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Indictment dismissed in aggravated robbery case

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

The indictment against an 18-year-old former Snyder High School student for aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon was dismissed in 132nd District Court Thursday afternoon.

Joel Wayne Pulattie, who was 17 and a resident of Sweetwater at the time the robbery took place, will see the charge wiped from his background, said his attorney, Leland "Pete" Greene.

Greene declined to comment further on the dismissal.

The motion to dismiss the indictment came from 132nd District Attorney Dana Cooley.

"Over the last two weeks, Sheriff Darren Jackson and Texas Ranger John Billings have worked tying up loose ends in this case," said Cooley.

"They found some credible witnesses that established an alibi."

"They obtained information that we could verify through independent sources," added Cooley.

"Anytime we find we have the wrong person, we will do what is right," emphasized the District Attorney.

The order of dismissal stated that the evidence in the case was insufficient, and after the indictment was presented in the case, an extensive investigation was conducted by the state which revealed that the indictment had been a mistake, and/or insufficient information indicating an absence of probable cause at the time of the dismissal to believe that the defendant committed the offense.

Pulattie had been scheduled to go to trial twice this year, but it was postponed each time for different reasons.

In January, computer problems at the Scurry County Courthouse prevented jury notices from being sent. And in February, an extended civil trial postponed the trial once again.

The robbery took place in March, 1998, and Pulattie was arrested by Nolan County deputies at his home in Sweetwater a month later.

He was then transferred to the local jail and was released on a $20,000 cash bond.

Pulattie faced five to 99 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice if he had been convicted.

Pulattie was arrested following a picture line up with witnesses who walked into the Hermleigh Allsup's when the incident was taking place.

A second person who was alleged to have taken part in the robbery has never been identified.

That person has been described as a black male, age 16 to 20, and of medium build.

Snyder resident Faye West was the clerk at the store when the robbery occurred shortly after midnight.

During the robbery attempt, three customers walked into the store and one of them reported one of the suspects behind the counter, acting strangely.

The two suspects then fled out the back of the store and that is when West was found, bound and gagged with duct tape.

She suffered minor injuries in the incident and was treated and

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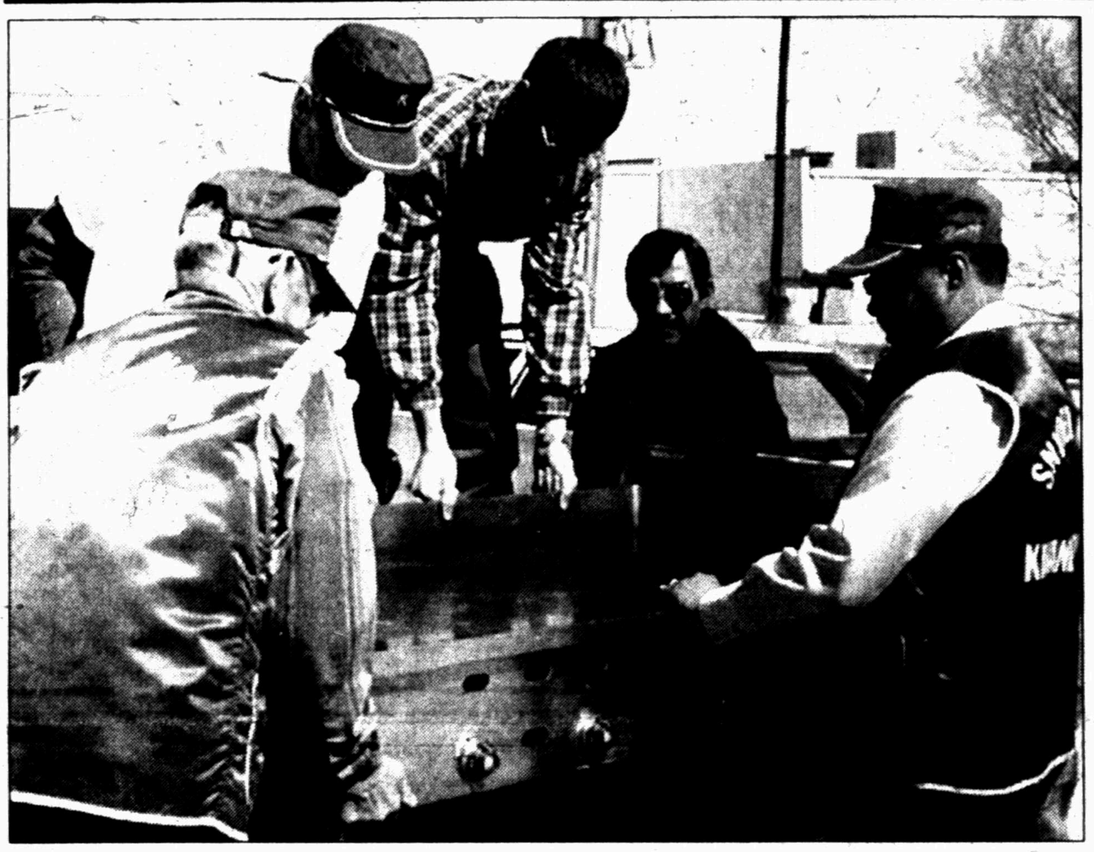

LOADING UP — Several members of the Snyder Noon Kiwanis helped in loading a grill which will be taken to West Elementary, the site of the Kiwanis annual pancake feast. The event will be held Saturday from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Pictured clockwise from bottom left are Joe Ellington, Avon Rushing, Brandon McNeil, Frank Luna, and Henry Valdez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gas rates to see slight increase

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

Snyder's City Council and Lone Star Gas reached a compromise on a gas rate increase Thursday evening and it will result in local residential bills increasing by 1.9 percent per month.

Commercial bills will increase by 3.4 percent, while Snyder ISD will see about a 20 percent increase as it will begin paying commercial rates in December.

Rates for residential customers will increase $3.24 per month from May through October, and drop 54 cents per month November through April.

Commercial rates will go up an average of $8.61, November through April, and $21.49 May through October.

The decision to raise the rates was a simple lesson in economics as a consultant hired by the city said the utility must have a fair rate of return.

It was also a lesson in give and take as Lone Star Gas filed an application in December to increase local natural gas rates by 4.63 percent, or a total of $73,448 yearly.

The city council hired the consultant — Bill McMorries — in January and he recommended the utility only get a 2.31 percent increase which would generate $36,685 for the utility.

Later, the utility adjusted its request to a 3.29 percent yearly increase, or $52,256 per year.

When it was all said and done Thursday evening, Lone Star Gas received a 2.82 percent increase as a result of the council's vote. That percentage will result in an increase of revenue of $44,757.

The increase to the school district was not a surprise as it was told in 1989 that the Texas Railroad Commission was recommending that all schools pay commercial rates.

The local school district will begin paying half the percentage increase this year, with the other half added in 2000 to ease its financial burden somewhat.

Following the special meeting concerning Lone Star Gas rates, the council met for its regular monthly meeting.

In quick order, the council approved the second reading of an ordinance providing for time of use rates for TU Electric customers, approved Ollie Peek as election judge and Rosalinda Tovar as alternate for the May 1 general election, and approved the first reading of an ordiance allowing for changes to the city's plumbing code.

The council also reappointed Donny Brown and Bob Martin to the city's planning and zoning committee, and Paula Bond and Ronnie Shields to the zoning board of adjustment. Current member Helen McLeod asked not to be reappointed.

The council tabled appointing new members to the builder's board of appeal, pending the determination of the correct number of members to be on it.

One member, Gary Hicks, did not wish to be reappointed.

The first of two hearings on the voluntary annexation of the Willow Park Inn was held with no public comments.

The council will address the annexation in a called meeting set for March 15.

Mayor David Holt presided at the meeting and council members in attendance were I.E. Martin, Vernest Tippens and Terry Martin.

Jerry Webb and Dayton Robertson were absent.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The problem with some self-made people is which creator they tend to worship."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

If you didn't attend a country church, then perhaps you have memories of visiting with grandparents or other relatives. Danny Andrews, in the Plainview Herald, listed some sure signs of a country church.

You might be in a country church if...

--The doors are never locked.

--The call to worship is 'Y'all come on in.'

--The preacher asks Bubba to help take up the offering — and five guys stand up.

--The restroom is outside.

--Opening day of deer hunting is recognized as an official church holiday.

--A member requests to be buried in his four-wheel drive truck because, 'I ain't never been in a hole it couldn't get me out of.'

--In the annual stewardship drive, there is at lease one pledge of two calves.

--Never in its entire 100-year history has one of its ministers had to buy any meat or vegetables.

--When it rains, everybody's smiling.

--Prayers regarding the weather are a standard part of every worship service.

--A singing group is known as 'The O.K. Chorale.'

--The preacher wears boots.

--Four generations of one family sit together in church every Sunday.

--The only time people lock their cars in the parking lot is during the summer, and then only so their neighbors can't leave them a bag of squash.

--There is no such thing as a secret sin.

--High notes on the organ set dogs in the parking lot to howling.

--You miss Sunday working and get a dozen phone calls by 2 p.m. inquiring about your health.

--Finding and returning lost sheep is not just a parable.

--People wonder when Jesus fed the 5,000 whether the two fish were bass or catfish.

Final words of the benediction are "Y'all come on back now, ya hear!"

Lorber studying feasibility of adding weaving machines

Lorber Industries of Texas is looking into the feasibility of adding between 93 and 100 weaving machines to its textile facility in Snyder, the Development Corporation of Snyder board was told Thursday.

DCOS Executive Director John DeLille said if the expansion is made, it would add up to 75 jobs at the facility, located in the industrial park.

DeLille said the firm is currently working on the financing of the expansion and this could be firmed up in a couple of months.

"If everything goes right, Lorber could be putting out their product in eight months," DeLille said.

The expansion would include construction of another 75,000 square-foot facility just to the east of the present structure, DeLille said.

Currently, Lorber employs 70 people in its spinning and knitting operations in Snyder. The company recently installed six knitting machines, following a training period at Western Texas College.

In another item related to the industrial park, DeLille said Lone Star Gas has provided additional information concerning a proposed gas line to serve the park, but DeLille said he did not feel the proposed line is large enough to handle possible expansion at the park.

DeLille also said two alternate routes for the gas line has been proposed, and that another company has also expressed interest in providing gas service to the park.

"By the end of April, we should have all the information available for the line," DeLille added.

In one action item, the board voted to transfer bond funds remaining in the construction account debt service account.

"This will pay for approximately 21 months on our bonded indebtedness," said DCOS board chairman Roy McQueen.

McQueen stated that the monthly obligation of the DCOS is $11,886 per m th.

The board tabled two items, including incentive agreements with YZ Industries for the company's planned expansion.

"We don't know right now if the company will expand at its present location, or at the industrial park," McQueen said.

"The good news is that they will maintain their present jobs and add 16 to 20 more when they do expand," McQueen added.

In January, YZ announced that it would move its LINC Manufacturing plant in Porter to Snyder by

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Swap meet, cars rolling into coliseum

The annual Snyder Wheels Car Club show and swap meet is underway at Scurry County Coliseum.

The swap meet is set for today and Saturday while the car show is Saturday.

A wide variety of vehicles will be on display including antiques, classics, pickups, street machines, race cars, motorcycles and street rods on the floor of the coliseum from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday.

Registration to enter vehicles is Friday evening at the coliseum, and Saturday morning from 8 until 11.

Admission is $6 for adults, $3 for ages 6-12, and children five and under will be free when accompanied by an adult.

There is no admission charge to the swap meet.

Proffitt wins 3rd county bee

Wendy Proffitt secured another trip to the regional spelling bee in Lubbock by being the only speller — of 15 contestants — not to miss a word in Scurry County's bee, held this morning in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College.

In the eighth round, with two spellers remaining, John Gainer, Ira 8th grader, missed "opportunity." To win, Wendy correctly spelled "despondently," and "foreigner."

Next for the perennial winner is the regional bee which will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at

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COUNTY BEE WINNERS — Wendy Proffitt won her third straight county spelling bee this morning. John Gainer is the runner-up. Both received a trophy from Dr. Melissa Jones, SISD assistant superintendent. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

ASK US

Q—How many registered sex offenders are there in Scurry County?

A—29 offenders are registered with local law enforcement agencies. Eight are registered with the sheriff's office and 21 with the police department.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 79 degrees; low, 43; 7 a.m. Friday, 47; no precipitation; total for 1999, .95 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly to cloudy late. Low 40-45; NW wind 10-15 mph; then NE and 10-20 mph; gusty after midnight. Saturday, morning low clouds to partly cloudy, cooler. High 60-65. NE-E wind 10-20 mph.

Layton Westmoreland
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:45 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.
Of 63 days in 1999, the sun has shone 62 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"We must be the change we wish to see in the world."

Gandhi

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FAA: U.S. air travel will be safe on New Year's Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's skies will be safe to fly on New Year's Day despite the Year 2000 computer problem, government officials say, but they're still unsure how things will go at U.S. airports or in foreign aviation systems.

Top Federal Aviation Administration officials made that pronouncement Thursday, responding to continuing questions about whether the U.S. aviation system will be able to deal with the computer glitch.

"From the air traffic control system, our end-to-end testing says there will be no impact on Jan. 1," Ray Long, director of the FAA's Y2K program, told reporters. "The impact could be more to the infrastructure — how you get to and from the airport."

FAA Administrator Jane Garvey said, "There may be some disruptions because of delayed baggage or something like that," but the agency is working hard "to make sure that those disruptions are at a minimum."

She plans to fly coast-to-coast with Long on New Year's Eve to demonstrate their confidence in the agency's computer handiwork.

Their optimism contrasts sharply with recent failing Y2K grades given to the FAA and the Transportation Department in general by Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., who chairs the House Government Reform and Oversight panel on government management, information and technology.

Long conceded the agency was seven months late in starting its attack on the problem and will fall 35 percent short of meeting a March 31 deadline set by President Clinton. But he vowed that all 626 FAA computer systems, including 151 "mission critical" systems that operate everything from air traffic control to the agency's payroll, will be analyzed, repaired, tested and running properly in the field as of June 30.

A live air traffic control test with non-passenger aircraft will be conducted at Denver's airport in the early morning hours of April 10.

"Safety is not an issue," declared Garvey.

The bigger question is whether aviation-related systems not controlled by the FAA will operate properly.

The Y2K problem is an outgrowth of an old computer programming technique in which years were labeled for record-keeping purposes only by their final two digits, such as "99" for 1999. There is concern that computers will malfunction when the date changes to 2000, which some computers might interpret as 1900.

U.S. airlines are now working with their foreign partners on the problem, having largely fixed their own computer systems.

"The airlines are telling us they're more concerned about the VCR in the back, making sure that the entertainment system worked, than they are about the flight deck of the aircraft." Long said.

However, the General Accounting Office found recently that only a third of the nation's 50 largest airports would be Y2K compliant as of June 30. Another third said they would miss the date and were in the midst of contingency planning, while the final third did not meet either criteria.

The airports in the last category include nine of the nation's 50 largest, although they were not identified in the report by GAO, the investigative branch of Congress.

House and Senate honor journalist

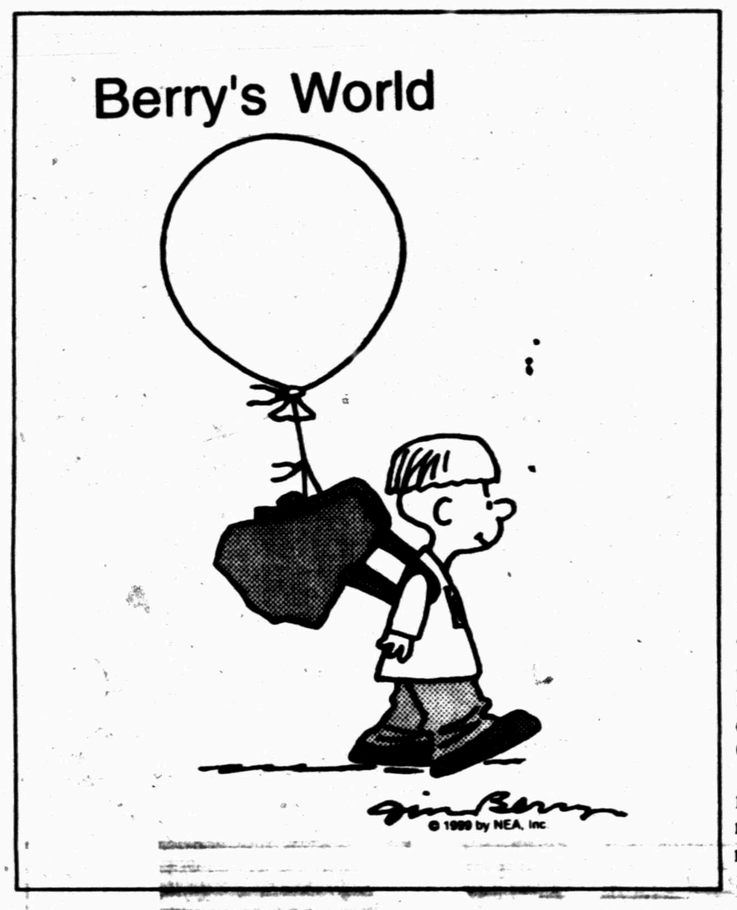
AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers honored the memory of Carole Kneeland, who headed news operations at Austin television station KVUE, for her "championing of rigorous journalistic ethics."

Ms. Kneeland was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1989. She died in January 1998 at the age of 49.

"Carole was everyday people," said Rep. D.R. "Tom" Uher, D-Bay City. "She had goals that she reached and she was a role model for people."

The House and Senate on Thursday approved resolutions in her honor.

Lawmakers recognized Ms. Kneeland for instituting the "truth test" at KVUE. The test was for political ads and sought to shift the focus from crime news and toward stories that more directly affected viewers' lives.



Lawmakers say...

Texas organs should stay in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers are protesting federal regulations that could send Texas organ donations to the neediest patients nationwide first rather than giving a priority to those here.

"We have worked hard in Texas to increase organ donation," said Sen. Mario Gallegos Jr., D-Houston.

"By creating a national list, the new ruling would reallocate organs away from many of the smaller transplant centers in Texas and in other parts of the U.S. and shift them to a few, large surgical centers, many of which have had less success at increasing organ donation," he said.

Gallegos filed legislation Thursday to counter new regulations by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that could become effective in October.

The new federal policy aims for equality, said Charlotte Mehuron, spokeswoman for the department's Health Resources and Services Administration.

"The policy asks transplant communities to come up with policies to allocate organs based on medical rational and not just arbitrary geography," said Ms. Mehuron.

Gallegos' bill would require that organs recovered in Texas be first offered to local patients on transplant waiting lists before being made available nationwide.

Texas has a high organ donation rate, said Samuel Holtzman, president of LifeGift, a Houston organ donations center.

"Why should Texans reduce our matches from half to a third so that people in New York get their transplants quicker?" Holtzman asked.

Gallegos said the new federal regulation would not only lengthen waiting times for Texas patients but also increase transportation fees while moving organs longer distances.

"If we do not take steps to ensure that organs remain here and are eligible for transplant, we risk losing a system that has saved the lives of many Texans," said Gallegos. "This legislation is critical if Texas is to continue to enjoy world-class health care."

The organ allocation bill is SB 862.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Miscategorizing AIDS is dangerous

DEAR DR. GOTT: There used to be leper colonies to contain that disease. When I contracted tuberculosis in 1941, I had no choice but to go to a sanatorium. Why not the same strategy for AIDS patients in order to protect the remaining healthy members of our society?

DEAR READER: AIDS isn't spread by non-intimate direct contact the way leprosy and TB are. Nonetheless, your position is shared by others. While no one has yet publicly suggested quarantining AIDS patients, such a desperate approach was successful years ago in eradicating the final outbreak of smallpox on the Indian subcontinent. This approach would be ineffective in the case of AIDS, however, because HIV is not spread by an airborne route.

I believe that what makes us all uncomfortable is the unfortunate tendency to consider HIV infection a social affliction rather than what it is: A fatal communicable disease. In my opinion, this view is both dangerous and unrealistic. The political implications of AIDS prevent us from addressing the epidemic and treating it as the public health menace that it is. For example, why not require AIDS blood tests for marriage licenses? Why not mandate the reporting of AIDS patients to their sexual partners? Questions such as these should be answered before we consider more drastic approaches to controlling the disease.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of cancer of the cervix, I was treated with radium needles three years ago. While I am thrilled to be free of cancer, I suffer from vaginal stinging and bleeding that my family doctor says are caused by radiation burns. What can I do for treatment?

DEAR READER: Any radioactive material can cause damage to healthy tissue. The radium needles you had implanted (and which were subsequently removed) emitted radiation that traveled only a short distance. However, it could well have burned the upper vagina. I'm afraid the damage has been done. A gynecologist may be able to suggest treatment for your particular problem.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have such stiffness in my hands that when I pick up a heavy object or wring out a rag, I experience excruciating pain. One doctor told me it's all in my head. An orthopedic specialist suggested that I lose weight. Where do I turn next?

DEAR READER: To a rheumatologist. Your problem appears to be in your hands, not in your head. An arthritis specialist should be able to discover the reason you're having pain and advise you about therapy. If you are obese, by all means lose weight. Remember that doctors who claim physical ailments are due to head problems often make this claim because they cannot diagnose the ailment.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Osteoarthritis." 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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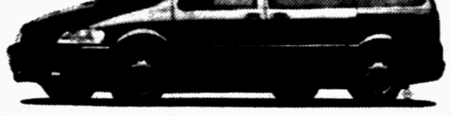

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New tests promise extra safety for blood supply

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's blood supply is set to undergo a revolution in safety testing: Blood banks next week begin phasing in sophisticated genetic fingerprinting tests in an attempt to wipe out the few dangerous viral infections that occasionally slip into transfusions.

"This is the biggest thing that's happened in blood banking since the HIV test," said James MacPherson of America's Blood Centers, which collects about half of the nation's donated blood.

Blood already is safe. But the new genetic technology, which should encompass all blood transfusions by September, promises to make it even safer.

That's because this new "nucleic acid testing" can detect tiny amounts of a virus, such as the liver-destroying hepatitis C or the AIDS virus, before the blood donor's body has even recognized the infection. Some of the tests can detect as few as 10 copies of a viral gene.

Viral genes spread through blood faster than the immune system begins forming antibodies to fight them, a reaction that may not occur until 20 to 80 days after the person is infected. Yet today's blood testing depends largely on tests that detect antibodies in an infected donor. So newly infected donors sometimes slip through.

Nucleic acid testing, called NAT by blood banks, promises to close that gap.

It could virtually eliminate the few cases of HIV that taint blood every year, said Dr. Celso Bianco of the New York Blood Center. And experts predict it will prevent an estimated 84 annual cases of hepatitis C transmission through blood, the vast majority.

The government hasn't mandated NAT-tested blood yet because technically it's still experimental: Genetic fingerprinting is commonplace in laboratories, where it's called PCR, for polymerase chain reaction testing. But how to test the entire blood supply raises questions, and blood banks are using different strategies to implement the new technology.

Still, the Food and Drug Administration is strongly encouraging blood banks to quickly begin genetic testing, and hospitals to use NAT-screened blood.

"Everybody with any familiarity with these tests knows this is such an advance ... it would be a terrible mistake not to use it as soon as we can," said Dr. Edward Tabor, FDA's associate blood director.

So the FDA is taking the unprecedented step of letting blood banks add NAT to all the other blood safety tests they now perform in a nationwide research project.

At first, NAT will hunt hepatitis C and HIV. But eventually, blood banks may test for other contaminants.

The genetic tests also promise that if a brand new virus ever sneaks into the blood supply like AIDS did two decades ago, blood banks could protect Americans much faster, MacPherson said. "This is truly space-age technology."

NAT will cost more, about an extra $6 to $7 per unit of blood, increasing hospitals' overall spending on blood by about 5 percent. Even though the FDA is letting blood banks charge for the experimental testing, hospitals can't recover that money from insurers. So some hospitals are questioning if it's worth it.

Responded Tabor: "FDA thinks the cost increase will be worth the health benefit."

'Middle-ground' bill to give youngsters health insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Texas children who go without health coverage because their families don't qualify for Medicaid but can't afford private insurance could be covered through a new program under a bill approved Thursday by a Senate committee.

The effort to reach uninsured youngsters through the federally initiated Children's Health Insurance Program has been mired in debate.

Some have sought to qualify youngsters if their parents make up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, while others have advocated a lower level of 150 percent.

The difference is between about a $22,000 annual income for a family of four, versus about $34,000, according to lawmakers.

Under the bill forwarded to the full Senate by the Health Services Committee, youngsters from birth through age 10 would be covered at 200 percent of the poverty level.

Those who are 11 through 18 would be covered at the 150 percent level. There is a provision to increase coverage in that age group if enough money is available.

"I think we have finally reached that middle ground," sponsoring Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, said at a news conference with Republican Lt. Gov. Rick Perry and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

The bill would cost $153 million in state funds in the next two-year budget period, an amount that would be financed through proceeds from Texas' settlement of its lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

With federal matching funds, that would mean about $445 million for the program in the coming biennium, according to Moncrief's office.

That would cover about 330,000 uninsured youngsters, out of 1.4 million in Texas who aren't insured, in the upcoming budget period. The state also would work to identify additional youngsters who would be eligible for Medicaid coverage.

Perry called the proposal a fiscally responsible one "that cares for those most in need first, our youngest Texans."

Moncrief's CHIP bill is SB445.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Housemate Is Happy to Be No More Than Just Friends

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 51 and on SSI because I'm disabled. In order to have a roof over my head, I have shared housing. I left the last house-sharing situation because it was dangerous for my grandchildren to visit me. Then I moved in with "Mr. Blank."

Abby, this man treats me like a princess. I don't have to do anything I don't want to do. In fact, I could sleep all day if I want to. I love living here.

The problem is, Mr. Blank thinks he's in love with me and wants to tell his children that we are a couple. Abby, he's much older than I am, and I don't think I could ever love him the way he wants me to. (I quit looking for a love match years ago.) However, I would have no place to go if he became angry and asked me to move.

Mr. Blank reads your column every day, so please help me by printing my letter. Perhaps he will recognize himself and understand that I can't make a commitment to him, but I want to remain his friend.

HAPPY HOUSEMATE

DEAR HAPPY HOUSEMATE: In case Mr. Blank does not recognize himself in my column, I suggest you set the record straight with him yourself. Tell him how much you love living there and how much you appreciate his kindness, but let him know that you are not looking for a commitment. Assure him that it's nothing personal, but you stopped looking for love a long time ago, and if you change your mind, he'll be the first to know. Good luck!

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DEAR ABBY: I have a pet peeve: people who call me on the phone and expect me to recognize their voices. This is especially irritating when it involves business calls. One of our company's clients never identifies himself. He has a pleasant voice but it has no unique quality, and every time he calls I have to ask who is calling. It's embarrassing for me and I worry that it insults him. I don't want to lose a client, and I certainly don't want to tell him that his voice is so ordinary I simply cannot recognize it.

Isn't it a matter of courtesy when you call someone to announce your name and ask for the person with whom you would like to speak?

CLUELESS IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR CLUELESS: I agree it is courteous to identify yourself when placing a call — especially a business call. One way to eliminate embarrassment is by answering business calls with an introduction that pleasantly requests callers to identify themselves right off the bat. For example: "Good afternoon. Company ABC. Mary Smith speaking. Who's calling, please?"

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DEAR ABBY: I just turned 18, and my divorced mother and her steady boyfriend recently broke up. Now she wants to double-date with me.

Abby, my mother is almost 40 years old, and I'll never be able to get a date if I must double-date with her. What can I do? Mom reads your column, and I'm hoping you will publish my letter so she'll see that double-dating with me is not a good idea.

DAUGHTER IN A BIND

DEAR DAUGHTER: Your mother may be almost 40, but she has young ideas. Tell her you still need her to be a mother, not a "pal" — that at your age it would inhibit you and your date. However, in another five or six years (when you're all closer to the same level of maturity), it might be more fun for all of you.

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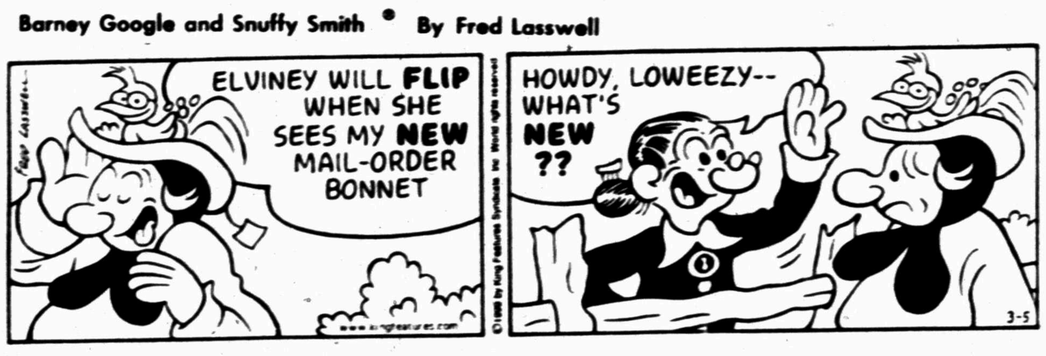

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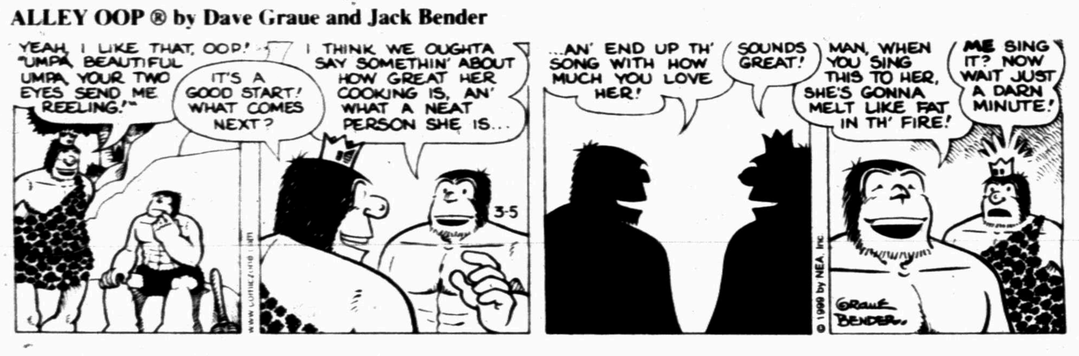

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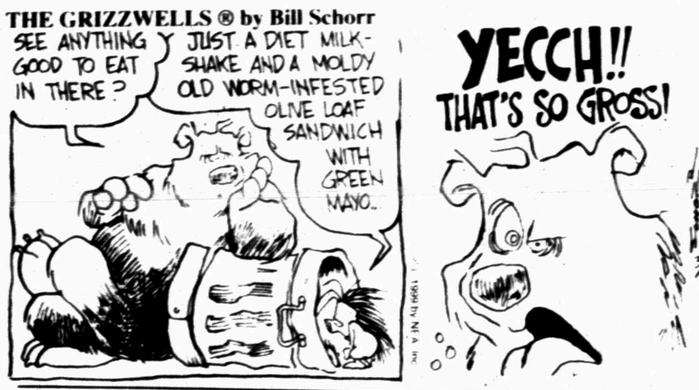

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7 Winery employee
13 Habituates
14 Imitation gold
15 Angry outburst
16 Trained
17 Make a choice
18 Start of many stories
20 Three-toed sloths
21 Moreover
25 Firm
28 Character of a people
32 Keyboard instrument
33 Jumped
34 Killed, Biblically
35 Martinique volcano
36 Red Sea country
37 Ferocious
39 Feels offended by
41 "— Been Lonely Too Long"
44 Baseball player Mel
45 CIA spy
48 Of foot bones
51 Disintegrates
54 Mad as a hatter
55 Devotion of nine days
56 Leaked
57 Puzzling situation

DOWN

1 Former Yugoslav leader
2 Cut
3 Ache
4 Author Levin
5 Scarlet
6 Sleeping-sickness fly
7 Carried
8 Altar in the sky
9 Dallas sch.
10 Roman robe
11 Of grades 1-12
12 Furrows
19 Put out of sight
21 More ossified
22 Tennis player — Goolagong
23 Fish trap
24 Braces (oneself)
25 — -daisy
26 River in Egypt
27 Term of respect
29 Patriot Nathan
30 Frank
31 Dele's canceler
37 Horse doctor, for short
38 Meaning
40 Repaired shoes
41 "— — better to have loved and lost . . ."
42 Wind indicator
43 Irish
45 Summer coolers
46 Heredity component
47 Peter the Great, for one
49 Maple syrup, essentially
50 Chemical suffix
52 Eggs of a sort
53 Eggs of a sort

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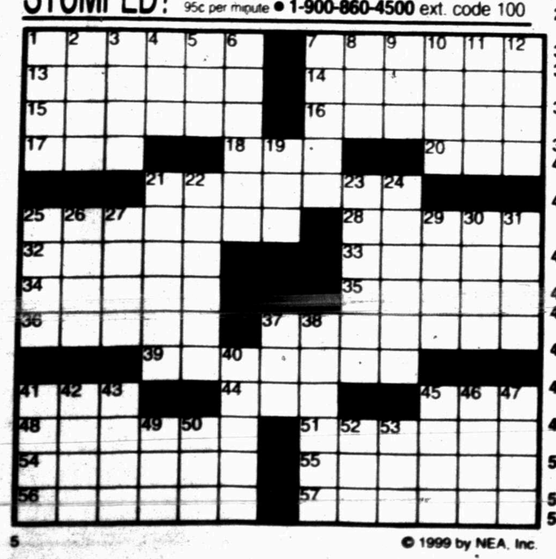

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SPORTS

Tigers grab first-round victory, 3-1

WOLFFORTH — Scoring was scarce at the Frenship Invitational baseball tournament on Thursday. So when the Tigers scratched out three runs, Johnny Pena made sure they would stand up.

Pena surrendered just five hits and Snyder committed just one error behind him as the Tigers took a 3-1 victory over Canyon Randall.

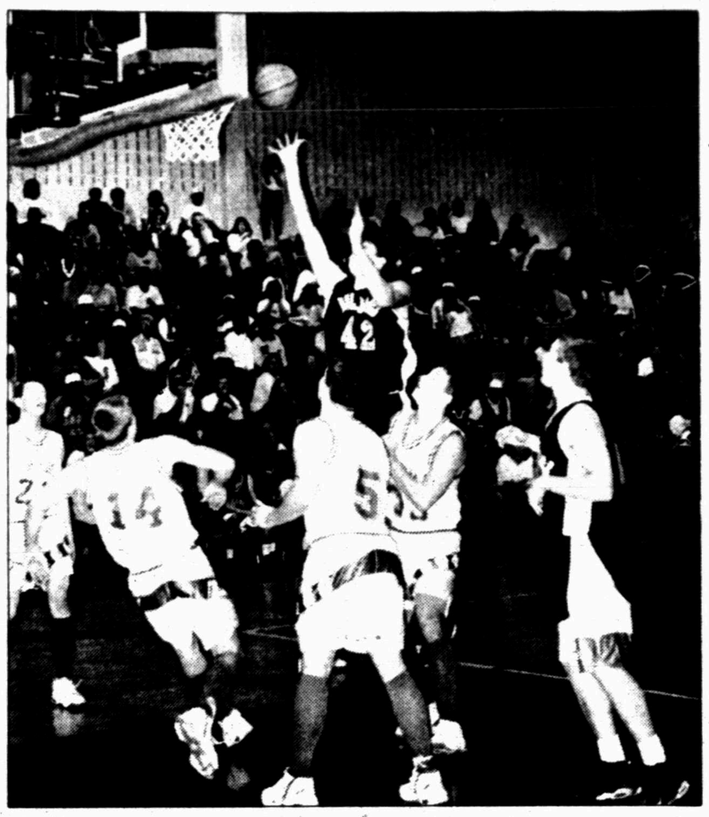
The win improves Snyder's ledger to 5-1 on the season, heading into today's second-round action.

The Tigers were to have squared off against Lubbock High and fourth-ranked Andrews this morning to wrap up pool play. Bracket play gets underway Saturday at 10 a.m.

Against Randall, Snyder sent one runner home in the top of the first inning, before pushing the lead to 2-0 in the third.

The Tigers took a 3-0 advantage in the top of the seventh, before the Raiders managed their only run of the day in the bottom of the frame.

In other tourney action Thursday, Canyon tripped Plainview, 4-1, while Frenship trounced Lake View, 12-4. Andrews blanked Lubbock High, 8-0.



SWISH — Logan Daves, Ira's 6-7 post player, shoots over the top of three Windthorst defenders Tuesday, while teammate Jerek Brown looks on during the Bulldogs' 75-56 playoff victory. Ira opens the 1A Region II tournament tonight against Eden at 6 o'clock at McMurry University in Abilene. (Photo by Katie Howard)

Red Raiders make early exit with 69-50 loss to Nebraska

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Texas Tech turned the ball over more than it could shoot it in the first half, and the results were predictable.

Nebraska clogged up the Tech passing lanes to force 18 turnovers, 15 of them steals, in the first half on the way to 69-50 victory over the Red Raiders in a first-round game of the Big 12 tournament. Tech got off only 17 shots in the first half.

Venson Hamilton had five of the first-half steals and scored 15 points for the Huskers (19-11).

Nebraska finished with 23 steals, easily breaking the tournament record of 13 set by Texas against Missouri on March 7, 1997, and setting a new school season record. Nebraska had 319 steals to set the record last year and now has made 322 this year.

Texas Tech (13-17) ended up with 26 turnovers, breaking the tournament record of 23 set by Texas A&M in 1997. The Red Raiders made only 19 field goals in the game.

The Huskers converted the Tech gifts to go on a 16-3 run in the first half and advance to the second round Friday against third-seeded Kansas. Kansas had a first-round bye.

Cookie Belcher, the Big 12's leading thief at 3.1 per game, had three in the first half to move past Erick Strickland on the Nebraska all-time list.

Belcher finished with four steals and has 91 in his career. Strickland had 89 steals in 1996.

Hamilton had six points in the run that turned a 9-9 tie with 13:57 to play in the first half into a 25-12 Huskers lead with 4:04 remaining.

The run included a spectacular dunk by Andy Markowski on a three-on-one break after the Huskers trapped Stan Bonewitz along the sideline and took the ball away.

Bonewitz hit a 3-pointer with 3:46 left in the half to finally end the Huskers' blitz.

Tech played a second game without injured forward Cliff Owens, but his presence would not have mattered as the Red Raiders turned the ball over on their first two possessions of the second half and trailed 42-17 with 16:02 to play on a basket by Belcher.

Williams forgoes baseball

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams won't be playing baseball for the Texas Rangers this spring.

Williams told the team Thursday of his decision not to report to spring training so he can prepare for the upcoming NFL draft. The former University of Texas tailback is expected to be among the first several players drafted.

"It is my desire at this time to forgo the opportunity to play professional baseball for the Texas Rangers during the 1999 season in order to pursue a football career in the National Football League," Williams wrote in a letter released by the Rangers. "Therefore, I will not be reporting to the Rangers spring training camp."

The Rangers will place Williams on the restricted list, allowing the team to retain his rights without him counting against the team's major league roster.

Texas acquired Williams from Montreal in December, the day after the Expos selected him from Philadelphia in the Rule 5 draft. If, and when, he plays baseball, he will be subject to the rules of Rule 5 draft, which require him to make the opening day roster or be offered back to the Phillies for $25,000.

Tech, Iowa St. meet for title

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Iowa State can't yet say it's found a way to beat No. 9 Texas Tech. But the No. 21 Cyclones definitely found a way to earn another shot at the Lady Raiders.

Iowa State used strong perimeter shooting from a trio of guards and a slashing inside game by backup forward Desiree Francis to keep No. 25 Kansas off-balance in the semifinals of the Big 12 tournament Thursday night.

The result — a 79-64 semifinal win that puts the Cyclones into Saturday night's final against top-seeded Texas Tech.

The Lady Raiders, after letting most of a 17-point first-half lead disappear, pulled away early in the second half to beat fifth-seeded Nebraska 77-59 in the other semifinal.

Five players scored in double figures for second-seeded Iowa State (22-6), which completed its first three-game season sweep of Kansas and earned its first trip to a Big Eight or Big 12 tournament final.

But Texas Tech (26-3), the defending tournament champion, also showed that it could play team basketball in its win over Nebraska.

The Cornhuskers all but shut down Rene Hanebutt, Texas Tech's top outside shooter, after she hit her first three 3-point shots. But they couldn't stop center Angie Braziel, who scored 19, or guard Julie Lake, who added 17.

Nebraska (21-11) also failed to carry over into the second half its momentum from a 17-5 run in the last five minutes of the first. Texas Tech, leading 30-23 at the break, held the Cornhuskers to just one field goal and three points in the first 8:57 after that.

"I hope our defense had something to do with that," Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "At that point you have to think that maybe their legs are tired, but I think we played pretty good defense."

Texas Tech, led by Keitha Dickerson's 10 rebounds, also outboarded Nebraska 41-31.

Nicole Kubik led Nebraska with 19 points and Amanda Went added a career-high 14.

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Indiana	11	4	.733	-
Detroit	10	6	.625	1½
Milwaukee	8	5	.615	2
Atlanta	8	8	.500	3½
Cleveland	6	8	.429	4½
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Charlotte	4	10	.286	6½
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Dallas	6	11	.353	7
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Vancouver	4	12	.250	8½

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Sacramento	7	9	.438	5
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Thursday's Games

Detroit 99, Cleveland 84
Charlotte 96, New Jersey 82
Toronto 86, Atlanta 77
Miami 95, Denver 87
San Antonio 95, Dallas 79
Houston 96, L.A. Clippers 77
Minnesota 102, Vancouver 93
Phoenix 101, Seattle 93

Friday's Games

Golden State at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
Denver at Boston, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Toronto, 8 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Basketball: Ira Bulldogs vs. Eden, regional semifinal at McMurry University in Abilene, 6 p.m.

Baseball: Snyder Tigers vs. Lubbock High, at Frenship tourney, 9 a.m.; Snyder Tigers vs. Andrews, 11:30 a.m.

Snyder JV and freshmen at Odessa tourney.

Softball: Snyder Lady Tigers host Clyde, JV and varsity at 5:30.

NCAA Basketball Scores

FAR WEST
Arizona 88, Southern Cal 73
California 68, Oregon St. 61
Stanford 73, Oregon 61
UCLA 68, Arizona St. 65

TOURNAMENTS
Atlantic 10 Conference
Quarterfinals
George Washington 100, Dayton 90
Rhode Island 83, La Salle 58
Temple 64, Virginia Tech 51
Xavier 72, Massachusetts 68
Atlantic Coast Conference
First Round
Duke 104, Virginia 67
Florida St. 87, Clemson 85, OT
Big 12 Conference
First Round
Colorado 69, Iowa St. 61
Kansas St. 87, Texas A&M 76
Nebraska 69, Texas Tech 50
Oklahoma St. 83, Baylor 57
Big East Conference
Quarterfinals
Connecticut 57, Seton Hall 56
Miami 65, Georgetown 54
St. John's 77, Rutgers 62
Syracuse 70, Villanova 62
Big Sky Conference
First Round
Montana St. 91, CS Northridge 90
Portland St. 80, E. Washington 74
Big Ten Conference
First Round
Illinois 67, Minnesota 64
Michigan 79, Purdue 73, OT
Northwestern 54, Penn St. 44
Big West Conference
First Round
Boise St. 77, Cal St.-Fullerton 60
Long Beach St. 81, Idaho 76
New Mexico St. 89, Pacific 78
UC Santa Barbara 75, Utah St. 74

Conference USA
Quarterfinals
Ala.-Birmingham 79, DePaul 73
Cincinnati 76, South Florida 56
Louisville 70, Saint Louis 61
N.C. Charlotte 83, Southern Miss. 75
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Quarterfinals
Morgan St. 67, Hampton 66
N. Carolina A&T 61, Bethune-Cookman 50
Southeastern Conference
First Round
Alabama 65, Georgia 58
Florida 97, LSU 75
Mississippi 64, South Carolina 60
Mississippi St. 76, Vanderbilt 58
Western Athletic Conference
Quarterfinals
New Mexico 51, Rice 49
Southern Meth. 71, UNLV 70
Tulsa 85, Fresno St. 56
Utah 81, Brigham Young 62

Sports Briefs

WJCAC fares well in tourney

The WJCAC, conference home to Western Texas College, has three teams in the semifinals of the Region V women's basketball tournament in Abilene.

Fellow WJCAC members Midland and South Plains were to square off today, while Howard College was to have faced Grayson County College.

The winners will meet in the regional championship game Saturday at 3 p.m.

Walker signs for $75 million

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Colorado Rockies agreed to a six-year, $75 million contract extension with outfielder Larry Walker, tying him for the the sixth-highest average salary in the game.

Walker will make $5,075,000 this season as he finishes a five-year contract. The new deal calls for a $1 million signing bonus, $12 million each in 2000 and 2001 and $12.5 million annually from 2002-05.

WTC booster club

The WTC basketball booster club will meet at noon Monday at Golden Corral.

MGA hosting tournament

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College is holding a nine-hole, double-elimination net medal play tournament Saturday and Sunday.

A 16-player bracket will be comprised of A and B players, while C and D players will compete in an eight-player bracket. Tee times are Saturday at 10 a.m. or Sunday at 1 p.m.

To register, contact Wayne Monroney at 573-9920.

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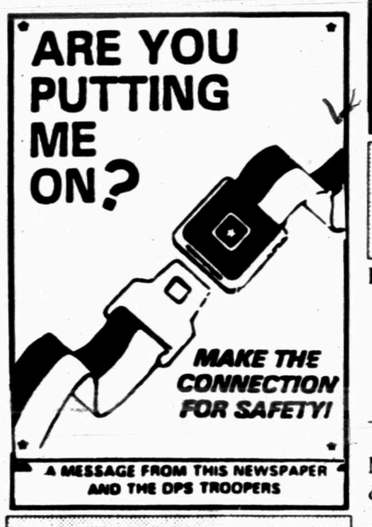

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PART-TIME Animal Shelter Keeper needed. Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs., feed, water, accept, release, adopt out, assist with euthanasia of animals, handle money and clean pens. Approximately 22 hours per week including some hours on Saturday or Sunday. Apply in person at TWC, Career Stop, c/o WTC, 6200 S. College Ave., Snyder, EOE Employer paid ad.

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PART-TIME WORK (NOW AVAILABLE)! The Abilene Reporter-News is now taking applications for contract door to door sales positions in SNYDER. Applicants must have reliable transportation and be able to work flexible hours. For futher information please contact: Circulation Department, Abilene Reporter-News, (800)588-4284.

SNYDER, (Pop. 12,195), POLICE CHIEF. Bachelor's in Criminal Justice and Master TCLEOSE preferred. Must have advanced TCLEOSE & TX Peace Officers License, 10 years progressive experience with a minimum of 5 yrs. of managerial experience in law enforcemen. Responsible for administration over a department of 20 employees & a budget of $1.2M. Reports to City Manager. Salary DOQ. Open till filled. Send resume & application requests to: City of Snyder, Personnel Director, P.O. Box 1341, Snyder, TX, 79550-1341, 915-573-9361.

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We offer an excellent variety of benefits including health-life-dental insurance, prescription drug card, paid sick-leave, paid vacations, retirement plan, employee stock option, credit union, and COLLEGE TUITION REIMBURSTMENT PROGRAM.

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JOB WANTED: Yard Service & Odd Jobs. Please call 573-8207.

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180 INSTRUCTIONS

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190 FINANCIAL

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BOOTH # 8
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MARCH 5th & 6th 10a.m.-6 p.m.
"RACING COLLECTIBLES"
* Hot Wheels * Winston Cup * Etc. * Sports Cards! For Serious Collectors & Beginners! Cash Only!

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Tuesday 3-6
Wednesday thru Saturday 9-6
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CARPORT SALE
101 Hickory
North on Clairemont, turn right on McGlaun, go 5 blks to Hickory, turn right. Watch for signs
Saturday 8-?
Small Pick-up Tool Box * Large Women's Clothes * Lots of Misc.!

ESTATE SALE
4507 Denison Ave.
Friday & Saturday Only 8-5
Hand Tools * Power Tools * Police Scanner * CB Radios * Portable Sewing Machine * Old & Modern Guns * Compound Bow & Arrows * Coffee Pots * Stereos * Dog Training Collar * 12-volt TV * Cameras * Folding Ladder * Telephones * Ping Pong Table & Paddles * Much More!

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Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8-?
Black Glass Shelf * Lamps * VCR * Bedspreads * CD's * Lots of Household Items * Come Look!!

GARAGE SALE
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Friday 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday 9a.m.-Noon
Nice Adult & Baby Clothes * Shoes * Day Bed Comforter Set * Bedspreads * Quilts.

GARAGE SALE
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Friday & Saturday 6 a.m.-?
Wagon Wheel & Accessories * Baby Clothes * Knick Knacks * Lots of Misc.!

GARAGE SALE
2700 35th Street
Friday 5:00-?
Carseat * Clothes * Computer Desk * Dishes * Kitchen Stuff * Iron Bed * Much More!

GARAGE SALE
316 33rd Street
Saturday 8 til ?
Nice Adult & Baby Clothes * Shoes * Toys * 40 gal. Hexagon Fish Aquarium w/Stand * Dinning Table!

GARAGE SALE
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Saturday 8-?
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GARAGE SALE
5300 Etgen (behind Cogdell Hospital)
Saturday 7:30-12:00
Shop Items * Tools * Household Items * Books!

GARAGE SALE
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ACROSS FROM SKINNY'S ON 37TH
Saturday 9-6
Bikes * Sofa & Chair * Exerciser * Misc. Household & Kitchen Items!

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YARD SALE
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HOUSE FOR RENT:
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3610 40th 3-2-liv-den-Reduced!
Country 3-2-2 Sm.A .....$79.5.
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3-1¾-2 100 Acres Close In.....$75,000.
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Country Dream Home!.....4-1¾-2
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Great Location 3-2-2.....$84,500.
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Extra Nice 3-2-2 4106 Midland Ave $70T.
Newly Decorated 3-2-2 3203 40th $42,000.
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587 A's Approx 8 Mi. W. of Ira $95,000.
3-2-2 Great Area.....$60,000.
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2-1-1 CH/A 310 34th.....$22T.
2-1-1cp Fenced 510 28th St.....$15,000.
20 Acres 3-1-2-Cp. Sheds.....$50,000.
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1929 Sante Fe 4-3-3cp.
2700 47th New Home 4-2-2.
3203 40th 3-2-2 .....See-Buy!
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CR 221 2-1-2cp .....$20's.
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Owner Says Sell 2-2 Plus Den.
1892 Sante Fe 3-2-2.....Call!
Charming 3-2-2 .....Call!
Near High School 3-4 Brick.
On Denison 4-1½ ..... $50T.
3-2-Brick ..... Only $55T.
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Sante Fe 3-2½-2 2-Story $76T.
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NEW HOME 3-2-2.....Call!
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AT&T Corp	87 11-16	84½	87 9-16	+ 3¼
AirTouch	91 13-16	90 15-16	91⅜	+ 1¼
Albertsons	56 11-16	56 3-16	56¼	+ ¾
AlldSignal	44 15-16	43¾	44 13-16	+ 1¾
Alltel	58 13-16	57 15-16	58¼	+ ¾
AmOnline s	89¼	86¼	86¾	+ ½
AmStores	33¾	33½	33 11-16	+ ¾
Ameritech	62¼	60¾	62 9-16	+1 13-16
AndarkPtr s	31½	30⅞	31⅜	+ ½
Armcolnc	4¾	4 9-16	4 9-16	
AtlRichfld	57⅞	56 9-16	57	+11-16
ATMOS Egy	24½	23¾	24⅛	+ ½
Aviall	15	14 13-16	14⅝	+ ¼
BP Amoco	90⅛	89¼	89 15-16	+2 15-16
BakerHughes	21	19¾	20⅛	+ ⅝
BankAmerica	69¼	68 5-16	68 11-16	+2 7-16
BellAtl s	56⅛	55 3-16	55 7-16	+13-16
BellSouth s	46 9-16	45 15-16	46 7-16	+ ½
BethSteel	8 11-16	8⅝	8 7-16	
BurlNoSFe s	34 15-16	34½	34⅝	+ ¼
CBS Corp	37⅛	37 1-16	37⅜	+ 7-16
Caterpillar	49	48 5-16	48 7-16	+ ½
CenSoWst	25¼	25⅛	25⅛	+ 1-16
Chevron	80⅝	79⅛	80 11-16	+ 1¾
Citigroup	63¼	61⅝	62 3-16	+ 1¾
Coastal s	34	33 5-16	33⅝	+ ¾
CocaCola	64 1-16	63⅜	63 15-16	+ 1
ColgatePalm	92	90⅛	91⅛	+ 1¾
ComclMetals	23¼	23 5-16	23⅜	— 1-16
Cooperln	45	44⅛	44⅝	+ ½
CyprusAmax	11⅛	10 15-16	11 3-16	+ ¼
DaimlrChry s	90 15-16	90 1-16	90⅝	+1 11-16
DallSemico	35 7-16	34¾	35 7-16	+ 9-16
DeltaAirl s	63¼	62 9-16	62⅝	— 5-16
Dillards Inc	24¼	24¼	24 7-16	+11-16
DowChem	100⅛	100 1-16	100⅛	+ 9-16
DuPont	53 7-16	52⅛	52 13-16	+ 1
EastmanChem	48	46 13-16	47	— 1-16
EstKodak	65½	64¼	65¼	+13-16
EDS Corp	48¾	47½	47 11-16	+11-16
Entergy	29 13-16	29¾	29 11-16	+ ¾
Exxon	69⅛	68 13-16	69¼	+1 7-16
Flowers	25 5-16	24¼	24¼	— ¾
FordMotor s	60¼	59¾	60 3-16	+1 13-16
GTE Cp	63¾	62¼	62 11-16	+ 1
GenDynam s	60 1-16	59 7-16	59¾	+ ½
GenElec	103 5-16	101¾	102¾	+ 2¼
GenMills	81 3-16	80⅜	81¼	+1 1-16
GenMotors	89¼	87¾	89 1-16	+3 5-16
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Halliburtn	33 5-16	32 1-16	32¾	+ 5-16
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HarteHanks s	27 13-16	27¼	27¾	— 3-16
HomeDepot	62 15-16	61 9-16	62⅛	+ 1¾
IBM	176 5-16	170¼	175⅛	+ 4¾
IntlPaper	40¾	40⅜	40 7-16	+ ⅜
JohnsonJn	88¾	87	87 15-16	+ 1
K mart	17 11-16	17 7-16	17⅛	+ ⅜
Kroger Co	64¼	63 9-16	64¼	+1 3-16
Litton	56 15-16	56 5-16	56⅝	+ 7-16
LockheedM s	37 7-16	36¾	36 15-16	+ ¼
Lowes Cos s	61¼	60⅛	61 11-16	+ 2⅜
Lubys	14 5-16	14 3-16	14⅜	+ ⅛
LucentTech	105¼	102¾	103⅛	+ ¼
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MayDeptStrs	60⅜	59 11-16	60	+ ⅜
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Mobil	87 7-16	86½	87¼	+1 11-16
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MorganJP	115¾	114⅜	114⅜	+1 7-16
Motorola	69¾	68 1-16	68¾	+ 1¾
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Sunoco Inc	33¾	32¾	33¼	+ 1¼
TNP Ent	30 7-16	30¼	30⅝	+ ⅛
Tandy	57¼	56¾	57 9-16	+13-16
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Tenneco	30 11-16	30 3-16	30 11-16	+ ¼
Texaco	50	49 3-16	49⅝	+ 1½
TexInd	22 11-16	2222¼		+ ⅛
TexasInst	97½	93½	96¼	+ 4¼
TexUtil	44¼	44¼	44¼	+11-16
Textron	79 11-16	79	79 9-16	+ ⅛
TriconGlbR	65¼	64¾	64 15-16	+1 11-16
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TritonEngy	6¼	6 5-16	6¼	+13-16
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New SUV rollover warning label is unveiled

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The new graphic label, replacing a 77-word, text-only label required since 1984, warns that the popular vehicles have a "higher rollover risk." It also urges drivers to "avoid abrupt maneuvers and excessive speed" and to "always buckle up."

It makes its point by showing images of an SUV tipping on its right-side wheels, as well as a passenger belted into his seat. The label is topped with bright yellow and must be displayed on either the sun visor or the driver side window.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration was publishing the new requirement today. Government officials were concerned that the existing label was not eye-catching and consequently was being ignored.

"Buying an SUV involves a tradeoff. While these vehicles may do well in certain types of crashes, they also are much more likely to roll over," said NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez. "People should be aware of that trait when they are choosing a family vehicle."

SUVs are constructed with higher ground clearance than regular automobiles, which allows for off-road use. Their unique styling and heightened driving vantage point have made them common on city streets and the nation's highways. There were 2.8 million sold in 1998 alone.

But because of their height, they have a higher center of gravity, making them more prone to tipping over.

Sport utility vehicles have a rollover fatality rate of 98 fatalities per million registered vehicles, vs. 44 fatalities per million registered vehicles for all other light vehicle types, according to NHTSA statistics. More than 60 percent of the SUV occupants killed in 1997 died in crashes when the vehicle rolled over.

The new labels must be displayed on vehicles with a wheelbase of 110 inches or less, starting with 2000 models. The size limit captures most of the popular models, such as the Ford Explorer and the Jeep Cherokee, but not oversized brands such as the Chevrolet Suburban.

While the new labels are bright and simple to read, there is wiggle room in how they must be displayed. There is no specific size requirement, only language stating they must be "prominent, legible and visible."

Their design also touched off a debate with automakers, who rallied against one proposed label that showed an SUV passenger hanging halfway out of a vehicle tipped onto its right-side wheels.

Industry lobbying groups also urged the wording "always buckle up" instead of "always wear your seat belts."

While not commenting specifically on the new label, Ford Motor Co. expressed support for the concept of labeling.

"Any time you can raise awareness of drivers about the handling and characteristics of a vehicle, that's a good thing," said Ford spokeswoman Jennifer Flake.

Consumer advocates complained that the government should enact design standards to reduce the chance of a sport utility vehicle tipping over, not modify labels to highlight problems with the current design.

"A label on SUVs is going to have as much impact on reducing rollover deaths as a warning label on cigarette packs has had on reducing lung cancer," said Clarence Ditlow.

Mortgage rates at 9-month high

WASHINGTON (AP) — The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages rose above 7 percent this week, the highest level in nine months, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, said Thursday.

The average increased for the fifth consecutive week to 7.06 percent, the highest level since the the end of May. It had been 6.89 percent the previous week.

The increase, if sustained, will slightly cool home sales and sharply reduce mortgage refinancing, a key support for consumer spending during the past year, analysts said.

"New cash flows from refinancings have been a significant source of consumer spending but I don't think it will be there this year," said economist Sung Won Sohn of Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis.

The average reached a 31-year low of 6.49 percent in early October as worried world investors poured their money into U.S. financial markets. That helped send sales of both new and existing homes to record highs last year.

Even with the recent climb, the average remains low by historical standards, said Freddie Mac economist Robert Van Order.

"Interest rates will probably be even higher in next week's survey," he said. "That said, It's good to remember that even with interest rates at higher levels ... we are still experiencing rates that are comparable to the very early 1970s."

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, averaged 6.70 percent this week, the highest since mid-June and up from 6.51 percent last week.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.74 percent, up from 5.71 percent the previous week and the highest in 21 months.

The rates do not include add-on fees known as points, which averaged 1 percent of the loan amount for each type of mortgage.

Date Book

March 5, 1999

Today is the 64th day of 1999 and the 75th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1766, Don Antonio De Ulloa of Spain landed in New Orleans to take possession of the Louisiana Territory from France.

On this day in 1946, Winston Churchill delivered a speech in Fulton, Mo., in which he first used the term "Iron Curtain."

On this day in 1960, Elvis Presley was discharged from the army.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Frank Norris (1870-1902), novelist; Lady Isabella Augusta Gregory (1852-1932), playwright; Rex Harrison (1908-1990), actor; Laurence A. Tisch (1923-), CBS chief, is 76; Dean Stockwell (1936-), actor, is 63; Penn Jillette (1955-), magician, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, quarterback Steve Young signed a $40 million long-term contract with the Los Angeles Express.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The life of children, as much as that of intemperate men, is wholly governed by their desires." — Aristotle

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 2) and last quarter (March 10).

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Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

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Constantly improve on your philosophical and organizational skills in the year ahead, and exciting things could begin brewing where these attributes can be profitably expressed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Express yourself logically, not emotionally and your contemporaries will easily see the wisdom of your views. Proper presentation is essential. 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't waste time dwelling on conditions with which you have no control over. Instead of letting your frustrations wipe out your momentum, adjust to the changing developments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you want to display diplomacy in your one-on-one relationships today, excuse and tolerate in others what you want excused and tolerated in yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Having a good attitude today about assignments that are difficult to do will lighten your load considerably. Conversely, being resentful over the task will make it more intolerable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There's a strong chance that you could have a tad more drive to spend on social games or sports today than your competition, making the game easier to win.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make certain that you find constructive, fun outlets for any pent-up energy your nervous system puts out today. If you try to put a lid on it, you could put yourself in an even more irritable mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Conversations with persons who are expressing thoughts about new concepts or ideas could get your imaginative juices stirring today. What you come up with could be pretty great.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Choice shopping for merchandise or financial investments could occupy much of your time today. However, you might want to hide your credit cards if you can't afford what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When faced with challenging developments others can't resolve, your excellent leadership qualities will come to save the day. When you take charge, you'll do so effectively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today is the day to bring out into the open something you've kept bottled up that has been disturbing you. Chances are you'll find the opportunity to say the right things to the right people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your hopes and expectations could turn something beneficial into a major development today. It might involve a male friend of yours, so let him in on your thoughts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Ambition is an admirable trait, but take care today that your actions aren't misinterpreted as aggression. There's a fine line between these two. Make sure you understand the distinction.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-05-99
♠ A K 10 8
♥ 10 7 6
♦ 9 4
♣ Q J 9 8

West
♠ 7 2
♥ A Q 9 5 2
♦ J 8 6 3
♣ K 4

East
♠ 9 6 4 3
♥ 8 3
♦ A 10 7 2
♣ 7 3 2

South
♠ Q J 5
♥ K J 4
♦ K Q 5
♣ A 10 6 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♥ 5

The count signpost

By Phillip Alder

In yesterday's deal, East, the opening leader's partner, didn't play third hand high. Why not? Because his highest card was only the eight and he had three cards — an odd number — in the suit. By playing his lowest card at trick one, East told West that, after trick one, South had a singleton king left, which West could drop by cashing the ace at trick four. Today's deal is the antithesis of yesterday's.

Here, against three no-trump, West leads the same heart five. But as East has a doubleton, he is correct to cover dummy's six with the eight. After winning with the jack, declarer crosses to dummy with a spade, then takes the club finesse, losing to West's king.

Note that if West now cashes the heart ace, the contract succeeds. South has nine tricks from four spades, two hearts and three clubs.

Instead, because South is known to have two hearts left, West must switch, hoping his partner has a quick entry. (East must have another heart because South denied four hearts following North's Stayman inquiry.) It is logical to switch to diamonds. So, at trick four, West leads the diamond eight, the high card denying interest in the suit. (This is a very important defensive principle: If West switches to the diamond three, he is telling East that he led the wrong suit at trick one, and that he wants to try to cash tricks in this suit.)

Here, everything is beautiful. East wins with the diamond ace and places the heart three onto the table, allowing West to take four tricks in the suit for two down.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Clinton, Italian prime minister meet

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton sought to smooth over relations with Italy today after shock and outrage over the acquittal of a U.S. Marine pilot in the cable car accident that killed 20 skiers in Italy a year ago.

Clinton met in the Oval Office with Italian Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema a day after the verdict. The two leaders posed stiffly for photographers and did not comment. The meeting had been set up long ago, and it was mere coincidence that it came on the heels of the acquittal.

"We believe it is a testament to the strength of our relationship that we've been able to work through these very difficult and tragic circumstances in an open and honest and straightforward way," presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart said today.

"We certainly understand their strong feelings," Lockhart said. But he said he was limited in commenting further because of issues still to be litigated.

D'Alema said Thursday he was "really baffled" that a military jury in Camp Lejeune, N.C., cleared Capt. Richard Ashby of 20 involuntary manslaughter charges in the accident on Feb. 3, 1998. D'Alema also said the situation had strained U.S. relations with Italy, a NATO ally.

During a training flight in the Italian Alps, Ashby flew into two cables holding up a gondola packed with tourists who were preparing to ski. Eight Germans, five Belgians, one Austrian, one Dutch person, two Poles and three Italians perished, touching off a wave of criticism that the Marine crew was speeding and showing off in complete disregard for the civilians around them.

"With that kind of a massacre, with so many casualties, I think it is a duty to ensure ... that justice is done, and that is what we are asking for," D'Alema said.

Exploratory meeting is set

An exploratory meeting has been set for 5 p.m. today in the Scurry County Courthouse to determine interest in forming a regional economic development group.

Officials from six counties have been invited to the meeting including Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Jones, Fisher and Scurry.

Dick Crill, a supporter of forming the group, said forming a regional alliance would make the jobs of Texas politicians easier.

"It would be regional efforts, not a single community or county that goes to talk to Texas politicians about economic development."

Obituaries

W.N. Stone

1915-1999

W.N. Stone, 84, died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Stone is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Marty Akins, minister of First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born March 4, 1915 in Mt. Vernon, he married Viola Mayes on Dec. 25, 1940 in Stephenville.

Mr. Stone was a farmer and rancher and had lived in Tahoka from 1944-67. He had lived in Comanche since 1967 and moved to Snyder in July, 1998.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Viola Stone of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Mike Roberts of New Orleans; a son and daughter-in-law, Charley and Dana Stone of Snyder; a sister, Ruby Thompson of Jacksonville, Fla.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Alvis Minton

1908-1999

David "Alvis" Minton, longtime Scurry County resident, died today in Lubbock's Covenant Hospital after a brief illness.

Service for Mr. Minton, 90, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Born on Oct. 9, 1908 in Denton County, he married Orene McDonald on May 16, 1975 in Sweetwater. She preceded him in death.

Mr. Minton had lived in Scurry County since 1924. He worked for Ezell Key Grain Co. for 30 years. Mr. Minton was a deacon at the First Baptist Church.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Clarence Minton on April 5, 1985; four brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include a daughter, Sherry Haden of Abilene; three sister, Floy Moore of Harlingen, Sadie Calfee and Mary Haney, both of Menard; three grandchildren, including Cathy Reed of Snyder; and seven grandchildren.

N.B. Dortch

1924-1999

Neville Beckam Dortch, 74, died Thursday, March 4, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

There will be no funeral service and arrangements for cremation are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born July 26, 1924 in Norphlet, Ark., he was a U.S. Air Force veteran and married Dorothy Mills on Oct. 23, 1947 in Henderson, Ky.

A retired oilfield worker, Mr. Dortch was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Alan Jack Dortch.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Dortch of Snyder; three sons and daughters-in-law, Barry and Lauretta Dortch of San Antonio, A.B. and Janis Dortch of Levelland and Blaine and Pam Dortch of Snyder; a sister-in-law, Viv Dortch of Longmont, Colo.; Stanley and Velma Mills, a brother-in-law, and his wife, Velma, of Trinity; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity and friends may visit the family at their home.

Bea Brzozowski

1930-1999

ABILENE — Thelma "Bea" Brzozowski, the sister of Delbert McNeil of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 3, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Brzozowski, 68, is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Elmwood Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Vic Meyer and Jack Hardy will officiate. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born in Haskell, she attended school there and moved to Abilene in 1950. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include six daughters, Diana Brzozowski of Melrose, N.M., Brenda Cannon of Ovalo, Sharon Brzozowski of Merkel, Kathy DeBerry of Boerne, Sandy Marsh of Buffalo Gap and Dawn Revoir of Abilene; two other brothers, Tommy McNiel of Merkel and Ronnie McNiel of Hamlin; four sisters, Jo Ann McNiel of Lubbock and Linda McNiel of Abilene and Connie Davis of Hamlin; and 12 grandchildren.

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Walk Across Texas kicks off Saturday

It's simple. Walk Across Texas, from Amarillo to South Padre Island, in an 8-week walking program for teams of eight people. The goal of each team is to reach the 800-mile mark.

Miles will be recorded weekly to check the progress of each team. Thirty-five plus teams have already committed to the Walk Across Texas fun/fitness program.

This activity is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension service and the Scurry County Family and Consumer Science Advisory Board.

The kick-off event will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Boys and Girls Club, 1500 28th Street. Team captains and team members will be introduced.

Local health officials and organizations will also be on site to check blood pressure and heart rate procedures.

Exhibits on healthy nutrition, recipes and other health related educational information will be available for participants and Lee Burke and Rhonda Ward will be demonstrating various aspects of physical activity and fitness.

Individuals who are interested in joining the Walk Across Texas program can sign up by calling the Scurry County extension office at 573-5423 or Jim Clifton, Western Texas College at 573-8511, extension 304.

The team who walks farthest "across Texas" will win, but everyone who participates will take home a health habit — walking for fitness.

Lorber

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mid-year.

The board also tabled action on an incentive agreement for DeLille. It is expected to be considered by the board in April.

The basic agreement calls for paying an additional sum to the executive director of up to one percent of a company's capital investment in locating industry in Snyder.

The maximum amount DeLille could be paid would not exceed $20,000 in a one-year period.

McQueen presided at the meeting and all DCOS members were present to include Jack Gorman Jr.. Gary Landes, Larry Anderson and David Cotton. Also attending the meeting were Roy Baze and David Holt.

Spelling

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Cavazos Junior High School in Lubbock.

In February, Wendy won Snyder Junior High School's campus bee for the second year in a row. She has won every campus bee since the fourth grade.

She also won the 1997 and 1998 county bees and went on to finish second at last year's regional bee in Lubbock. As a fourth grader, she finished third at the county level. In the fifth grade, she placed second at the county bee.

Wendy is the daughter of Doug and Jill Proffitt. Also competing this morning was her sister, Ember, who was the runner-up in East's bee held last month.

Other contestants included Jessica Rylant, Tara Gilliland, Trevor Groat, Daniella Garcia, Matthew Beal, Justin Kelley, Lennon Lane, Maria Rangel, Terryn Autry, John Gainer and Bubba Walker.

Hadley Hirt, West's runner-up, did not compete.

Terrell Culp also competed in place of Angie Glover who was the runner-up in Hermleigh's junior high level bee.

There was a change in Ira's lineup also. Jessica Odom took the place of Colton Long.

The top two spellers received a trophy. All of the contestants received a medal. Western Texas College also presented each speller with a tee shirt.

Indictment

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released from Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Reports indicated the robbers had taped over the clerk's mouth, but not her nose.

Witnesses also said the would-be robbers were armed with a silver-colored handgun.

From the time of his arrest, Pulattie's family maintained his innocence.

"Joel is not capable of committing a crime such as this," Dan Pulattie said the day following his son's arrest.

Since the incident, Pulattie's parents, who are divorced, have moved from the area.

Joel Pulattie currently resides with his mother and is finishing high school this spring.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Alicia Bowlin, Paul Sawyer, Martin Zuniga, Clara Allen, David Estrada, Lucio Solis.

DISMISSALS: Hannah Camp, Helen Hardiman, Maria Herrera, Michelle Rios.

CENSUS: 52 (Med., Surg.-26, Long-term Care-24, CCU-1, Nursery-1).

Pair plead guilty in district court

A prison term and a sentence of probation were handed down following guilty pleas Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Douglas James Monday, 25, of Abilene will serve two years in a state jail facility after pleading guilty to forgery by passing. Monday was also ordered to make $775 in restitution.

Roland Edward Tippens, 44, of 810 33rd Street pleaded guilty to a Jan. 8 charge of possession of a controlled substance.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Tippens to two years in a state jail facility, probated for five years. Tippens was also fined $750 and ordered to participate in a court-approved substance abuse program.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Mt. Olive anniversary

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Ave. M and 34th Street, will celebrate its 79th anniversary at 7 tonight and 3 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Robert Sweet and members invite the public to participate.

Marriage seminar

Tom and Sandra Milholland, marriage and family therapists from Abilene, will present a marriage enrichment seminar for couples Saturday and Sunday, hosted by East Side Church of Christ. The seminar starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. It is free and open to all. Call 573-3583 for more information.

SHS Spanish Club car wash

The SHS Spanish Club will host a car wash at Wal-Mart on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Proceeds will go toward club members attending a convention in San Antonio in April.

Computer swap meet

The Scurry-Mitchell computer club will host a swap meet on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Towle Park barn.

MAWC luncheon

The Martha Ann Woman's Club has scheduled a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Reservations can be made by calling 573-3427. Adult plates are $8.50, while a child's plate is $4.50. The meal will be a buffet including chicken fried steak, baked chicken, vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, plus tea and coffee.

Abundant Life special service

Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church, 31st and Ave. C, will hold special services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. Evangelist Manley and Mrs. Manley will provide singing and preaching.

Ira open house

In conjunction with Texas Public Schools month, Ira School will host an open house from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday. Hamburger supper starts at 6:30 p.m. and room tours at 7 p.m. followed by the one-act play at 8 p.m. The reception is at 8:45 in the new gym foyer. Troll Book Fair is 7 p.m.

Stanfield book fair

Stanfield Elementary will host a Scholastic Book Fair starting Monday. It will be open on Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is sponsored by the Parent Council.

Retired teachers meeting

The Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Jean Sealy will present the program.

Cash Five

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

14-27-28-31-36

Pick 3

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

0-7-0

Six subjects arrested Thursday, early today

Six subjects were taken into custody Thursday and early today.

Officers were called to Wal-Mart at 1 p.m. in reference to shoplifters in the store.

Three subjects were taken into custody including a 32-year-old female for Class B theft and an outstanding warrant out of Ector County for theft by check.

Also arrested were a 19-year-old female for Class B theft and a 35-year-old male on outstanding Ector County warrants for theft of service.

At 5:11 p.m., officers took a 19-year-old male into custody on outstanding warrants on two counts of issuance of a bad check.

A 38-year-old female was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers at 9:03 p.m. four miles west on Hwy. 180 for driving with no drivers license.

Officers took a 30-year-old male into custody at 3:27 a.m. this morning in the 100 block of Peach for making alcohol available to minors and disorderly conduct/unreasonable noise.

Offense reports for criminal mischief, overdose and assault were also filed in the past 24 hours.

Chris Thornhill requested an officer at 3:23 p.m. at Cogdell Center in reference to a broken window. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

At 10:45 p.m., a 23-year-old male was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital for treatment of an overdose of prescription medications. He was admitted for observation and released this morning.

At 2:33 a.m. today, an offense report for Class C assault/family violence was filed.

A one vehicle/fixed object accident report was filed at 2:30 p.m. in the 400 block of Coliseum Drive. According to police reports, Jeffrey Turner of 2512 26th Street was westbound in a 1978 Oldsmobile Delta 88 when the vehicle swerved off the road and struck a speed limit sign, mailbox and a TU Electric utility pole.

Turner refused treatment at the scene.

Snyder Fire Department was kept busy Thursday as well.

A small grass fire was reported in the median of U.S. Hwy. 84 and Avenue E at 2:59 p.m. Damage was limited to grass.

Firefighters were called to 1913 Coleman, Apartment 2 at 5:14 p.m. in reference to a fire. No damage was done to the apartment as the fire was limited to the stovetop.

At 6:46 p.m., dispatchers received a report of a fire in the 1000 block of Avenue U. Damage was done to grass and an abandoned storage shed.

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