson defeated Raul Salinas 7-5, 6-2; Todd Hall defeated Kyle Clemmer 6-2, 6-3; Ty Jones defeated Justin Yates 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; Spanky Levens defeated Drew Skinner 6-3, 6-1; Jon Hensley defeated Joe Hawkins 6-4, 6-1; Dallas Jones defeated Jaime Easley 6-2, 6-0.

Boys doubles: Juarez/Jones defeated Clark/Salinas 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; Hall/Gibson defeated Clemmer/Yates 6-2, 6-3; Levens/Hensley defeated Skinner/Hawkins 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-0).

Girls singles: Laura Gonzales defeated Christina Wilburn 6-2, 6-2; Cailey Coffee lost to Erin Armstrong 5-7, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4); Vicki Vargas lost to Lecia Baker 6-3, 7-5; Lidia Rodriguez defeated Maria Villezcas 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; Angela Sanchez lost to Amanda Rawman 8-1; Andrea Pavlik defeated Amy Vires 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; Veronica Carrisales defeated Heather Carter 8-5; Natalie Hill lost to Allison Stradley 8-4.

Girls doubles: Gonzales/Vargas defeated Wilburn/Baker 6-4, 7-5, 6-2; Coffee/Sanchez lost to Armstrong/Bowman 2-6, 7-6, 6-2; Rodriguez/Pavlik defeated Villezcas/Vires 6-4, 1-6, 6-1; Carrislaes/Hill defeated Carter/Stradley 7-5, 5-7, 7-5.

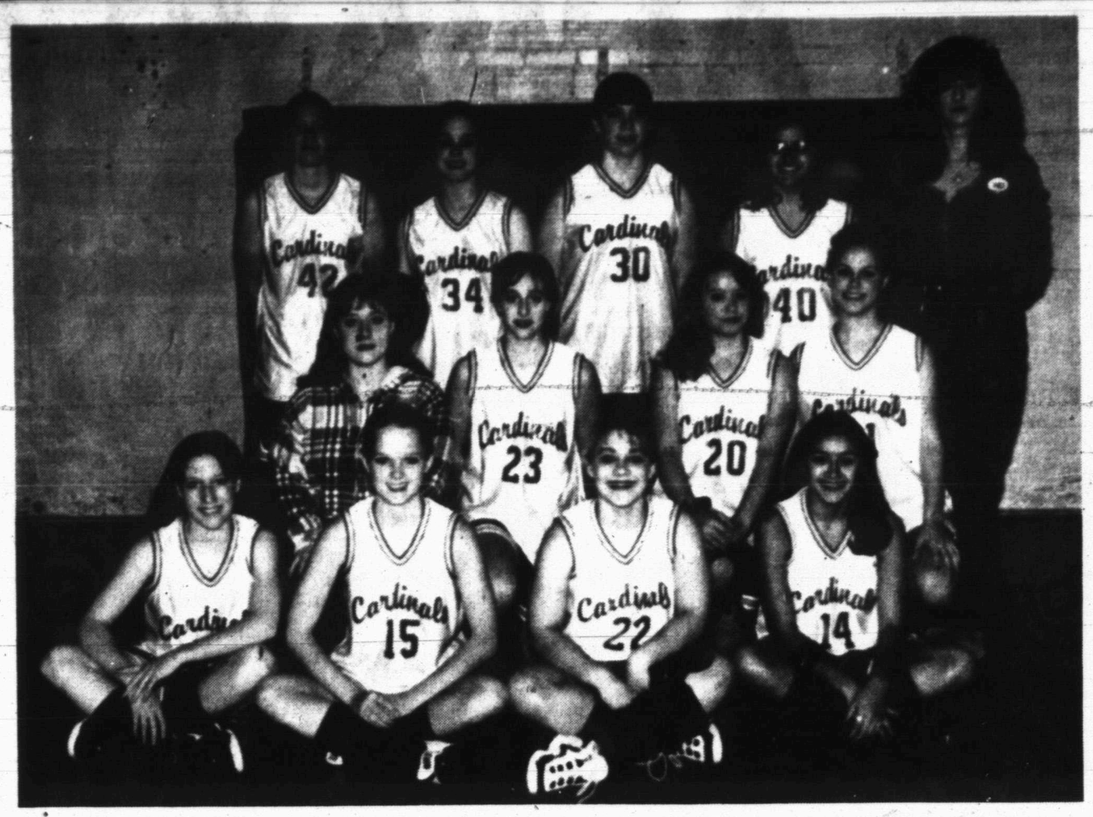
Snyder 9, Pecos 6

Boys singles: Jaime Juarez lost to David Zuniga 7-5, 2-6, 7-6; Brett Gibson lost to Jonathan Fuentes 6-2, 6-4; Todd Hall defeated Mark Marquez 7-5, 4-6, 7-6(7-3); Ty Jones defeated Tye Graham 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; Spanky Levens won by default; Dallas Jones defeated Jeff Lam 0-6, 6-4, 6-3;

Boys doubles: Juarez/Jones defeated Marquez/Becktel 6-2, 6-2; Hall/Gibson lost to Zuniga/Fuentes 6-1, 6-4; Jones/Hensley lost to Graham/Lam 6-4, 6-0.

Girls singles: Cailey Coffee defeated Nicki Dannelly 6-0, 6-1; Vicki Vargas defeated Melissa Lavarie 6-2, 6-3; Lidia Rodriguez defeated Vanessa Miranda 6-0, 6-2; Angela Sanchez defeated Tressa Minjarez 6-0, 6-0.

Girls doubles: Rodriguez/Pavlik defeated Dannelly/Lavarie 6-1, 6-0; Carrisales/Hill lost to Minjarez/Miranda 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.



DISTRICT CHAMPS — The Hermleigh Lady Cardinals finished their season as District 6A champions with a 6-0 record. The Lady Cards fell to Robert Lee, 54-41, in the bi-district playoff Friday night in Sweetwater. Pictured from left sitting are Randi Herrington, Melissa Brasuel, Michelle Roemisch and Ester Martinez. Second row: Manager Amanda Berry, Kendra Dacus, Brandy Wood and Kara Engle. Back Row: Anna Tahkapaa, Kelly Gonzales, Jennifer Roemisch, Crystal Jackson and coach Brandye Hughey. (SDN Staff Photo)

Kansas, Missouri in rematch tonight

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Eddie Sutton, who knows a thing or two about college basketball, was asked last November, "Who's going to beat Kansas?"

"Nobody," the Oklahoma State coach had said. "Well, they're probably not going to go through the entire season without losing a game. But they might."

Of course, they didn't.

After dealing No. 15 Colorado a 114-74 defeat Saturday night, the top-ranked Jayhawks stand 25-1 overall and 11-1 in the Big 12. And who should be coming to Allen Fieldhouse for a rematch tonight but Missouri, the team that's responsible for the "1."

Missouri may wish it had gone ahead and lost to the Jayhawks in their first meeting because right now Roy Williams' team is probably playing about as well as it could possibly play.

Or is it?

"I think we can play better," the Kansas coach said after Raef LaFrentz scored 23 points in the clobbering of Colorado. Then he added with a wry smile, "It was fun out there tonight."

In the Big 12's only Sunday game, Tyronn Lue scored 22 points, 19 in the second half, as Nebraska beat Texas 79-67 in Lincoln, Neb.

In other Saturday games, Baylor beat No. 21 Texas Tech 77-76 in overtime; No. 9 Iowa State used a 12-0 run late to rally for a 62-58 victory over Kansas State; Missouri overcame an early deficit to beat Oklahoma 80-73, and Oklahoma State edged Texas A&M 62-60.

At Lawrence, Williams figured the star of the game was not LaFrentz, who now has topped 20 points in seven straight games since center Scot Pollard was sidelined by a stress fracture in his foot.

Clarendon nips Western Texas

The Western Texas College Lady Westerners lost their tenth straight game Saturday, 51-47, to the Clarendon College Lady Bulldógs.

WTC was only down 26-19 at the half, but the Lady Bulldogs were able to hold WTC at bay in the second.

Shanna Gathright and Celestine Otuoro led the Lady Westerners with 11 apiece, while Kelley Willson knocked down 9. Shawna McKee hit for 7, and Freda McKnight and Jessica Jeffrey added 4 apiece. Angelica Brooks finished with 1.

WTC is now 2-12 in conference action and 4-24 for the season.

Next up for the Lady Westerners are the Howard College Lady Hawks. The Lady Hawks are ranked seventh in the nation and own a 13-2 conference record and a 24-3 season tally.

In their previous conference meeting, Howard edged the Lady Westerners, 46-32, in the Scurry County Coliseum. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring.

Three district teams advance

District 2-4A still has three teams in the state basketball playoffs.

The Levelland Loboettes continued their winning ways Saturday with a 47-36 win over the Hereford Lady Whitefaces. The 28-3 Loboettes will now face the Stephenville Lady Yellow Jackets, at 7 p.m. tonight in Merkel. Stephenville is coming off a close 60-55 win over Fort Worth Arlington Heights. The Lady Yellow Jackets are 23-8 for the season.

On the boys side, the Plainview Bulldogs ripped Hereford, 65-49, to advance. The Bulldogs, District 2-4A runnersup, are 17-14 for the season, and will face the El Paso Bowie (21-8) , at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Midland College Chaparral Center.

Estacado, the district's championship team, will play its first playoff game Tuesday against the 10-23 Andrews Mustangs. Estacado, who is 16-15 for the season, received a first round bye. The game will be played at 7 p.m. in Seminole.

Levelland, which defeated Snyder for the third playoff spot, was defeated Friday by Canyon, 54-49.

Myers new Tech AD

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech interim athletic director Gerald Myers was expected to be offered the job permanently today after the only other finalist withdrew from consideration.

School officials scheduled an early afternoon news conference to discuss the athletic director's job.

Spokesman Richard Kilwien said it would be "safe to say" that Myers will get the job after the withdrawl Sunday of Minnesota associate athletic director Jeff Schemmel from consideration.

Myers declined comment Sunday evening.

Schemmel pulled out the same day the Houston Chronicle reported that football stars Byron Hanspard and Casey Jones did not pass a single course last season. The Tech football program already has been under scrutiny from the NCAA for more than a year.

College scores

By The Associated Press

EAST

Boston College 74, Seton Hall 57
Drexel 83, Hofstra 70
Loyola, Md. 77, Niagara 68
Rhode Island 85, Temple 82
St. Joseph's 77, Fordham 66
Villanova 75, Notre Dame 70

SOUTH

Memphis 62, Tulane 56
N. Carolina St. 60, Wake Forest 59

MIDWEST

Bradley 70, Indiana St. 50
Detroit 72, Wis.-Green Bay 36
Indiana 84, Michigan 81, OT
Nebraska 79, Texas 67
St. Louis 56, DePaul 45

FAR WEST

New Mexico 57, Tulsa 51

NBA at glance

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	39	12	.765	—
NewYork	37	14	.725	2
Orlando	24	24	.500	13½
Washington	23	27	.460	15½
NewJersey	15	35	.300	23½
Philadelphia	12	38	.240	26½
Boston	11	39	.220	27½
Central Division				
Chicago	45	8	.882	—
Detroit	37	13	.740	7½
Atlanta	33	16	.673	11
Charlotte	30	21	.588	15
Cleveland	27	22	.551	17
Milwaukee	24	26	.480	20½
Indiana	23	26	.469	21
Toronto	17	33	.340	27½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	36	14	.720	—
Houston	33	18	.647	3½
Minnesota	25	26	.490	11½
Dallas	16	31	.340	18½
Denver	17	35	.327	20
SanAntonio	12	37	.245	23½
Vancouver	11	43	.204	27
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	37	14	.725	—
Seattle	35	15	.700	1½
Portland	28	24	.538	9½
Sacramento	23	29	.442	14½
L.A.Clippers	20	27	.426	15
GoldenState	19	30	.388	17
Phoenix	19	33	.365	18½

Sunday's Games

New York 89, Indiana 80
Detroit 92, Toronto 89
Seattle 102, L.A. Lakers 91
Minnesota 107, Phoenix 96
Chicago 110, Orlando 89
Denver 112, Philadelphia 97
Sacramento 105, Golden State 85
Portland 118, Boston 106

Monday's Games

Milwaukee at Washington, 12 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Indiana, 5 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
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Hanspard and Casey Jones posted 0.00 GPAs in 1996

HOUSTON (AP) — All-America running back Byron Hanspard and lineman Casey Jones completed last fall's semester at Texas Tech University without passing a single course, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Hanspard, who rushed for 2,084 yards and won the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back, finished the semester with a grade-point average of 0.00, the Chronicle said, citing unidentified sources.

A day after Tech's 27-0 loss to Iowa in the Alamo Bowl, Hanspard — a junior — announced he would make himself eligible for the 1997 NFL draft.

Jones, a senior offensive lineman, also posted a 0.00 GPA last fall, the Chronicle said.

Jones was ruled ineligible at the beginning of the season, but was able to play in the Red Raiders' final six games after obtaining a series of court orders blocking the ruling.

The Tech football program has been under scrutiny from the NCAA for more than a year. Some Tech faculty members have voiced concerns over players missing classes or expecting special treatment.

When contacted Sunday at his home, coach Spike Dykes told The Associated Press he could not confirm whether the players failed coursework last fall.

"I really can't comment on that because that's information that's not supposed to be, it's supposed to be private," Dykes said.

Hanspard, a licensed minister, told The Dallas Morning News: "I've always passed and I've never been on academic probation. The devil always tries to bring something bad on people doing his (God's) work."

He questioned the importance of the report. "If it happened, it's irrelevant anyway because I am not even in school," Hanspard said.

Jones said he would not worry about the report.

"I'd like to keep all of that stuff at Tech in the past and move on," he told The Morning News.

When asked if the GPAs of Hanspard and Jones concerned him or whether Tech should be doing more to ensure that student athletes are really students, Dykes said eligibility under NCAA rules was his only concern.

Under NCAA rules, a player who fails all his classes during a fall semester can participate in a bowl as long as he remained enrolled in at least 12 hours, the NCAA's minimum standard for a full-time student, during the semester.

"I think what concerns me is if you're eligible to participate, you're eligible. If you're not eligible, you're not. To me that's as far as it goes," he said.

Tech's rules are no different than any other college overseen by the NCAA, Dykes said.

"We have the same standards as everybody else in the NCAA," he said.

Interim Tech athletic director Gerald Myers declined to discuss the players' grades Sunday, citing federal privacy laws, but said no rules were broken.

"There was not any school or department policy broken in any form or fashion in regards to any athlete," Myers said.

Last Wednesday, while appearing before the university's Faculty Senate, Dykes acknowledged that players with zero GPAs had participated in bowls but pointed out that the practice is allowed by the NCAA and is common "at every university I know of."

Asked during the meeting if the athletic department had its own policy basing bowl participation on academic performance, Dykes said only that a "recommendation" to do so had been made at one point.

Several current and former Tech employees, however, told the Chronicle that such a policy was in place during the 1994 and 1995 seasons.

The policy stipulated that a player could not participate in a bowl without passing at least six hours during the fall semester.

Softball squad drops 2 games

The Lady Tiger softball team failed to take advantage of the home field, losing a pair of games, and remaining winless in three outings.

The Lady Tigers hosted the Brownwood Lady Lions and the Lubbock Coronado Lady Mustangs Saturday.

Snyder took on Brownwood first, falling 6-2.

Brittany Drummond was the losing pitcher. Amanda Huff scored both Snyder runs and was one for two with two walks. Joanie Wemken went one for three and Keila Helms was one for one with a walk.

In the second game, Brownwood took on Coronado with Brownwood coming out on top, 15-5. The game was called in the bottom of the sixth due to the ten-run rule.

The Lady Tigers lost to Coronado, 7-2, in the final tilt. Huff was the losing pitcher, and went one for four at the plate. CeCe Valdez went two for three with two doubles. Shanna Fisk was one for three and Darcee Purcell was also one for three. Starla Davis went one for three with a double, and Monica Blume was one for three.

"I haven't found the right combination in our lineup yet." said coach Billy Hicks. "It may take a little while longer. We're getting some good hits and getting runners on base, but we're struggling to get them in right now."

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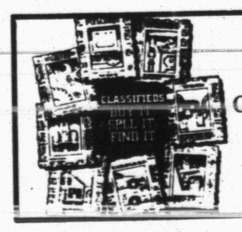
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FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — First came the news that a young black man had died of a cocaine overdose after jailers ignored his pleas for help and taunted him as he lay bound to a chair.

Then, just one day later another young black man was fatally shot in a gun battle with police.

The two incidents have roiled tensions in this coastal community, which is about 40 percent black, and brought strong criticism of the city's police force from black leaders.

"Those two things coming at about the same time were almost like a double whammy," said Havert "Coach" Fenn, a retired county commissioner and an elder in Fort Pierce's black community. "They certainly still have the black community in an uproar."

Fort Pierce Mayor Edward Enns insists that historically, "race relations are excellent" in the city of 36,000 about 60 miles north of West Palm Beach. But he said news of the two events coming out at the same has some people on edge.

"It could not have helped," Enns said. "While they have no connection, just the timing heightens the interest."

The treatment of 22-year-old Anderson Tate Jr. was captured by security cameras at St. Lucie County jail. Thrashing in restraints, the tape shows Tate begging for help from symptoms induced by the drug: "I don't want to die — I'm burning up."

In response, one deputy fanned him. Later, as Tate chanted a Muslim prayer, the same deputy clapped and stamped his feet. After three hours, Tate was taken to a hospital where he died about 11 hours later of "cocaine toxicity."

Details of Tate's treatment were disclosed at a news conference Feb. 5 after a two-month internal investigation. Deputy Jacob Reaves — the one seen taunting the young man — and Lt. Anthony Esposito, the jail supervisor that night, were fired and five others were disciplined.

For some, the fallout is not enough.

"Had this gentleman been white, there would not be that kind of treatment," said Charlie Frank Matthews, the current president of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "Now we're faced with history repeating itself. The good-old-boy system is in place."

On Feb. 6, ministers and civil rights leaders fanned out quickly to cool tensions before any violence broke out after news spread about the shooting of 19-year-old Vernon Huewett. Rumors that Huewett was unarmed raced through the black community.

It turned out that Huewett had a gun, and had used it to briefly hold a restaurant manager and his family hostage, and then shot at police as he tried to escape.

"The hardest thing to correct is a lie," Fenn said of the rumor that Huewett was unarmed. "By the time the facts were known, the community was already stirred up."

Tate's mother, Virginia Barrett, has sued the sheriff's office and other agencies, accusing them of violating her son's civil rights. The state attorney's office is still considering what, if any, action to take in the two cases.

The jail's supervisor, Maj. Lillie Miller, says she believes Tate's death was more related to poor judgment by the officers on duty than to racial bias.

"I don't feel this has anything to do with race, gender, creed or any of those things," said Miller, a former board member of the local NAACP.

Elizabeth Taylor celebrates birthday at AIDS fund-raiser

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was Elizabeth Taylor's night, though the legendary actress didn't see it that way.

Miss Taylor, who's facing brain surgery this week, was serenaded by Michael Jackson, Patti LaBelle and others during a star-studded celebration Sunday night marking her 65th birthday.

Inside Hollywood's Pantages Theatre, the audience was also reminded of the actress' colorful life, her love of diamonds and her seven husbands with videotaped footage spanning a career that began at age 9 and garnered two Academy Awards.

Madonna even gushed when speaking about how she used to watch Miss Taylor's movies, especially "A Place in the Sun.".

"I was so absolutely knocked out by her beauty," Madonna said. "I don't know what it is. I think it's this wondrous light that radiates from her and it always takes my breath away.

"Elizabeth Taylor has stopped making films but her life continues to shine in a much more wondrous passion."

That passion is AIDS, and the black-tie event raised more than $1 million for the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation from audience members who bought tickets at $500 and $1,000 each.

The foundation distributes money for AIDS research and treatment, but focuses mainly on day-to-day care for victims of the deadly disease.

Miss Taylor, who along with Jackson watched the tribute from chairs at the side of the stage, said she didn't attend the event to celebrate her birthday, but rather the cause she has devoted her life to for the past 12 years.

"I'm here to celebrate all of the people in the world with AIDS," she said. "Because of you and your generosity and your big heart, it has enabled ETAF to go all over the world ... and because of you they will be touched, they will be fed, they will be nurtured with your love. And I thank you so much for that."

Jackson, who escorted Miss Taylor along a violet carpet into the theater, earlier sang a song "Elizabeth," which he wrote especially for the event and for the godmother of his newborn son.

"Elizabeth, I love you, you're more than just a star to me," Jackson crooned.

Roseanne, Carol Burnett, Hugh Grant, Elizabeth Hurley, Lily Tomlin, Cher and Arsenio Hall also paid tribute to Miss Taylor, who shunned her traditional purple outfit for a green gown and coat.

Taking aim on game through greenish night-vision gear

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — At sunset, most deer hunters retreat from the woods and call it a day. Hunter Vermillion is just getting started.

Vermillion does his stalking after dark, using night-vision binoculars to scout for deer and other quarry. Before sunrise, he'll use the lenses, rather than a flashlight, to find his way to a prime hunting spot.

"You don't want all the game that's around knowing you're there," said Vermillion, an inn operator from Williamsburg. "It gives you an edge."

There's nothing illegal about spying on wildlife with equipment that makes the darkest night look like daytime, but it makes game wardens uneasy. Some fear the next move for hunters will be the use of the equipment to bag game at night. Hunting at night is illegal.

"It gives them a real effective means of breaking the law," said Maj. Herb Foster, the assistant chief of law enforcement for Virginia's game and inland fisheries agency.

The equipment allows vision comparable to what someone could see during the day through a piece of green cellophane. In New Hampshire last fall, a sharpshooter hired to control a deer herd used a rifle equipped with night-vision gear to kill 90 animals with 90 shots.

Sales of night-vision binoculars and other gear to hunters has jumped since Roanoke-based ITT Night Vision, the nation's top producer of the equipment, began a national advertising campaign a year ago.

Larry Curfiss, who directs ITT's consumer division, said the company sold between 7,000 and 8,000 night vision binoculars and monoculars last year.

Law Center kept busy throughout the weekend

Dispatchers at the Law Enforcement Center handled more than 90 calls over the weekend. Two people were taken into custody.

Officers arrested a 26-year-old male at 9:13 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of the north access road of U.S. Highway 84 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. A 41-year-old passenger was arrested for public intoxication.

Officers were called to the L&L service station at 3:14 p.m. Sunday in reference to a fight. A person notified officers that he had been assaulted by two other people but did not want to file charges.

In other activity, an officer was requested in the 3600 block of 40th Street at 10:51 a.m. Saturday in reference to criminal mischief. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Officers were called to the 2500 block of Avenue X at 11:05 a.m. Saturday in another case of criminal mischief. An offense report for Class A criminal mischief was filed.

At 12:30 p.m. Saturday, officers were called to a loud music disturbance in the 200 block of 33rd Street.

An offense report for Class C theft was submitted at 12:58 p.m. Saturday in reference to the theft of a water hose from the 3200 block of Avenue A.

Two reports of a child having a BB gun on the playground of Stanfield Elementary were made Saturday afternoon around 3 p.m.

An offense report for Class C theft was submitted Saturday at 3:49 p.m. in reference to a theft at the Movie Stop which occurred Friday night.

Officers were notified at 4:57 p.m. Saturday of juveniles shooting a BB gun toward houses in the area of the Golden Terrace Apartments.

At 2:12 a.m. Sunday, a report of a possible prowler was made at the Fieldcrest Apartments.

A deputy was requested at a residence in the 2900 block of Gary Brewer Road at 1:55 p.m. Sunday in reference to a window being broken in a residence.

At 3:32 p.m. Sunday, the fire department responded to the Bulldog Grocery at Ira in reference to a 1991 Chevrolet pickup being on fire. The truck, owned by Tanya Richards of Big Spring, received moderate damage to the engine compartment.

A clerk at Skinny's on East Highway notified officers at 5:35 p.m. Sunday of a gas drive-off.

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ADMISSIONS: Feb. 14-Luis Carrisalez, Rt. 3 Box 454; Brice Fuqua, Hermleigh; Melba Gasaway, P.O. Box 565; Jeannie Wilkinson, 1269 N. Ave. O; Novella Johnson, 2006 37th #16; Lonnie Scott, Hermleigh; Feb. 15-Jessica Highfield, 2405 35th; Melonie Lara, 1914 Coleman #3; Kaycee Loveall, 408 23rd; Feb. 16-Emma Huffman, 3741 Sunset; Raymond Robinson, 4390 CR 230.

DISMISSALS: Feb. 14-Kaila Bethel and baby boy, Jessie Gutierrez, Quinta Haymond; Feb. 15-Melba Gasaway, Pamela Guerra and baby boy, Miranda Ybarra, Novella Johnson, Lonnie Scott; Feb 16-none.

CENSUS: 52 (Med., Surg.-15, Long-term Care-37).

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Asteroid implicated in death of dinosaurs, researchers say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ocean core samples contain "proof positive" of a massive asteroid colliding with the Earth 65 million years ago and triggering a global extinction that probably killed off the dinosaurs, scientists report.

Richard D. Norris, leader of the international ocean drilling expedition, said Sunday that three drill samples have the unmistakable signature of an asteroid impact, including a brownish clay that he called the "fireball layer" because it seems to contain bits of the asteroid itself.

"We've got the smoking gun," said Norris in a telephone interview. "These neat layers of sediment bracketing the impact have never been found in the sea before. It is proof positive of the impact."

A team of international scientists, working on the drill ship Joides Resolution, spent five weeks off the east coast of Florida collecting cores from the ocean floor in about 8,500 feet of water. They drilled up to 300 feet beneath the sea bed, collecting sediments laid down at the time of the dinosaur extinction.

Norris said the deepest layers contain fossil remains of many animals and came from a healthy "happy-go-lucky ocean" just before the impact.

Just above this is a layer with small green glass pebbles, thought to be ocean bottom material instantly melted by the massive energy release of the impact.

Next was a rusty brown layer which Norris said is thought to be from the "vaporized remains of the asteroid itself."

The heat of the impact would have been so intense, said Norris, that the stony asteroid would have instantly been reduced to vapor and thrown high into the sky, some of it perhaps even reaching outer space. It then snowed down, like a fine powder, all over the globe.

Norris said brown deposits, like that in the core sample, have been found elsewhere and they have a high content of iridium, a chemical signature of asteroids.

Just above the brown layer, are two inches of gray clay with strong evidence of a nearly dead world.

"It was not a completely dead ocean, but most of the species that are seen before (early in the core sample) are gone," said Norris. "There are just some very minute fossils. These were the survivors in the ocean."

This dead zone lasted about 5,000 years, said the scientist, and then the core samples showed evidence of renewed life. "It is amazing how quickly the new species appeared," Norris said.

Robert W. Corell, assistant director for Geosciences of the National Science Foundation, called the core samples the strongest evidence yet that an asteroid impact caused the dinosaurs' extinction.

"In my view, this is the most significant discovery in geosciences in 20 years," he said. "This gives us the facts of what happen to life back then. I would certainly call it the smoking gun."

Although the impact with the asteroid occurred in the southern Gulf of Mexico, Norris went to the Atlantic Ocean, near the edge of the continental shelf in his search to document it. He surmised that the violence of the impact, followed by huge waves, roiled the Gulf of Mexico so much that the area was unlikely to have clear sediment layers dating to the dinosaur era.

Norris theorized that waves from the impact would have washed completely across Florida, depositing debris in the Atlantic. That is where he found it.

The ship bearing the core samples returned to port on Friday and the NSF announced the findings Sunday.

Date Book

Feb. 17, 1997

Today is PRESIDENTS' DAY; it is the 48th day of 1997 and the 59th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1801, the House of Representatives named Thomas Jefferson the third president of the United States.

On this day in 1897, the organization that eventually became the PTA was founded.

On this day in 1909, Apache chief Geronimo died at Fort Sill, Okla.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas Malthus (1766-1834), political economist; Marian Anderson (1902-1993), singer; Red Barber (1908-1992), sports broadcaster; Chaim Potok (1929-), novelist, is 68; Jim Brown (1936-), football great-actor, is 61; Michael Jordan (1963-), basketball great-baseball aspirant, is 34; Billie Joe Armstrong (1972-), singer, is 25.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1926, French tennis great Suzanne Lenglen defeated American tennis legend Helen Wills in their only meeting.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Population, when unchecked, increases in a geometrical ratio. Subsistence increases only in an arithmetical ratio. A slight acquaintance with numbers will show the immensity of the first power in comparison of the second." — Thomas Malthus

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1936, the temperature at McIntosh, S.D., dipped to 58 below zero.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 14) and new moon (Feb. 22).

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IT'S SATURDAY — Stanfield second graders presented "It's Saturday" last week. Margie Martinez' students are shown in the top photo. From left, back row, Amber Hildreth, Tenille Sylvest, Ross Taylor, Vanessa Martinez, Sesalie Martinez, Ricardo Silva; middle row, Melissa Newby, Kade Kruger, Terann Ragland, Ralston Loveall, Felicia Guzman, Lindsey Small; front row: Kendra Burns, Sean Velasquez, Brent Burleson, Michael Thurman, Josh Lara. Carolyn Martin's students in the middle photo are from left, back row, Stetson Kincheloe, Tylor Courtney, Charone Hill, Bailey Boyce, Justin Thamez, Whilley Fulford, Jaedi Baze; middle row, Leslie Floyd, Starla Early, Tasha Ball, Lucas Munoz, Joe Garza, Anthony White, Sebastian Zamora; front row, Matthew Garcia, Teresa Egan, Bruce Martinez, Brett Bowlin. Aleta Long's students in the bottom photo are from left, back row, Ramsey Herrera, LaShekka Richardson, Marcella Torres, Justin Flentge, Jordan Stansell; middle row, Kunal Bhakta, Monica Benavidez, Casey Smith, Wesley Price, William Greenwood, Thomas Atwell; front row, Jodi Ascol, Michael Martinez, Jada Bilano, Malcolm Deavers, Donald Jeffery, Paul Villanueva. Erica Munoz is not pictured. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Parks, Wildlife trying new grant program

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has kicked off a program that will pay landowners to help conserve threatened or endangered species on their property.

The agency is accepting applications for grants of up to $10,000 each to qualified landowners under the pilot program.

"It is no secret that the traditional, regulatory approach to endangered species conservation has met with some opposition among rural landowners and rural property rights advocates," said Parks and Wildlife director Andrew Sansom.

"We have a different approach that we think will work. We want to try the carrot instead of the stick by offering financial incentives instead of disincentives," he said.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has allotted $100,000 for the program, agency spokesman Tom Harvey said.

The Landowner Incentive Program seeks candidates who will be creative in protecting or increasing rare species on their land, while still engaging in traditional farming and ranching practices.

The deadline for applying for a grant is March 1. The agency said the highest priority will be given to projects that focus on one or more species and to landowners willing to share costs.

Officials said some ideas that may be funded include restoring native vegetation, adjusting grazing rates, fire ant control, putting up bird nest boxes and protecting habitat.

The state bird of Delaware is the blue hen chicken.

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More schools favoring uniforms for students

HOUSTON (AP) — School uniforms, once the signature dress of private and parochial schools, are suddenly mushrooming in popularity in Houston-area schools.

This year, 168 of 257 schools in the Houston Independent School District have uniform dress policies that range from standardized styles, like khakis and golf-styled shirts, to required outfits.

"It certainly has done a wonderful job as far as neatening up our campus," said Mary Ann Polhemus, principal at Houston's Ashford Elementary. "The kids look wonderful, the kids feel good about themselves. The fact that we are still seeing such a high compliance rate I think speaks very well for the fact that the kids like them."

Two years ago, state law gave districts the right to adopt rules requiring uniforms as long as poorer students get assistance. Parents opposed to uniforms were given the right to refuse or seek a transfer for their child as long as they had a legitimate religious or philosophical reason.

A bill recently passed by the Texas Senate would ensure parents a say in whether a public school can require uniforms.

Barbara Williams, spokeswoman for the Texas Association of School Boards, said more districts in the state are considering uniforms.

"I think it's good to some degree because of the brand frenzy we have," Ms. Williams said.

School officials also say it helps identify intruders who don't belong on campus, eases the strain on family budgets and promotes an overall better campus climate.

"It eliminates the fashion distraction," said Sheila Lidstone, spokeswoman for the Galveston district, where five schools adopted the wearing of uniforms.

"We're also able to track attendance better because kids in uniform can be spotted if they are trying to skip school," Ms. Lidstone said.

Ms. Polhemus said her school has adopted a policy called "uniformity with individuality."

Students are allowed a choice of red, white, yellow, green or blue polo shirts with khaki or navy blue bottoms. The girls also can wear multi-color plaid skirts or jumpers. Other options include school T-shirts in white or blue, and a denim shirt with the school crest.

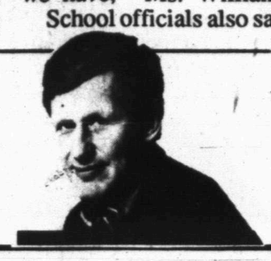
Students are not forced to comply, but between 85 percent and 90 percent of them do.

In fast-growing Fort Bend, nearly half the district's 29 elementary schools have uniforms. In Alief, three middle schools tried uniforms tried the policy last year and the district required them this year in every elementary, intermediate and middle school.

"I think one of the things we're teaching kids now is that you dress one way for work, and you dress another way for play or for entertainment," said Joe Dombrowski, principal of Alief's Albright Middle School. "I think when the kids get in their uniforms and come to school, they are more focused on what they are going to do here."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Does caffeine worsen PMS?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that beverages containing caffeine can worsen the symptoms of premenstrual syndrome?

DEAR READER: Yes and no.

Some women with PMS discover that caffeine worsens the symptoms of moodiness, irritability and weight gain when the beverages are consumed just before menstruation, when PMS is most troublesome.

On the other hand, a majority of PMS sufferers have found that some caffeine — a mug or two of coffee or a couple of glasses of soda — may actually help relieve the symptoms of PMS.

All this is a long-winded way of saying that women's reactions to caffeine differ; thus, there is no hard-and-fast rule about PMS and caffeine.

Women should note how their bodies react to caffeine and either use the stimulant or avoid it depending upon the results it causes.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am an 80-year-old woman in good health. My doctor has encouraged me to have a bone-density test. What is this? Is it dangerous? Do I need it? Also, I understand that the medicines used to treat osteoporosis are expensive. Will I have to take them?

DEAR READER: As men and women age, they lose calcium from their bones, and their bone tissue diminishes, leading to possible fractures and the potential for serious disability. Women are, as a general rule, more susceptible to this affliction, which is called osteoporosis.

At age 80, you almost certainly have lost significant bone mass — but no one can say how much until you have had a bone-density study.

Actually a type of X-ray test, bone densitometry is safe and painless. The results will provide important information that your doctor can use in suggesting treatment. For example, in the event that you have only mild osteoporosis, he might recommend only calcium supplements; but, if your osteoporosis is advanced, he'd probably prescribe a drug, such as Fosamax, to increase bone density. (Like other drugs used for osteoporosis, Fosamax is expensive.)

The bone-density study will help your physician to assess your needs. I advise you to follow his advice and have the test. (Remember, however, that Medicare may not pay the $200 to $300 that it costs, so you may be "out of pocket.")

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

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Parking places for pregnant women, new moms set aside

ROSWELL, Ga. (AP) — Perched over a pair of parking spaces, the smiling stork on the shiny new sign offers a surprise for drivers who think they've just scored a prime spot near the supermarket door:

"New and expectant moms only."

Take another lap around the parking lot, pal — spots for mothers are multiplying from Georgia to Texas and Arkansas to Illinois.

"You're carrying all this weight around, you're not feeling as good as you usually do," says Caroline King of Atlanta, who is eight months' pregnant with her second child. "I think they are great."

"We think that for those who are handicapped and pregnant it's the right thing to do," says Brent Scott, a spokesman for the Cincinnati-based — and mom-friendly — Kroger stores.

This feathered figure is the guardian of the latest in parking privilege, but not everyone is necessarily feeling generous about it.

"What about people with warts on their feet?" asks E. Scott Gellar, 55, a psychologist who studies motorists and their behavior. "What about the elderly? Walking for some of us older folks isn't easy either."

Why not hemorrhoid sufferers? Or people suffering bad-hair days?

Wait just a second — if anyone needs parking privileges it's the parents of toddlers, says Joanie Randle of Athens, Ga., the mother of four children aged 4 to 9.

"Being pregnant is not a disability," Mrs. Randle insists. "That's not the time when you need extra attention. It's when you have a 2-year-old."

A Publix Super Market manager in Atlanta got the idea from a Cuban grocery. Kroger stores copied it from a supermarket in Colorado. And Venture discount stores, based in O'Fallon, Mo., have them throughout the Midwest.

The practice can't really be enforced because there is no penalty for stealing the spots, no pregnancy police writing pink and blue tickets.

They really aren't reserved then, are they? asks Gellar, a professor at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

"We learn we can do things in our cars and get away with it," he says. "'Hey, I don't have to read that map now. I'll read it in the car. I can put my makeup on in the car.' Well, people are going to say, 'I'm just going to park there.'

Lighten up, said mom-to-be Mrs. King.

"Aren't we taking this a little too seriously?"

Business and Industrial News

Countryplace has unique gift ideas

Glenda Glasscock and Clara Tate, owners and operators of Countryplace, carry a wide selection of gifts that are sure to satisfy everyone on your list, as well as many treasures for you to enjoy yourself. Whatever the occasion, Countryplace has just what you're looking for.

Dreamsicles are the number one collecting item in the world and Countryplace has a large selection to choose from. There's a Dreamsicle for every occasion and in every size so you are sure to find just the one you need.

All God's Children, Sarah's Attic, Cuddlesomes (Teddy Figurines) and Noah's Ark Collectibles are also available for all you avid or would be collectors.

Everyone loves Precious Moments and Glenda carries cake tops, knives and servers for the bride and groom and beautiful picture frames for that special picture.

Beautiful Dale Tiffany lamps are now in stock and will make an excellent addition to any home.

Glenda and Clara now carry Denby Stoneware which is dishwasher and oven proof, new colors of the Frankoma collection of dinnerware and the ever popular Blue Willow dinnerware.

Chantal cookware has been added to the kitchen department and is a must for the avid cooks on your gift list or for your own special indulgence.

Gorgeous Arthur Court serving pieces and frames make an exciting gift and one that will be cherished for years to come. You'll also find the Pintel Collection of serving pieces at Countryplace.

For the young ones there are stuffed Cherished Teddies and the Gund stuffed animals — a true delight any child would love.

Lotion, bath gel, hand cream and cologne by Caswell Massey can now be found at Countryplace. This natural fragrance is loved by everyone and worn by the famous.

Specially made linens by Glenda are available in tablecloths, napkins and placemats in exquisite materials and rich color tones.

Caspari paper goods are a must for your parties and you'll fine matching score cards and bridge pads.

If you're looking for a humerous or musical card for any occasion then Countryplace is the place to go for a large selection and for the music lovers there are tapes by Dino and Emile Pandolfi.

These are just a few of the new lines offered at Countryplace and of course all the items you've come to expect are still there. Remember that Glenda has a large selection of Yankee candles in two jar sizes, housewarmer gift boxes and small sampler candles and also offers a complete registry for the bride and groom and the infant.

Glenda and Clara appreciate your business and the opportunity to serve you with a complete line gift shop.

For all your gift giving or individual needs go by Countryplace, located at 4213 College Ave., or give them a call at 573-1817.



COUNTRYPLACE — Glenda Glasscock and Clara Tate, owners and operators of Countryplace, invite everyone to come and see the selection of gifts and personal items in their store's inventory. (SDN Staff Photo)

Travolta buys mansion

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Travolta's come a long way from Brooklyn's 1970s disco scene.

Travolta and his wife, actress Kelly Preston, recently paid $3.7 million for a Spanish-style home in this city's exclusive Brentwood area, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Zaire rules out cease-fire with rebels

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — Zaire's government today ruled out a cease-fire with rebels and accused the United Nations of ignoring what it called "a campaign of extermination" against Rwandan Hutu refugees on its soil.

A plane, believed to be Zairian, dropped bombs today on a rebel-held town in eastern Zaire, aid workers said.

U.N. World Food Program staff in the town of Bukavu said a plane made a couple of passes over the town today and dropped the bombs. Brenda Barton, a spokeswoman for the U.N. agency in Nairobi, Kenya, said there were no reports of casualties or damage. She had no further details.

It would be the first reported bombing of a rebel town since the rebels routed the government troops from a long swath of eastern Zaire. The aircraft was believed to have come from the direction of Kisangani, a major government stronghold about 300 miles northwest of Bukavu.

The government repeated its opposition to negotiations to end the conflict. In an angry declaration, it also accused the United Nations of ignoring the plight of Zairians displaced by the fighting and of concentrating only on the problems of aid workers and Rwandan refugees.

"This discriminatory treatment is incompatible with the missions of the United Nations in general and with the UNHCR in particular," Foreign Minister Gerard Kamanda wa Kamanda said after meeting U.N. special envoy Mohamed Sahnoun.

Sahnoun traveled Saturday to the northwestern village of Gbadolite, the isolated jungle hideaway of Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko, presumably to discuss U.N. concerns about what it says is the blatant arming of Rwandan Hutus in the massive Tingi-Tingi camp in eastern Zaire. Sahnoun didn't comment on the visit, but Kamanda's statement indicated there had been little progress on either that subject or the question of negotiations.

Zairian officials have denied that they are arming the Hutu refugees and said insurgents were using the allegation as an excuse to attack the camp.

Mobutu, who has been holed up in Gbadolite recovering from surgery for prostate cancer, has refused pressure to negotiate an end to the conflict, despite the failure of a month-old army counteroffensive to win back substantial territory.

Kamanda described the rebels as "a group of Tutsi executioners who are pursuing a campaign of extermination against Hutu refugees on Zairian soil."

North Korea eyes accepting Hwang Jang Yop's defection

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea indicated today that it might accept the defection of Hwang Jang Yop, the high-ranking North Korean official who has been holed up in South Korea's Beijing consulate.

"Our stand is simple and clear. If he was kidnapped ... we will take decisive countermeasures," a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said. "If he sought asylum, it means that he is a renegade and he is dismissed."

Previously, North Korea had refused to accept the defection, accusing South Korea of kidnapping Hwang and threatening retaliation. Hwang, a key communist theoretician and former tutor of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, is the highest ranking North Korean to seek asylum in the South.

The North Korean spokesman, who spoke on customary condition of anonymity, told Pyongyang's official Korean Central News agency that the North had asked Beijing to investigate Hwang's "disappearance."

Today's comment was the first sign of a possible solution to the tense standoff created by the Wednesday defection. North Korea had previously rejected the possibility that Hwang had defected.

"The comment seems to imply that North Korea will accept it if independent parties, like the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, rules that Hwang is a political defector," said Kang Ho-yang, spokesman for Seoul's Unification Ministry.

South Korea also said today that it will provide North Korea with humanitarian aid and nuclear reactors, despite tension caused by Hwang's defection and a suspected North Korean attack on another key North Korean defector.

Lee Han-young, 36, a nephew of a former wife of the North Korean leader, was shot and critically wounded Saturday.

South Korean police continued their investigation today but said they had no definite evidence proving North Korean involvement in the shooting.

Seoul officials believe that Pyongyang ordered the attack as revenge for the defection of Hwang, 73, a member of its highest decision-making body, the Central Committee of the ruling Workers Party.

"The North's reprisal has pushed us into a dilemma," Ban Ki-moon, President Kim Young-sam's national security adviser, told South Korean reporters.

Obituaries

William Henkell

1895-1997

William Lee Henkell, longtime resident of Scurry County, died Sunday, Feb. 16, in Burnet. He was 101. Graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Pyron Cemetery. Rex Boyd will officiate.

Mr. Henkell was born on April 11, 1895 in Fairland Indian Territory, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arnettie Odell Henkell.

Survivors include two daughter, Lucille Williamson of Marble Falls and Cleda Williams of Southlake; one brother, David Henkell of Big Spring; four sisters, Maggie Gilliam of Sanger, Calif., Mary Alice Cajanek of Rockwall, Burthina Williamson of Roscoe and Dorothy Peterson of Hermleigh; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Edna Peterson

1907-1997

LAMESA — Service for Edna Mae Peterson will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Lamesa Church of Christ. Mark Hackett, minister of the church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Peterson died Sunday, Feb. 16, at her son's residence in Snyder. She was 89.

Born on Oct. 25, 1907 in Vernon, she married Carl C. Peterson on Aug. 1, 1930 in Lamesa. He died on Jan. 15, 1989.

She moved to Lamesa in 1924 from Vernon. Mrs. Peterson owned and operated Peterson's Ready to Wear since 1947, and was a member of the Lamesa Church of Christ.

Pallbearers will be Eddie Peterson, Carl Clayton Peterson, Casey Caryl Peterson, Chad Christopher Peterson, Harvey Hanson and Harold Caldwell.

Survivors include one son, Eddie Peterson of Snyder; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Leo Neitzler

1926-1997

SWEETWATER — Leo George Neitzler, a native of Hermleigh, died Saturday, Feb. 15, in an Abilene hospital. He was 70.

Service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Ronnie Horton and Mike Goode will officiate, and military rites will follow in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born in Hermleigh, Mr. Neitzler was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He married Ruth James in 1981 in Lubbock.

Mr. Neitzler has worked for Carmichael Ford in Sweetwater for 44 years. He was a member of the Sweetwater Rifle and Pistol Club, the VFW and the First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Neitzler of Sweetwater; a son, Tony Neitzler of Abilene; a daughter, Carla Kay Neitzler of Midland; a brother, Eddie Neitzler of Sweetwater; and one granddaughter.

Doris Harwell

1925-1997

ODESSA — Doris Mahoney Harwell, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, Feb. 16, in Medical Center Hospital.

Service for Mrs. Harwell, 71, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Ernest Easley will officiate. Graveside service is set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Cottonwood Cemetery in Bryson, Tex. Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Born in Vernon, she moved to Odessa from Snyder in 1960. A graduate of Tarleton State University, Mrs. Harwell was a retired supervisor for the Texas Department of Human Services.

A member of the First Baptist Church, she married Charles Harwell on Oct. 16, 1964 in Odessa.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Harwell of Odessa; three sons, Greg Mahoney of Fluvanna, Larry Harwell of Odessa and Dr. David Harwell of Los Angeles; two daughters, Kris Farrow of Austin and Peggy Allen of Odessa; two sisters, Marye Brood of Birmingham, Ala., and Bobbie Miller of Collierville, Tenn.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Odessa Baptist Crisis Center where she served as a director during the first year of operation.

Scientologists not being treated like Jews, Albright says

BONN, Germany (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today dismissed as "historically inaccurate and totally distasteful" any comparison of Germany's treatment of the Church of Scientology to the Nazi era.

Albright registered the United States' "concerns" during an hour-long meeting with German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, who hotly rejected at a news conference later any suggestion Scientologists were being singled out as Jews were in Germany early in the Nazi period.

"We perceive Scientology not as a religion but as a profit-making organization," he said. "Scientologists are not persecuted."

Albright, who is of Jewish heritage and lost grandparents and other relatives in the Holocaust, agreed.

"Any discussion which draws comparisons between what happened under Nazism and what is happening now is both historically inaccurate and totally distasteful," she said.

Albright's stop here was her second in Europe. She then went on to Paris on her mission of trying to find common ground with U.S. allies on how to align Russia with NATO without giving it membership or a veto.

Kinkel voiced Germany's support for a French proposal that the four biggest NATO countries — the United States, Britain, France and Germany — meet with Russia in April on ways to allay Russia's concerns with the alliance's expansion eastward. "We have to do everything we can to make it easy for Russia to accept NATO enlargement," he said.

"On the central issue we have reached absolute agreement," Kinkel said of NATO's projected growth.

Albright again dismissed the French proposal, saying, "It is the substance that interests us, not the process."

She took her disapproval to Paris where she held talks with President Jacques Chirac and other French officials.

Kinkel is due to fly to Russia on Tuesday for talks with President Boris Yeltsin and other Russian officials.

Germany's support for the expansion of NATO was reinforced by Chancellor Helmut Kohl in a separate 75-minute meeting with Albright.

Afterwards, Kinkel noted, "We see eye to eye," although he insisted no agreement had been reached on which countries would come on board.

Albright concurred. "We are on the road to Madrid," she said.

She was referring to a meeting of 16 NATO leaders scheduled for July 7-8 during which invitations will be issued; Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic are leading candidates.

Germany's treatment of Scientologists was mildly criticized last month in the State Department's annual human rights report. It credited Germany with supporting religious freedom, but said "the Church of Scientology has come under increasing scrutiny by both federal and state officials, who claim that its activities do not full within the definitions of a religious organization."

And, the report said, major political parties excluded Scientologists from membership.

What's Up?

VFW meets this evening

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 tonight to make final plans for the District 8 meeting on Saturday.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Angels." The program continues at 7 this evening. It will be followed by lesson five in The Story of the Bible: "The Disciples."

'Making College More Accessible'

A satellite town meeting designed to help communities improve their local schools will air on Channel 32 at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The topic is "Making College More Accessible." Viewers can ask questions during the live telecast by calling a toll-free number. Guest on the show will be U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley.

Grief support group

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

GED testing dates slated

GED testing times are 6 p.m. Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. Wednesday. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

TASP Test review set

Western Texas College will hold a TASP Test review on Wednesday, from 1-2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. in room 101 in 7B.

The actual test will be administered Saturday. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 296.

All students who have completed nine semester hours must take the TASP Test before continuing their education.

Senior Swimnastics

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

Football booster club

The football booster club encourages players, parents and Tiger Moms from the 1996 football season to meet Thursday at the Edward D. Jones office.

urry Youth Center

Scurry Youth Center, located at the Boys & Girls Club, will be closed until further notice, due to remodeling.

SNS needs financial help

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

Adult education classes

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

Tiger baseball fund-raiser

Chances for a $500 trip certificate from Premier Travel will be sold for $2 each by Snyder baseball players, with a drawing set for 1 p.m. March 1. Proceeds will be used to purchase baseball equipment and help with travel expenses. Contact any high school baseball player for tickets, or call 573-3155, 573-7145, 573-7437 or 573-3298.

Free tax help provided

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

Kiwanis Pancake Feast coming

Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club members are selling tickets for their annual pancake feast, set for March 1 in the West Elementary cafeteria. The all-you can east feast will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tickets are $4. Children under age 6 can eat free. You can have tickets delivered by calling 573-0972.

Windbreak seedlings available

Windbreak seedlings have arrived at the NRCS office at 5309 Big Spring Highway and are ready to be picked up. Several different kinds are available for purchase.

Pick 3

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

2-0-3

(two, zero, three)

Lotto Texas

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

Winning numbers drawn: 3-27-28-37-39-45.

Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

Number matching six of six: none

Matching five of six: 90. Prize: $1,738.

Matching four of six: 4,766. Prize: $119.

Matching three of six: 98,807. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: $8 million.

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-14-19-23-27.

Number matching five of five: 6.

Prize per winnner: $32,475.

Matching four of five: 709. Prize: $412.

Matching three of five: 22,176. Prize: $22.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.