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Three Snyder women killed in vehicle rollover

Three Snyder residents died from injuries suffered in a one-vehicle rollover Sunday morning west of Roscoe.

Passengers Angela Faye Biggers, 24, Stella Camille Jackson, 24, and Shaundra Jackson, 21, were killed.

The driver, 25-year-old Rolinda Michelle Tippens, was released from Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater after being treated for a broken ankle.

A community-wide prayer service for the families of the victims will be held at the New Hope Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. today.

According to Department of Public Safety reports, Tippens was driving her 1989 Nissan eastbound on U.S. Highway 84 when the front passenger, Stella Jackson, reportedly grabbed the steering wheel. The vehicle slid into the median and overturned several times, coming to rest on its top, facing west.

Biggers and Shaundra Jackson, who were passengers in the back seat, were thrown from the vehicle into the west-bound lane of traffic. Reports indicate that neither were wearing seat belts.

Tippens and Stella Jackson, who were wearing shoulder restraints, remained in the vehicle.

Stella Jackson, of 4400 Ave. U, was pronounced dead at the scene by Nolan County Judge Jack Aycock.

Biggers, of 100 E. 37th, was transported by a First Flight helicopter to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, where she died at 4 a.m.

Shaundra Jackson, of 4400 Ave. U, was transported by Sweetwater Ambulance Service to Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater. She died there at 3:01 a.m.

The accident took place at about 1:35 a.m., 7.4 miles west of Roscoe.

New Hope Baptist Church is located at 3305 Ave. L.

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Jenise Judah



Kevin Kerr



Kenneth Darlin

SHS 'accounts' for 4A state title

It's time to open up the trophy case at Snyder High School again.

Jenise Judah, Kenneth Darlin and Kevin Kerr brought home the title in team accounting competition at the Class 4A UIL Academics Contest, held Saturday in Austin.

"I am extremely proud of all the students on the team," said Phyllis Smith, accounting team sponsor. "They have worked hard to achieve this honor and have truly earned it."

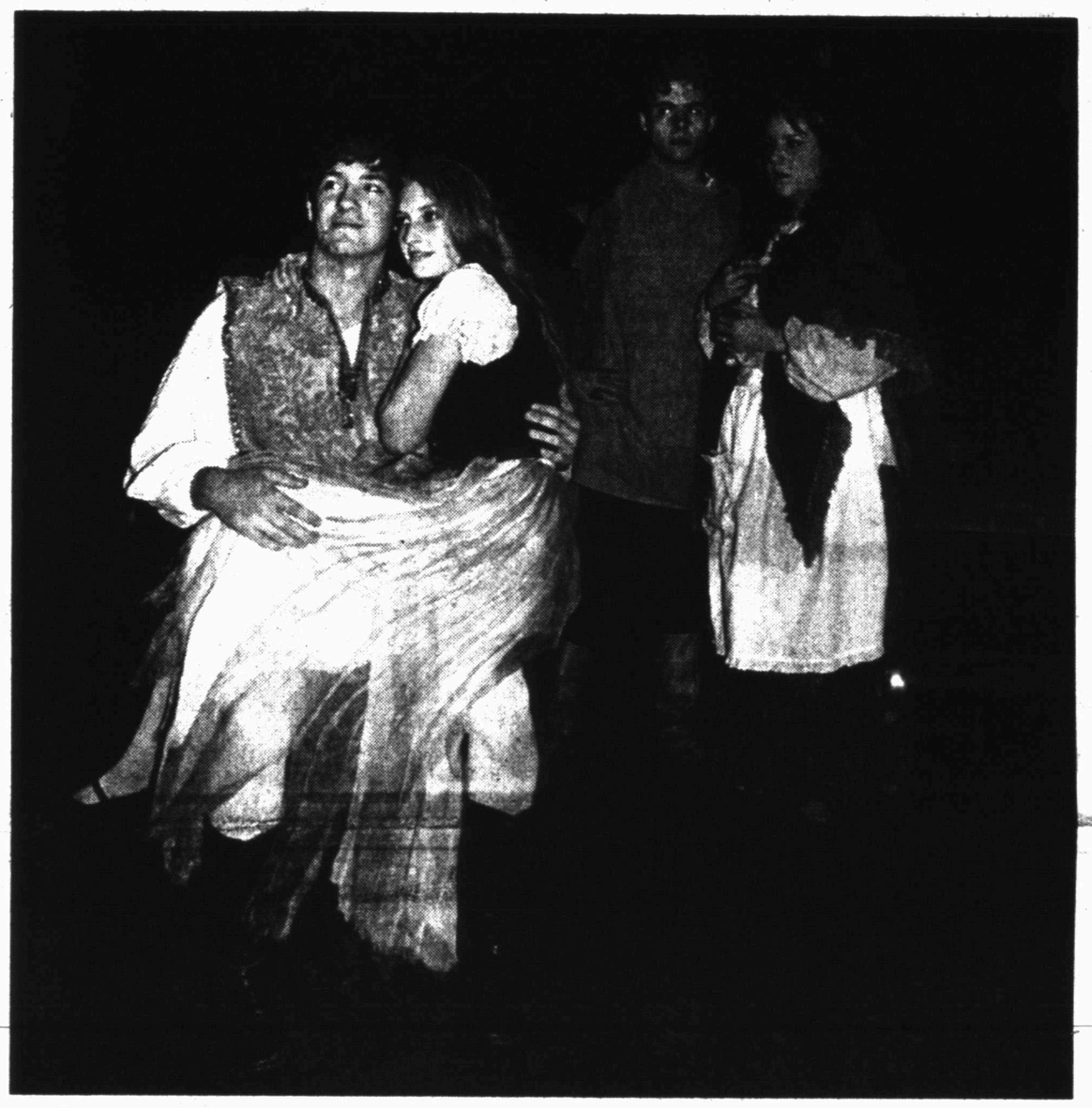
It was Judah's second straight year to compete in accounting at the state capitol. Darlin competed at the state level two years ago, so Snyder was experienced with the pressures of bigtime competition going in.

The title was Snyder's second in as many years. Last year, Christy Tankersley won state in computer applications. She returned this year and competed well, but without the same success.

Judah also reached the state level in ready writing, but did not place.

Also making the trip, but unable to compete were Melinda Hernandez in feature writing, Vanessa Jones in spelling and vocabulary, Trevor Kerr in accounting and Michael Hensley in literary criticism.

Lynda Patterson is the Snyder High UIL academic coordinator and computer applications sponsor. The ready writing sponsor is Betty Henderson.



"ONDINE" FINAL PERFORMANCE — Mac McCraw, Christina Bullard, Jack Hedges and Kate Maguire, left to right, are cast members of "Ondine," Snyder High School's one-act play, which will be on stage tonight. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

'Ondine' on stage tonight

The final hometown production of "Ondine," Snyder High School drama department's award-winning one-act play, will be held tonight in Worsham Auditorium.

All seats are $3 each. The curtain goes up at 8 o'clock.

"Ondine" advanced through district and area contests this year and was named the alternate to state. The play won numerous individual and set awards along the way.

The play was a big hit on Broadway in the 1950s. Written by Jean Giraudoux, it was adapted and translated from French by Maurice Valency.

"Ondine" is a fairy tale of sorts, with the theme being the difficulty of finding love.

Cast members include Christina Bullard, Jessica Mills, Trevor Thompson, Joey Steakley, Mac McCraw, Jack Hedges, Kate Maguire, Anna Hannan, Tara Kincaid, Liz Brown, Michael Gibson, Kade Kubena, Kevin Taylor, Reid Johnson and Scott Love. Understudies are Brandon McCraw, Alicia Peoples, Jon Hensley and Jamie Burleson.

Cheryl Reed, Buddy Whittenburg, Clay Graves and Toungee Coustaline were alternates this year.

Crew members are Andy Parker, Chris Halbert, Eldon Scott and Mark Rodriguez.

SHS drama director is Jerry Worsham.

SBC to acquire Ameritech Corp. for $62 billion

CHICAGO (AP) — Fast-growing phone giant SBC Communications Inc. has agreed to purchase Baby Bell rival Ameritech Corp. for $62 billion in a stock-swap deal that would be the second-largest merger in corporate history.

The deal, announced today, would create a powerhouse communications company with operations in nearly every region of the country, likely to serve as a potent rival to AT&T Corp., and to WorldCom Inc. after its pending $37 billion takeover of MCI Communications Corp.

"This is the creation of the first truly global competitor," Ameritech chief executive Richard Notebaert said today. "We're creating the best, most competitive global platform our industry has ever seen."

The combination would be second only to the pending $82 billion merger of Travelers Group Inc. and Citicorp.

An SBC-Ameritech combination would give the combined company to be known as SBC 57 million phone lines, or nearly one-third of the nation's total. By comparison, Bell Atlantic, with operations along the East Coast, has 41 million phone lines.

Ameritech said it had received assurances no layoffs would occur in its operating areas, although some cellular operations would have to be divested to meet federal regulations. The companies expect to save at least $1 billion with the combination, executives said.

If approved by shareholders and regulators, the takeover would leave just four remaining Bells out of the seven created in the 1984 antitrust breakup of the original American Telephone & Telegraph Co., which provided both local and long-distance phone service.

In addition to SBC and Bell Atlantic, the others are U S West near Denver and BellSouth in Atlanta.

In a series of mergers and acquisitions since deregulation began in 1996, communication companies have been scrambling to outgun the competition by getting bigger and offering a wider array of services, including cellular, local and long-distance phone service.

SBC Communications, formerly called Southwestern Bell, has led the way. It bought San Francisco-based Pacific Telesis Group a year ago for $16.5 billion and is working to complete its $5 billion acquisition of Southern New England Telecommunications Corp. of Connecticut.

"Merger mania might not be what the Telecom Act had in mind, but this is the path many local and long distance companies are taking," said Atlanta-based telecommunications analyst Jeffrey Kagan.

Commission squawks but grants 1-cent stamp hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite three years of billion-dollar mail profits, the independent Postal Rate Commission today reluctantly agreed to a post office request to raise the price of stamps by a penny.

The increase could take place later this summer, although the commission urged that it be held off at least until January.

"The commission is reluctantly granting the Postal Service request to raise the price of the first-class stamp from the present 32 cents to 33 cents," said Ed Gleiman, chairman of the commission.

The commission chided the Postal Service for not delaying its request in order to provide more up-to-date information on costs and expenses.

But, in the end, the commission agreed to much of what the Postal Service had asked for.

It approved the 1-cent increase in first-class letters and a series of increases for other types of mail.

The commission rejected a request to raise the price of sending post cards by a penny, keeping them at 20 cents.

In addition, the commission recommended cutting the price of heavier letters. Currently, each extra ounce costs 23 cents, and the commission called for reducing that to 22 cents.

That means that while a one-ounce letter would go up to 33 cents, a letter weighing two ounces would cost the same to mail as it does now — 55 cents — and letters heavier than that would cost less.

On other rates, the commission recommended a 12.3 percent increase for parcel post, somewhat more than the 9.2 percent asked by the post office. For periodicals, the post office wanted a 3.9 percent boost, but the commission recommended 4.6 percent.

Advertising mail rates asked by the post office were reduced by about one-third by the commission. The commission also sharply cut the proposed increase in book rates.

"These changes will provide added funds to enable the Postal Service to proceed with its plans to spend $5.6 billion on equipment and service enhancement programs in the 1998 fiscal year," the commission said in announcing its decision.

But the commission noted that it had asked the post office, in light of its recent profits, to delay its request and send more up-to-date information for the panel to consider.

The current 32-cent price to mail a first-class letter took effect Jan. 1, 1995, following a year in which the mail agency lost nearly $1 billion.

In the three fiscal years since then, the Postal Service has reported profits of $1.8 billion, $1.6 billion and $1.3 billion, which have helped reduce — but not eliminate — debts accumulated over decades of red ink.

"We want to avoid the mistakes made in the 1980s when we waited too long before raising rates," a top postal manager said last week.

ASK US

Q—Does Snyder ISD have another bad weather day scheduled?

A—Yes, it is Monday, May 25, and unless the weather turns bad enough to prevent school before that, it will be a holiday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 83 degrees; low, 51. High Sunday, 89 degrees; low, 51; 7 a.m. Monday, 64; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low 60-65. S-SW wind diminishing to 10-20 mph. Tuesday, sunny. High, mid 90s. SW-W wind 10-20 mph.



Chad Goebel
Sunny

Almanac:
8:30 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:50 a.m.
Of 130 days in 1998, the sun has shone 128 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Man is not made for defeat.

Earnest Hemingway

Airlines rush to get older Boeing 737s flying

WASHINGTON (AP) — One by one, the oldest Boeing 737s returned to the sky today, but not until completing emergency inspections that had some eye-catching results: In 50 percent of the planes examined, half had extensive wear in power lines running through their wing fuel tanks.

As of this morning, 47 aircraft had been inspected, and mechanics found some signs of abrasion in half of the wiring bundles examined, Federal Aviation Administrator Jane Garvey said.

"I think any time we see abrasion in wiring we are concerned," she said on NBC's "Today" show.

Garvey, however, tried to allay the concerns of passengers scheduled to travel aboard a 737.

"Certainly if it's a 737 that's flying today, then it's not part of the fleet that we are the most concerned about," Garvey said. "The ones we are concerned about will not fly until they've been inspected, until we're sure, until the air carriers are sure that it is safe."

United Airlines, which canceled 54 flights Sunday to make the emergency inspections, said it expected to have all of its 18 affected aircraft operating today. Southwest Airlines, which has 35 such airplanes in its all-737 fleet, had mechanics work in teams of three over the weekend to finish the inspections.

"Basically, from a customer standpoint, the inspections have been seamless," Southwest Airlines spokeswoman Kristie Kerr said.

Doug Clowers found his United flight from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to Chicago canceled, "but they made sure they didn't mess up my plans too much. They made sure I was on the next available flight," he said.

The emergency inspection, which affected 15 percent of the 737s operating domestically, was the broadest order by the FAA affecting commercial aircraft since McDonnell-Douglas DC-10s were grounded in 1979.

It came three days after the FAA gave airlines up to a week to inspect their oldest 737s for signs of wear in the wiring or the pipes that carry the wires through the fuel tanks.

A recent inspection of a Continental Airlines 737 found both exposed wires and holes in the piping believed to have been caused by electrical sparks. Officials feared the mixture of fuel, air and electricity could spark an explosion such as that which downed TWA Flight 800.

On Saturday, mechanics inspecting a United Airlines 737 found one wire bundle that showed signs of sparking in one spot and a second area where the wires had been worn bare, most likely from vibration over the plane's 50,000 hours in flight.

That prompted the FAA to revise its original order, ordering all Boeing 737-100 and -200 series aircraft immediately out of passenger service until they could be inspected and repaired. The affected planes have cigar-shaped engines mounted directly under their wings. U.S. carriers operate 179 of the aircraft.

The FAA also ordered inspections over the next two weeks for 737s with between 40,000 and 50,000 flight hours, generally the newer generation Boeing 737-300, -400 and -500 aircraft. Those models have oval-shaped engines mounted on pylons that extend in front of the wings. There are 118 such planes in the United States and 282 worldwide.

Based on the early inspections, the FAA also allowed airlines to discontinue inspections of another set of pipes and wires leading to the aircraft's center fuel tank. In all 14 planes inspected, there were no signs of chafing found in that wiring.

"While we are concerned about (the inspections) and the disruption it may have on the system, the No. 1 concern of the FAA is safety," said Thomas McSweeny, the agency's director of aircraft certification.

Boeing supported the action, which followed its own service bulletin to aircraft owners on April 24.

"We're doing everything we can to minimize any schedule disruptions to affected 737 operators and we will continue working with the FAA to monitor the inspection results and take any other action that may be advisable," said Boeing spokesman Russ Young.

The manufacturer said it was rushing repair kits to the airlines.

Investigators still do not know what caused TWA Flight 800, a Boeing 747, to explode off Long Island, N.Y., in July 1996. They suspect fumes in the center fuel tank were ignited by electricity. Since then, they have been examining the wiring configurations on similar planes and ordering inspections.

Last week, the FAA ordered inspections for Boeing 747 and 767 aircraft to make sure they had the necessary protection around their fuel-tank wiring. The airlines have 60 days to complete that work. The agency also is considering inspections for McDonnell-Douglas and Lockheed aircraft. Planes made by Airbus Industrie are not affected because they have a different wiring configuration.

Lawyers get $466 million in tobacco case

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Attorneys who represented Minnesota and an insurance company in their lawsuit against the tobacco industry are being paid $466 million — a much smaller fee than the lawyers had hoped for.

That agreement is a key aspect of the $6.6 billion settlement of Minnesota's tobacco lawsuit, and it should prevent the acrimony that has plagued tobacco deals in other states.

The hometown firm of Robins, Miller, Kaplan and Ciresi will get 7.1 percent of the $6.6 billion that cigarette makers are paying to the state and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

Under the terms of the firm's 1994 contract, the lawyers were promised 25 percent of any winnings, which would have worked out to $1.65 billion under Friday's settlement.

But that arrangement was sharply criticized by Gov. Arne Carlson and some state lawmakers.

Although his firm took what amounts to a pay cut of more than $1 billion, Michael Ciresi, lead attorney in the Minnesota case, said the final fee is fair and appropriate.

Ciresi pointed to the financial risks and the immense effort his firm put in to force the tobacco industry to disclose its secret documents and then to try the case, which was the first state lawsuit against tobacco companies to go to trial.

"I understand it's a lot of money. All I can say is, we earned it," he said.

Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III also defended the fee agreement.

"For the critics, I remind you that this hometown firm took immense risk and advanced tens of millions of dollars on behalf of taxpayers, to take on an industry no one — no one — had ever defeated," Humphrey said.

Big fees have been a hot issue in Texas and Florida, which both settled their tobacco lawsuits earlier.

Texas' $15.3 billion settlement threatened to come apart in a dispute over $2.3 billion in fees for attorneys who contracted to work on that case for a 15 percent slice. Gov. George W. Bush demanded a full accounting after their expense accounts grew to almost $40 million.

In Florida, which settled for $11 billion, a judge rejected a 25 percent contingency fee of $2.8 billion as "patently ridiculous" and sent the matter to arbitration.

'Deep Impact' makes big wave at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The disaster movie "Deep Impact" swamped the box office competition, crashing in at No. 1 in its debut weekend and dethroning the basketball saga "He Got Game" during the NBA playoffs.

The comet-crash survival saga starring Robert Duvall and Tea Leoni collected $41.9 million for Paramount, according to preliminary figures from Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

Industry analyst David Davis says "Deep Impact" lived up to its title at the box office because of an ad blitz that showed New York City engulfed by a tidal wave.

"It became a 'must-see,' event," said Davis, vice president of investment bankers Houlihan, Lokey, Howard & Zukin. "It was a compelling image right there."

"City of Angels," with Nicholas Cage and Meg Ryan, remained in second with $4.6 million.

Despite the hoop frenzy surrounding the playoffs, Spike Lee's basketball movie "He Got Game," which led weekend box office charts last week, dropped to third with $3.8 million.

"Titanic" finished fourth with $3 million and "Les Miserables" rounded off the top five at $2.8 million.

Here are estimated grosses for the top movies at North American theaters for Friday through Sunday. Final figures are released today.

1. "Deep Impact," $41.9 million.
2. "City of Angels," $4.6 million.
3. "He Got Game," $3.8 million.
4. "Titanic," $3 million.
5. "Les Miserables," $2.8 million.
6. "Paulie," $2.5 million.
6. (tie) "Woo," $2.5 million.
8. "The Big Hit," $2.4 million.
9. "Black Dog," $2.1 million.
10. "Sliding Doors," $1.4 million.

Couple escapes before accident

BALTIMORE, Ohio (AP) — A couple and their dog escaped just moments before a Conrail coal train derailed Sunday and slammed into their house, knocking it 6 feet off its foundation.

The couple, whose names were not available, told authorities they were inside their house when they heard the train coming off the tracks.

They ran out to the far side of the house just as one or more of the derailed cars hit the house, destroying part of an outside wall and taking the house off its foundation.

No injuries were reported.

Oil Patch News

Garza County

Wheeler Operating Company has completed the No. 23-937 Connell Estate in the Post field, two miles northwest of Justiceburg. The well was finaled to produce 11 barrels of oil and 38 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,440-492 feet, and location is in Section 937, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Miltex Oil Company will drill the No. 1-48 Powell in the Howard-Glasscock field, five miles south of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 7,900 feet, location is in Section 48, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Fisher County

San Antonio Gas and Oil has plugged and abandoned the No. 1 Rough Ride, nine miles south of Roby. Drilled to a depth of 6,450 feet, location was in Section 92, Gillespie CSL survey.

Nolan County

Sinclair Oil Corp. has completed the No. 1 Raymond, 15 miles northwest of Sweetwater. The wildcat was finaled to produce 175 barrels of oil and three barrels of water. Perforations were from 4,882-892 feet, and location is in Section 185, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Sinclair Oil has completed the No. 2-H Burkes Reef, four miles west of Maryneal. The well was completed to produce 73 barrels of oil and 42 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,843-7,842 feet, and location is in Section 169, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Pecos Valley Management Co. will plug and abandon the No. 6 Lake Trammell, 10 miles south of Roscoe. Drilled to a depth of 5,546 feet, drill site was in Section 32, T&P survey.

Walter Exploration will drill the No. 3 Elgie Pace in the Flippen field, 12 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Planned for a depth of 4,250 feet, drill site is in Section 3 T&P survey.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Fighting male pattern baldness

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are there any new remedies to promote hair-growth in men?

DEAR READER: There are two that have been recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Propecia is the same as Proscar, a drug used to shrink swollen prostate tissue. However, Propecia is available in a weaker dose (1 milligram, as opposed to 5 milligrams for Proscar).

Also, Rogaine is now available in an "extra strength" formulation.

Propecia is administered as a pill. It results in a significant but hardly stunning regrowth of hair. Adverse effects include loss of sexual interest and impotence, according to the Medical Letter, the bible of therapeutics.

How Rogaine works is unknown. Marketed as a cream or pills, the medication promotes hair growth — but only as long as the drug is continued. When it is stopped, nearly all the new-grown hair falls out. Thus, chronic use is mandatory. Adverse effects include rapid pulse, dizziness and skin reactions.

The Medical Letter concludes that these products can produce a modest increase in scalp hair in men, but both must be continued indefinitely and the long-term safety remains to be determined. The cost is substantial (Propecia: wholesale $47 per 30 tablets; Rogaine Extra-Strength: wholesale $29 for one month's supply). Neither drug should be taken by women. The Medical Letter also concludes that Rogaine Extra-Strength is not significantly superior to standard Rogaine.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a "floater" in my left eye that is driving me crazy. Is there any way to cure this condition?

DEAR READER: ...aters are specks of calcium tha... e suspended in the jellylike fluid w... the eyeball. As the floaters ma... willy-nilly in this fluid, they often c... s the line of vision, leading to shadows on the retina that are perceived as dark spots. This situation is harmless and most ophthalmologists advise no treatment. I think that your best bet is to accept and ignore your floater. Therapy is more trouble than it's worth.

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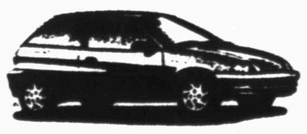
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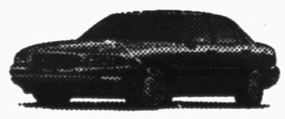
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Researchers rethink origins of human mind

ATLANTA (AP) — Bill Hopkins put 10 different species of monkeys and apes into an MRI scanner and came to a startling conclusion: Apes share a brain feature thought to make humans unique.

Fellow scientist Frans de Waal sees the roots of cognition in a bonobo named Kakowet, who spotted zookeepers turning on water valves and realized they would flood a nearby moat where infant apes were playing. Kakowet warned the zookeeper and helped rescue the babies.

The nation's largest primate research center is bringing together neuroscientists, geneticists and behavior experts to shed new light on human evolution: Using our closest living relatives — the apes — to explain how human cognition and behavior evolved.

"By understanding chimps, maybe we'll understand ourselves a wee bit better," explained Tom Insel, chief of the Yerkes Regional Primate Center, which is setting up the Living Links project on human evolution.

Scientists once largely excluded research on mental traits from the study of evolution, instead emphasizing fossils that showed how human anatomy had developed over millions of years.

But now so-called evolutionary psychology is hot — and if early work is any indication, human mental traits may not be so unique.

Take Hopkins' finding that apes are left-brained like humans, or de Waal's experiments that suggest certain primates developed frameworks for morality.

It's a controversial field, but one that should help generate new insights into "why the mind was organized the way it was," said Marc Hauser, who researches evolutionary neurobiology at Harvard University.

"Animals enter the debate in a way that's very important. It's not just that they're cute and fun to watch on the evening news," but that they help define theories about the human mind, he said. "And that's critical."

The idea behind Living Links is to use Yerkes' 200 chimpanzees and more than 2,500 other primates to help move these theories from speculation to science.

One chief project will be identifying ape genes to match with the neurologic and behavior findings. Human DNA is 98.4 percent identical to the DNA of chimps and bonobos, a lesser-known chimp-like ape.

"What is it in that other 1.6 percent that makes us different from them? That's the critical question," said de Waal, a renowned primatologist who will direct Living Links.

Language is one critical difference. Humans are "left brained" — the planum temporale that controls language is much larger on the left. (Laymen may know the term because the left brain also controls right-handedness.)

Hopkins' brain scans found that orangutans, gorillas, chimps and bonobos all were left-brained, too. Monkeys, lower on the evolutionary scale, were not.

Date Book

May 11, 1998

Today is the 131th day of 1998 and the 53rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1947, the B.F. Goodrich Co. of Akron, Ohio, announced the development of the tubeless tire.

On this day in 1973, charges against Daniel Ellsberg for his role in the Pentagon Papers case were dismissed.

On this day in 1989, President Bush ordered nearly 2,000 combat troops to Panama in order to protect the lives of American citizens.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Martha Graham (1894-1991), dancer and choreographer; Jacqueline Cochran (1906-1980), pilot; Martha Quinn (1959-), TV hostess, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, Steve Dunning of the Cleveland Indians hit the last grand-slam home run by a pitcher in the American League.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Let him who desires peace prepare for war." — Flavius Vegetius Renatus

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1995, the temperature in Boston reached 75 degrees, the first time that year that it reached or exceeded 70 degrees, and the latest such occurrence on record.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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The switch was up

By Phillip Alder

There are days when we see things very clearly. It's as if the sun is shining brilliantly. Other days — perhaps more often — we seem to be living in a mist. Well, Nancy Ford, of Hobe Sound, Fla., had 20/20 vision during this deal.

After opening one club, Nancy (East) heard her left-hand opponent overcall one no-trump, showing 16-18 points. West's two-club response was reasonable. With a strong hand, West usually makes a penalty double. So, bidding *any* suit at the two-level announces length in that suit and relative weakness — not enough to double. The opener is expected to pass. North took a shot at three no-trump because of her good diamond suit.

West led the club 10: two, ace, jack. How did Nancy continue?

Nancy quickly checked the high-card points. There were 24 between the dummy and her hand. South had 16-18. So, West had at most no points! Therefore, West couldn't have Q-10-9-x-x-x of clubs. Dummy's diamonds were threatening. And there was an entry in the dummy. To kill that entry Nancy switched to the spade *king*. Declarer won with dummy's ace and started on the diamonds, but Nancy held up her ace until the third round, then returned the spade jack. Suddenly declarer had only eight tricks, two in each suit.

This defensive play, leading an unsupported honor to remove an opponent's entry card, is called the Merrimac Coup, after an American coal-carrying ship that was sunk in Santiago Harbor in 1898 in an effort to tie up the Spanish fleet. Apparently the Molitor was also sunk. When will we have the Molitor Coup in bridge?

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 4 p.m.

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

AA and NA open noon meeting; Park Club.

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

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

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room at Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Plainview Family Community Education Club; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club, call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Brenda Hedges' office; 7 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.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th Street; 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.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

AA and NA open noon meeting; Park Club.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg. on W. 37th Street; 9 a.m. til 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's; 10 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Three support groups ; Divorce Recovery, Cancer [illegible] Caring for Aging Parents ; First Baptist Church, enter east side; anyone welcome, child care provided; for more information call 573-2631.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Snyder Savings & Loan; for information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Bus falls down Himalayan mountain

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A bus skidded off a narrow road during heavy rain, rolled down a Himalayan mountain and plunged into a river Sunday in India, killing at least 20 people, news reports said.

Twenty-three passengers were injured in the accident near the village of Kankarghat, about 180 miles north of New Delhi, United News of India reported.

The bus, returning from the Hindu holy town of Rudraprayag, tumbled into the rain-swollen Mandakini River, the news agency said.

Workers recovered 20 bodies from the site, despite a downpour and fallen trees that hindered rescue efforts, Press Trust of India news agency reported.

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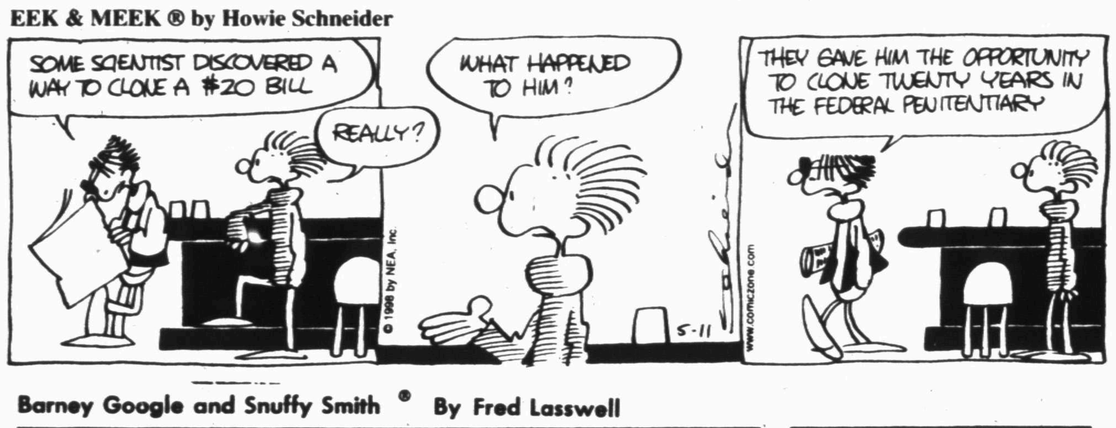
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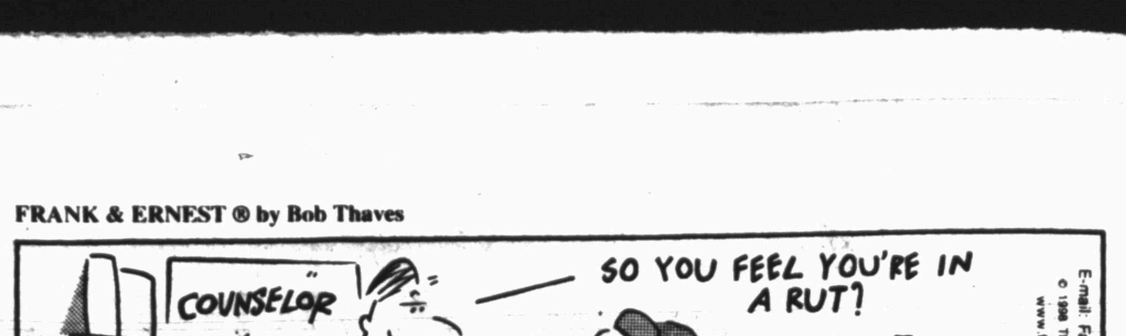
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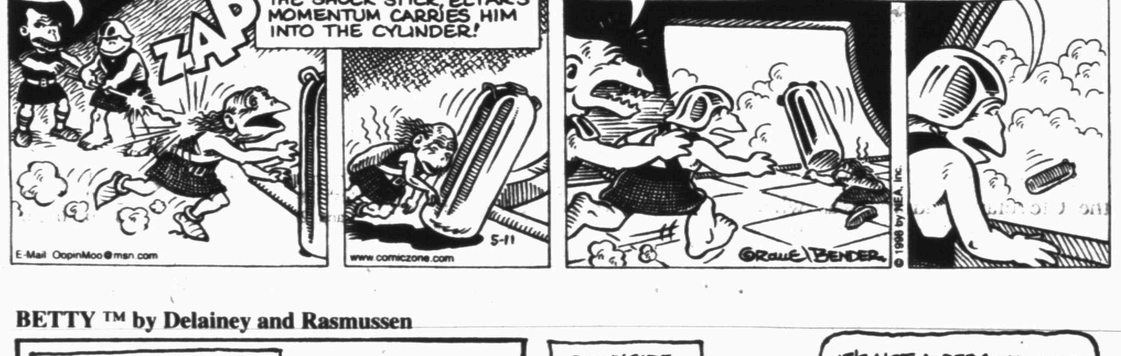


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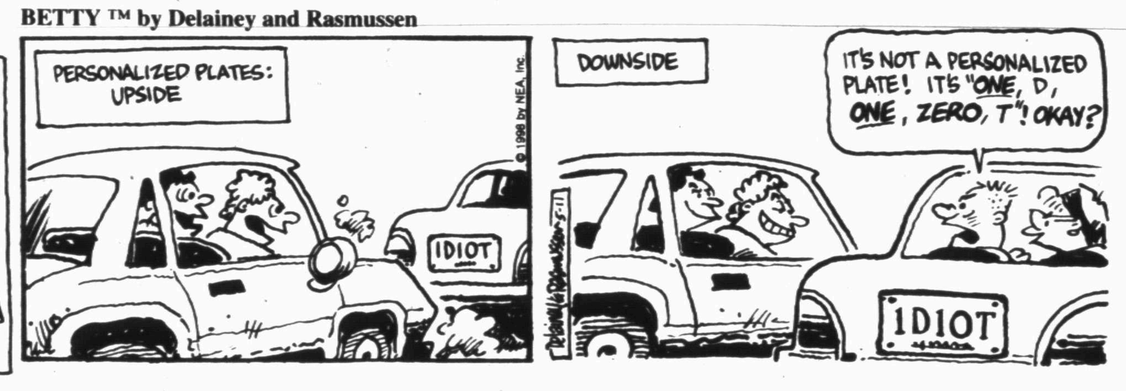
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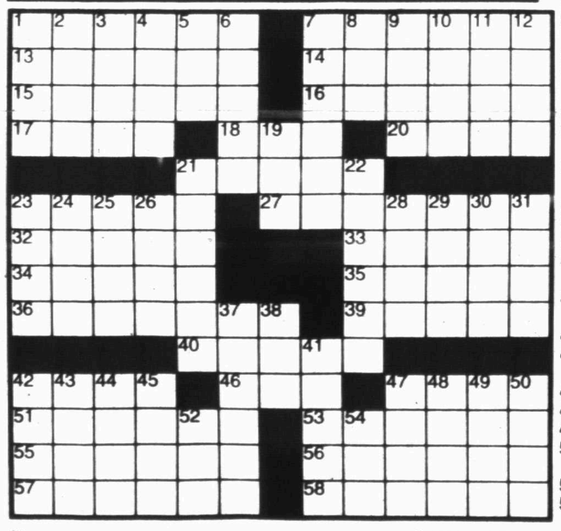
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SPORTS

3-2 over Pampa...

Tigers advance in playoff in come-from-behind win

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

AMARILLO — It happened at a different site and in a different manner — but the Tigers got the Game 2 they were seeking.

After pounding out 15 hits in an 11-2 rout of Pampa in the bi-district opener Friday, Snyder was forced to rally with a Dustin Fish two RBI single to steal a 3-2 victory Saturday to advance into the area round of the playoffs.

Snyder, which improved to 25-6 on the season, will face El Paso Riverside for the area title. The series is tenatively slated for Friday and Saturday in either Alpine or Fort Stockton.

Forced to play at Amarillo High's Sandies Field due to wet grounds, the Tigers had to scratch for every run.

"When you get to the playoffs, every team is good," Snyder Coach Roland Herrera said. "We're playing at the next level now and it's going to be like this from here on out."

Trailing 2-1 entering the bottom of the fifth, the Tigers loaded the bases on a John Border base hit, a fielder's choice and a Pampa error.

Fish then delivered in the clutch, knocking a 3-2 offering from Pampa hurler Aaron Whitney into left field. Border and Clay Berryman scampered home, giving Snyder a 3-2 advantage they would not relinguish.

"I had butterflies before I went to the plate," Fish said. "Then I had two strikes on me and I knew I had to make some adjustments. I was looking for the fastball and that's what I got."

Pampa had taken the early 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Enrique Cabrales scored after reaching base on an error.

Kyle Beck, who drew the mound start for Snyder, was chased in the fourth after the Harvesters stretched the margin to 2-0 with three consecutive hits.

"Kyle is having some problems with his mechanics," Herrera said. "We'll work this week to find the flaw in his delivery and he'll be fine."

In from the bullpen came Tiger reliever Chris Hernandez. The left-hander quickly disposed of Pampa to end the threat in the fourth.

Snyder immediately trimmed the deficit in the bottom of the frame, as clean-up hitter David Smith blasted an 0-1 fastball over the right field fence for a solo homer.

Hernandez got into his only jam in the fifth after surrendering a lead-off single and a walk. But a strikeout, a flyball and a ground out to Matt Rodgers got Snyder out unscathed, setting up the bottom of the fifth when the Tigers would take the lead.

Clay Berryman, who pitched a three-hitter with 16 strikeouts and only two walks in Game 1, took care of the Harvesters in the seventh to earn the save.

"Chris really stepped it up today," Herrera said. "He got us what we needed — outs. I told him we didn't expect him to strike out every batter he faced. We just needed outs any way we could get them."

Pampa	ab	r	h	bi
Snelgrooes 2b	4	0	1	0
Cabrales cf	2	1	0	0
Blackmon ss	4	0	0	0
Harris 1b	4	1	2	1
Hill dh	3	0	1	0
Lindsey 3b	3	0	1	0
Francis rf	2	0	1	1
Waggoner c	3	0	0	0
Phelps lf	3	0	0	0
Totals	28	2	6	2

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Border lf	4	1	1	0
Berryman 3b	3	1	1	0
Beck p	2	0	0	0
Smith cf	3	1	2	1
Fish 1b	3	0	1	2
Lang 2b	3	0	0	0
Shields dh	3	0	1	0
Cumbie c	3	0	1	0
Hernandez rf	2	0	2	0
Totals	26	3	9	3

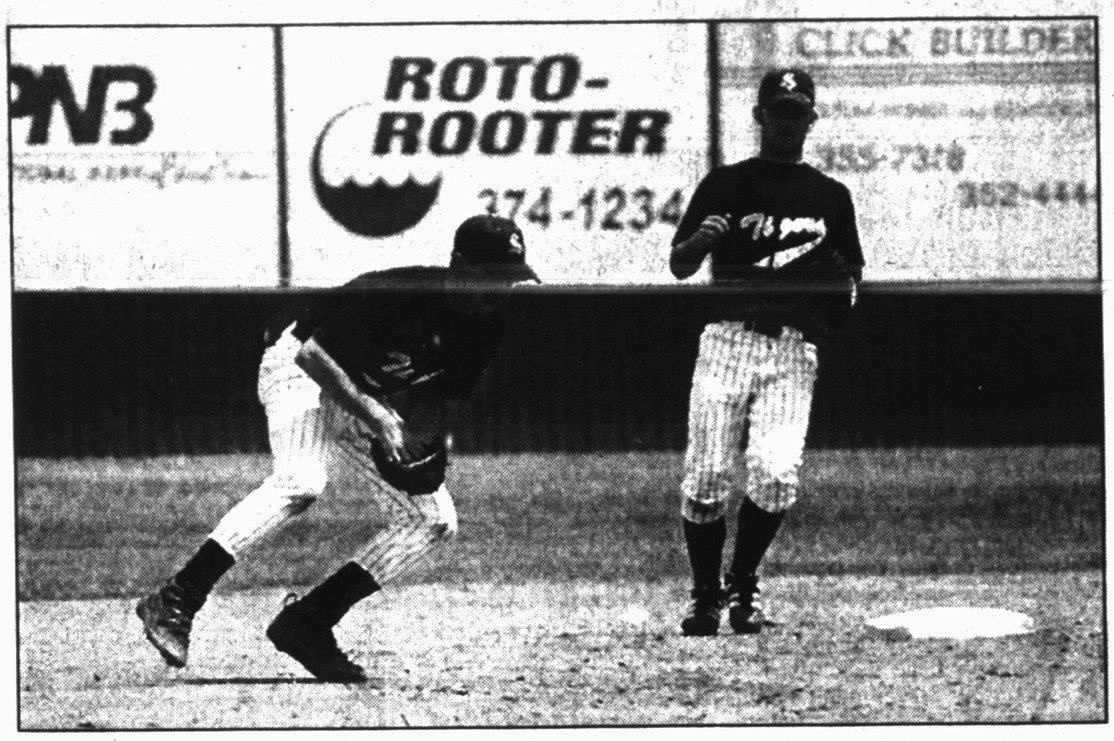
Pampa	100	100	0	—	2	6	1
Snyder	000	120	x	—	3	9	1

2B — Lindsey. HR — Berryman.

WP: Hernandez, 2⅓ innings, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 H, 2 BB, 1 SO. Beck, 3⅓ innings, 2 R, 1 ER, 5 H, 0 BB, 5 SO.

SV: Berryman, 1 inning, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 HB, 0 SO.

LP: Whitney, 6 innings, 3 R, 2 ER, 9 H, 2 BB, 6 SO.



MAKING THE PLAY — Snyder shortstop Matt Rodgers fields a ground ball as second baseman Eric Lang looks on during second inning action Saturday in Amarillo. The Tigers rallied to top Pampa, 3-2, advancing into the area round where they'll face El Paso Riverside. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Ladies Tigers defend crown...

State course longer this year

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — The players are paired, the tee times set and the Lady Tigers are ready to begin defense of their Class 4A state golf championship.

As Snyder teed off this morning at 7:37, the biggest difference between this year and last is the condition of the course.

Roy Kizer Golf Course, which hosted the '97 event, is more than 100 yards longer this time. Adding to the length is softness of the fairways and firmness of the greens.

The Kizer fairways, lush with green grass, are playing much softer than in past years, but yet the greens are much faster — conditions which will test the skills of even the state's top linksters.

"I think when they made it longer, it was to our advantage," Snyder Coach Matt Glenn said. "But since the ball won't roll as far on the spongy fairways, you're going to be hitting longer irons into hard greens that won't hold. That's going to make it tough on everybody."

The first player off the No. 1 tee box this morning for the Lady Tigers was Sally Barham. She was followed in consecutive groups by teammates Lacey Kidd, Keisha Gafford, Randi Reed and Daysha Weaver.

Despite the expected nervousness, the Lady Tigers seemed focused and ready to play in their practice round on Sunday.

"We've got a few jitters," Glenn said, "but that's to be expected. If they weren't a little nervous, they wouldn't really be competing."

Pivotal holes during the two-day, 36-hole tournament could be Nos. 16 and 17.

The 16th is the shortest par-4 on the course, measuring only 275 yards. However, players will be forced to hit anywhere from a 3-wood down to a 4-iron in order to keep it in the fairway. The approach shot will be to a small "anthill" green.

The players must not be long. Behind the putting surface is a 45-foot drop which would leave the golfer with an almost blind chip back to the pin.

From the shortest par-4, the players then go to the 17th hole — the longest par-5 at 436 yards.

Once again a fairwood wood is the preferred club off the tee. with water fronting the last 100 yards to the green, players must use a long (about 175 yards) lay-up shot to leave themselves with a wedge to the pin.

Playing in foursomes, the Lady Tigers were grouped with the other regional winners — Dallas Highland Park, Montgomery and Gregory-Portland. Highland Park was the state runnerup last year.

Also competing is Pampa, El Campo, Grapevine Colleyville Heritage and Austin Anderson.

The tournament concludes Tuesday. The top four teams from today's action will be grouped for the final round.

Lowrance shoots 82 in final region round

STANFORD, Calif. — After a sizzling one-under-par 72 on Friday, Texas Tech's Brooke Lowrance slipped to an 82 on Saturday and failed to make the national finals as a medalist.

The junior from Snyder did pace the Lady Raiders with a three-day total of 229. Tech finished 16th in the NCAA regional tournament.

Burkett finally hurls Rangers to win, 5-3

ARLINGTON (AP) — In the spring, Texas Rangers manager Johnny Oates had penciled in John Burkett as the ace of his pitching staff.

Burkett hardly backed up that trust over his first seven starts, struggling with an 8.03 ERA.

Sunday night's 5-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians was what Oates has been looking for from the veteran right-hander.

"It feels good, but I'm still disappointed with the way I've been pitching," Burkett said. "I need to put together some consistency."

Manny Ramirez broke up Burkett's run at a perfect game with a seventh-inning double. Then Burkett and closer John Wetteland survived a ninth-inning rally.

Burkett retired the first 20 batters, but he said he tried not to think about the perfect game and just focused on each hitter.

"I just tried to keep pitching and get outs," Burkett said. "I didn't really try to think of that at all. I was just trying to keep my concentration, keep working hard."

Over his first seven starts, Burkett was happy with only two of his outings. On Sunday, he got ahead of the hitters, had an effective changeup and kept the ball down.

"It seemed like every pitch he threw was on the corner," Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez said. "He mixed his pitches and threw strikes. That's what he has to do to be effective."

Burkett ran into trouble in the ninth, loading the bases with no outs before being relieved. Wetteland gave up a two-run single to Ramirez and a sacrifice fly to Jim Thome before recording his ninth save.

Burkett (3-4) allowed three runs, four hits and one walk in eight-plus innings, striking out five.

"Johnny threw the ball extremely well," Rangers first baseman Will Clark said.

GIRLS LITTLE DRIBBLERS

Panthers 33, Little Tigers 27
Panthers: Terann Ragland 24; Kaitlyn Greenlee 4; Brzanna Bernal 2; Jessica Robbins 2; LaCru Tippens 1.
Little Tigers: Wendy Reed 13; Khristan Torres 8; Stephanie Grant 4; Claire Pollard 2.
Red Hots 40, Tuff Stuff 12
Red Hots: Breanna Talavera ;18; Erica Little 6; Aeryal Peoples 6; Gena Dooley 4; Kiki Wofford 4; Elizabeth Dominquez 2.
Tuff Stuff: Seaslie Martinez 4; K.D. Morrell 4; Jessica Odom 2; Adrianna Sosa 2.
Bull-ettes 40, Sonics 21
Bull-ettes: April Lollar 21; Amanda Calley 11; Beth Clements 4; Destiny Proctor 2; Valerie West 2.
Sonics: Lindsey Wilson 10; Kassey Burney 8; Kalli Wesson 2; Chelsea Wood 1.
Bull-ettes 30, Nikes 5
Bull-ettes: April Lollar 10; Beth Cements 8; Amanda Calley 6; Destiney Proctor 4; Valerie West 2.
Nikes: Tiffany Kubena 4; Sara Pavlovsky 1.
Panthers 28, Sharpshooters 21
Panthers: Terann Ragland 15; Kaitlyn Greenlee 6; Laura Culwell 3; LaCru Tippens 2; Jessica Robbins 2.
Sharpshooters: Chenene Roemisch 8; Kate Wall 7; Terryn Autry 2; Ashley Rodriquez 2; Lindsey Smallwood 2.
Magic Jr. 31, Swoopsters 22
Magic: Sequiyo Powell 29; Bianca Gonzalez 2.
Swoopsters: Emily Jones 11; Shaela Thompson 6; Whitney Payne 3; Audrey Jones 2.
Mystics 21, Little Tigers 19
Mystics: Teddy Crenwelge 10; Katie Curry 5; Katy Crenwelge 4; Dondi Brock 2.
Little Tigers: Wendi Reed 10; Kristian Torres 5; Claire Pollard 3; Kellie Rushing 1.
Fast Break 37, Magic 33
Fast Bread: Erin Burleson 19; Laura Arelland 14; Gretchen Hollis 4.
Magic: Desiree Braziel 19; Jordan Danelson 6; Leslie Marquez 4; Stephan Kirk 2; Dominque Braziel 2.

SNYDER YOUTH LEAGUES

Bandits 13, Red Hots 8
Bandits: Kalyn Hildreth, homerun; Karly Buchanan, homerun; Cassie Hernandez, two doubles; Jordan Dereryberry, double and single; Britany Carnes, Erica Lee and Kayla Liccardi, two singles; Amanda Sanchez, Gina Hermosillo and Christian Tippens, single.
Red Hots: Eric Hogan and A'Lex Koonce, triple and single; Lauren Zamora, triple; Bailey Richardson, double and single; Alexandra Urias, double; Brittany Fisk, Nakita Pickerel Ashley Swigert and Rainie Moore, single.
Pink Pazzaz 8, Bandits 6
Pink Pazzaz: Britney Webb, two doubles, Lauren Lunsford, double; Ashley Casas, Kaycee Loveall and Kristie Davis, two singles; Brittany Scott, Chelsea Young, Alexis Castillo and Jennifer Free, single.
Bandits: Erica Lee, double; Kayla Liccardi, two singles; Brittani Carnes, Amanda Sanchez, Karly Buchanan, Gina Hermosillo, Kalyn Hildreth and Kendra Iglehart, single.
Pink Panthers 12, Rangeretes 5
Pink Panthers: Kelly Martinez, two homeruns and single; Heather Newton, homerun and two doubles; Jessica Floyd, triple, double and single; Deirde Foree and Megan Williamson, double and single; Megan Thompson, two singles; Laramie Gilbert, Lorin Martin and Kassidy Henderson, single.
Rangerettes: Miccyla Redman, Jessica Steelman and Sami Barrera, double and single; Autum Castillo, double; Kelsi Fulford, two singles; Meagan Robbins, single.
Bad to the Bone 14, Rugrats 8
Bad to the Bone: Kayla Lord, Alexia Hernandez, Kayli Brewster, Brittni Chaidez, Kylie Moreland and Sarah Cearley, three singles; Caitlin Whitt, double and two singles; Tayla Wesson and Allison Swigert, two singles; Kellie Pilcher, single.
Rugrats Alexandria Yruegas, home run and two singles; Evian Olvera triple and two singles; Melanie Kariainen, three singles; Lindsey Urias, two singles; Savannah Valdez, Sydney Glass, Erica Chaidez, Kaitlin Bass, Kaitlin Oaks and Katie Williamson, singles.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League Standings

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	26	11	.703	-
NewYork	18	14	.563	5½
Philadelphia	17	17	.500	7½
Montreal	13	22	.371	12
Florida	13	24	.351	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	22	13	.629	-
Milwaukee	19	15	.559	2½
Chicago	19	17	.528	3½
Cincinnati	18	18	.500	4½
St.Louis	17	17	.500	4½
Pittsburgh	16	20	.444	6½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	23	13	.639	-
SanFrancisco	20	17	.541	3½
LosAngeles	18	18	.500	5
Colorado	17	20	.459	6½
Arizona	8	28	.222	15

Saturday's Games
San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 1, 1st game
Chicago Cubs 6, San Francisco 0, 2nd game
St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, ppd., rain
Arizona at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
Montreal 4, Colorado 0
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 1
Atlanta 6, San Diego 4
Florida 7, Los Angeles 4
Houston 11, Milwaukee 6

Sunday's Games
St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 2, ppd., rain
Los Angeles 4, Florida 2
Atlanta 8, San Diego 5
Colorado 5, Montreal 3
Philadelphia 7, Arizona 4
Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 3, 12 innings
Houston 7, Milwaukee 1
San Francisco 3, Chicago Cubs 0

Monday's Games
Colorado (Ritz 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 4-2) at Cincinnati (Remlinger 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 4-0) at St. Louis (Stottlemyre 3-3), 8:10 p.m.
Florida (Hernandez 2-2) at Houston (Reynolds 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 3-2) at Arizona (Anderson 1-3), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Beech 0-2) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 0-3), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 3-1) at San Diego (Brown 2-2), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vasquez 1-3) at San Francisco (Rueter 3-2), 10:05 p.m.

American League Standings

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	24	7	.774	-
Boston	24	11	.685	2
Baltimore	18	17	.514	8
Toronto	16	20	.444	10½
TampaBay	14	20	.412	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	20	15	.571	-
Chicago	14	20	.412	5½
Minnesota	14	21	.400	6
KansasCity	14	22	.389	6½
Detroit	10	22	.313	8½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	22	13	.629	-
Anaheim	19	16	.543	3
Seattle	18	18	.500	4½
Oakland	15	20	.429	7

Saturday's Games
Oakland 15, Chicago White Sox 7
Baltimore 7, Tampa Bay 0
Minnesota 8, N.Y. Yankees 1
Texas 7, Cleveland 3
Boston 3, Kansas City 1
Toronto 4, Seattle 1
Detroit 7, Anaheim 3

Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3
Boston 3, Kansas City 1
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 0
Chicago White Sox 4, Oakland 3
Seattle 3, Toronto 1
Texas 5, Cleveland 3
Anaheim 4, Detroit 2

Monday's Games
Cleveland (Burba 3-3) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rusch 3-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Wells 3-1), 7:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 3-3) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Wasdin 3-0) at Texas (Witt 3-1), 8:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Sunday, May 3
Chicago 83, Charlotte 70
Monday, May 4
Seattle 106, L.A. Lakers 92
Tuesday, May 5
Indiana 93, New York 83
Utah 83, San Antonio 82
Wednesday, May 6
Charlotte 78, Chicago 76
L.A. Lakers 92, Seattle 68
Thursday, May 7
Indiana 85, New York 77
Utah 109, San Antonio 106, OT
Friday, May 8
Chicago 103, Charlotte 89
L.A. Lakers 119, Seattle 103
Saturday, May 9
New York 83, Indiana 76
San Antonio 86, Utah 64
Sunday, May 10
Indiana 118, New York 107, OT, Indiana leads series 3-1
L.A. Lakers 112, Seattle 100, L.A. Lakers lead series 3-1
Chicago 94, Charlotte 80, Chicago leads series 3-1
Utah 82, San Antonio 73, Utah leads series 3-1
Monday, May 11
No games scheduled
Tuesday, May 12
San Antonio at Utah, 8 p.m. (TNT)
L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 10:30 p.m. (TNT)
Wednesday, May 13
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m. (TNT)
Charlotte at Chicago, 9:30 p.m. (TNT)

NHL PLAYOFFS

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Thursday, May 7
Washington 4, Ottawa 2
Dallas 3, Edmonton 1
Friday, May 8
Buffalo 3, Montreal 2, OT
St. Louis 4, Detroit 2
Saturday, May 9
Washington 6, Ottawa 1, Washington leads series 2-0
Edmonton 2, Dallas 0, series tied 1-1
Sunday, May 10
Buffalo 6, Montreal 3, Buffalo leads series 2-0
Detroit 6, St. Louis 1, series tied 1-1
Monday, May 11
Washington at Ottawa, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dallas at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, May 12
Buffalo at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Detroit at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Sports Briefs

Astros wallop Brewers

ILWAUKEE (AP) — The baseball in Jose Lima's travel bag didn't signify his NL-leading sixth victory.

It was a keepsake from his first major league hit, an infield single that sparked a five-run rally in the Houston Astros' 7-1 victory over Milwaukee on Sunday.

Despite struggle, Tiger's back

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — It was a struggle, but Tiger Woods finally won again.

He ended a 10-month PGA Tour winless streak Sunday, finishing one stroke ahead of Jay Don Blake in the BellSouth Classic.

The 22-year-old, who won six of the first 21 PGA Tour events he entered as a professional, hadn't won on tour since taking the Western Open in early July, a span of 15 tournaments. He also is well out of contention with a round left in the suspended Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Woods, who had a three-stroke lead entering the final round, shot an even-par 72 for a 17-under 271 total over the 7,259-yard TPC at Sugarloaf.

WGA Playday

Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly playday at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Friday's couples play will be at 5:30 p.m.

SCC scramble and MGA

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held Monday, May 18 at 5:15 P.M., at the City Hall, 1925 24th Street Snyder, Texas, to review and discuss the following items:
Review the request of Roy and Rita Carter to change the zoning of lots 4, 5, & 6 of block 3 of the Wilmeth Addition to the City of Snyder Preliminary Plat from the present R-3 General Residential District to a C-2 Commercial District.
Review the request of James Glen Wooddell for a Special Use Permit to operate a Beauty Salon in a residential district lots 11 & 12, Block 10 of the Bootheland Addition to the City of Snyder.
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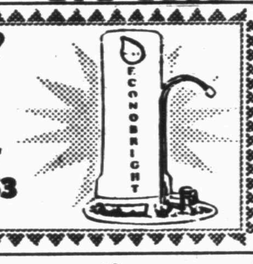
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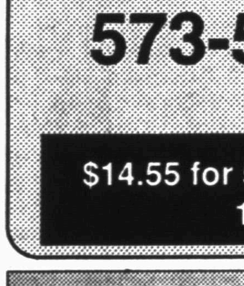
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Albright, advisers consider next moves

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's rejection of U.S. terms for a peace conference, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and her senior Mideast advisers are weighing their next moves in what is shaping up as a major setback for the Clinton administration.

They had assumed that Netanyahu's eagerness to launch talks on a final settlement with the Palestinians would overcome his objections to a pullback by Israeli troops from an additional 13 percent of the West Bank.

The gamble did not pay off. American envoy Dennis Ross could not persuade the tough Israeli leader to agree to the terms for opening the peace talks today in Washington, and the finger-pointing and U.S. head-scratching began.

Albright, Ross, Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk, and national security adviser Sandy Berger met first to discuss the next steps after President Clinton's hopes for a peace conference here today with Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat vanished.

Later, Clinton met with the officials at the White House.

"Based on a report from Ross, Albright briefed the president on the current state of play and prospects for overcoming the problems and determining what the next steps should be," James P. Rubin, the State Department spokesman, said.

Netanyahu refused to accept the U.S. call for a 13 percent pullback in any of the several variations suggested by Ross in intensive talks with the prime minister in Jerusalem. Arafat was willing to settle for 13 percent on top of the 27 percent already relinquished by Israel, hoping later to gain virtually all of the West Bank for establishment of a state.

Other networks will cash in on 'Seinfeld'

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC isn't the only television network trying to cash in on this week's final "Seinfeld" episode.

Yada-yada elsewhere on the dial will give viewers their fill of Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer even before the much-anticipated two-hour sendoff Thursday.

A&E turns over "Biography" to Seinfeld on Monday, a night after profiles of Seinfeld and co-star Jason Alexander premier on E! Entertainment Television.

"Dharma and Greg" pays a randy tribute Wednesday.

Even Court TV is getting into the act, hauling out tapes of the "Seinfeld" sexual harassment trial.

Nick at Nite's TV Land pays the only tribute that requires viewers to change channels. The cable network goes dark Thursday at 8 p.m. EDT and urges its fans to watch "Seinfeld" instead.

Television networks used to ignore competitors' big events. Not anymore.

On ABC, Dharma and Greg look to spice up their sex life by making love in a public place. To lessen their chances of being caught, they time their exhibitionism for when people are home watching the final "Seinfeld."

"We're all fans of the show and the last episode has gone beyond a television show; it's a social phenomenon. Ignoring it is like ignoring a major earthquake," said Chuck Lorre, executive producer of "Dharma and Greg."

Besides, he said, "we're not above trying to slip into 'Seinfeld's slipstream."

ABC knew better than to believe viewers would be watching "Unforgiven," the Clint Eastwood movie the network is airing opposite "Seinfeld."

"You can't stick your head in the sand," he said. "Rather than be jealous about it, the television industry should be proud of it."

For two hours Thursday, Nick at Nite's TV Land will post an image that ostensibly shows the door to the network's office. Taped to it is a sign that says, "We're watching the last episode of 'Seinfeld.' Will return at 10 p.m."

"It's such a great show and it has truly defined a generation," said Larry Jones, the network's president. "It's such a monumental moment in television history that we didn't want our viewers to accidentally miss it."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Overall prospects look encouraging for you in the year ahead. Negative conditions that distorted your relationships will be reorganized and effectively diminished.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A hope can be realized today if you have enough faith in yourself and your ideas. Don't allow individuals less qualified than you to dictate your course of action. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Challenging, competitive conditions tend to arouse your ingenuity today. In situations that have stymied associates, you may be able to provide a bagful of functional solutions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Focus on plans today that directly affect not only your immediate circumstances, but what might develop a week or two down the line. Be hopeful and expectant regarding what you envision.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Devote as much time as possible today to developments that have financial overtones. Something of considerable worth can be developed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Things you cannot accomplish on your own today can be nailed down with a competent ally. Be selective and choose a partner who can offer as much as you will.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Substantial opportunities a bit larger than usual are hovering about you today where your work or career are concerned. Swing into action if you spot some positive signals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) People you know socially can be of substantial help to you today in furthering your other interests. Keep doing all you can to strengthen your contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A situation which has been left dangling can be satisfactorily concluded today. It's a rather unique matter that affects family members and some outsiders.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your abilities as a salesperson could be quite impressive today. Make your pitch if there is something you're eager to promote or sell.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Conditions are promising today for shoring up your material position by adding to your resources or earnings. Concentrate on getting your fair share.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your path will be cleared today, and you should be able to sidestep impediments that have prevented you from furthering an important personal interest.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) For best results today, be secretive about your objectives. Don't discuss delicate issues with individuals who are not directly involved.

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Hospital

ADMISSIONS: May 8: Luis Carrisalez, Robin Gutierrez of Colorado City; May 9: None; May 10 - April Boyd, Carlos Keller, Eva Moore, Jerld Smith, Oneida Spradlin.

DISMISSALS — May 8: Vicky Alvarado and baby, Fidencia Contreres, Johnnie Goldesberry, Charles Laster, Michael Upton, Doyle Wemken; May 9: Connie Green, Johnnie White, Anita Brown, Michael Pruitt, James Wesley; May 10: David Kahlich.

CENSUS: 40 (Med., Surg.-8, Long-term Care-29, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1.)

Births

Elias and Robin Gutierrez of Colorado City announce the birth of their seven-pound, seven-ounce son. He was born at 8:43 am.m on May 8 in Cogdell Memorial H ospital.

Eight people jailed; one on felony charge

Eight people were arrested over the weekend, including one on a felony warrant.

Perry Greathouse, 28, of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. #3B3 was arrested at 11:41 p.m. at his residence on a warrant to revoke his probation on an original charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

A 28-year-old male was taken into custody at 1:15 p.m. Saturday in the 600 block of College Avenue on DPS warrants out of Lubbock County for speeding and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 49-year-old male at 8:17 p.m. Saturday in the 3700 block of College Avenue for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Three juvenile females were taken into custody at 11:36 p.m. Saturday in the 1500 block of 28th Street for violating their probation terms. They were transported to the police department and later released to their parents.

Officers arrested a 24-year-old male at 1:07 a.m. Sunday in the 200 block of Elm Street for Class C assault/family violence.

A 24-year-old male was taken into custody at 7:45 p.m. in the 700 block of North Avenue R for public intoxication.

In other activity over a busy weekend, officers were called to 2612 48th St. at 8:59 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone cutting two tires on a vehicle owned by Tiffany Martin. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Deputies are investigating a report of a burglary of a residence on FM 1613 which was reported at 9:29 p.m. Saturday by Larry Bridges.

Gary Grant reported at 3:30 p.m. Sunday that someone had broken a window on a truck at Snyder Concrete. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

At 9:13 p.m. Sunday, Melvin Wallace reported criminal mischief to his residence in the 100 block of Peach Street.

A gas drive-off was reported from the Allsup's in Hermleigh at 1:13 this morning and from the Town & Country at 1:20 this morning.

Officers also responded to a report of a snake in a residence in the 1100 block of 19th Street on Saturday morning and goats eating fruit trees on Sunday morning in the 1200 block of East 35th Street.

Several reports of dogs running loose were also investigated, as was one report of a person being bitten by a dog.

Snyder EMS responded to a 15-year-old male being injured on a dirt pile at Towle Park around 9 p.m. Saturday. He was tranported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where he was treated and released.

Cattle killed in grass fire

Three head of cattle were killed and an electrical pole and wires owned by Midwest Electric Cooperative were damaged in a grass fire Saturday.

The fire was reported about 4:35 p.m. on U.S. Highway 84 east of Snyder. No other information was available this morning.

The fire department responded to a round bale of hay on fire on a trailer on FM 1673 at 10:17 p.m. Saturday.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Is it OK to snack on nuts?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Snacks are a real problem at our house. Whenever our children are given the option to select one, they always go for sugary junk, or high-fat chips with a can of soda pop. I keep trying to get them to eat more fruit, and it works to some degree, but I need some suggestions that will satisfy their hunger and be nutritious at the same time — without sugar, if possible. I can't blame it all on the kids, as I find myself facing the same dilemma at work. Hunger pops up, and I end up trying to find the least offensive selection at the vending machines. I am considering trying nuts as a snack, but I am concerned because they are so high in fat. What is your opinion of nuts as a snack food? — M.Q., Pittsburgh

DEAR M.Q.: Snacks are an ever-present fixture in our diet. When we have neither the time nor the desire to sit down and have a full meal, we tend to quench our hunger pangs with a quick bite. As inevitable as these occurrences are, most of us fail to plan ahead and find ourselves at the mercy of whatever's available in a vending machine or fast-food outlet.

I think nuts are a great alternative. Whether packaged or sold in bulk, they can be a healthier choice than French fries, chips, candy, cookies, pastries and the like.

Nuts are high in fat, but that's not the whole story. They're a whole food that's versatile; they taste good; and they pack a variety of nutrients. In nature, the nut serves as the energy savings account for the plant. This energy reserve must be sufficient to fuel the sprouting and growth of the seed until the new plant begins to grow and produce energy on its own. The tiny nut stores all that reserve energy in the form of fat. For us, fat not only provides energy, but also is the nutrient that keeps a meal in the stomach for a longer period, giving rise to a feeling of fullness.

The fats in nuts are predominantly monounsaturated, a type found to have little effect on the risk of heart disease in an otherwise healthy diet.

Walnuts, for example, are the oldest tree food known to man. A 1-ounce serving of walnuts (14 halves) is a good source of magnesium and copper and provides about one-fourth of the daily value of vitamin E. One of the unique characteristics of walnuts is that they are a good source of omega-3 fats — the heart-healthy fats more commonly found in fish. Research on walnuts, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, showed that a daily intake had a beneficial effect on serum lipids (the fats in our blood).

Almonds provide more evidence supporting the healthfulness of nuts. Aside from being high in protein, almonds are a rich source of vitamin E, dietary fiber and many of the B vitamins. Although almonds contain a number of minerals, they are one of the best nondairy sources of calcium and magnesium.

Peanuts are the most popular nuts. Whether eaten as nuts or as peanut butter, they have more protein than any other nut. Peanuts contain a number of vitamins and minerals, as well as fiber. Recent research has discovered that peanuts are also a source of resveratrol (rez-VAIR-uh-trawl), a valuable anti-oxidant phytochemical.

Walnuts, almonds and peanuts get up to about 80 percent of their calories from fat. Although this is a red flag against eating large quantities, the actual recommended serving size is about 1 ounce a day. That translates to about 14 halves of walnuts, about 24 to 30 almonds and 35 peanuts. The benefits of consuming 1 ounce of nuts a day, which contains approximately 170 calories, far outweigh any "fat" liability.

Adding nuts to the diet can be an exercise in imagination. In addition to eating them out of your hand, you can include them in a stir fry, toss them in salads, or use them in sauces, on pizza, or added to yogurt for an extra crunch. When combined with vegetables, fruits or grains, nuts can share center stage as part of a nutritious, complete meal which works even for those on a weight-loss regimen.

Nuts are useful in helping to satisfy the sometimes insatiable energy demands of growing children. They can be used in morning cereal and make a great lunch-box or after-school treat.

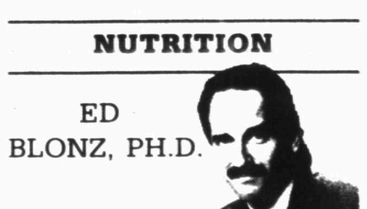
It's definitely OK to go nuts at snack time. But don't wait for the snacking urge to strike. Plan ahead and stash some nuts in your office, your bag or car. By doing so, you take control of your cravings and have a nutritious snack of your own choosing, available when needed.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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NUTRITION



ED BLONZ, PH.D.

Walker Railey has returned to lavish lifestyle

DALLAS (AP) — Walker Railey sure doesn't look like someone who declared less than two months ago that he could barely afford $337 a month to help support the near-comatose woman soon to be his ex-wife.

The former Dallas minister and his new bride share a spacious apartment in a luxurious high-rise on Los Angeles' west side, where rents reach $3,000 a month.

Railey and Donna Turner, his second wife, married last month before 300 people, to whom they had sent embossed invitations.

The ceremony took place nine days before the divorce was final from his first wife, who lies in a vegetative state in a Tyler nursing home. Railey avoided a possible bigamy charge by asking the judge to backdate the divorce decree to the day prior to his wedding.

But just weeks before the nuptials, Railey said he could barely afford the $337 monthly alimony payment.

It may be fitting that the 50-year-old Railey chose a Hollywood-area address: The latest sequel in his story is as intriguing as anything the studios can dream up. The tale includes his sudden and mysterious reversal of fortunes, a divorce decree with a movie-deal clause, broken families, lost jobs, and a tragedy-haunted woman who buried two husbands in their 30s.

And this is 11 years after Railey's life first began to mimic pulp fiction — when his wife, Margaret "Peggy" Railey, was choked into a near-comatose state at their Lake Highlands home.

A civil court held the former senior minister at Dallas' First United Methodist Church liable for the attack after he failed to contest a lawsuit filed on her behalf. He was acquitted of attempted murder in criminal court; some jurors said they thought he was guilty — but not beyond a reasonable doubt.

Railey and his new wife had little to say recently when reporters from The Dallas Morning News knocked on the door of their apartment, which features oaken floors and carved moldings. As piano music tinkled from inside, the balding, white-haired Railey answered the door in a T-shirt and honeymoon-quality tan.

"Hi," he said with an icy stare, before slamming the door and summoning a building manager, who called police.

Neighbors and even some allies of the Raileys said they didn't know how the newlyweds were making a living these days. Nothing suggests great wealth in the background of Mrs. Railey, a high school graduate and executive secretary.

Mrs. Railey's first husband, her high school sweetheart from St. Louis with whom she had moved to San Diego, died in 1988 at age 36. He suffered a seizure at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, records show, while on his way to St. Louis for alcohol rehabilitation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the application of Exxon Corporation for a Sour Gas Pipeline Facility Construction Permit; Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit, Scurry County, Texas.

Applicant: Exxon Corporation, P.O. Box 4358, Houston, Texas 77210-4358. For information, contact Mr. John Lane at (713)431-1227.

Facility Description: The project involves the construction of pipelines to supply CO2 injection gas within the Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit.

Two CO2 injection trunk pipelines running from Tank Battery 5 will have diameters of 6" or 8" and be constructed of externally coated pipe of specification API 5L X-52. Operating pressure for these lines will be from 1500 to 2500 psi.

Geographic Location of the Pipelines: These pipelines are located entirely within the Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit in Sections 121, 123, and 124 of Block 25, H & T CRR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas.

Geographic Location of the Radius of H2S Exposure: The H2S Radius of Exposure for these pipelines is located entirely within the Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit in Sections 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, and 125 of Block 25, H & T CRR Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas.

Nearest Municipality: The nearest municipalities are Ira which lies approximately 9 miles to the southeast and Snyder which lies approximately 13 miles to the northeast.

Highways and Public Roads: The pipelines cross a public road in two places:

-The pipeline from Tank Battery #5 to WAG (Water Alternating Gas) Manifold #14 crosses County Road 3164 approximately 8400' west of the intersection with FM 1610.

-The pipeline from Tank Battery #5 to WAG (Water Alternating Gas) Manifold #16 crosses County Road 3164 approximately 6600' west of the intersection with FM 1610.

Land Use and Habitation: The land within the radius of exposure is used primarily for agriculture and for oil and gas production operations.

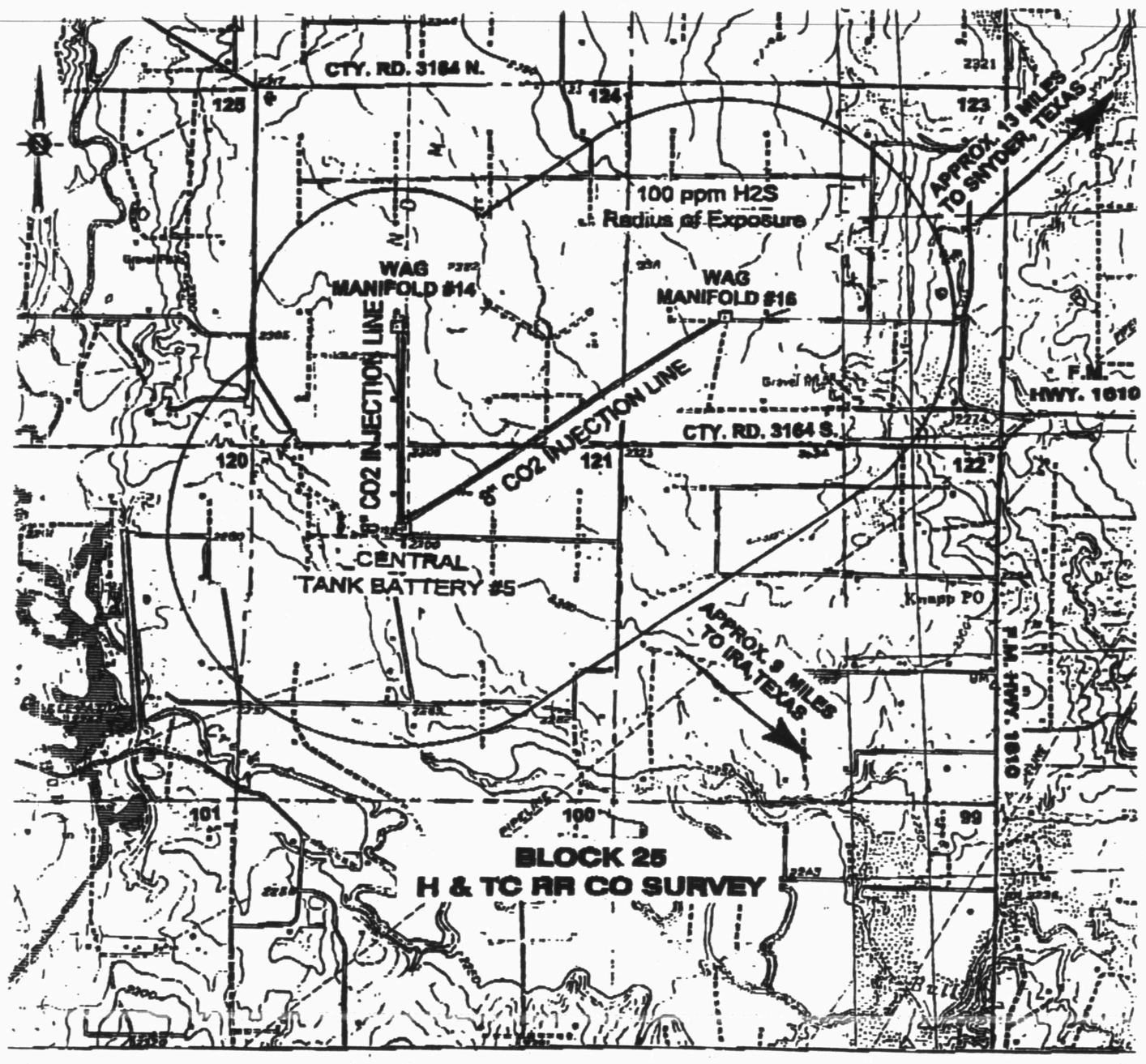
The proposed pipeline facility will transport sour gas that contains more than 100 ppm of hydrogen sulfide. A copy of this application is available for public inspection at the offices of the County Clerk, located at the following address:

County Clerk
Scurry County Courthouse,
Snyder, Texas 79549

Any owner or occupant of land within the 100 ppm radius of exposure of the proposed sour gas pipeline facility desiring to protest this application can do so by mailing or otherwise delivering a letter referring to Gas Utilities Docket (GUD) No.8871 and stating their desire to protest to:

Docket Services
Office of General Counsel
Railroad Commission of Texas,
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967

Protests must be received not later than June 6, 1998. It is recommended that a copy of this notice be included with the letter. Additional information concerning the protest procedure can be obtained by calling (512) 463-7017 or by visiting //www.rrc.state.tx.us/ on the Internet.



SCALE 1" = 2000'

EXHIBIT #1
APPLICATION FOR SOUR GAS PIPELINE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PERMIT
100 ppm H2S RADIUS OF EXPOSURE:
@ TANK BATTERY #5 - 3251', WAG MANIFOLD #14 - 2016',
AND WAG MANIFOLD #16 - 3195'

EXXON CORPORATION
SECTIONS 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125
BLOCK 25, H&T RR CO. SURVEY
SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS

Bodies of missing retired doctor, wife found in remote area

BUFFALO GAP (AP) — The bodies of a retired Abilene physician and his wife were found in a remote area of Taylor County after they apparently abandoned their wrecked vehicle and tried to walk to safety.

The bodies of Dr. Edward Martin, and his wife, Elsie Lou Martin, both 79, were found Sunday near where their car crashed through a barbed wire fence. They had been missing eight days.

Taylor County Justice of the Peace Leroy Groves pronounced them dead. Their bodies were sent to the Tarrant County medical examiner for an autopsy although no foul play is suspected.

Officers said that Dr. Martin, a retired internist and cardiologist, picked up his wife on May 2 from the Windcrest Alzheimer Care Center, where she had lived since February, for a weekend outing.

They had eaten at Luby's Cafeteria at an Abilene mall, charging it on a credit card, and then the couple disappeared.

Windcrest administrator Linda Morrison said Dr. Martin would pick up his wife every Saturday, take her to dinner and then take her for a drive.

A rancher, out looking for his livestock, found the Martins' car about 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)-Morningstocks:

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	150⅝	148¼	150	5-16+ 2⅝
AT&T Corp	58⅝	57¾	57	13-16+ 3-16
AirTouch	53	51⅝	52	15-16+2 5-16
Albertsons	46¼	45¾	46	3-16+ ¼
AlldSignal s	44⅝	44	1-16	44⅛+ 7-16
Alltel	42⅜	41	3-16	42⅛+ 1⅛
AmOnline s	91⅛	88¼	88⅝	— 1⅜
AmStores			24¼	24 24¼
Ameritech s	47	11-16	45¾	47 3-16+3 5-16
Amoco's	43	11-16	43⅜	43¾— 1-16
AndarkPtr	72	5-16	71⅞	72⅛+ ⅛
AnnooInc			6¾	6¾ 6 11-16
AtlRichfld	79	11-16	79	5-16 79⅜— ⅛
ATMOS Egy			30¼	30¼ 30 3-16+ ⅛
Aviall			14	3-16 14 1-16 14⅛+ 1-16
BakerHughes	39	15-16	38	9-16 39⅜— 1⅛
BellAtl			96⅜	94⅛ 94⅛
BellSouth			67	66⅞ 66⅝+ 1⅜
BethSteel			15	3-16 14⅞ 15 + ⅛
BritPet s			93⅛	93¼ 93⅜+ 9-16
BurlNoSFe	101	1-16	100⅝	100 5-16—15-16
CBS Corp			33⅛	32 15-16 33 —15-16
Caterpillar s	55	13-16	55	9-16 55 11-16— ⅛
ConSoWst			27	3-16 27⅛ 27⅛
Chevron	85	1-16	84⅛	84 15-16+ 1-16
Chrysler			54	53¼ 53⅜— 7-16
Coastal	74	15-16	73	13-16 74⅛+13-16
CocaCola	77⅞	76	15-16	77 13-16+ 1⅜
ColgatePalm			88⅛	87¾ 88 3-16+ ¼
ComclMetals			32⅜	32¾ 32 13-16+ 1-16
CooperIn	69	3-16	68	11-16 69 1-16+ 7-16
CyprusAmax			16	15-16 16 13-16 16⅞
DallSemicn			38¾	38 7-16 38 7-16
DeltaAirl	117⅞	115	7-16	117⅛+1 1-16
DigitalEq			60⅝	59¾ 60 1-16+ 3-16
Dillards Inc	38	7-16	37	7-16 38 7-16+15-16
DowChem			100¼	98 1-16 100⅛+ 2⅛
DresserInd			52	9-16 51¾ 51⅞— ⅛
DuPont s			82⅛	80 80 1-16+ 6
EastmanChem			69	5-16 68⅞ 69⅛+ ⅛
EstKodak			72¾	72 1-16 72¾+11-16
EDS Corp			38⅞	38¼ 38 3-16+ 3-16
Entergy			25	7-16 25 3-16 25 5-16+ ⅛
Exxon	72	13-16	72	3-16 72 5-16— 7-16
Flowers			21	9-16 21 5-16 21⅛+ ⅛
FordMotor s			46	11-16 45⅞ 46 + 3-16
GTE Cp	60	5-16	59⅝	59 15-16+1 7-16
GenDynam s			41	15-16 41⅛ 41⅜— 5-16
GenElec			84	3-16 83¾ 83 7-16+ ¼
GenMills			68⅛	68 68 7-16— 1-16
GenMotors			72⅛	71¾ 72 +3 5-16
GaPacGP s	80¼	79	5-16	79 15-16+1 1-16
GlobalMar			25	11-16 25 3-16 25 7-16+ ⅛
Goodrich			53	52¾ 52¾+ ⅛
Goodyear s			71	70⅝ 70⅝— ⅛
GtAtlPac			31⅛	31 3-16 31⅛+ 7-16
Halliburtn s			54	9-16 53¾ 53⅝— 5-16
Hanson ADS			29	11-16 29⅛ 29⅜
HarteHanks s	22	3-16	21	15-16 21 15-16— ⅛
HomeDepot s			70⅜	69⅜ 69 15-16+1 1-16
HoustonInds			29	7-16 29¼ 29⅜— ⅛
IBM	122⅝	120	3-16	122 1-16+2 1-16
IntlPaper			53⅜	52⅜ 53⅜+ 1
JohnsonJn			72⅜	71⅛ 72⅜+ 1
K mart			18⅜	18 3-16 18 5-16+ ⅜
Kroger Co			42⅜	41¼ 42 +11-16
Litton			60¾	60 1-16 60¾
LockhdMart	112⅜		111⅛	112⅜— 1-16
Lowes Cos			69¼	68 69 1-16+1 5-16
Lubys	18	15-16	18	11-16 18⅜— 1-16
LucentTech s			75	7-16 74 74⅜+13-16
MayDeptStrs			63¾	63 63⅜— ⅛
Medtronic s			49	7-16 48⅛ 48⅜— ⅛
Mobils	79⅛	78	11-16	78 13-16+ 5-16
Monsanto			56	11-16 54⅛ 56⅛+ 3
MorganJP	133	11-16	132⅜	132 13-16— 9-16
Motorola			56	15-16 56⅛ 56⅜— ⅛
NCR Corp			37	3-16 36⅞ 37⅛+ ⅜
NationsBk			75	5-16 74 15-16 75 + 9-16
Navistar			29	13-16 29¼ 29⅜+ 1⅛
Norwests	38	15-16	38	3-16 38 11-16+ 5-16
OryxEngy			25	15-16 25⅛ 25⅜— 1-16
Penney JC			71⅛	71 5-16 71⅛+ 9-16
Pennzoil			63¾	63¾ 63⅝+ 3-16
PepiBoys			23⅛	23⅛ 23 7-16+ 5-16
PepsiCo			39⅛	38⅜ 38 13-16+ ⅛
PhelpDodge			65	15-16 65 65⅛— ⅛
PhilipPet			48⅜	48⅛ 48⅜+ ⅜
PilgrmPrd			17⅞	17 17⅛+ 1-16
Polaroid			43⅜	43 43⅜+ ⅜
Praxair			49⅛	48⅜ 49⅛+ 5-16
ProctGamb s			82¼	81¼ 81 9-16+ 9-16
PubSNwMx	22	13-16	22⅜	22 13-16+ ⅛
RoyalDut s			56⅛	56⅛ 56 13-16+ 7-16
SBC Comm s			41⅛	39⅝ 39 9-16—2 13-16
SaraLee	61	3-16	60⅜	60 13-16+ 3-16
Scripps EW			55⅛	55¼ 55⅛
SearsRoeb			59⅛	58⅞ 59⅛+ ⅛
SherwinW			34⅞	34⅛ 34 11-16+ ⅛
SmthBc ADS s	58	15-16	58⅜	58⅛+ 5-16
SouthernCo			26¼	26¼ 26 3-16+ 1-16
SwstAirl s	26	15-16	26	11-16 26⅛+ ⅛
Sprint			71	70⅛ 70⅝+ 1⅛
SunCo	42	7-16	42	1-16 42 7-16+ ⅛
TNP Ent			33¾	33⅜ 33⅜
Tandy s			47	46⅛ 47 + 3-16
TempleInland			66¼	65 5-16 66 +1 13-16
Tenneco			43¼	42⅞ 43⅛+ 5-16
Texaco s	61	1-16	60⅛	60 11-16— ⅛
TexInd			64	13-16 64 64 + 3-16
TexasInst s	65	5-16	64	13-16 65 — 7-16
TexUtil	39⅛	38	13-16	38 13-16+ 1-16
Textron	79	9-16	78¾	79 9-16+1 1-16
Travelers s	61	59	15-16	60 11-16+1 1-16
TriconGlbR n	30	9-16	30	3-16 30 5-16+ 1-16
TrinityInds			50	49¾ 49⅝— 9-16
TritonEngy			42	5-16 42 42 3-16
Tyler			10	9 13-16 10
US WestCm			52⅛	52 7-16 52⅝+ 1⅜
USWstMda			38	15-16 38⅜ 38⅞+ ⅛
USX-Marathn			36⅛	36 36 + 1-16
USX-USS	37	13-16	37⅛	37 13-16+ ⅜
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UnionPacif			56⅛	56⅛ 56½+ ⅛
UnitedTech			97	9-16 96⅝ 97⅝+1 3-16
Unocal			39	13-16 39 7-16 39⅛— ⅛
WalMart	50	15-16	50	9-16 50 13-16+ 5-16
WstnGasRs			18¼	18 18⅛+ 1-16
WinnDixie			38⅜	37⅞ 38⅛+ ⅛
Woolworth	21	3-16	20⅞	20 15-16— 5-16
Xerox Corp			113⅜	112 11-16 113⅛+ ⅜
ZenithE			3⅜	3 9-16 3⅜+ 1-16

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Clayton Hms.	20 7/16	-1/8
Compaq	32 5/8	+3/16
Cabletron	14 3/8	+3/16
Cisco Sys.	76 3/8	+5/8
Dell	93 7/16	+1 11/16
Brinker Int'l.	24	-3/16
Calloway Glf.	25 5/16	-1
Fannie Mae	58 11/16	-3/8
Intel	83 13/16	-1/4
JP Morgan	133 1/16	-5/16
Korea Fund	7 1/8	-1/8
Lehman Bros.	72 1/16	-1 1/8
3 M	94 3/4	+13/16
Phillip Morris	38 1/2	-1/8
Microsoft	85	-3/4
Netscape	28 13/32	+5/32
Oracle	26 9/16	-5/16
Petsmart	11 1/4	-1/16
Patterson Egy.	13 7/8	+1/8
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Safety of imported food in doubt, GAO says

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than one-third of all fresh fruit and 12 percent of vegetables consumed in America now come from overseas. But a study released today by Congress' investigative agency said the federal government is unable to ensure that imported foods are safe.

The findings by the General Accounting Office could boost President Clinton's efforts to strengthen the Food and Drug Administration's authority to require that other countries adopt safe practices for fruit, vegetables, fish and processed foods.

If Congress passed pending legislation giving FDA that authority — which the Agriculture Department already has for imported meat and poultry — it would "provide greater assurance that the imported foods it is responsible for are safe," the report said.

The study did not conclude that imported foods are more dangerous than those produced domestically, but imports grew more than 50 percent since 1990 to reach some $33 billion in 1996.

There have been some high-profile incidents of illness from imported foods, including Guatemalan raspberries, Mexican cantaloupes and alfalfa sprouts from the Netherlands.

"An increase of this magnitude demands more certainty that our food supply is safe," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who requested the GAO report as chairwoman of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

The study found that the FDA's reliance on port-of-entry inspections meant that only 46,395, or 1.7 percent, of more than 2.7 million imported food shipments in 1997 were actually checked by an inspector. Of those, only 16,000 underwent a laboratory analysis for disease-causing organisms or other problems.

The Agriculture Department, on the other hand, visually checked every shipment and did inspections on about 20 percent of 118,000 meat and poultry imports. In addition, USDA officials visited 30 countries and checked 336 foreign plants to ensure their safety practices were equal to those in this country.

In a written response to the audit, FDA Associate Commissioner Diane Thompson said the agency is seeking congressional approval for authority to check foreign practices. But to prevent disruptions in foreign trade, Thompson said they should not be a requirement for all imported foods.

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Ken and Peggy Lofton carry a complete line of flooring, ceramic, carpet, laminent, vinyl and area rugs. Larry Cardin serves as carpet installer and has been with the Loftons since 1984.

They now carry unique furniture pieces as well as inexpensive dishes and flatware for newlyweds and/or college students.

A grand opening is scheduled for May 19 thru May 22 and the Loftons invite everyone to come in and register for the 1998 Oldsmobile to be given away. They are also offering additional discounts of 10% off all flooring and/or $50.00 off purchase of $500 or more.

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Sinn Fein set for 'uncharted territory'

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams says he's taking his IRA-allied party into "uncharted territory" after its landmark vote in support of the Northern Ireland peace accord.

Backed by 331 of the party's 350 delegates, Adams ended Sinn Fein's traditional boycott of the Northern Ireland government — a policy as old as the Protestant-majority state created 77 years ago.

"This was huge — a watershed," Adams said after Sunday's vote at the Royal Dublin Society hall, where Sinn Fein debated the April 10 accord.

The shift flies in the face of the Irish Republican Army's determination to see the British-ruled north unite with the rest of Ireland. The IRA-allied Sinn Fein now is free to help govern Northern Ireland along with other parties in a new 108-seat Belfast Assembly to be elected June 25.

Adams' victory may not increase public support for the May 22 referendums in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, which are required to ratify the accord. Indeed, Sinn Fein's embrace of the deal may fuel fears among the north's pro-British Protestants that it is contrary to their interests.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who is to campaign this week in Northern Ireland in favor of the referendum, admitted that his government has no alternative plan if Protestant voters reject compromise.

"Plan B is going back to square one," he said.

Even a few months ago, the idea that Sinn Fein could approve a deal calling for a reformed Northern Ireland government seemed far-fetched.

But in this shifting political landscape, Sinn Fein is able to sell previously unpalatable compromise by pointing to how much pain it's causing Protestant opponents. The Ulster Unionists, the major Protestant party, have suffered major defections to the "No" camp since accepting the deal last month.

The British and Irish governments combined to help Adams' sales pitch, too, highlighting the accord's promise to free several hundred IRA prisoners.

Both governments released four IRA prisoners for the day to speak at the conference. In particular, the surprise appearance of the IRA's longest-serving prisoners — four men convicted in 1975 of several bombings in England — sent the hall into thunderous applause.

Obituaries



Camille Jackson

Camille Jackson

1973-1998

Service is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Stella Camille Jackson.

Mrs. Jackson, 24, died in a one car accident Sunday, May 10, on Highway 84 east of Hermleigh.

Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery. The Revs. Willie Hopkins of Vernon and Tony Wofford, pastor of Word Is Life Church, will officiate.

Born on May 19, 1973 in Snyder, she married Jerry Don Jackson on Dec. 29, 1996 in Snyder. She was employed by the Snyder Independent School District. She was a member of Word Is Life Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Don Jackson of Snyder; a daughter, Eboni Tyree Jackson of Snyder; her parents, Margie and Jerome Hopkins of Odessa; a sister, Whitney Hopkins of Odessa; her grandmother, Bernice Thompson of Snyder; and her extended family, Chester, Wayne, Tony, Lisa, Demetrice; her father, Stanley Cobb; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Faye Biggers

1974-1998

Angela Faye Biggers, a 1998 graduate of Western Texas College, died Sunday, May 10, in an Abilene hospital from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle rollover on U.S. 84 between Hermleigh and Roscoe.

Funeral service for Miss Biggers, 24, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. O.J. Archie of Midland and Tony Wofford of Snyder will officiate. Interment will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery.

Miss Biggers was born April 5, 1974. She was a 1992 graduate of Colorado City High School and earned her associate of science degree in computerized business technology from WTC.

Survivors include her father, Frank Biggers of Colorado City; her mother and step-father, Anita and Earnest Peavy of Snyder; a son, Darius Biggers of Snyder; a sister, Felsha Biggers of Snyder; two half-sisters, Tracey Craig of Dallas and Breanna Biggers of Colorado City; a half-brother, Adrian Sneed of Snyder; her grandparents, Earnest and Angeline Biggers of Colorado City; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Pete and Willie Faye Davis; a great-grandmother, Faylee Kirksey; and by two brothers, Frank Biggers Jr. and Damon Biggers.

Regnald Earnest

1935-1998

BRECKENRIDGE — Regnald K. Earnest, owner of Earnest Uphostery in Snyder, died Saturday, May 9, in a Sweetwater motel.

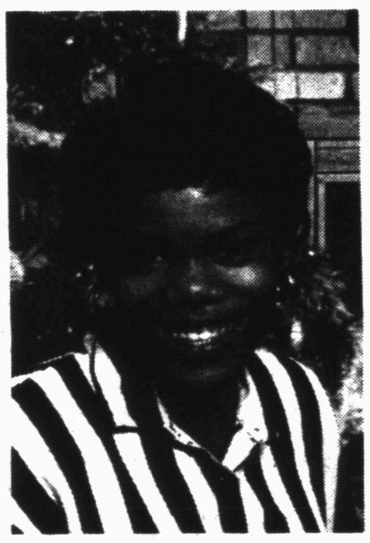
Sweetwater Police Chief Jim Kelly said Mr. Earnest was pronounced dead at approximately 9:20 a.m. Cause of death is expected to be natural causes, the chief said.

Funeral service for Mr. Earnest, 62, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Melton Funeral Home Chapel of Memories. The Rev. Joe Stewart was to officiate and burial was to follow at 3 p.m. in the Bangs Cemetery.

Born Dec. 14, 1935 in Jones County, he was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Paul Earnest and James David Earnest.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Earnest of Snyder; two daughters, Karen Lawson of Odessa and Bobbie Sue Baker of Colorado City; five sons, Hank Earnest of Snyder, Paul David Earnest of Kilgore, Johnny Earnest, Darryl Earnest and Terry Earnest, all of Arkansas; his parents, W.D. and Thelma Earnest of Breckenridge; a brother, Harril Earnest of Breckenridge; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



Shaundra Jackson

Ms. Jackson

1976-1998

Funeral service for Shaundra Monique Jackson, 21, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Willie Hopkins and Tony Wofford will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Jackson died Sunday, May 10, in Sweetwater's Rolling Plains Hospital from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident on U.S. 84 between Hermleigh and Roscoe.

Born Oct. 18, 1976 to Willie and Debra Tippens in Snyder, she was a member of the Word Is Life Deliverance Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Jasmine Jackson of Snyder; her parents, Willie and Debra Tippens of Snyder; two brothers, Jerry Don Jackson of Snyder and Anthonie DeShawn Jackson of Arlington; her grandmothers, Vernest Tippens of Snyder and Edna Jackson of Arlington and formerly of Snyder; and a host of uncles, aunts and cousins.

Walter James

1917-1998

RICHARDSON — Walter James, the father of Nancy Doyle of Snyder, died Sunday, May 10, in Vencor Hospital.

Services for Mr. James, 81, are pending at Restland of Dallas in Richardson.

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Microsoft...

Antitrust action is expected

FORT WORTH (AP) — An antitrust lawsuit that threatens to delay the release of Microsoft's Windows 98 operating system for personal computers is expected to be filed this week by the Texas Attorney General's office, according to a published report.

Several other states are expected to join Texas, and the Justice Department is also expected to launch its own legal assault soon against Microsoft, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

The battles are likely to be the largest antitrust actions taken since the forced breakup of AT&T a decade ago.

Government regulators will be seeking to define when a major corporation has become too dominant in an industry, even in a new era of global competition and rapid technological change.

Staff members in Attorney General Dan Morales' office say the state is a leader among the states seeking to keep the software giant from tightening its hold on the emerging Internet market.

Antitrust officials fear that Microsoft is using its dominance in the operating system market to force out rivals in other software businesses.

Some of the larger companies in the computer industry in Texas say the action could hamper growth in one of the state's fastest-growing industries.

"Texas is the PC capital of the world," said James Halpin, chief executive of Dallas-based retailer CompUSA. "For our attorney general to be involved in this is totally inappropriate."

Microsoft is scheduled to begin shipping Windows 98 on Friday and the operating system is scheduled to hit store shelves in late June.

Government lawyers at federal and state levels are unusually quiet about their plans, but speculation is rising that lawsuits against Microsoft could be filed within days.

"We've been investigating for close to 18 months," said Ward Tisdale, a Morales spokesman. "If we take any action, we'll make an announcement on the day we take that action, not beforehand."

While government investigators have been mum about their plans for lawsuits, Microsoft has seized the public-relations agenda.

The company held a computer-industry pep rally in New York with top executives from several companies.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Class of 2000 fund-raiser

Snyder High Class of 2000 is offering chance at a Super Bowl football autographed by Emmitt Smith and a Titanic photograph autographed by Leonardo Caprio. Donations are $1 each. See any class member to purchase tickets.

Manic/depressive support group

An effort is being made to form a manic/depressive (bipolar) support group in Snyder. If you are interested, call Debbie at 573-1154.

Snyder Band Boosters

Snyder Band Boosters will meet at 6 this evening in the high school band hall.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Known by His Justice," followed by "Things Only Heaven Can Cure," will begin at 7 tonight.

Ira Sports Banquet

The annual Ira Sports Banquet will be held at 6:30 this evening in the school cafeteria.

UIL awards assembly

Ira School will have a UIL awards assembly at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the cafeteria. All parents are invited.

The end-of-year awards assembly is planned for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

West Science Fair

West Elementary sixth graders will conduct their annual science fair from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the National Guard Armory. Admission is free.

Scurry Lodge 706

Scurry Masonic Lodge 703 will hold an E.A. Degree at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All Masons are invited.

Northeast Play Day

Northeast Elementary will hold Play Days Tuesday and Wednesday at the dirt track behind the school. Everyone is welcome. Play Day will be 9-11:30 a.m. Tuesday for K and first grade and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday for fifth grade.

Cogdell reception

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will hold an employee recognition reception from 6-7:45 p.m. Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Service awards, employees of the month and the employee of the year will be presented.

Agricultural valuations

Scurry County Appraisal District Agricultural Advisory Committee will meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday in the appraisal district office to consider agricultural valuations for 1998.

Traits of 'Affective' Teacher

Part 2 of 10 Traits of the "Affective" Teacher will be presented at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. Presenter is Price Brown. Everyone is invited.

Chamber members party

Wednesday at 5 p.m. is the deadline to RSVP for Friday's chamber members party. The event will be held at the Huddleston residence, a quarter mile south of Halliburton on 1611 at 6:30 p.m.

Washington, D.C, trip

A meeting for those planning to attend the Washington, D.C. and New York trip will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday in the junior high auditorium. All parents and students need to attend.

'Oklahoma' set for the stage

Snyder High School choral department will present Roger and Hammerstein's musical "Oklahoma" Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium. Reserved tickets are on sale now for $7 each. General admission is $4. Call Katie Necessary at the high school, 573-6301, for tickets or more information.

Museum rummage sale

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

Pick 3

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

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-15-23-27-28-49.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.
Number matching six of six: 1
Winning ticket(s) sold in: South Padre Island.
Matching five of six: 103. Prize: $1,213.
Matching four of six: 4,335. Prize: $104.
Matching three of six: 85,896. Prize: $3.
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