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Lease proposal tabled Tuesday

Auditor says savings could shave 20 cents off tax rate

At the advice of an attorney, Scurry County commissioners court on Tuesday tabled a proposal to lease Cogdell Hospital to Community Health Services.

Attorney George Scofield recommended the court defer any action until all points in the proposed lease agreement are agreed upon by both parties.

"We're here to get the best deal for the county," said Scofield, a partner in the San Antonio law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski.

Scofield was hired by the county earlier in the day for the purpose of helping negotiate the lease proposal. The firm has offered to lease Cogdell for a 30-year period for a one-time payment of $8 million and other payments which would increase the total to more than $12 million.

Tuesday, County Auditor Eddie McHaney told the court that the lease could substantially lower the tax rate. He noted that yearly interest on $12 million would generate approximately $780,000.

"Add the $395,999 we subsidize the hospital now, and the county will have $1,175,000 in money available to lower the tax burden," said McHaney.

Based on last year's appraisal figures, that amount of money could lower the county property tax rate by more than 20 cents per $100 valuation, said the auditor. The current tax rate is 53.5 cents.

Scofield would not say in what areas of the lease there is disagreement, but it is thought to be some half a dozen points, including the area of indigent care.

"The county is still in negotiation with CHS and I feel it would be best not to discuss any points that we are in disagreement on now, or take any other action until we are in agreement," said Scofield.

CHS' letter of intent to the county states it will commit to the same level of care to indigents currently provided at Cogdell. The letter states that it is CHS' policy to treat any patient in the service area who has a medical emergency or who, in the judgment of a staff physician, has an immediate treatment need. No such patient will be turned away because of inability to pay, the letter added.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said Tuesday that a county is bound by law to provide indigent care, but could assign that obligation to another entity, such as CHS.

If the commissioners court approves the proposal, commissioners and the county judge have said they will allow the citizens to have the final say in the matter.

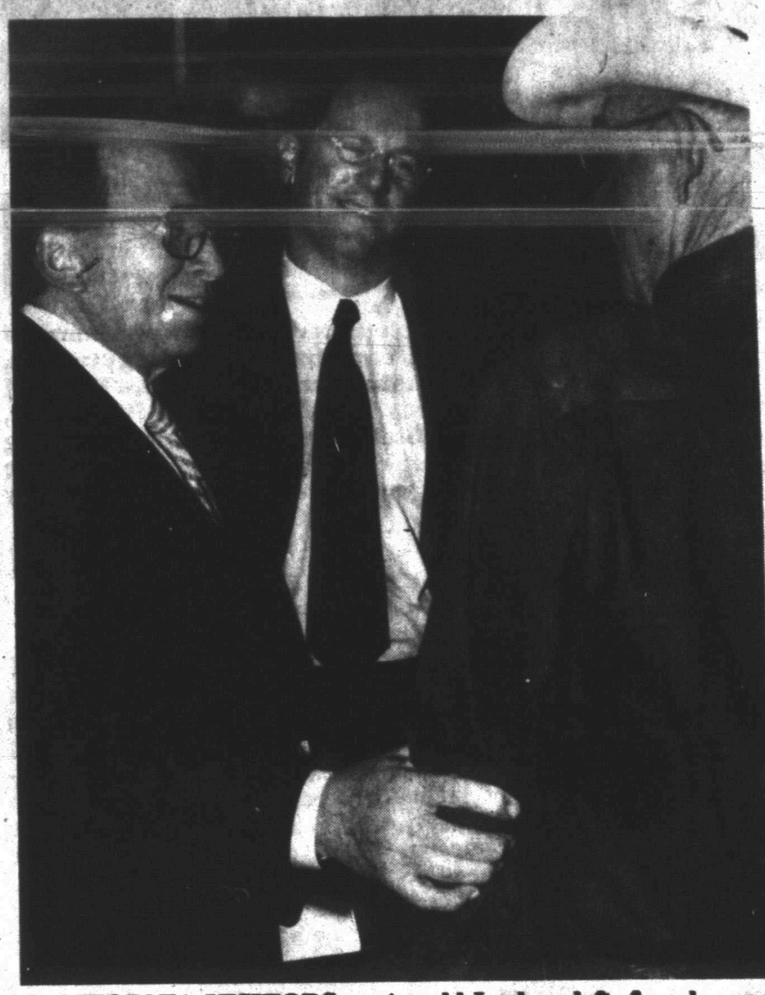
If that happens, the date on which Scurry County citizens can vote on the proposal is also up in question.

Scofield said if the commissioners court calls for the election, the earliest a vote can be taken is Aug. 9 — one of four uniform election dates in the state.

Scofield said the election code also allows qualified voters to petition the court for an election. If that is the case, Scofield said, it might be possible to have the election within 60 days.

"We have conferred with the Attorney General's office on this route and are waiting to hear from the Secretary of State's office as well," said Scofield.

There was no time limit given as to when the points of disagreement might be worked out with CHS, but Scofield said work will begin on them today as well as trying to determine the earliest an election may be held.



CALIFORNIA VISITORS — Arnold Lorber, left, founder and chief executive of Lorber Industries of California, and Tom Lorber, vice president of the firm, visit with Scurry County rancher and businessman Billy Ray Browning this morning. The two, along with vice president and chief operating officer Mike Gruener, met with the Development Corporation of Snyder and others concerning an update on the construction of a textile plant at the city's industrial park. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lorber anticipates start of production here by end of year

Lorber Industries plans on having a cotton spinning plant operational by the end of the year and in full production next spring, the company's president said this morning.

"We feel this is a major step in the right direction for all of us, something that makes everybody very happy," said Arnold Lorber, who met with local officials at the Development Corporation of Snyder office.

Lorber, his son Tom Lorber, vice president, and chief operating officer Mike Gruener arrived in Snyder Tuesday evening after meeting earlier in the week with equipment suppliers in North Carolina. They met with officials from the DCOS, city, Midwest Electric Cooperative, Western Texas College and chamber to map out strategy for the coming months.

Arnold Lorber said the company will be selecting equipment suppliers during the next few weeks. As soon as that is accomplished, building design can begin.

"Then we want to seek potential site builders and we would prefer to have someone from the region for that," said Lorber. Lorber said he hopes that construction can be underway in late summer. He said familiarity with the area, supervision and keeping money in the local economy are important considerations.

Employee training will begin in about two months through Western Texas College, Lorber said. Some additional training may take place in Gardena, Calif., where Lorber Industries is based.

"We want to go ahead and get people trained so that when November, December, January come around we will have fully trained people," he said.

"We hope to be producing by the end of the year and be in full production by spring."

The building should be ready to begin equipment move-in by October, Lorber said.

First plans are for a cotton spinning plant, with weaving to come on line by next March. Eventually,

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WTC Rodeo opens here Thursday

Western Texas College hosts its annual rodeo here beginning Thursday, and as usual, the Westerner teams are bucking for a trip to the national finals.

With three rodeos left in the school year, Western Texas' men are leading the Southwest Region NIRA standings by 140 points. Its women are in third place, 270 points out of second.

First and second place teams at the end of the season advance to the College National Finals Rodeo.

"We're looking forward to a real good rodeo," said WTC coach Todd Danley. "We usually do well at our rodeo. We'd like the fans to come out and help us."

Some 300 student athletes — including about 40 from Western Texas — will be participating in the event, set nightly through Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Tickets are $4 for adults, $2 for children. They are available at the gate just prior to each show. They can also be purchased in advance from queen candidates Jana McCloy, a physical therapy major from Gruver; Shawna McKee, a nursing student from Roby; and Kathy King, an art major from Merkel.

All performances are set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

WTC cheerleaders will be operating the concessions and all proceeds from that will go toward cheerleading and rodeo scholarships.

Friday morning at 9 a.m., the public is invited to watch the annual "exceptional rodeo," where students are paired with special citizens in a mock, fun-filled event.

"This has always been something we've enjoyed doing. It benefits both our students and these exceptional citizens," said Danley.

The public is also invited participate in a cowboy church service at 6 p.m. Saturday. The local group 4-Giv'n will present the program.

There is no charge for the exceptional rodeo or cowboy church services.

There will be a dance Friday and Saturday nights at the Scurry County Rodeo Association Arena on Gary Brewer Road.

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Molotov cocktail burns courtroom

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — Jurors leaped out of the box in panic and people stampeded out of a courthouse after a hooded man threw a Molotov cocktail at a judge, slamming him in the forehead and starting a fire that gutted the courtroom.

The bomb bounced off the forehead of Circuit Judge George Miller, but didn't immediately explode Tuesday. Miller, one of the four people who suffered minor injuries, had handled a civil case involving John E. Ewing, the man arrested later in the day for the bombing, police said.

"It was obvious that he was aiming it at the judge and trying to hurt the judge," said Abra Bonnell, a juror in a medical malpractice case that was interrupted by the commotion. "Everybody left the jury box screaming."

Ewing, 37, was arrested at a motel and charged with arson, carrying an explosive device, and using that device during a crime of violence, Champaign County Sheriff Dave Madigan said.

Miller had dismissed a civil lawsuit Ewing filed in 1988 against Jewel Companies, according to an affidavit filed today by Kevin Rollins, an agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The affidavit did not contain any details about the lawsuit, and a copy of the lawsuit was not immediately available.

First quarter bank deposits up favorably

Combined first quarter bank deposits in 1997 in Scurry County jumped a healthy $11.5 million over last year.

The total deposits were $204.8 million at three reporting financial institutions at the close of March. The total represented deposits of Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank and Snyder Savings and Loan Association. American State Bank and First American Bank do not report individual branch figures.

The total deposits were also $1.4 million ahead of the close of 1996.

Total loans at the same three financial houses totaled $94.5 million, an increase of $1 million compared to the first quarter of 1996 and a drop of $3.7 million compared to 1996's year-end total.

West Texas State Bank was the deposit leader with $88.8 million at the close of business on March 31. The WTSB total was $16.3 million ahead of the first quarter in 1996 and $5.9 million more than deposits at the end of 1996.

Snyder National deposits totaled $81.6 million, a drop of $4.9 million when compared to the first quarter of last year and a decline of $4.8 million compared to the end of the first three months of 1996.

Deposits at Snyder Savings totaled $34.4 million, an increase of $100,000 when compared to the first quarter of 1996, and a jump of $300,000 evaluated against 1996's year-end.

Total loans at West Texas State Bank were $36.6 million, compared to $39 million at the end of 1997, a drop of $2.4 million. When compared to the $36.7 million loan tally at the same time last year, loans were down $100,000.

Snyder National Bank total loans stood at $28.5 million compared to $30.6 million for the first three months of 1996, a decline of $2.1 million. When compared to the $30.8 million loan total on the last day of 1996, the SNB loan amount was down $2.3 million.

At Snyder Savings and Loan, total loans were $29.4 million, an increase of $3.2 million over the first three months of last year. When compared to the $28.4 million at the end of 1996, the SS&L loan amount was up $1 million.

Choir attends UIL contest

One-hundred members of the Snyder High School Choir are attending the UIL High School Concert and Sight Reading Contest today at Texas Tech University.

Students were to perform at 1 p.m., 2:40 and 4 o'clock. Ronda Haire is choir instructor.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "An efficency expert is one who's smart enough to tell you how to run your business, and too smart to start one of his own."

By this time next week, if you've not sent in your annual due to the Infernal Revenue Service — then you're late.

Grouchy best describes folks in the last week scramble to assemble the necessary paperwork and documentation to keep the IRS happy for another year.

Accountants have been working night and day for several weeks. More and more taxpayers, as the deadline nears, think about extensions.

Fewer people are getting tax refunds this year. The IRS said it had authorized about $35 million refunds as of March 21, down 2.3 percent from a year ago. Total refunds paid, however, were $48.1 billion, up six percent.

The average refund is $1,375, an increase of 8 percent.

The IRS has a new program for persons who owe more than they can pay. So far 27,673 "offers-in-compromise" have been accepted.

But before the IRS will agree to take less than is owed, it will require extensive documentation and long waits.

The IRS has argued for years that the tax system isn't excessively complex or burdensome for most.

However, a recent survey of rank and file IRS employees who have to understand and enforce the code found overwhelming support from within the IRS for simplification.

A call for a simplification of the tax system came from an unlikely source. Former IRS commissioner Fred Goldberg said, "It's time we got real and did something about simplification."

The guy didn't get a refund, but he made the best of it.

A taxpayer called a regional IRS office for assistance. He didn't get a busy signal, but was told to wait for the next available representative.

The caller reported, "I did enjoy the pleasure of 57 minutes of classical music while waiting..."

Free concert...wonder if he'll have to report that?

ASK US

Q—Who is in charge of planning after-graduation events for seniors at Snyder High School?

A—Parents. If you would like to suggest an idea or help out, the group meets at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the student center.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 72 degrees; low, 32; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 33; .05 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 6.47 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, areas of fog, drizzle. Rain chance: 30%. Low 50-55. SE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy, Rain chance: 30%. High, lower 70s. S-SE wind 10-20 mph, gusty.



Lindsey Jamagin
Mostly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:08 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:21 a.m.
Of 98 days in 1997, the sun has shone 89 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Advice is the only commodity on the market where the supply always exceeds the demand.

--Unknown

Liggett papers sealed

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Tobacco companies are declaring victory in North Carolina after a judge refused to let Liggett Group release internal documents that could shed light on the industry's strategies for selling cigarettes.

Superior Court Judge William Freeman on Tuesday ordered the hundreds of secret documents to remain sealed until a trial can be held on whether the papers are protected by attorney-client privilege.

"The plaintiffs are likely to sustain irreparable injury, and a preliminary injunction is necessary to maintain the status quo, pending trial," Freeman said.

The documents were agreed to be released by Liggett to settle lawsuits filed by 22 states that seek to recover the costs of smoking and smoking-related illnesses.

Most of the documents involve strategy sessions attended by several tobacco companies, which Liggett rivals claim cannot be made public without their consent.

Lawyers for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Philip Morris USA, Brown & Williamson Corp. and Lorillard Tobacco Co. claim turning over the documents would violate attorney-client privilege, since legal strategies were discussed at the meetings.

Similar legal arguments are being made in courts across the country as Liggett's rivals seek to stop the documents from coming out.



FAIR HOUSING LAW PROCLAMATION — Mayor David Holt prepares to sign a proclamation marking the 29th anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law. To promote fair housing practices, the city of Snyder encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, family status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. Others at the signing were, from left, John Gayle, city manager; Jeanne Johnson, city finance director; Vernest Tippens and Ron Shaw, city council members; and Carolyn House, director of city services and grant administrator. (SDN Staff Photo)

Appeals court upholds ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court has upheld California's ban on affirmative action, putting it a step closer to becoming law after voters approved it in November.

In a 3-0 ruling Tuesday, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a judge's order that blocked prompt enforcement of Proposition 209. Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain, writing for the appeals court, said the U.S. Constitution "barely permits" preferential programs.

"It's a nail, it's a spike, it's a dagger in the coffin of preferences," said Ward Connerly, leader of the pro-209 campaign.

The ruling does not take effect for 21 days, a period automatically extended when proposition opponents request a rehearing. Opponents were optimistic the full court would order a new hearing by an 11-judge panel.

"There is no possible conciliation between the court's decision today and decades of Supreme Court precedent upholding the rights of minorities and women to participate equally with all other Americans in our democratic process," said Mark Rosenbaum.

Scientists report lower ozone levels

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lowest levels of spring time ozone ever detected over the North Pole have been mapped by instruments on a series of satellites, scientists announced Tuesday.

Ozone levels in late March and early April over the Arctic were 40 percent lower than the average March measurements made from 1979 to 1982, said Pawan K. Bhartia of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

A year ago, measurements detected an ozone hole in the North Atlantic that was about 24 percent less dense than the 1979-82 period, the space agency announced.

Ozone is a natural atmospheric gas that acts as a shield against the ultraviolet radiation of the sun. The gas is eroded away by certain industrial chemicals, principally chlorofluorocarbons that are used as coolants and cleaners.

Under international treaty, the compounds are being phased out of use in most countries of the world, but the effect of chemicals already released to the atmosphere is blamed by most scientists for the current thinning of the ozone layer.

Unshielded ultraviolet radiation can cause skin cancer in humans and can destroy some microscopic sea life that is thought important to the natural food chain.

Although the Arctic ozone has thinned, the loss is not nearly as severe near the North Pole as it is over the South Pole during the southern hemisphere spring in September and October.

Chemical reactions that destroy the ozone result from the combination of industrial chemicals, frigid temperatures and sunlight. These conditions usually occur for a brief period as the sun makes its first springtime appearance over the poles after winter's darkness.

NASA uses instruments aboard U.S. and Japanese satellites to measure the density and distribution of ozone. Measurements also are taken by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

On March 26, one instrument detected an ozone concentration of less than one part per million at an altitude of 12.4 miles above the Hudson's Bay area of northern Canada. Normal ozone concentrations are 3 to 4 parts per million.

On March 17, a weather bureau instrument measured ozone over Barrow, Alaska at less than 300 Dobson units, which is a measure of the gas. The March average for the region has been 413 Dobson units for the last 10 years, according to David Hofmann of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Weakness found in IRS security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS has "serious weaknesses" in its computer security that have resulted in misplacement of 6,400 computer tapes, some of which may hold taxpayer data, congressional agency charged Tuesday.

"Unless these serious weaknesses are corrected, IRS runs the risk of its tax processing operations being disrupted and taxpayer data being improperly used, modified or destroyed," the General Accounting Office said.

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, released the report to make the case for his bill that would impose criminal penalties on IRS workers who illegally snoop into taxpayer records. Such snooping now is illegal if workers use the information for some purpose, but his bill would impose a criminal penalty for such activity, Glenn said.

The IRS said it is fixing security flaws identified in a confidential version of the GAO report last January; the version Glenn released doesn't include sensitive details about IRS systems and facilities. IRS spokeswoman Jodi Patterson said that since the January report, the agency has located 5,700 of the 6,400 missing computer tapes.

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, April 10, 1997

In the year ahead, strive to build upon relationships with friends in the business world. These contacts could help you open vistas of which you're not even aware.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Winning an argument today could cost you the loss of a friend if you handle it poorly. In a disagreement with a pal, be wise and let this person think he or she is the victor. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you: Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It is imperative when shopping today to be conscious of both quality and cost. Avoid any impulsive purchases.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might have to deal with someone who can be impossible to please. Knowing this in advance gives you an edge other co-workers won't have.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Without a proper understanding with co-workers today, you might end up with all the unpleasant tasks. Set the ground rules early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Circumstances could force you to socialize with a person today you've been skillfully avoiding. Make the most of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An objective you establish for yourself today isn't as difficult to achieve as you may think. Take a deep breath and dive in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may have to use the soft sell in promoting a personal interest today. Others will resent it if they feel forced to comply.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Modify your personal motives today and you will succeed. Make a point of letting others participate as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try not to overreact today if a trusted ally displeases you. An outburst of anger will only make matters worse.

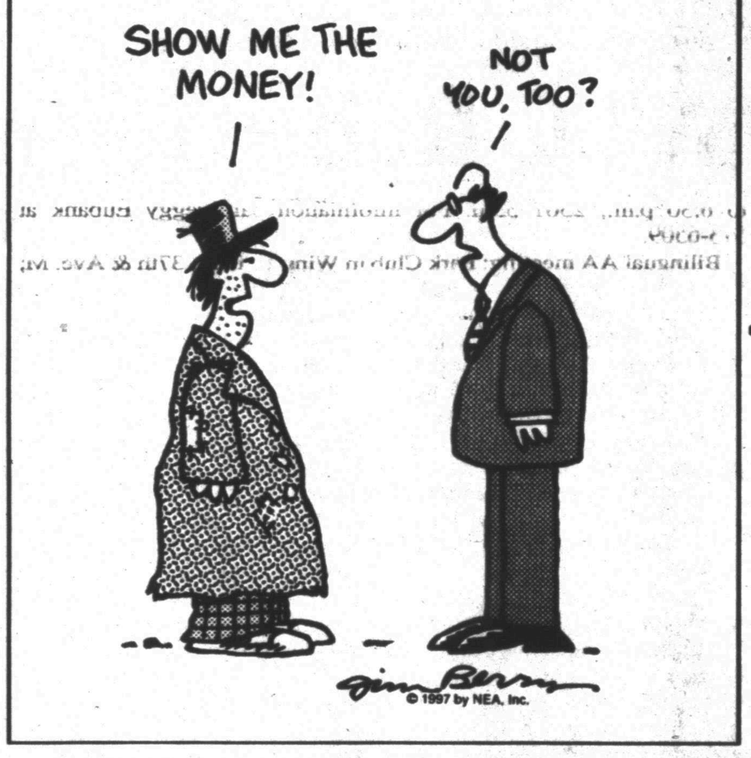
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If your workload appears to be heavier than usual today, you may discover that most of the tasks are the responsibilities of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A friend who is constantly in conflict with other friends can be converted with compassion today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Competitive career developments may accelerate today. If you can't handle the heat, don't hang around the kitchen.

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Disconnecting air bags could impact insurance discounts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Janet Garman is afraid to drive a car with air bags.

The loud bang of an air bag during a 1992 accident left her ears extremely sensitive to noise, she says. So she took matters into her own hands and disconnected the air bags on her new car.

But Garman forgot to tell her insurer, which was giving her a $24-a-year discount because the car was equipped with air bags.

"If they want to charge me that, that's fine. But it galls me," said the Barrington, Ill., woman.

Eric Stork, 70, of Arlington, Va., said he was concerned about his wife's safety, not auto insurance premiums, when he had both air bags disconnected on a new car.

"I would disconnect the air bags on any car, that's the first thing I would do," said Stork, an auto emissions consultant. The elderly don't "have the physical strength of younger people ... when an air bag hits them at 200 miles per hour."

The auto insurance industry has long promoted air bags by offering discounts. But now a public backlash against air bags, coupled with a Clinton administration proposal to make it easier for drivers to disconnect air bags, could lead insurers to rethink those discounts.

Air bags, once touted as a risk-free feature that could spare the lives of thousands of Americans in head-on collisions, are now a source of worry for many, especially parents of young children, the elderly and short people of all ages.

But by the end of this year, air bags will be mandatory in all new cars. They are credited with saving more than 1,800 lives, but they also are blamed for the deaths of 38 children and 24 adults, often in low-speed accidents they should have survived.

Just last month, the government gave automakers the go-ahead to install less powerful air bags in new cars. And the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is still refining the plan to give drivers the option of deactivating air bags.

Joseph B. Groner, director of corporate relations for Allstate Insurance Co., an early promoter of air bags, said it's questionable whether companies will keep offering discounts "if air bag deactivation becomes prevalent."

From the insurers' perspective, "identifying vehicles with disconnected air bags will not be easy," Groner wrote the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The dollars at stake are not huge.

While Ms. Garman got a $24 discount, the average discount for a car with dual air bags is just $15 a year on a premium exceeding $750, according to figures from the industry and state insurance commissioners.

"People don't realize how little the discount is. It's just not that much," said Jon Laskin, a State Farm agent in the nation's capital.

It is now illegal for anyone other than the car's owner to disconnect an air bag. The proposed rule would let drivers sign waivers and get it done at auto shops and dealerships.

Federal safety officials also are exploring the idea of allowing cutoff switches for air bags in vehicles already on the road.

The upshot is that insurers might have to eliminate the discounts altogether, said Kenneth D. Schloman, an attorney for the Alliance of American Insurers, which represents more than 250 insurance companies.

That "would penalize those policyholders who choose not to disconnect," he told federal regulators.

Dave Hurst, spokesman for State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., the largest auto insurer, said if more people get into crashes without air bags, that also could drive up the cost of claims and premiums.

"Nobody really knows how many people will actually do it and what the long-term implications (are)," said Hurst.

But for Eric Stork, this isn't a matter of dollars and cents.

"I care about life and limb a great deal more," he said.

Man sentenced in racial murder

TYLER (AP) — A 21-year-old white man has been sentenced to 37½ years in prison after he was convicted of urging a drinking buddy to murder a randomly selected homeless black man.

Chad Crow of Whitehouse was sentenced Tuesday, the day after his conviction in the May 7 murder of Iven "Pete" Holland, 63, of Tyler.

Crow, Todd Rasco, 23, of Whitehouse, and Todd Locke of Grapevine were described as three men who often verbally abused blacks, Jews and Hispanics, according to testimony Tuesday during the punishment phase.

Associates Heather Pucheu and her sister, Stacey Henson, both of Whitehouse, said the three men had an "Adolph Hitler fetish." They said Crow occasionally gave Nazi salutes, wore red suspenders and red shoelaces and shaved his head to resemble a Nazi.

In his closing argument, prosecutor David Dobbs told the jury to consider why Holland had to die.

"You know this crime is all about hate," he said. "This is absolutely a hate crime."

The defense called no witnesses. However, defense attorney Hunter Brush told jurors during his final summation that Crow did not play as significant a role in the shooting as Rasco and Locke. He said Crow's only crime was encouraging Rasco to shoot Holland.

Crow could have been sentenced to up to life in prison. He must serve at least 18 years and nine months of the sentence before he becomes eligible for parole.

Rasco pleaded guilty to murder March 31 and testified for the prosecution on Monday. In return for his plea and testimony, prosecutors have recommended a 45-year prison sentence for him. Pending his April 11 sentencing, Rasco is confined to the Smith County Jail in lieu of $150,000 bond.

Rasco testified that he bought a shotgun and told his friends he intended to kill himself, but Crow and Locke tried to talk him into doing something else.

Rasco said they found Holland standing a few feet from a woman they had stopped to talk to. They left but returned and urged Crow to shoot Holland.

Locke was never charged because he died in an unrelated traffic accident months after the shooting.

During the punishment phase, Richard Thompson told jurors that Holland, his adopted brother, was homeless by choice because he didn't care about material things.

After the sentence, Brush said he was unhappy with the verdict.

"It's sad," he said. "This wasn't justice."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife and I separated and live in different cities. Nonetheless, she visits me about once a month. At these times, we have relations.

She recently told me that she has a vaginal infection called trichomoniasis. She said that it "just developed" and that I should be treated, too. However, I've read that it is sexually transmitted. Does this mean that my wife is sexually active with some other man?

DEAR READER: Possibly. Or she may have contracted the infection from you, if you have other partners.

Trichomoniasis is a microorganism that is spread by sexual contact. In women, it usually causes a frothy vaginal discharge with marked genital discomfort. Infected men may have no symptoms whatsoever, even though they are contagious.

In both sexes, trichomoniasis is diagnosed by a special microscopic examination of either the vaginal secretions or urine. Treatment with the anti-microbial drug Flagyl is almost always successful.

Men and women don't just "develop" trichomoniasis infection. Either you or your wife got it from someone else. I'll leave the social implications of this fact for you both to work out, but I agree that you should probably be treated as well. Ask your doctor about this. Fortunately, trichomoniasis is not a serious health hazard, but it can be uncomfortable, so it should be eradicated.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a ganglion? Is surgery the only cure?

DEAR READER: A ganglion is simply a harmless cyst that commonly grows from tissues, such as nerves and tendons. It is composed of a jelly-like material encompassed by a shell of gristle. No one knows why ganglions form, but in most instances they can be ignored — unless they grow rapidly or appear in a location, such as the foot, where pressure or friction can cause discomfort. Ganglions are painless, rubbery, firm lumps.

In the old days, the traditional "cure" for a ganglion was to give it an enormous whack with the family Bible. This dramatic therapy ruptured the fibrous covering and released the gelatinous interior. However, the ganglion often reappeared because the covering was not removed.

The only satisfactory treatment for a ganglion is complete removal, shell and contents together, during a simple operation under local anesthesia. But, as I mentioned, this option is usually only appropriate if the ganglion is large (and unsightly) or causes discomfort.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 04-09-97
♠ A
♥ 10 9 5
♦ 7 5
♣ A K J 8 6 5 2

West
♠ 6 5 4
♥ A J 4
♦ A J 2
♣ 10 9 7 3

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

South
♠ J 10 8 3 2
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ K Q 6
♣ Q

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Wasting a vital card

By Phillip Alder

You have three low trumps. When declarer broaches the suit, what does it mean if you play your highest trump first?

There are two traditional answers to this question. Most pairs treat it as showing the ability to take a ruff. With a void somewhere, you are hoping partner will win an early trump trick and give you that ruff. Alternatively, some play high-low in trumps to show three. (Note that this is the opposite of the normal length-showing signal, when an echo, as it is called, indicates an even number of cards.)

Against four hearts, West cashed the diamond ace before switching to a club. After winning with his queen, the declarer, Frenchman Guy Aubard, led the heart king: ace, five, *seven*. East thought he couldn't lose: He had a club void, so he could take a ruff, and he had three trumps. But ...

West exited with a spade to dummy's ace. Declarer called for the club ace and overruffed East's heart two with his three. Aubard cashed his two diamond tricks before ruffing a spade in the dummy. Next, the club king was ruffed by East's heart six and overruffed with South's eight. After another spade ruff in the dummy, declarer cashed the club jack. With the heart queen still to come, South had 10 tricks: one spade, one high heart, two diamonds, two clubs, two spade ruffs in the dummy and two club overruffs in hand.

Note that if East had played the heart two at trick three, the contract would have failed. South must overruff the heart six and seven with his eight and queen, which establishes West's heart four as the setting trick.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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 building; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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 (one day) Course; cost $30; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservations necessary, call 573-2850 for more information; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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.

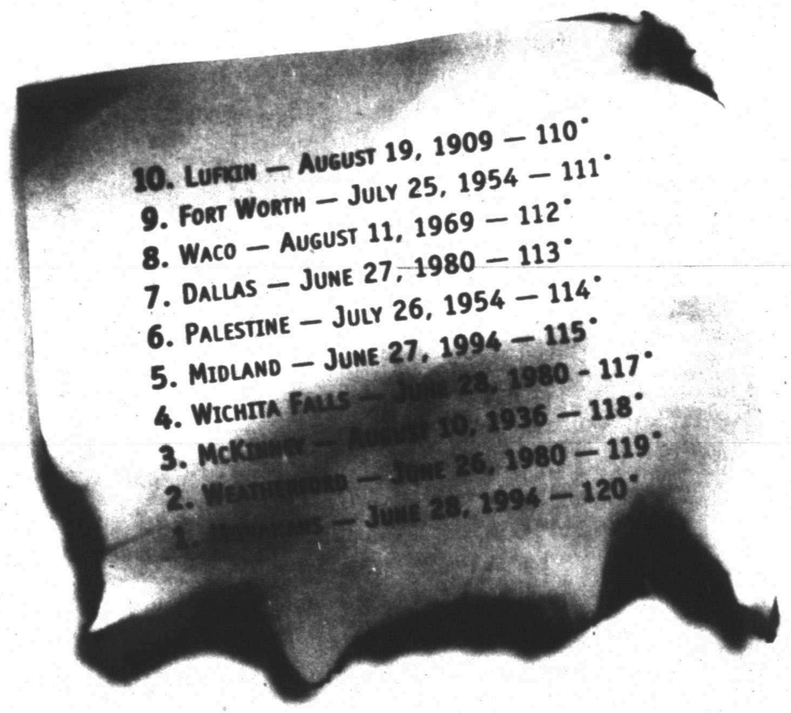
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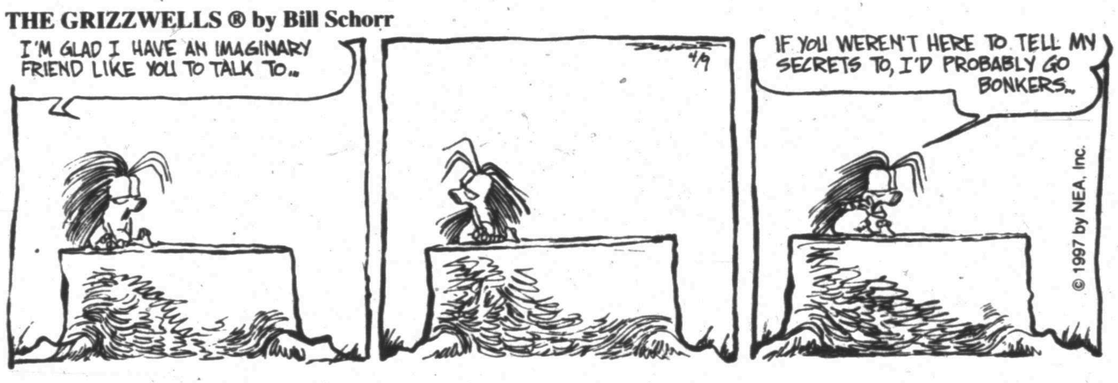
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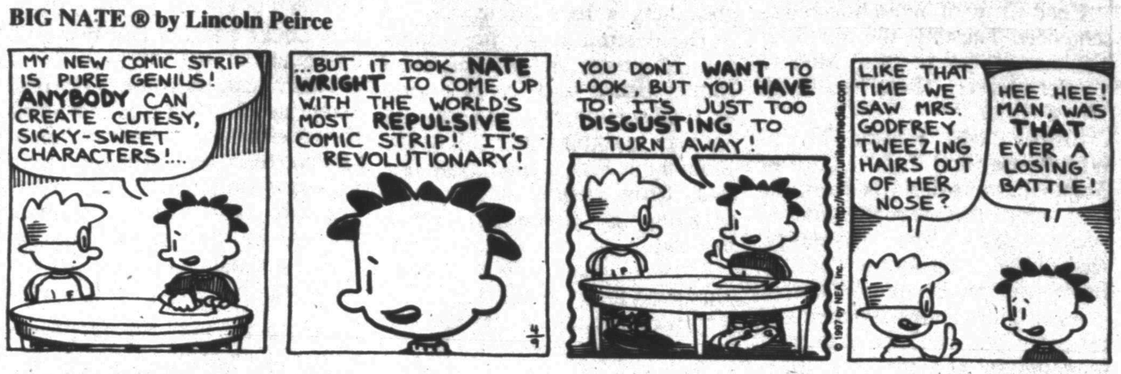
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4 Pinochle term
8 Run into
12 Comparative suffix
13 Layer of the eye
14 Bomb shelter
15 Compass pt.
16 Camp sight
17 Meat cut
18 Bewildered (2 wds.)
20 Occupation of a building
22 Seinfeld's network
24 Agnus —
25 Corsets
29 Religious poem
33 Negative response
34 Feminine suffix
36 Tropical tree
37 Lab substance
39 Long times
41 Last mo.
42 Photocopier need
44 Feeling thrilled
46 Church seat
48 WWII area
49 Fire opal
53 German submarine
57 Words of denial
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60 Recently acquired
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63 Onassis
64 Large amounts (of money)
65 Memo, e.g.
66 Xmas drink

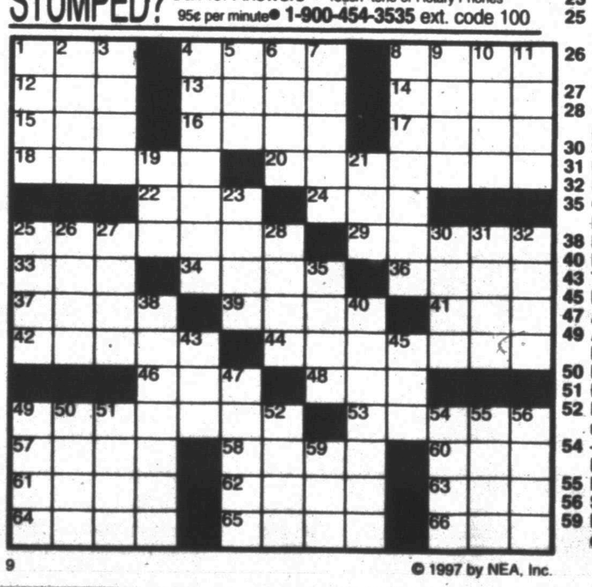
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2 Small coin
3 Sources of metal
4 Capable of being changed
5 Eden dweller
6 Pre-Easter period
7 Saw socially
8 Feeling of debility
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10 Journalist Sevareid
11 Undersized
19 Stop
21 Fiber cluster
23 Whale
25 Flying creature
26 Othello villain
27 Tatum's dad
28 Greek portico
30 Snug as — —
31 Laze
32 Dole (out)
35 Grafted, in heraldry
38 Meals
40 Locate
43 Thing in law
45 Head (sl.)
47 Adult female
49 Act like a beaver
50 Merest bit
51 Enjoy a book
52 Letterman's rival
54 — — even keel
55 Flying prefix
56 Small branch
59 Dish collection

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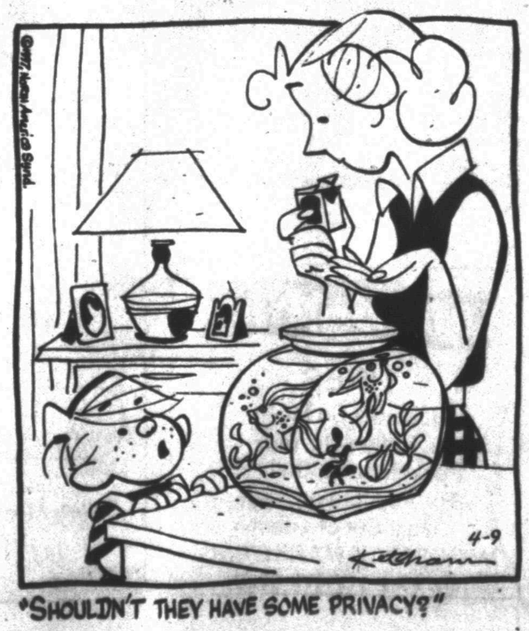


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"SHOULDN'T THEY HAVE SOME PRIVACY?"

SPORTS

Plainview quiets Tiger bats with 7-0 victory

Snyder first had to overcome the ice-cold wind and then they had to deal with the visiting Plainview Bulldogs. It was too much.

Snyder was shutout 7-0 in loop action at Moffett Field Tuesday. The Tigers had managed to earn their first district win Monday against Estacado, but couldn't keep their momentum going against Plainview.

The Bulldogs held Snyder to only five hits while Plainview pitcher Chris Glenn walked three and fanned 12 Tiger batters.

Snyder stepped to the plate in the bottom of the seventh needing seven runs to tie or eight to win.

Trevor Thompson was fanned by Glenn and Hernandez grounded out to third. Richard Canas and Erci Lang both walked and John Border was hit by a pitch to load the bases with Clay Berryman at the plate.

Snyder's chance of a comeback ended with a Berryman strike out, giving Plainview the victory.

Plainview wasted no time putting runs on the board in the first when Glenn scored on a Robert DeLa Cruz single to center field. Matt Robertson scored stealing third on an overthrow by Border to up the score to 2-0.

Berryman started Snyder off in the first with a double to center field after Lang popped out to second and Border struck out. But Patrick Cumbie grounded out to end the first with Plainview up, 2-0.

Cumbie forced Plainview to go three and out in the second, fanning Jeremy Sepeda and forcing Peter Gonzales and Barry Donham to ground out.

Snyder ripped another double to center field in the bottom of the second when David Smith blasted a 2-1 pitch into the gap, but Thompson and Chris Hernandez each were struck out to end the inning with the Bulldogs ahead 2-0.

Plainview got its offense going again in the top of the third, scoring three runs on three hits to go ahead 5-0.

Julian Vasquez started it off with a single to right field. Vasquez then stole second before he was caught stealing third on a Border to Lang connection. Cumbie then walked the next two batters before Trent Riddle drilled a single to short. Robertson and Glenn both scored on overthrows while stealing to give Plainview a 4-0 lead.

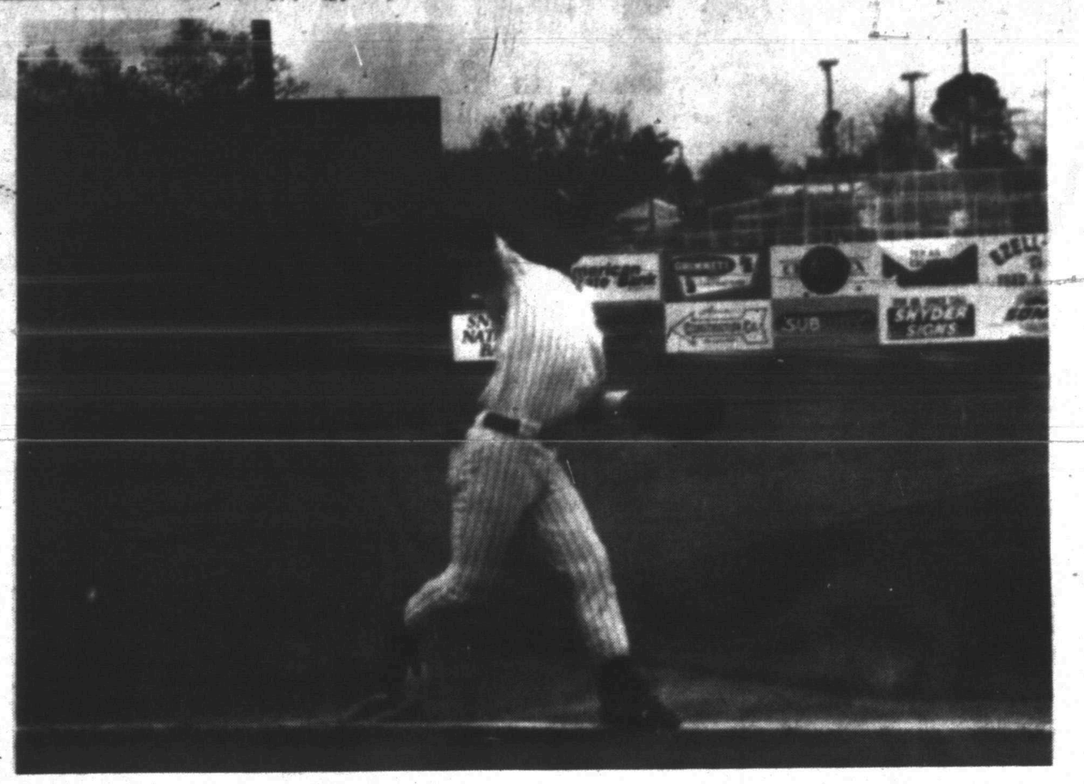
Sepeda then drilled a Cumbie 1-2 pitch to second, scoring Riddle to put the Bulldogs out in front, 5-0.

Cumbie scored the loss on the mound giving up seven hits and fanning seven. Cumbie was one for three at the plate.

Berryman went three for four with a double and Smith and Border were one for three.

Snyder is 1-3-1 in loop action and 11-8 for the season. Plainview improved to 4-1 in district play and 14-8 for the season.

Snyder will look to get back on track Friday when it travels to Lamesa to face the Tornadoes at 5:30 p.m. Lamesa ousted Snyder 2-0 in the Tiger's home opener March 25.



HERE'S THE THROW — Third baseman Eric Lang makes a throw in the Tigers' 7-0 loss to Plainview Tuesday. Snyder will journey to Lamesa Friday to duel with the Tornadoes at 5:30 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo By Jamie Sharp)

Henderson set to continue basketball career at LCU

Snyder senior Rick Henderson signed a national letter of intent to play college basketball for Lubbock Christian University Tuesday.

Henderson ended his senior campaign averaging 19.4 points a game and 5.4 rebounds per contest.

Among Henderson's cage honors this year were first team All-District and second team on the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches squad.

"It's a full scholarship at a university close to home," said Henderson. "Plus I had a real good visit with the team and the coaches.

"I'm already familiar with Lubbock," Henderson said.

Henderson played with the team during his visit and felt that he could fit in and contribute.

Henderson spoke with Snyder graduate Reagan Key who is pitching for the LCU baseball team about the school.

"Reagan said that he really enjoyed the school," said Henderson who plans to major in education.

Henderson's father, Ron Henderson, said that LCU has 25-30 area coaches that are ex-players for the basketball team.

"They have an excellent education program," Mr. Henderson said.



HENDERSON INKS — Senior Rick Henderson signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for Lubbock Christian University Tuesday afternoon. Standing from left are coaches Ben Reed, Bud Birks, father Ron Henderson. Seated from left are Henderson and mother Betty Henderson. (SDN Staff Photo By Jamie Sharp)

District 2-4A Baseball

Standings

	District W	L	T	Overall W	L
Plainview	4	1		14	8
Frenship	4	1		19	4
Estacado	2	3		8	10
Lamesa	2	3		7	12
Snyder	1	3	1	11	8
Levelland	1	3	1	7	12

Tuesday's games: Plainview 7, Snyder 0; Frenship 22, Lamesa 4; Levelland 6, Estacado 3.

Friday's games: Snyder at Lamesa; Frenship at Levelland; Estacado at Lamesa.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Florida	6	1	.857	-
Atlanta	5	2	.714	1
Montreal	3	4	.429	3
NewYork	3	5	.375	3½
Philadelphia	3	5	.375	3½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	5	2	.714	-
Cincinnati	3	4	.429	2
Pittsburgh	3	4	.429	2
St.Louis	1	6	.143	4
Chicago	0	7	.000	5
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	5	2	.714	-
LosAngeles	5	3	.625	½
SanDiego	5	3	.625	½
SanFrancisco	4	3	.571	1

Tuesday's Games

Florida 5, Chicago Cubs 3
Atlanta 4, Houston 2
St. Louis 2, Montreal 1
Pittsburgh 2, San Diego 0
N.Y. Mets 5, Los Angeles 3
Philadelphia 2, San Francisco 1
Only games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia (Munoz 0-1) at San Francisco (Rueter 0-0), 3:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bones 0-0) at Colorado (M.Thompson 1-0), 5:05 p.m.
Houston (Kile 0-1) at Atlanta (Neagle 0-0), 7:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Mlicki 0-0) at Los Angeles (Park 0-1), 10:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Loaiza 0-0) at San Diego (Worrell 1-0), 10:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	4	2	.667	-
Boston	4	3	.571	½
Detroit	3	4	.429	1½
NewYork	3	4	.429	1½
Toronto	2	3	.400	1½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	-
Cleveland	4	3	.571	-
Minnesota	4	3	.571	-
KansasCity	3	3	.500	½
Chicago	2	3	.400	1
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	4	3	.571	-
Anaheim	3	4	.429	1
Seattle	3	4	.429	1
Texas	2	3	.400	1

Tuesday's Games

Toronto at Chicago White Sox, ppd., cold weather
Boston 13, Oakland 7
Seattle 14, Cleveland 8
Anaheim 10, N.Y. Yankees 9, 12 innings
Only games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota (Tewksbury 0-1) at Detroit (Moehler 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (B.Witt 0-0) at Milwaukee (Karl 0-1), 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	58	18	.763	—
x-NewYork	53	23	.697	5
Orlando	42	34	.553	16
Washington	39	37	.513	19
NewJersey	23	52	.307	34½
Philadelphia	21	54	.280	36½
Boston	13	63	.171	45
Central Division				
y-Chicago	66	10	.868	—
x-Detroit	51	24	.680	14½
x-Atlanta	51	24	.680	14½
x-Charlotte	49	26	.653	16½
Cleveland	39	37	.513	27
Indiana	37	38	.493	28½
Milwaukee	29	46	.387	36½
Toronto	28	48	.368	38
WESTERN CONFERENCE **Midwest Division**	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	58	17	.773	—
x-Houston	52	24	.684	6½
Minnesota	37	39	.487	21½
Dallas	23	53	.303	35½
Denver	20	56	.263	38½
SanAntonio	20	56	.263	38½
Vancouver	12	66	.154	47½
Pacific Division				
x-L.A.Lakers	52	24	.684	—
x-Seattle	52	24	.684	—
x-Portland	45	33	.577	8
x-Phoenix	37	39	.487	15
L.A.Clippers	34	42	.447	18
Sacramento	31	45	.408	21
GoldenState	28	48	.368	24

y-clinched division title
x-clinched playoff berth

Monday's Games

Charlotte 110, Cleveland 105, OT
Miami 94, Detroit 88
Chicago 128, Philadelphia 102
Portland 110, Denver 104
Utah 116, San Antonio 93

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 100, Washington 94
Miami 94, New Jersey 92
Cleveland 93, New York 73
Orlando 97, Milwaukee 82
Dallas 87, Portland 82
San Antonio 96, Denver 90
Phoenix 115, Minnesota 107
Houston 127, L.A. Clippers 117
L.A. Lakers 109, Golden State 85
Sacramento 109, Vancouver 93

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.m
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 7 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Orlando at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Greg Norman enters the Masters in new role — sentimental favorite

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Greg Norman has chased Jack Nicklaus, fallen victim to a miracle chip and watched dominance turn into doom during one of the most unforgettable Sundays at Augusta National.

Now, he is in a new role — sentimental favorite.

That much was evident Tuesday during his first practice round for the Masters since he shot a 78 in the final round to go from a six-stroke lead to five strokes behind Nick Faldo.

He practiced 10-foot putts to an imaginary hole on the left side of the second green as a three-deep gallery watched his every move and then offered respectful applause as he walked off the green.

Spectators crossing the third fairway stopped when they saw the foursome approaching, forming a funnel for them to walk through — first Steve Elkington, then Nick Price and Jeff Maggert.

And then the cheers started again as Norman made his way past the wall of fans, tipping his baseball cap and acknowledging every word of encouragement.

"I think it's going to be nothing but an asset," Norman said of the overwhelming support. "I've already felt it getting out of the car here. You get the support from the people coming here for the practice round, but I think it'll be different."

Who wanted Norman to make par on the 72nd hole in 1986, which would have forced a playoff and could have denied Nicklaus his sixth green jacket? What was so bad about Norman losing a year later in a playoff to hometown favorite Larry Mize, whose 140-foot chip probably would have found the water on No. 11 if it hadn't settled into the cup?

Another bid for the Masters he so dearly covets ended two years ago when he pulled a sand wedge on No. 17 and took a bogey. No one seemed to mind, since Ben Crenshaw was writing another emotional chapter of Masters history.

But hardly anyone could bear to watch the numbness in Norman's eyes as each swing brought him closer to an inevitable collapse. And not even Faldo would mind putting the green jacket around Norman's shoulders if he can't keep it to himself for another year.

"If he's there and can do it, good luck to him," Faldo said.

Asked if Norman could return to form after such devastation, Colin Montgomerie said, "If anyone can, he can."

Norman thinks he is up to the task.

Lady Tigers downed, 12-1

The Snyder Lady Tiger varsity softball squad could not answer the Big Spring bats Tuesday in a 12-1 loss at Dale Cates Field.

Big Spring leaped to a 6-0 lead in the first on a Martinez grand slam.

Snyder's only run came in the fourth inning, but the Lady Steers had already done enough damage, scoring six more runs in the third.

Brittany Drummond was the losing pitcher, giving up 12 hits.

Shawn Purcell was one for three and Amanda Huff, Starla Davis, Keila Helms and Amy Ricks each went one for two.

The Lady Tigers own a 12-18 season mark while Big Spring improved to 21-5.

Snyder will host Lubbock Monterey Saturday at noon at Dale Cates Field.

Blauser ups streak to eight in Braves' 4-2 win over Astros

ATLANTA (AP) — Jeff Blauser is showing off for his critics.

The veteran Atlanta shortstop extended his consecutive hitting streak to eight with a 4-for-4 effort in Tuesday night's 4-2 victory over the Houston Astros.

It was the fifth straight win for the Braves, who are 4-0 at their new home, Turner Field.

Blauser will get a chance to become a record-breaker tonight in the second game of the three-game series with the Astros.

Nine National League players have 10 consecutive hits, the last Bip Roberts, who did it in 1992 with the Cincinnati Reds. The major-league record is 12 by Pinky Higgins of the Boston Red Sox and Walt Dropo of the Detroit Tigers.

"I thought I had the record already," said Blauser, who had a pair of doubles, two singles and scored three runs.

Blauser, in the last season of a three-year, $10 million contract, was slowed by hand and knee injuries last year, when he hit .245 in 83 games. Knee injuries limited him to 115 games in 1995 and a .211 batting average.

"When you've barely batted .200 for two years, eight in a row feels more like 80 in a row," he said.

After seven games Blauser is 13-for-24 (.542).

"I'll come out Wednesday, swing the bat and see what happens. I started hitting the last week in spring training. It helps when you feel good. I don't like to alibi, but the knee and hand injuries last year did have an impact," Blauser said.

"Jeff played hurt a lot and I tend to stick with people who play hurt," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said. "I know he's been ripped in the papers and by the fans. But Jeff's a good player and a winner, and that's a combination I like. Let's see how he does injury-free."

Kenny Lofton and Chipper Jones each drove in two runs for the Braves, while Tom Glavine (2-0) blanked Houston on four hits for seven innings, beating the Astros for the second time in five days.

Houston got both runs off Mike Bielecki in the eighth on a two-run double by Luis Gonzalez.

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Isuzu Trooper sales continue to slide as defect probe eyed

DETROIT (AP) — Sales of the Isuzu Trooper have plunged to their lowest level in years in the seven months since Consumer Reports magazine charged that the sport utility vehicle is dangerously unstable in sharp turns.

Industry analysts say the report is largely to blame for the sales slide, which also has been experienced by the Isuzu-made Acura SLX, the Trooper twin sold by Honda's luxury division.

"Consumer Reports had a definite negative impact, both on the Trooper and the SLX," said analyst Susan Jacobs of Jacobs & Associates. "The sales momentum that there was in both of those models through July disappeared."

And the Trooper and SLX could face more bad publicity if the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration decides to launch a defect investigation, which could lead to a recall.

Consumers Union, the group that publishes Consumer Reports, requested the government investigation after it announced in August that it had given the Trooper and SLX its rare "not acceptable" rating. It said the vehicles in track tests tipped up on two wheels during sharp, avoidance-type turns at 33 mph.

The nonprofit group also asked the agency to set a rollover testing standard for all sport utility vehicles. The agency plans to rule on the requests later this month.

Consumer Reports' technical director, R. David Pittle, said followup studies by independent engineers have shown the tilt problem could be fixed by increasing the diameter of the vehicle's front anti-roll bar. The cost: about $250 a vehicle.

"What's unique here is we have a vehicle that behaves in an unsafe way in an emergency situation, and the fix is technologically and economically feasible," Pittle said.

Isuzu held a news conference in September to defend the Trooper and its safety record. The Japanese automaker declined Consumers Union's request to stop selling the vehicles and issue a recall. It charged that the group's tests were flawed.

But the damage to the Trooper's reputation was done.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	85⅝	85¼	85⅝+ ¼	
AT&T Corps	34⅝	34⅛	34⅛	
AirTouch	23⅜	23⅜	23⅜— ⅛	
Albertsons	32⅞	32⅜	32⅝+ ⅛	
AlldSignal	71⅛	70⅝	70⅞	
Alltel	32⅝	32⅜	32⅝— ⅛	
AmerOnline	46⅛	45¾	46 + ⅜	
AmStores	44⅜	44⅛	44⅛	
Ameritech	59⅛	58⅝	58⅝— ⅛	
Amoco	85⅞	84⅞	85⅝+ ½	
AndrkPtr	53⅜	52⅛	53⅛+ ⅛	
ArmcoInc	4	3⅞	4	
AtlRichfld	132⅛	131⅛	131⅞+1	
ATMOS Egy	23⅜	23⅛	23⅜	
Aviall	11⅜	11⅛	11⅛+ ⅛	
BakerHughes	37½	36⅞	37⅛+ ⅛	
BellAtl	60⅝	60⅛	60⅝	
BellSouth	42⅞	42⅝	42⅝— ⅜	
BethSteel	8¼	8	8⅛+ ⅛	
BritPet	135	134⅛	134⅜+1⅝	
BurlNoSFe	74⅞	74	74½+1⅛	
Caterpillar	78⅝	78⅛	78⅜+ ½	
CenSoWst	20	19⅝	19⅞+ ⅛	
Chevron	65⅝	65⅛	65⅝+ ⅜	
Chrysler s	30⅛	29⅛	29⅝— ⅛	
Coastal	45½	45	45½+ ⅛	
CocaColas	57	56⅛	56⅞+ ⅛	
ColgatePalm	101⅛	100	100⅝— ⅜	
ComclMetals	28⅛	27⅞	27⅞	
CooperIn	43⅞	43⅛	43⅜— ⅛	
CyprusAmax	22⅞	22⅝	22⅝	
DallSemicn	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛— ⅜	
DeltaAirl	90⅜	90	90⅜+ ⅛	
DigitalEq	27	26⅛	26⅝— ⅜	
Dillard	30⅜	30⅛	30⅜— ⅛	
DowChem	80⅜	79⅝	80	
DresserInd	30⅛	29⅛	29⅝— ⅛	
DuPont	105⅞	104⅞	105⅛— ⅛	
EastmanChem	52⅜	52⅛	52⅜— ⅛	
EstKodak	77⅜	77⅛	77⅜+ ⅛	
EDS Corp	40⅛	39⅝	40 + ⅜	
Enserch	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛+ ⅛	
Entergy	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	
Exxon	104⅞	104	104⅜+ ⅜	
Exxonwi	52⅜	52⅛	52⅜+ ⅛	
FstBksAm	12⅝	12⅜	12⅝	
Flowers	24⅜	24⅛	24⅛— ⅛	
FordMotor	32⅜	32⅛	32⅛+ ⅛	
GTE Cp	44⅝	44	44 — ⅛	
GenDynam	64	63⅜	63⅜	
GenElec	102⅜	101⅜	102⅛+1⅛	
GenMills	60⅝	60	60⅜— ⅛	
GenMotors	54⅜	54⅛	54⅜— ⅛	
GaPacif	72⅜	71⅛	71⅜— ⅜	
GlobalMar	22⅛	21⅞	22 + ⅛	
Goodrich	36	35⅞	36 + ⅜	
Goodyear s	52⅛	51⅜	51⅜— ⅜	
GtAtlPac	24⅝	24⅛	24⅛+ ⅜	
Haliburtn	71	70	70⅞+1⅜	
Hanson ADS n	24⅛	24	24 + ⅛	
HarteHanks	29⅛	29⅛	29⅜— ⅛	
HomeDepot	57	56⅝	56½+ ⅜	
HoustonInds	20⅛	20⅛	20⅜+ ⅛	
IBM	138	134⅞	135⅝—1	
IntlPaper	40⅝	40	40½— ⅜	
JohnsnJn s	55⅛	54⅛	54⅝+ ⅜	
K mart	12⅜	12	12⅛+ ⅛	
Kroger	52	51⅞	51⅞+ ⅛	
Litton	39⅛	39⅛	39⅛+ ⅛	
LockhdMart	84⅛	83⅜	84⅛+ ⅜	
Lowes Cos	39⅛	39	39⅛+ ⅛	
Lubys	18⅝	18⅛	18⅝	
LucentTech	53⅞	53⅜	53⅜— ⅛	
MayDeptStrs	46⅝	45⅞	45⅝— ⅜	
Medtronic	64⅜	64	64	
Mobil	127⅛	125⅞	126⅛+ ⅛	
Monsanto s	40⅛	39⅞	40 + ⅛	
MorganJP	101⅞	100⅝	100⅞— ⅛	
Motorola	59⅜	59	59⅜+ ⅜	
NCR Corp n	34⅞	34⅜	34⅜+ ⅛	
NationsBk s	59⅝	58⅝	58⅝— ⅛	
Navistar	9⅝	9⅜	9⅝	
NoramEngy	14⅝	14⅛	14⅜	
Norwest	48⅜	47⅞	47⅞— ⅜	
Nynex	45⅜	45⅛	45⅛— ⅛	
OryxEngy	18⅜	18⅛	18⅜+ ⅜	
PanEnergy	43⅞	43⅛	43⅛— ⅛	
Penney JC	46	45⅛	45⅝— ⅜	
Pennzoil	48⅜	48⅛	48⅛— ⅜	
PepBoys	31	30⅜	30⅝+ ⅛	
PepsiCo s	32½	32⅛	32⅜+ ⅛	
PhelpDodge	72⅜	71⅝	71⅝— ⅜	
PhilipPet	39⅜	39⅛	39⅜— ⅜	
PilgrmPrd	9⅝	9⅜	9⅜— ⅛	
Polaroid	39	38⅛	39 + ⅜	
Praxair	46	45⅛	45½+ ⅛	
ProctGamble	120⅛	116⅞	119⅝+4	
PubSNwMx	17⅜	17⅛	17⅛+ ⅛	
RoyalDutch	172	170½	170½+1	
SBC Comm	52⅛	52⅛	52⅛— ⅜	
SaraLee	40⅜	40⅛	40⅛— ⅜	
SearsRoeb	51⅜	50⅜	50⅝	
SherwinW s	27	26½	26⅝	
SmthBchADS	74	73⅛	74 +1	
SouthernCo	21⅜	21⅛	21⅛	
SwstAirlines	23⅛	22⅞	23 + ⅛	
Sprint	45⅜	45⅛	45⅜+ ⅛	
SunCo	25	24⅝	24⅞	
TNP Ent	20⅛	19⅝	20⅛+ ⅛	
Tandy	52⅜	51⅜	52⅛+1	
TempleInl	52⅜	52⅛	52⅛— ⅜	
Tenneco	38⅜	38½	38½	
Texaco	107⅛	106	107 +1	
TexasInds	27⅞	27⅛	27⅛— ⅛	
TexasInst	89⅜	88½	89 + ⅛	
TexUtil	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜+ ⅛	
Textron	105⅜	104⅜	105⅛+1⅛	
Travelers s	50⅛	49⅞	50⅛+1⅛	
TrinityInds	25⅞	25⅝	25½+ ⅛	
TritonEngy	36⅞	36⅜	36½+ ⅛	
Tyler	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	
US WestCm	32⅜	32⅛	32⅛— ⅛	
USWstMda	17⅜	17⅛	17⅜— ⅛	
USX Delhi	14¼	14⅛	14⅛	
USX-Marathn	27⅛	27¼	27⅜— ⅛	
USX-USS	25⅞	25⅜	25⅝— ⅛	
UnCarbde	43⅜	42⅞	43 — ⅜	
UnPac s	59⅛	58⅜	58⅝+ ⅛	
UnitedTech s	75	74⅜	74⅞	
Unocal	39⅛	38⅜	39⅛+ ⅜	
WalMart	28⅛	28⅛	28½— ⅛	
WstnGasRs	17⅛	17	17	
WestghEl	18⅛	17⅝	17⅝— ⅛	
WinnDixie	33⅜	33⅛	33⅛— ⅛	
Woolworth	22⅛	21⅞	22 — ⅛	
XeroxCp s	59	58⅝	58½+ ⅛	
ZenithE	12⅜	12⅛	12⅛— ⅛	

Two arrested to lay out fines

Two people were arrested in Snyder Tuesday and officers are investigating a burglary of a residence and a vehicle.

Officers took two people into custody at the justice of the peace office at 12:04 p.m. to lay out fines. Arrested were a 22-year-old male to lay out a fine for speeding, and a 17-year-old male to lay out a fine for public intoxication.

Angela Cooley requested to speak to an officer at 1:48 p.m. in reference to someone breaking into her residence at 3911 Eastridge. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

Jeremy Clifton requested to speak to an officer at 10:08 p.m. in reference to a stereo and speakers being taken from his vehicle while it was parked at Town and Country convenience store. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

In other activity, an offense report for found property was submitted at 4:56 p.m. in reference to a tool box being found near the chamber of commerce office.

An officer was requested at 12:38 this morning in the 2400 block of 26th Street in reference to a possible prowler.

Births

ADMISSIONS: Kizzy Anderson, 2208 Ave. T; Helen Calloway, P.O. Box 234; Roy Magness, 1809 Scott; Jerrod Ward, Colorado City; Nelda J. Eckert, 1283 CR 361; Sara Spykes, 1607 22nd #66.

DISMISSALS: Jeanette Claxton and baby girl, Juanita Hart, Brad Hinton, Maria Morin.

CENSUS: 55 (Med., Surg.-14, Long-term Care-37, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Hospital

Kizzy Anderson announces the birth of her daughter, Cashmier, at 5:25 a.m. on April 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds.

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Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts, County Extension Agent

Diabetes

Diabetes, a silent killer, sometimes isn't detected until one of its life-threatening complications strikes.

There are approximately 16 million people in the United States who have diabetes. It is estimated, however, that only half are aware of their illness. Detection of common symptoms is critical in identifying and treating this disease that afflicts 5 percent to 10 percent of the American population. This year, more than 178,000 people will die from the disease and its related complications, making it the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the United States.

Following are some of the life-threatening complications attributed to diabetes.

Heart Disease: People with diabetes are 2 to 4 times more likely to have heart disease.

Kidney Disease: Ten percent to 21 percent of all people with diabetes develop kidney disease.

Blindness: Diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of blindness in people ages 20 to 74.

Nerve Disease and amputation: About 60 to 70 percent of people with diabetes have mild to severe forms of diabetic nerve damage. Servere forms can lead to lower limb amputations.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin, a hormone needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy.

This form of diabetes is inherited and usually occurs early in life. People with this type of diabetes produce very little insulin or none at all. Type I Diabetics need insulin injections to live.

Non-insulin dependent diabetes or type II occurs most frequently in older people. Production of insulin in these people varies and insulin injections may or may not be required.

In most cases, this disease can be treated with diet and exercise. Type II diabetes accounts for more than 90 percent of the diabetics in the country.

Warning signs of diabetes: Following are symptoms commonly associated with diabetes. If you or anyone you know suffers from any of these, see a doctor.

Type I Diabetes
*Frequent urination
*Unusual thirst
*Extreme hunger
*Extreme fatigue
*Irritabililty

Type II Diabetes
*Any of the Type I symptoms
*Frequent infections
*Blurred vision
*Cuts/bruises that heal slowly
*Tingling/numbness in the hands or feet
*Recurring skin, gum or bladder infections

Area schools win at WTC

Wylie High School won the cotton judging and Jim Ned had the top meats judging team in competition held Tuesday at Western Texas College.

Wylie and Wall each tallied 1,340 points in the cotton judging. Lake View was third with 1,310, followed by Colorado City with 1,160 and Roby with 1,100.

Wall's Brianne Halfmann won the individual competition, followed by Bybba Layton and Mike Mansfield, both of Wall. Colorado City's Crystal Costible placed tenth.

Top individual winners in the meats judging were Alicia Kotrla of Wall, followed closely by Jeanette Lindsey of Anson. Melissa Snell of Sands was third.

In other meats judging awards, Lindsey took first place in retail identification. Adam Batson of Coahoma was second. Kotrla was first in placings, followed by Jim Ned's Amanda Mansfield.



NRCS Notes

By Terry Hefner, Soil Conservationist

Conservation Trivia

What do you know about conservation and the environment? Try these questions — you may be surprised at what you learn.

Q. Wind and water erosion on cropland totals 2.6 billion tons a year. Erosion reduces land's productivity as much as (50, 60, or 70) percent and damages growing crops.

A. Wind and water erosion reduce land's productivity by as much as 60 percent.

Q. What household fixture generally uses the most water?

A. At five to seven gallons per flush, with an average of 23 gallons per person per day (8,395 gallons per person per year!), the commode uses the most water. Easy-to-install water-saving devises, available at hardware stores, can cut your water bill up to 30 percent and save an average of more than 13,000 gallons of water per year.

Q. The average American generates (2, 6 or 18) pounds of garbage daily?

A. American households generate 160 million tons of garbage a year; that's five to six pounds per person per day. Industry adds another seven billion tons per year.

Q. Wetlands are one of the most productive ecosystems in the world, providing vital habitat for waterfowl, fish and other wildlife. Wetlands habitat is critical to the survival of nearly (10, 20, 30, 40 or 50) percent of the plant and animal species federally listed as endangered or threatened.

A. Wetlands, which are important for flood control, water quality and fisheries, are also crucial to the survival of nearly 30 pecent of the plant and animal species federally listed as endangered or threatened.

To find out more about conservation challenges and solutions in your area, contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) located at 5309 Big Spring Highway in Snyder, or call 915-573-6317.

Programs and services of the Natural Resource Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, or handicap.

Diversified

By Terry J. Millican, County Extension Agent

Some insects prefer winter's cooler temperatures. One such species in the spider mite family, the clover mite, chooses to move around even if temperatures tell us winter is still around.

These small, red-green mites will come into homes from surrounding lawns and other areas of vegetation. According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the clover mite's behavior is unlike most other species of spider mites that damage plants in the summer.

"Although the mites are small, they will be quite obvious when large numbers appear on your windowsill," said Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension Service entomologist at Amarillo. They have eight legs with front legs twice as long as the others. Infestations usually are confined to the sun-exposed south or west sides of buildings, and are most severe during late winter and early spring, Patrtick said.

Adult female clover mites will lay small, round, red eggs in bark crevices at the bases of trees or in the cracks and crevices of buildings in the spring before temperatures reach 85 degrees Fahrenheit. The eggs will stay dormant during the summer, and the adults die. Eggs hatch in the fall as temperatures drop below 85 degrees. The mites will feed and develolp during the fall and the warm periods of winter, and as spring temperatures rise above 45 degrees.

It is at the time, when many of the mites inadvertently enter homes. Often described as "walking dust," they do not feed on anything in the home but can leave a reddish-orange stain, if crushed.

Since clover mites enter homes through small cracks and crevices around doors and windows, sealing these areas will help prevent entry.

According to Millican, the most effective prevention is removing grass and weeds for 18 to 24 inches around the foundation of the house. This area does not have to remain bare, for a number of ornamental plantings that are not attractive to the mite could be used in beds next to the foundation.

Chemical controls, such as miticides can be applied to lower exterior walls, the foundation and a 10- to 20- foot-wide strip of nearby lawns where the mites are found. Indoors use a vacuum cleaner to pick up live mites, seal the bag and dispose of it.

Crop Report

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — April showers may result in more than May flowers across the state. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports saturated fields and shifting markets are causing some producers to change their planting decisions.

Wet conditions in Southeast Texas delayed corn planting, said Dr. Travis Miller, Extension agronomist in College Station. The latest producers should plant corn is April 1, and since conditions were unfavorable, most area producers will plant sorghum or soybeans instead.

"Late planting of corn is a real risk," said Miller. "The nighttime temperatures must be below 85 degrees or the seedlings will become sterile."

As the springtime weather becomes warmer, Miller said it may be safer for producers to plant sorghum or soybeans because these crops can tolerate higher temperatures than corn. Some producers are turning to cotton as an alternative crop.

"Cotton is planted late in the spring," Miller said. "In fact, producers around here are just getting started on it. I think a lot of the corn producers in the area are going to turn to sorghum, soybeans or cotton this season."

Ironically, producers that have been farming cotton for years also may be shifting crops this season, Miller added. Some of them told Miller they would like to see more diversity in the area's agricultural output.

The shift from cotton to soybeans may not be as big in the South Plains unless there is a change in the market, said Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension economist in Lubbock.

The futures market for cotton is about 65 cents per pound, which many Lubbock cotton producers consider more profitable than $6.50 per bushel they could get for soybeans. If this price increased to $7 per bushel, few producers may switch but Smith said a large shift is not expected.

"We have all the cotton harvesting equipment and gins and everything," Smith said.

PANHANDLE: Moisture short to adequate. Ranges in fair condition; should improve with rainfall. Dryland wheat will benefit from rain; light infestations of greenbug, aphids. Planting corn, sugarbeets. Onion stands in good condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: Moisture short to adequate. Recent rainfall beneficial to wheat, pastures. Land preparation, pre-irrigation continues for most crops. Corn planting under way in some areas. Onion planting basically complete.

ROLLING PLAINS: Moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges improving due to recent rainfall, warm temperatures. Wheat progressing; crop has potential to make record yields. Preparing land for spring planting. Fruit trees in full bloom.

NORTH TEXAS: Moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures, ranges improving in most areas; some weed problems. Corn in poor to fair condition. Wheat stands in poor condition in Bowie Co. Planting sorghum, soybeans. Harvesting pine trees in Cass Co.

EAST TEXAS: Moisture surplus. Winter pastures responding well to recent fertilizer applications; weed infestations in hayfields. Garden planting active as weather permits. Spraying fruit trees; peaches in petal fall stage.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Moisture very short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in poor to good condition. Wheat in good condition in most areas. Windy conditions prohibit land preparation. Planting vegetables in some counties. Fruit trees in good condition.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures in good condition due to rainfall; sunshine needed to promote growth of grasses, forbs. Cotton fields slowed from wet conditions; some rust, powdery mildew reported. Fruit trees in bloom; pecans progressing.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture surplus. Spring grasses provide good grazing for livestock; weed pressure extremely high. Leaf rust infection heavy in wheat fields. Early-planted sorghum emerging to stand; one-third of acreage left to be planted.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Moisture surplus. Pastures in excellent condition. Extremely wet corn fields may hurt emerging seedlings; many producers switching to sorghum. Rust on oat leaves reported in some areas. Gardens delayed due to rains.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Moisture adequate. Rainfall and mild weather causing substantial improvement in forage conditions. Corn, sorghum planting almost complete; cotton planting under way as weather permits. Harvesting spinach, cabbage, carrots.

COASTAL BEND: Moisture surplus. Pastures, hay meadows improving due to rainfall. Planting of row crops delayed because of excess moisture. Planted fields under stress from waterlogged soil conditions. Peaches in good condition.

SOUTH TEXAS: Moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges improving due to recent rains. Cotton in poor condition. Sorghum in fair condition; one field infected with ergot. Harvesting of onions continues. Some supplemental feeding of livestock continues.

Cotton trade show slated in Lubbock

The largest gathering of Texas cotton industry associates will be at the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association (TCGA) 90th Annual Meeting & Cotton Trade Show.

It will bring more than 5,000 people to Lubbock Thursday and Friday for the meeting and trade show will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The theme for this year's meeting is "Deep in the Heart of Cotton," which reflects upon the heritage of the industry and the state of Texas.

"We look forward to the annual meeting in Lubbock every year," said Sid Brough, TCGA president. "It gives ginners an opportunity to look at new equipment available, visit with interesting technical representatives, and review the operation of our association for the past year while planning for the next."

More than 200 exhibitors will be present at the trade show with products and technology to bring the industry into the next century.

The show officially opens at 9 a.m., Thursday, and will run through Friday evening, concluding with an awards banquet. The banquet will honor the Texas Cotton Ginner of the Year, as well as past officers and the recipient of the 4-H Cotton Award.

This convention is open to the public and admission is free.

Cotton futures

NEW YORK (AP) — Cotton futures No. 2 were lower in midday dealings today.

The average price for strict low middling 1 & 1-16 inch spot cotton declined 45 points to 69.11 cents a pound Tuesday the seven markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Midday prices were $1.00 to $2.25 a bale lower than the previous close. May 71.85, Jul 73.60, Oct 75.05, Dec 75.88 Mar 76.97, May 77.55, Jul 77.90, Oct b75.60, and Dec b74.60.

n.a.- not available; n.q.-not quoted; a-asked; b-bid.

The rate of on-the-job accidents is twice as high at night as it is during the day.

Spring Ride set for April 18-19

The Spring Trail Ride for Rehab is scheduled for the weekend of April 19-20 at the Chadbourne Ranch in Coke County near Bronte. Registration will begin April 18 after 3 p.m. and continues Saturday, April 19 beginning at 8 a.m. Volunteer Trail Ride Chairmen are Kelly Gill, Mac Sayles and Thomas Hicks.

The weekend will feature a day-long ride on Saturday and a shorter ride on Sunday morning, and three meals will be served. First aid and restroom facilities will be available. Saturday evening entertainment will be provided by Sam Davis, cowboy poet, from Abilene. Davis will also lead a worship service on Sunday morning. In addition, weekend activities will feature a number of auction items.

To sign up for the trail ride or for additional information, contact John Thomas, Abilene, 915-691-7290, Ellen Bown, San Angelo, 915-949-9535, or after 7 p.m., Mac Sayles, Tuscola, 915-554-7884.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a 421 run Saturday, April 5. Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $1 to $3 higher. Bred cows and pairs steady. Trade was active and demand good.

Steers:
400 to 500, 74.50 to 82.50
500 to 600, 80 to 89.50
600 to 700, 74 to 812
700 to 800, 66.50 to 80
Heifers:
400 to 500, 74.50 to 81.50
500 to 600, 70.50 to 78
600 to 700, 66 to 70

Slaughter cows: high cutter and boning utility: 38.50-41.50; high dressing 43-44.25; other cutters 34-37.50.
Slaughter bulls: 50-53.50.
Bred cows: 495-585.
Cow/Calf pairs: 635-760; aged cows 500-620.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 640 head of cattle for the Thursday, April 3 Sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $3 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: 40 to 46;. Canners and low cutters: 32 to 40; slaughter bulls 46 to 54.
Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 80 to 103; 400 to 500, 80 to 92.50; 500 to 600, 70 to 85; 600 to 700, 68 to 77.50; 700 to 800, 64 to 70.
Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 70 to 81; 400 to 500, 65 to 75; 500 to 600, 64 to 72; 600 to 700, 63 to 70; 700 to 800, 61 to 68.
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 65 to 80; 700 to 800, 60 to 67.50.
Cow and calf pairs, good: 550 to 800; grade: 400 to 500.
Springers: 300 to 625; baby calves: 50 to 150; doodlers 150 to 225.

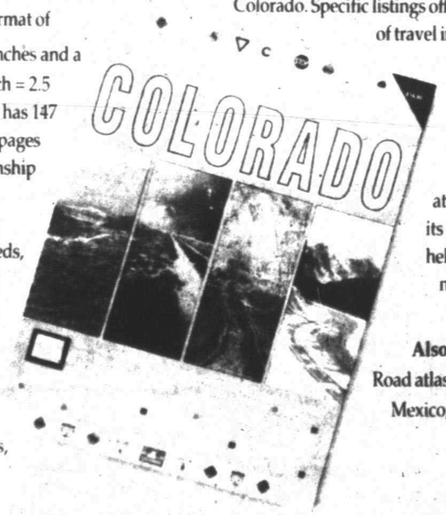
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Obituaries



Buck Logan

Mr. McMennamy

1916-1997

PLAINVIEW — T.D. McMennamy, the brother of Minnie Laura Clark of Snyder, died Monday, April 7, in Plainview's Methodist Hospital.

Service for Mr. McMennamy, 80, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Lemons Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Don Robertson, pastor of College Heights Baptist Church, will officiate, and burial will follow in the Plainview Cemetery.

Born in Hale Center, he attended Wildorado schools. He moved to Lubbock in 1940, to Hale Center in 1943 and to Plainview in 1947.

He married Allice McPherson on Aug. 13, 1937 in Plainview. An electrical contractor, he also owned Mac's Appliance Repair, retiring in 1977.

Survivors include his wife, Allice McMennamy of Plainview; two sons, Melvin McMennamy and Barry McMennamy, both of Plainview; two other sisters, Sylbia Norman of Fort Worth and Jean Rawlins of Levelland; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Buck Logan

1910-1997

Funeral service for L.D. "Buck" Logan, 86, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Ernie McGaughey, minister of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mr. Logan, founder of the Snyder Little League and namesake of the little league baseball park, died at 12:50 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, in Kristi Lee Manor in Colorado City.

Born Aug. 27, 1910 in Snyder, he married Mavis Webb on Dec. 29, 1937 in Snyder.

Mr. Logan was active in the Snyder Little League program for 45 years, and was manager of the Cardinals during those years. In 1982, Logan Field was named in his honor.

Mr. Logan was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a stock farmer. He raised Charolais and Limousin cattle and was the first rancher in Scurry County to raise purebred Charlois.

Survivors include his wife, Mavis Logan of Snyder; two daughters, Kay Price of Snyder and Jane Spikes of Dallas; a sister, Babe Miller of Snyder; four grandchildren, Drew Price and Cameron Price of Snyder, Kell Spikes of Dallas and Kristi Spikes of Hollywood, Calif.; a great-grandchild, Tanner Price of Snyder; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Drake Jones

Infant

Drake Kaemon Landon Jones, infant son of Courtney Landon and Greg Jones, died at 7:40 p.m. Monday, April 7, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service was set for 4:30 p.m. today in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church, was to officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Survivors include his father, Greg Jones of Snyder; his mother, Courtney Landon of Snyder; his grandparents, Deborah and Barrie Bowlin of Snyder, Curtis and Traci Landon of San Angelo and Aubrey and Setsuko Jones of Snyder; his great-grandparents, Howard and Rosemary Jones of Snyder, Vergie Howard of Snyder, Charles and Joyce Landon of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Nobuyoci Nakamura of Japan.

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Richard Sleeper

1918-1997

Richard Lee Sleeper, a Chevron employee for 33 years, died Tuesday, April 8, in Lubbock's University Medical Center.

Service for Mr. Sleeper, 79, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in St. Elizabeth Catholich Church. Fr. Jerald Leatham will officiate.

A wake is set for 7 tonight in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Oakwood Cemetery in Waco.

Born March 9, 1918 in Wagoner, Okla., Mr. Sleeper married Virginia G. Mistrot on July 16, 1914 in Hollywood, Fla.

A resident of Snyder since 1971, Mr. Sleeper was a retired office supervisor for Chevron who operated the SACROC unit.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Sleeper was a member of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Sleeper of Snyder; a son, Richard Lee Sleeper Jr. of Alpine; three daughters, Emmalie John of Levelland, Kathryn Moore of Austin and Margaret Potting of Arvada, Colo.; a brother Dr. Harold Sleeper of Hendersonville, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Susie Wymer

1909-1997

RANGER — Funeral service for Susie Wymer, 87, of Ranger was set for 10:45 a.m. today in the Edwards Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Speer officiating. Graveside service was to follow at 3 p.m. in the Ira Cemetery.

Mrs. Wymer, an Ira School District bus driver for 17 years, died Monday, April 7, in Ranger.

Born on Oct. 13, 1909 in Henderson County. She married I.O. Maupin on Oct. 12, 1929 in Palestine. He died in 1973. She married Robert Wymer in 1975 in Ranger. He died in 1988.

Residing in Ranger since 1970, Mrs. Wymer was a member of the Second Baptist Church and the Quilting Club.

She was also preceded in death by three sons, Red Maupin, James Allen Maupin and Robert Dale Maupin.

Survivors include a brother, William Griffith of Mesquite; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

House could get tax proposal next week

AUSTIN (AP) — Inching its way toward the full House is a plan to lower local school property taxes by more than $3 billion — and pay for it with an expanded business tax and more state sales taxes.

The House Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding today continues work on the proposal, which includes a massive rewrite of the state tax system and a constitutional amendment that would go before voters.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, said he was unsure when the bill would be voted from the committee he chairs. He said he hopes to have the bill before the full House next week.

House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, has said the bill should clear the House by mid-April to give it time to work its way through the Senate. He has not set a deadline for the committee to complete its work.

The overall effort is to lower local school property taxes, which Gov. George W. Bush and lawmakers have said are at disastrous levels.

The proposed tax cuts would cap the operation and maintenance portion of local school taxes on residential property at 50 cents per $100 in value.

The proposal would give school districts an undetermined amount of state funding for each penny in their local tax rates, up to 50 cents. That amount would be set later.

It also would allow local voters to approve an additional 10 cents per $100 in value for a local rate up to 60 cents per $100 value. The extra 10 cents would not draw additional state funds.

The plan also would set a $1 business property tax for maintenance and operation.

Tax rates for buildings and debt could add to the rates but may also be capped.

"If we all try to sit around and try to protect our own private business, we're not going to get anywhere," Sadler said.

Lorber coming to Snyder

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bleaching, sometimes called wet-processing, will be added.

"That, I think, is about a year down the road," said Lorber.

The first building is expected to be 120,000 square feet with masonry or tilt wall construction. Lorber said he expects the plant to initially employ 130 people, with more than 200 employees on the payroll when the bleaching process is eventually added.

Lorber said he is looking forward to working with the community, and with farmers in the area.

"We can all learn from each other. We are all partners in this together," he said, noting that Lorber Industries will buy locally whenever feasible.

Also part of Lorber's delegation was Doug Hutchinson, former DCOS executive director, and Aaron Richardson, a prospective manager of the Snyder mill. Richardson worked five years for the Littlefield denim plant.

Later in the day, the delegation was to visit the International Textile Center at Texas Tech and the denim plant in Littlefield before returning to Los Angeles.

Our minister says his congregation has a remarkably low threshold for pain when it comes to giving till it hurts.

AF jet is still missing

PHOENIX (AP) — When Capt. Craig David Button's bomb-laden Air Force attack jet broke away from formation, some thought he became incapacitated and put it on autopilot, or ejected after trouble.

But ejection should have activated an automatic homing device, which did not happen when the A-10 Thunderbolt disappeared last Wednesday.

And while radar records indicate the plane's path was initially straight — backing the autopilot theory — it changed course 800 miles away over Aspen, Colo., something that would require a pilot at the helm.

Is it possible the pilot stole the plane?

Not likely, say officials. But to cover all the bases, investigators are sifting through Button's background.

"The investigation ... includes all aspects of the plane and pilot, anything to do with the situation," said Staff Sgt. Bret Zieman, a spokesman at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson.

The mystery began last Wednesday morning after Button's plane took off in formation from Davis-Monthan with two other A-10s bound for a bombing range in southwestern Arizona. The plane was carrying four non-nuclear bombs and mounted machine guns.

Button was with the rest until about 90 minutes into the flight. The other pilots broke formation and began the search, spotting nothing.

Initially, the search focused in Arizona, but it shifted to Colorado — nearly 800 miles off course — three days later after authorities checked radar records and witnesses there reported seeing a low-flying plane.

The plane may have gone down in the New York Mountain area, near Edwards, Colo., at which time it would have been nearly out of fuel. The last radar trace of the A-10 is there amid the snow-covered Rocky Mountains.

But officials were also looking elsewhere.

Rodeo

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Rodeo events include bareback, saddle bronc, bulls, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, breakaway roping, goat tying and barrels.

WTC students entered in the rodeo are Miles Bell, Plainview; Kyle Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, Canada; Tanner Boyd, Merkel; Jay Ross Bryant, Comanche; Paige Burelsmith, Tatum, N.M.; Marty Cormier, San Angelo; Jeff Decker, Perryton; Pete Ellis, Fort Worth; Shane Faulkner, Espanola, N.M.; Shanna Ferguson, Ovalo; and Colby Friday, Abilene.

Others include Cody Fry and Greg Fuller, Dimmitt; Lance Gaillard, Texhoma, Okla.; Jarett Granich, Los Alamos, N.M.; Brian Hill, Des Moines, N.M.; Kevin Johnson, Elkhorn, Neb.; Kelly Kendrick, Fort Worth; Heath Kenney, Rangely, Colo.; Chad Maynard, Eastland; Jana McCloy, Gruver; Matt McCloy, Snyder; Sahala McCloy, Morse; Shawna McKee, Roby; Joe Moody, Roswell, N.M.; Chad Pelster, Bartlett, Neb.; and Ray Richards, Albany.

Still others are Ryan Rickels, Comanche; Chasity Rickman, Hereford; Cole Schaffer, North Platte, Neb.; Clete Schmidt, Belle Fourche, S.D.; Daniel Smith, El Paso; Jim Bob Smith, Mason; Kelly Smith, Wimborne, Alberta, Canada; Cody Springer, Aspermont; Jamie Stewart, San Angelo; Ricky Stroud, Snyder; Rusty Turner, Ovalo; Amanda Willin, Moriarty, N.M.; Luke Warbois, Jal, N.M.; Ryan Weaver, Calhoun, Ga.; and Tona Wright, Moriarty, N.M.

What's Up?

High school registration

High school students will register this week according to the following schedule:

Thursday	Sollis	periods 5, 6 & 7
Friday	Sollis	periods 1, 2 & 3
Friday	Millican	periods 1, 3 & 4

Texas Special Olympics

The Area 14 Texas Special Olympics Spring Games will be held Friday and Saturday in Abilene. Opening ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at Indian Stadium.

First UNC youth fund-raiser

The youth of First United Methodist Church will have a fund-raising sale Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at the old Lone Star Gas building, 1712 27th St.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Club will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Center. Cost is $6 per plate, including carry-outs. Children under six eat free.

Parents of seniors to meet

Parents of 1997 Snyder High School seniors will meet at 7 p.m. next Tuesday to plan graduation activities. The meeting will be held in the high school student center.

SNS needs financial help

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

Adult education classes

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

Senior Swimnastics

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

Free tax help provided

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

TASP review slated

Western Texas College instructors are offering a TASP review for students who will be taking the TASP test on April 19. Students may come to either the 1-2 p.m. or 5-6 p.m. session on April 17 in the 7D Building, Room 101. Call 573-8511, ext. 296, for more information.

Wildflower tours available

Scurry County Museum is conducting wildflower tours through April 30. Tours should be scheduled at least five days in advance by calling 573-6107. The tours will be given by Western Texas College botany students.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled "Hope for Life's Journey." The seventh Bible tape, "Overcoming Hardship," will air at 7 p.m. Monday. It will be followed by "The Forever Marriage."

Morningside revival

Morningside Baptist Church, 119 36th St., will have a revival April 16-20. Services will be at 7 p.m., except for Sunday, when they will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. There will be a followship following each service. Everyone is invited to help make the revival effort a successful one.

Wastella reunion

The Wastella reunion will be held Saturday, April 19, at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Please call 863-2437 and make reservations if you have not already sent in money for the meal.

Retired teachers cancel meeting

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association has cancelled their Monday meeting and will reschedule their "legislative meeting" at a later date.

Pick 3

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

0-7-5

(zero, seven, five)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-13-28-31-37.
Number matching five of five: three.
Prize per winnner: $54,587.
Winning ticket(s) sold in: Wichita Falls, Dallas, Corpus Christi.
Matching four of five: 428. Prize: $574.
Matching three of five: 15,252. Prize: $27.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Army probing more sex allegations

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The Army is investigating allegations that two male drill sergeants at Fort Eustis had consensual sex with female trainees, a post spokesman said.

No charges have been filed, and the men have been suspended with pay and placed in other jobs pending the outcome of the investigation, which began Friday, base spokesman Ron Johnson said.

It is the first confirmed investigation of sexual misconduct at the base since the Army announced rape and sexual harassment charges against an officer and training sergeants at its Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland on Nov. 7, Johnson said.

Austin Briefs

Privatizing welfare may be limited

AUSTIN (AP) — The debate in the Texas Legislature has begun on how much of the state's welfare operation should be turned over to private companies.

A bill by House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, would limit the number of state employees who would lose their jobs as a result of privatizing operations under a contested welfare project.

The bill was left pending Monday after a hearing before the House Human Services Committee.

The project, approved by the Legislature in 1995 and known as the Texas Integrated Enrollment Service, is intended to create one-stop shopping for assistance.

It has been the center of debate because state officials have said they would replace state employees who determine welfare eligibility with lower-paid employees of private companies.

Junell said that is unfair to state workers.

Committee OKs castration proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — Men returned to prison for repeatedly molesting children could be surgically castrated at their own request under a bill approved by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Teel Bivins, said he does not expect many inmates to volunteer for the procedure if the bill becomes law. However, he said it should be offered as a treatment alternative.

"To the extent we can prevent a single child in Texas from being molested by a child molester, it justifies the passage of this bill," Bivins, R-Amarillo, said Tuesday.

His bill goes to the Senate, which in 1995 passed a similar measure that died in the House.

Supporters have said castration, when used in Europe, drastically reduced the repeat-offender rate for child molesters. Opponents say Bivins' bill doesn't address rape as a crime of violence and that it is open to legal challenge as cruel and unusual punishment.

Bivins stressed that he views the procedure, which lowers the testosterone level, as treatment, not punishment.

The surgical castration bill is SB123.

Prom safety focus of new proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — Pronouncing high school proms and graduations as nights to remember, law enforcement officials introduced a plan to make the memories a little clearer.

"Graduations and proms are great events. We want to make sure their safe, pleasant memorable experiences," said Allan Shivers Jr., director of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

The TABC Tuesday announced its "Operation Safe Prom-Safe Graduation," targeting prom and graduation celebrations taking place at hotels and motels across the state. The agency hopes to have an enforcement presence at 60 percent to 70 percent of the state's high school celebrations this spring.

"We're not saying we're going to be able to hit every prom," said Greg Hamilton, TABC chief of enforcement. "By heightening the awareness kids don't know if TABC is going to be at their prom or the next one."

Three area high school students attested to the need for the added enforcement.

The minor in possession bill is SB35.

Proposal eyes race consideration

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas colleges and universities could once again consider race in admissions under a bill considered by a House committee.

The bill adopts language from a court decision in a case known as Hopwood, which resulted in Texas universities being prohibited from using race as a factor in admissions and financial aid policies.

The court's ruling said race could be considered as a factor in admissions only if lasting effects of past discrimination could be shown at a school.

The measure, by Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, tracks that language and sets varying degrees for race to be considered.

The bill, which was left pending Tuesday night in the House Higher Education Committee, had received the endorsement of Attorney General Dan Morales.

Gisela Gonzales, a spokeswoman for Ms. Rangel, said she did not know when the measure would again be considered.

Morales' contested interpretation of the Hopwood ruling has prohibited Texas institutions of higher learning from using race as a factor in admissions and financial aid policies and has drawn fire from the U.S. Department of Education as being too restrictive.

More charter school would be OK'd

AUSTIN (AP) — An 18-year-old who dropped out of public school after having a baby became Texas' first graduate of an independent charter school six months ago, soon after the experimental education program began.

With such students in mind, state senators on Tuesday voted to expand the charter program, which gives public funds to campuses that are independent of school districts, may be run by private entities and are free of many state regulations.

Under the bill by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, the total number of charter schools allowed in Texas would increase from 20 to 80.

The move, made after applications for charter schools have poured into the Texas Education Agency, came despite concerns from another lawmaker that expansion is occurring too fast.

"They've been in existence seven months. Can we take a seven-month experiment and say, 'It's wonderful,'?" asked Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin. "I think we are proceeding too quickly."

The charter school bill is SB519.
The school voucher bill is SB1206.

Four bills would speed up adoptions

AUSTIN (AP) — Adoptions would be streamlined under legislation approved by the Texas Senate.

The bill approved Tuesday would allow children to become eligible for adoption more quickly if the state removed them from their parents because of abuse or neglect.

A paternity registry also would be created under the bill by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, making it easier to revoke the parental rights of fathers who don't claim their babies.

Ms. Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said her concern is for the children, particularly those who may spend years in foster care under current law.

"What's happening is that these children are growing up without a family," she said. "They move from foster home to foster home, and they age out (turn 18) and they're out on the street."

Gov. George W. Bush, a Republican who has pushed for faster adoptions, said the bill would "put children into loving homes more quickly." The bill goes to the House.

Ms. Zaffirini's adoption streamlining bill is SB34.
Ms. Shapiro's adoption incentive bill is SB670.
Ms. Shapiro's adoption streamlining bill is SB181.
Brown's DPRS reauthorization is SB359.

Various items accompany tax returns

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the income tax deadline nears, Internal Revenue Service centers are being flooded with tax returns — some containing a little something extra for the Tax Collector.

Dead bumblebees and roaches, razor blades and threatening letters arrive. Some income tax forms are crumpled into balls before they're mailed. Profanity is penciled in the margins.

Some people have the gall to sass the IRS!

One brazen taxpayer burned holes in a return and enclosed a note that said "Burn Baby Burn," said John DiBacco, executive vice president of the National Treasury Employees Union's chapter at the IRS service center in Philadelphia.

Every year, it's the workers at the 10 service centers who suffer Americans' disdain for the IRS.

"They act like it's us doing this to them. We pay taxes, too," DiBacco says. "Why don't they talk to their congressman?"

The IRS says that, overall, only a small fraction of the 120 million individual tax returns expected this year will be adulterated.

Such tax-time pranks probably won't increase the likelihood of audits. But, depending on what taxpayers do, they could risk penalties or find their returns referred for possible criminal investigation, said IRS spokeswoman Jodi Patterson.

Some taxpayers, on the other hand, write thank-you notes to helpful employees. Cheery citizens also have been known to send in candy or an occasional cigar. But during tax season, more of the mail is mean, the workers at the service centers report.

Testy taxpayers use Band-Aids, sewing needles, nails, even chewing gum to attach W-2 income statements to their tax forms, said Teresa Hill, who works at the IRS service center in Kansas City, Mo. A nurse once hooked her forms together with a hypodermic needle — no one knew if it had been used or not.

Ms. Hill said powdery, gray ashes spilled out of one tax return that was accompanied by a note that said: "You took everything else. Why don't you take him, too!"

Nobody knew for sure if the ashes were really human remains, she said.

IRS workers laugh off obscene photos filed with tax returns. One person enclosed a photocopy of his rump, a prank that an employee at the service center in Fresno, Calif., dismissed as "not very original."

Tom Ochsenschlager, a spokesman for Grant Thornton Accountants and Management Consultants in New York, says his firm advises perturbed taxpayers to simply write their senators and representatives.

"I've heard stories of people who write profanity next to the amount that they owe," he says. "Or, they write 'I'm paying this tax under protest, but I don't want this to go to the Defense Department.' During the Vietnam War, there were a lot of these kind."

Pete Sepp of the National Taxpayers Union warned that sassy taxpayers invite the risk of a frivolous return penalty or even civil or criminal prosecution.

The tax law says a $500 frivolous return penalty can be assessed if a return does not include enough information to figure the correct tax, or contains substantially incorrect information.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Friend's Gift From the Heart Becomes Poet's Inspiration

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column daily for many years and greatly enjoy your letters on random acts of kindness. Yesterday I read the letter about Darlene Godsey's husband, who came home a quadriplegic after an overdose of anesthesia during open-heart surgery, and how her friends rallied together to repair the things she had formerly relied on her husband to do.

It reminded me of something my quadriplegic friend Bernie did for me several years ago during a very lonely and difficult time in my life. I wrote occasional verse and had been sharing my poems with him over a bulletin board service via our personal computers. Through time we became good friends.

Unbeknown to me, he took the following verse of mine, had it printed in "Queen's English" and beautifully framed, and presented it to me as a gift, for no particular reason. That was a turning point in my life and inspired me to continue my writing and share it with others.

I have just recently completed my first poetry and verse manuscript and am hopeful it may be published someday. Bernie's gift, titled "Lessons You Learned," now has its own special place on my wall and is a daily reminder of the "random acts of kindness" that inspired me originally to write it.

I am sharing it with you in the hope that it will help people along life's journey either to recognize their own gifts or help someone else along their way. If you print it, I thank you. If you cannot, I understand you cannot print every letter you receive. I will continue to faithfully read your column because you so often touch so many hearts, and have often touched mine.

MARLENE GERBA,
MILWAUKIE, ORE.

DEAR MARLENE AND DEAR READERS: Unfortunately, I am unable to publish all of the letters or the lovely poems I receive. However, this one moved me so deeply that I am compelled to share it. Read on:

LESSONS YOU LEARNED
by Marlene Gerba

For every petal you pluck from a daisy,
You're granted one measure of love.
For every rainbow you find with two ends,
I wish you two stars from above.

For every tear you brush from a cheek,
I promise you kindness will follow.
Wherever you walk, under rainbows or stars,
Over daisies, or down lonely hollow.

For every child you play with and talk to,
I grant you one heart full of laughter.
For every smile you place on a face,
I promise you peace ever after.

If you think "I" am giving you priceless gifts,
Look close at yourself and your deeds.
The gifts you earned were the lessons you learned
While answering other folks' needs.

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