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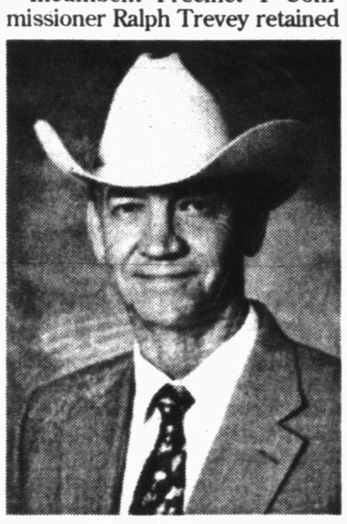
Trevey, Boyd capture runoff wins

Neither candidate will face an opponent in November

A veteran politician and a political newcomer won runoff races Tuesday in Scurry County.

Incumbent Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey retained his post, defeating Cloyce Scarberry in the Democratic runoff election Tuesday by 22 votes.

In the Republican runoff for Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace, Deborah Boyd won her bid by 65 votes, 348 to Ben Smith's 283.



Ralph Trevey



Deborah Boyd

Trevey led the early voting totals, garnering 78 compared to Scarberry's 43. Scarberry led on election day with 115 votes to Trevey's 102, but it wasn't enough for the victory.

In the March 14 Democratic Primary, only six votes separated the two with Scarberry garnering 126 and Trevey receiving 120. Bill Baldwin received 33 votes, forcing the runoff.

There was no Republican candidate for the commissioner post after Carl Burleson withdrew from the race.

In the March 14 Republican Primary, Boyd led the ticket with 465 votes to Smith's 420. There was no Democratic candidate for Justice of the Peace.

With the runoff election taken care of, voters can now turn their attention to the May 6 elections.

The Ira school board ballot will have one contested race as Gilbert Sanchez and Dennis D. Taylor are seeking the Place 4 post. Bo Robinson currently holds the position, but did not file for another term.

Dirk Dunn is seeking another term in Place 5 on the Ira board and is unopposed.

The Snyder ISD school board race is also uncontested and the school board Thursday will consider canceling the election.

Richard Chambers is seeking his third term as a Place 3 trustee and Mike Levens has filed for his second term in Place 2.

Three Hermleigh trustees, Tim Dacus, Alan Culp and Vance Reynolds, are seeking re-election and all are unopposed.

The City Council election has one contested race as Jason Scott Spradlin is seeking to unseat I.E. Martin in District 4.

On the Western Texas College board, three people are seeking the Place 6 post currently held by R.C. Patton.

John Zalman III, Scott Richburg and James Hanks have all filed for the spot.

Eddie Peterson and Lee Presswood are unopposed in their bid for another term on the college board. Presswood holds Place 5 and Peterson holds Place 7.

Early voting by personal appearance for the May 6 elections begins next Wednesday and ends May 2.

Ira and Hermleigh early voting will take place in the superintendent's office of the respective campus.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the WTC administration building between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Red Cross plans disaster training

The American Red Cross will hold disaster training classes in Snyder Thursday through Saturday at the Scurry County Senior Center.

The class Thursday will be from 6-10 p.m. and will be an introduction to disaster and damage assessment. The Friday class will also be from 6-10 p.m., and will cover mass care and shelter operations.

The Saturday class begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 6 p.m. It will cover emergency assistance to families.

All the classes are free and open to the public.

Registration is through the Odessa Red Cross office at 1-800-219-2154. Walk-ins will be allowed, although pre-registration is encouraged in order to have an adequate number of participant packets.

For additional information, contact Susie Whitman at the Odessa office.

Ford Motor Co. wants to sell used cars through Web site

AUSTIN (AP) — Opening arguments began today in a fight that could change the way cars are sold over the Internet in Texas with Ford Motor Co. asking an administrative law judge to allow the automaker to reopen a used-car Web site after the state shut it down for violating franchise laws.

Texas Division of Motor Vehicles officials say the case is about law that clearly prohibits the direct selling of automobiles online by Ford or anyone else. Only dealers licensed by the state can sell cars here. Brokering, arranging a transaction for a fee, is illegal.

Phillip Layer, an attorney representing the state, said this is not an Internet case, but about enforcing the law. "When this Internet purpose is to sell used cars directly to the public, it's a violation of state law. It's very clear and simple," he said.

"If that's an issue at all, it should be an issue on the floor of the state Legislature not here at an administrative hearing." Layer said. "Until if or when such legislation is enacted, the current laws must be uniformly enforced."

Ford attorney Kenneth Valka countered in his opening statement that Ford followed Texas laws that he said are "difficult, non-defined and in fact, in this particular case, non-applicable."

Additionally, Ford is not selling cars over the Internet, he said.

"The true fact is that Ford is advertising its pre-owned vehicles, not selling its pre-owned vehicles, Valka said. "You will not find one contract to buy a car between Ford and a customer. Every contract is between the dealer and the customer."

Ford said it will present evidence that shows the division of motor vehicles was premature and incorrect in barring the Web site.

Representatives from Ford and some Internet companies say it's a case of Texas snagging e-commerce growth.

"It seems as if the TMVD is so preoccupied with constraining auto manufacturers that they've missed the point that this it is good for the consumers, it's good for the dealer, it's great for Ford Motor Co.," said John H. Mecke, director of legislative franchise affairs for Ford.

Before opening arguments began, administrative judge Kathryn Scales without comment denied a Ford motion to dismiss with the complaint.

Scales then examined evidence from both sides and said the hearing probably would last through Tuesday. State lawyers plan to call up to seven witnesses.

Today's hearing is the first of as many as five hearings on the matter is scheduled for this morning at the Texas Division of Motor Vehicles.

Analysts have estimated that 750,000 vehicles worth about $19 billion will be bought online this year, doubling online sales although representing a small portion of the $350 billion nationwide new-car business.

"This is not an Internet issue," said Gaby Garcia, a spokeswoman from the Texas Department of Transportation, which oversees the Texas Division of Motor Vehicles.

Crash victims not 'human guinea pigs'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Marine Corps' top general said he is bothered that some family members of victims of last weekend's Osprey aircraft crash believe the dead Marines were callously sacrificed.

One grieving mother, Christina Mercier, said her son, 24-year-old Keoki Santos, had been uneasy about the Osprey, a hybrid airplane and helicopter that critics contend is technologically troubled.

Santos, a rifleman assigned to the 1st Marine Division, was among 19 Marines killed when the MV-22 Osprey carrying them on a training mission nose-dived into the ground Saturday night while trying to land at an airfield in Arizona.

It was the Marines' deadliest air crash since 1989. Marine Corps spokesman Maj. Dave Lapan said today that officials at the crash site hope to finish recovering the remains today and then focus on finding the aircraft's flight data recorder, which is expected to contain vital clues to what caused the accident.

"They killed him," Mercier said. "They wanted him to be a guinea pig for these new airplanes."

Gen. James Jones, commandant of the Marine Corps, said in an interview Tuesday that family members deserve a clear explanation of the Osprey and its history of extensive flight testing. He said some have formed the mistaken view that the Osprey, which first flew in 1989, is an experimental aircraft.

"These are certified airworthy aircraft," Jones said, on which all tests have been completed. The Osprey that crashed was one of four such aircraft participating in an exercise meant to evaluate how they would coordinate with other Marine aircraft during a real-life mission such as a hostage rescue.

"We didn't put people at risk," Jones said. "There is no such thing as human guinea pigs in this."

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Lt. Gen [illegible] Marines' top a[illegible] a Pentagon [illegible] Tuesday [illegible] troubled by comments s[illegible] ing that the fatal Osprey flight was a risky venture.

Teacher says she was shot

TUCSON (AP) — It was horrific news: A teacher had been shot in her own classroom and the gunman was on the loose.

Kathy Morris called 911 on Monday, hysterically reporting being shot by a Hispanic teen-ager about 90 minutes before students arrived for her class at La Cima Middle School.

Classes were canceled and frightened fellow teachers met for several hours with counselors. Sheriff's deputies, [illegible]uding SWAT officers, [illegible]rched the two-story school. [illegible]ey needn't have both-

[illegible]e said Morris, who has [illegible]aug[illegible] at the school since [illegible]991, admitted shooting her[illegible] in the shoulder to high[illegible] the lack of security at the [illegible]chool.

Lorber Industries of Texas...

Whitworth assumes vice president post

Jack Whitworth, who has been plant manager of Lorber Industries of Texas since the plant opened in 1998, has recently been named vice president of operations for the company.

The announcement came from Tom Lorber, company president.

"I'll have basically the same duties as before, but with more responsibility for sales and customer service," said Whitworth who also assumes the responsibilities formerly held by Mike Gruener.



Jack Whitworth

Gruener, who had visited in Snyder several times with his work with the local plant, is now the CEO of an Oakland, Internet company.

Whitworth said he will also be more involved with company accounting and in cotton purchasing.

Whitworth and his family moved to Snyder from Rome, Ga., just prior to the local plant opening.

Presently, around 70 people are employed at the open-end spinning plant.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity."

It seems like the current presidential campaign has been going on for years. The candidate list is down to two, but we have seven months to endure until November.

It could get nasty, but we like a couple of campaign buttons that have shown up in the nation's capital.

The first is anti-Bush: "Read My Lips – No New Texans."

But there is a counter photo button which reads: "Barbara Bush For First Mamma!"

When we first started watching politics, it seemed that campaigns were run on a higher plane. But everything changes and whether change is good depends on the individuals.

Concerning change, consider some actual quotes from the 1950s.

—"I'll tell you one thing. If things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's grocery for $20.

—Can you believe the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?

—If they raise the minimum wage to a dollar, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.

—When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 30 cents a gallon?

—Kids today are impossible. Those duck-tail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as girls.

—Marilyn Monroe is now showing her bra and panties, so apparently there are no longer any standards.

—Pretty soon you won't be able to buy a good 10-cent cigar.

—Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for $75,000 just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president.

—I never thought I'd see the day when all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters.

—It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.

—Did you know some churches are allowing women to wear slacks to worship?

—I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

—The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt that it will ever catch on.

—Nobody can afford to be sick - $35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood.

—If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a haircut, forget it. I'll have my wife learn to cut hair.

—If they raise the price of coffee to 15 cents, I'm just going to drink mine at home.

ASK US

Q-I think a liquor store in a neighboring county is selling beer to teenagers. Who can I report this to?

A-You can report it to law enforcement personnel in that county, or call the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission at 1-888-THE-TABC.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 63 degrees; low, 49; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 51; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.64 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, 20% rain chance; low around 40. Thursday, partly cloudy, high near 70.



Britney Webb
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
8:11 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:18 a.m.
Of 102 days in 2000, the sun has shone 99 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Learn to accept in silence minor aggravations.

—Sir William Osler

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Doctors falsify info to get patients' treated

CHICAGO (AP) — Doctors have their own terms for it — covert advocacy, manipulating reimbursement rules, gaming. But to insurance companies, misrepresenting patient information is plain, old fraud.

A new study suggests the practice is on the rise as doctors feel more pressure to provide treatment not authorized under managed-care plans.

More than one out of every three doctors admitted they deceived insurance companies to help patients get necessary care, according to the national survey reported today in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Tactics included exaggerating the severity of an illness to help patients avoid being sent home early from the hospital; listing an inaccurate diagnosis on bills; and reporting nonexistent symptoms to secure insurance coverage.

In the 1998 mail survey of 720 doctors, 39 percent said they had used at least one of those tactics "sometimes" or more often within the preceding year.

"As pressures to control health care costs increase, it is likely that manipulating reimbursement systems will increase," wrote the researchers, led by Dr. Matthew Wynia of the AMA's Institute for Ethics in Chicago.

"Health plans in which the use of these tactics is common should carefully review their rules and procedures and work with physicians to reduce the perceived need for covert advocacy."

Thirty-seven percent said their patients "sometimes" or more often asked them to deceive insurers. More than one-fourth — 28.5 percent — said it is necessary to "game" the system to provide high-quality care.

Of the doctors who reported using deceitful practices, 54 percent said they did so more often than in the past.

Dr. Charles Cutler, chief medical officer for the American Association of Health Plans, which represents more than 1,000 HMOs and other insurance plans, said doctors who deceive insurers are "essentially allowing people to get benefits for which they haven't paid."

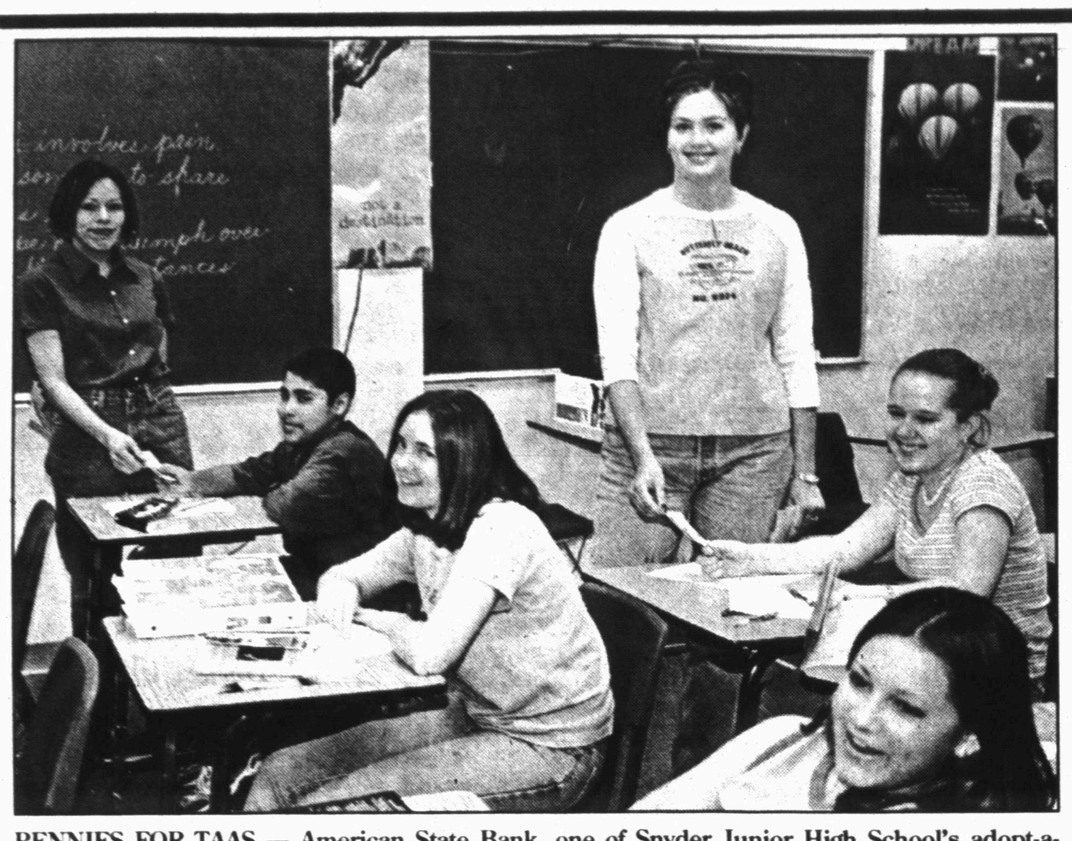
"The people who pay for that are everybody else who's paying for the premiums," Cutler said. He said the practice will ultimately backfire and cause costs to rise.

A smaller survey published in the AMA's Archives of Internal Medicine last year found that more than half of 169 doctors who responded approved of the use of deceitful practices with insurance companies. The authors of the latest survey said theirs is the first to report what doctors are actually doing.

Although doctors were not asked why they engaged in deception, the researchers suggested such reasons as managed-care restrictions and patients' demands.

Cutler said having patients pay for uncovered procedures out-of-pocket or appealing insurers' rejection of coverage are legitimate alternatives to deception.

An accompanying editorial said Wynia's study provides the most reliable information to date on the extent of such deception and calls the findings "stunning."



PENNIES FOR TAAS — American State Bank, one of Snyder Junior High School's adopt-a-school partners, distributed "good luck" pennies to the students who are taking TAAS tests this week. Bank employees are Amy Perez, left, and Nicole Lomax. Students include Jose Perez, Elizabeth Stewart, Shanna Blackard; and Ashley Darnell in back. Seventh graders began testing on Monday and were to continue today. Eighth graders will be tested on Thursday and Friday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Wildlife program is planned

A wildlife program "Developing Deer and Quail Enterprises for Your Ranch" will be hosted by Scurry, Borden, Fisher and Kent county extension officers.

The meeting, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA Natural Resource and Conservation Service, Texas Wildlife Association Ezell-Key Grain Co. Inc., and the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, will be held on Wednesday, April 19, at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, 10 miles north of Snyder, just off U.S. 84 on County Road 2128, from 8:20 a.m. until 5 p.m.

This meeting will be an opportunity for area ranchers and others interested in wildlife management to learn more about adding wildlife enterprises to their livestock operations.

Leading off the program will be Keith Pate, Region 2 director for the Texas Wildlife Association, who will discuss the scope of opportunities available in West Texas wildlife marketing. Following Keith will be Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stationed in Scurry County, who will discuss the current wildlife population status in the area. Kent Mills, with Ezell-Key Grain Co. Inc., will discuss nutritional and habitat requirements for deer, and Steve Nelle, wildlife biologist with the Natural Resource and Conservation Service in San Angelo, will explain ways to improve habitats to amplify deer populations. Alan Heirman, wildlife biologist with the Natural Resource and Conservation Service in Albany, will discuss nutritional and habitat requirements for quail and Dr. Dale Rollins, wildlife specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo, will cover ways to improve habitat for quail to enhance populations. Rocky Vinson, Shackleford County Extension Enterprises agent — agriculture will finish the morning session relating his experiences and the benefits of developing wildlife co-operatives to allow smaller landowners the ability to improve the quality of their deer and quail.

During a steak lunch provided by the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, a point-counterpoint discussion on importation of wildlife into the ecosystem, will pit Art Browning, owner of American Hunter Feeders and Blinds of Mesquite, with Calvin Richardson, wildlife biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. This discussion should enlighten participants as to the advantage and disadvantages of bringing in deer from other areas as well as alternative species of "exotic" wildlife to enhance hunting opportunities.

The afternoon session will deal more with "people" management as Greg Simons, wildlife biologist and owner of Wildlife Systems based in San Angelo, will discuss how to attract hunters and other wildlife customers to your enterprise. Then Roy Wilson, of Krocked River Ranch Outfitters

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1709, Richard Steele published the first issue of The Tattler.

On this day in 1847, the first students from China to study in America arrived in New York City.

On this day in 1985, Sen. Jake Garn of Utah became the first senator in space. He flew into orbit aboard the space shuttle Discovery.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Clay (1777-1852), U.S. statesman; Lionel Hampton (1913-), musician, is 87; Ann Miller (1923-), dancer, is 77; Herbie Hancock (1940-), musician, is 60; David Letterman (1947-), TV personality, is 53; David Cassidy (1950-), singer-actor, is 50; Shannen Doherty (1971-), actress, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Pete Richert struck out the first six Cincinnati Reds batters he pitched against. It was his major-league debut.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you wish to avoid foreign collision, you had better abandon the ocean." — Henry Clay

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (April 11).

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Actor turns singer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Look for Jeff Bridges' next project in record stores.

The actor wrote several songs on "Be Here Soon," his first album due out on a label he formed with Michael McDonald of The Doobie Brothers.

"It's a dream come true," Bridges said Monday. "I'm loving it."

Bridges said the album is a mix of jazz, R&B, country and reggae. He made his concert debut a month ago at the Shrine Auditorium during a tribute to McDonald.

Asked to predict the reaction from movie fans to his new gig, Bridges said: "'The actor's doing a vanity project.' That's probably true."

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We would like to encourage everyone to utilize the City wide 'Clean-up Campaign' to be conducted April 17th thru April 20th. This campaign will be co-sponsored by the City of Snyder, the Chamber of Commerce and the Snyder Beautification Committee.

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, PLEASE CALL IN AND SCHEDULE YOUR PICK-UP BEFORE THE WEEK OF THE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN.

April 17th thru 20th:
Utilize dump truck service provided by cleaning up over the prior weekend. A dump truck and driver will be provided during those four days inside the city limits only.

Watch for additional information

Continuous Service:
The City provides a dump truck to individual customers; the customer must come in and schedule the truck; sign necessary forms; truck is parked around 4:00 p.m. and picked up around 8:00 a.m. the following morning. This is a continuing service and there is a $35.00 charge. This service is not available to persons that perform demolition or clean-up as a business and it is provided inside the city limits only.

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City of Snyder
Snyder Beautification Committee
Snyder Chamber of Commerce

Youth crimes decline; punishments on rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alan Heitner says he'd like to believe that his children are safer because of zero-tolerance penalties for schoolchildren who carry weapons, start fights or make threats. But his son's two-week suspension hasn't convinced him.

"I don't think anyone who is in a position of responsibility can be mindless," said Heitner, a physician in Madeira, Ohio, whose son Dana, 18, was punished last fall for school-election signs in a restroom that joked about a bomb in the toilet. "From a safety standpoint, this is really absurd."

Heitner is not alone in his concern.

Two youth advocacy groups are issuing a report today that cautions schools against reacting to high-profile shootings like the one at Columbine High School last year. Youth violence is falling, but punishing children is on the rise, the report says.

"We've got kids getting kicked out of school for saying 'bang-bang' to each other," said Vincent Schiraldi of the Justice Policy Institute, a youth advocacy think tank that co-authored report. "It's no more fair to stereotype them all as school shooters than to stereotype all adults as Timothy McVeigh," who bombed the federal building in Oklahoma City.

The report — released a week before the first anniversary of the April 20 Columbine High School shooting that killed 14 — says the public isn't paying attention to overall youth-violence trends. Instead, shootings in Colorado, Arkansas, Oregon and most recently Michigan — where one first-grader shot and killed another youngster in class — have driven schools to install more metal detectors, conduct more locker searches and impose more suspensions and expulsions for threats, Schiraldi said.

"Even though these are awful tragedies, we can't set public policy based on these events," Schiraldi said in an interview.

The report by the Justice Policy Institute, based in Washington and San Francisco, and the nonprofit legal aid Children's Law Center in Covington, Ky., recommends more school counseling, balanced media coverage of school shootings and tougher gun control laws. The groups gleaned data from federal and state agencies and nonprofit research centers.

The report findings include:

—Seven in 10 Americans think a school shooting could happen in their communities, but a child has a 1 in 2 million chance of being killed in a U.S. school.

—Youth homicide arrests dropped 56 percent from 1993 to 1998, but two-thirds of 1,000 people polled by The Washington Post in November said they believed children were getting more violent.

—Citing Maryland as an example, suspensions for false alarms and bomb threats went up 44 percent from the 1997-98 school year to the 1998-99 year. Although it was not known whether the alarms and threats themselves increased, the group said the significant increase in suspensions alone reflected a crackdown on such infractions.

"Kids have to know there are consequences to illegal activity," said Jim Pasco, executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police, the 285,000-member police union. "The real issue is how can they (officials) be tough without creating the perceptions that they are oppressing these kids."

Most of the punishments were for what the report called "petty acts." For example,a 17-year-old junior was expelled from his suburban Chicago high school in 1998 after the paper clip he shot with a rubber band struck a cafeteria worker, drawing a small amount of blood.

Local FSA receives reports of damage from heavy rain

Inquires from land owners concerning damage to fields and terrace systems following last month's heavy rains have been coming into the Scurry County Farm Service Agency.

The local FSA committee has requested the authority and funding to implement the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) to help defray some of the costs to repair and patch the breaks in terraces and other structures, according to Joe Hefner, county executive director of the FSA.

"Scurry County has yet to be approved for the program and we do not know when, or even if the program will be authorized," said Hefner.

Hefner emphasized that regulations governing the program states that cost-share assistance cannot be authorized for work completed prior to individual application approval.

Regulations also state that cost-share assistance is allowed only under circumstances where damage to the land will be so costly to rehabilitate that federal assistance is, or will be required to return the land to productive agriculture use.

"We realize that some producers have already begun work to repair broken terrace systems," said Hefner. "A waiver will not be granted for producers who have finished, or who have started the repair process."

Hefner added that additional applications for ECP cannot be accepted until the county has been approved and funded for the program.

"We urge you to keep this in mind before starting work on damaged fields," added Hefner.

Hefner said if additional information is needed, producers may contact his office at 573-0171.

Wildlife program is planned

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in Haskell, will explain how to price a hunting, or other wildlife, experience on your ranch depending on the facilities and amenities that you are willing to offer. The last speaker will be Dave Rogers of Midland, who will discuss the expectations of a hunter based on the fee charged by landowners. A question and answer session of all the speakers will conclude the program.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in wildlife management and is free to those who pre-register by April 14. To pre-register, call Greg Gruben, Scurry County agent at 914-573-5423. There will be a $10 charge for those who have not pre-registered.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Cleanliness protects hospital workers and patients alike

DEAR ABBY: May I add a few thoughts regarding the letter from "Daughter of a Patient," who wrote to stress her concerns about health-care workers and hand-washing? I strongly confirm that health-care workers need to demonstrate frequent and proper hand-washing techniques. Gloves are required while performing invasive procedures such as starting an IV, drawing blood, changing a dressing, etc. But please do not assume that hand-washing did not occur if it was not done in the patient's visual field.

I have been an RN for more than 20 years. I wash my hands before and after patient contact — always, without fail. Our institution does not allow us to use a patient's bathroom for our routine hygiene (unless our hands become soiled while in contact with that patient). Nurses, physicians and other health-care personnel in direct contact with patients generally use a central hand-washing area, such as in a nurse's station. In this case, patients and their families may never actually observe personnel washing their hands — even though they have.

However, if a patient or family member actually sees a health-care worker going from one area to the next, one patient to the next and having direct skin contact with that patient, I suggest they report it immediately to the unit manager. A health-care worker is more likely to acquire an infectious disease from the public than the other way around. That's now twice the reason to observe good hand-washing techniques. — **INFORMED AND HYGIENIC RN IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR INFORMED RN: The majority of mail I have received from medical personnel corroborates your statements. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter about hand-washing by medical personnel — yes, it probably could be better in some cases. I have been an RN for 12 years.

Just because a patient doesn't see me wash my hands, it doesn't mean I haven't done it just before I entered the room. I generally wash my hands at the nurses' station for several reasons. I don't believe a patient's room or bathroom is the most hygienic place for me to wash my hands before I assess the patient.

At my hospital, the soap kept in the nurses' station is a stronger germ killer than what is kept in the patient rooms. Furthermore, I often follow hand-washing with an antibacterial spray or lotion of my own. With the dramatic rise in antibiotic-resistant bacteria these days, such precautions not only protect patients, but also protect me. — **SUSAN KELLY, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.**

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DEAR ABBY: Twenty-five years ago, a group of veterinarians developed and patented a hand-washing device that would give a surgical scrub in 30 seconds. A portable model that could be placed on a cart and moved from room to room was available. Prototype models were proved effective by bacteriologic testing. Though several companies expressed interest, we were never able to bring the device to market.

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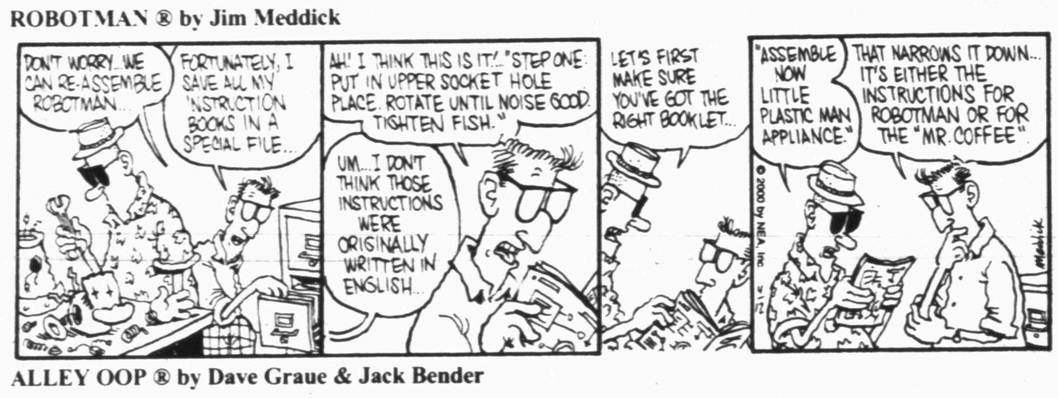
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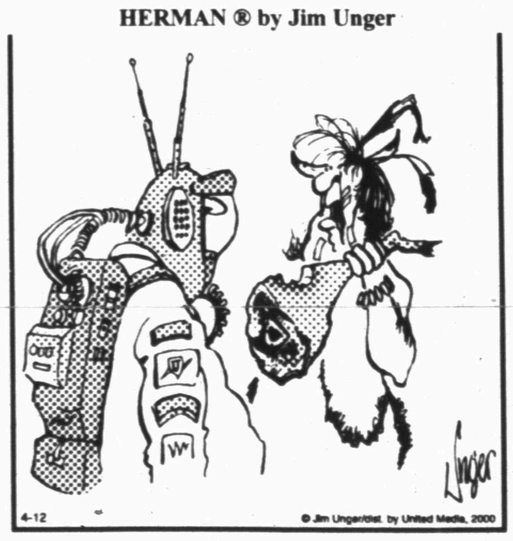
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16 Puzzling situation
17 Races
18 Witty remark
20 She played Carla
21 Recurring pattern
23 Hiding place
27 Made fizzy
32 Yellow pigment
33 — — barrel (in trouble)
34 — Boothe Luce
35 Actor Alain —
36 Monies spent
39 Use a pencil part
40 Large-eyed primate
42 Ancient South American Indian
46 Negative word
47 Fruit seeds
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57 One who runs off to wed
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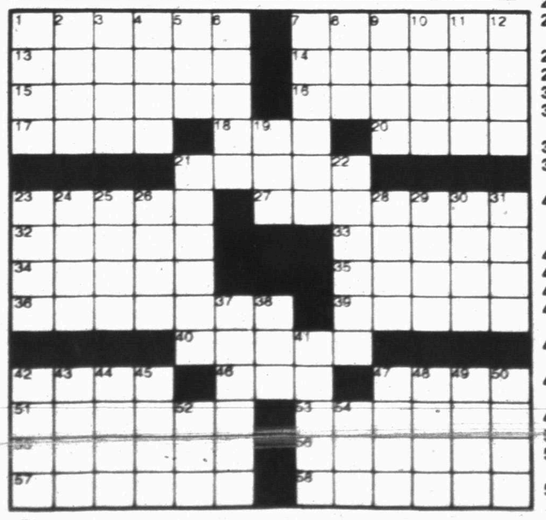
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12 Antitoxins
19 Wood sorrel
21 Total or Life
22 Wears away
23 Actor James —
24 Legal-aid org.
25 Talk
26 Feathered fishing fly
28 Assert
29 Tissue
30 Cupid
31 Native of Copenhagen
37 Over there
38 Sign at a hit show (abbr.)
41 Like people with chicken pox
42 "Got it!"
43 — and void
44 Hi or bye
45 "Take — — from me"
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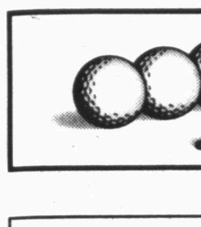
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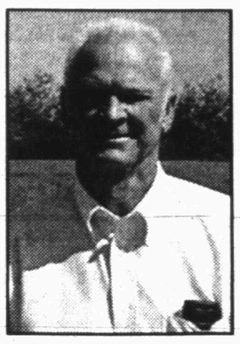
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SPORTS

WTC in position for berth at nationals

CANTON — Western Texas weathered the first leg of national tournament qualification with its sights still set on advancing.

Western Texas tallied a three-day total of 936 to grab seventh place at the State JUCO Tournament at Twin Lakes Country Club in Canton. However, WTC's effort was fourth-best among Region V teams, putting the Westerners in position to lock up a berth at the national tournament.



Ham



Hansen

The scores from the State JUCO event will be added to the those from the regional tourney to be held April 24-25 at Gaines County Golf Course in Seminole. The top five teams from each region will advance to the NJCAA National Championship Tournament to be played May 21-26 in Dothan, Ala.

Finishing ahead of WTC out of Region V were Midland, New Mexico JC and McLennan. Weatherford sits fifth, 11 shots behind the Westerners.

"This was probably the toughest golf course we've ever played," said WTC coach Milton Ham. "It's way out in the pine trees, and the weather wasn't real good for the first two rounds on Monday. But our guys hung in there, and gave us a shot at qualifying for the national tournament."

Michael Hansen paced the Westerners with rounds of 73, 75 and 78 for a tourney total of 226.

Martin Gustafson fired an 81-74-81—236, while Scott McLauchlan carded a 79-76-83—238. Jason McGrath turned in an 84-80-76—240, with James Higdon coming in at 84-81-79—244.

WTC holds an 11-stroke advantage over fifth-place Weatherford, but is only eight shots behind McLennan for third.

The Gaines County course won't play as tough, so the Westerners will have to take advantage of any opportunities, according to Ham.

"We got the toughest of the two courses behind us," Ham remarked. "Gaines County will play easier for everybody, so we have to go out and take advantage of it."

The national tournament will be a 72-hole event played at Highland Oaks Golf Club.

Sports Briefs

SCC to host Pro-Am

The Snyder Country Club Pro-Am golf tournament will be Monday, with shotgun starts at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Teams will be comprised of a local PGA pro, his guest and SCC members. Format is team low-ball, using full handicaps.

Entry fee is $35. To register, call the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Lions Club to host tourney

The Lions Club golf tournament will be April 29 at Western Texas College. Format is a four-person scramble, and each team must have a combined handicap of at least 50.

Entry fee is $50 per player, including green fee, cart rental and lunch. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five teams, with $1,000 going to the winners. Hole-in-one prizes are a $5,000 CD and a 2000 Ford Ranger pick-up.

The field is limited to the first 20 paid teams. For more information, call 573-7627 or 573-1423.

Registration here for PDU tourney

The Price Daniel Unit golf tournament to benefit Special Olympics will be held April 29 at Snyder Country Club. Format is a four-man scramble.

Entry fee is $45 per player, and includes green fee, cart and dinner. Hole-in-one prizes include a car and cruise to the Bahamas.

Registration deadline is Saturday. Entry forms can be picked up at the pro shop.

WTC tourney scheduled

A golf tournament to benefit the WTC Student Chapter of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America will be held Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. Format will be a three-man scramble, with teams flighted after the first round.

Entry fee is $150 per team, not including cart. First and second places will receive pro shop gift certificates.

Field limited to the first 20 teams. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

SCC holds weekly events

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold a Tuesday evening scramble and a Thursday MGA event. Play starts at 5:30 both days.

Horseshoe pitching held weekly

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play Tuesday's at 7 p.m. at the courts adjacent to the coliseum.

The Duncan Classic will be Saturday at 10 a.m. Only sanctioned pitchers can participate in the tournament, and pitchers must sign-up by 9 a.m.

For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

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SHS girls drop 5-4A showdown

With the district title on the line, Tuesday night's softball match-up at Cates Field turned into a pitcher's duel.

The Snyder Lady Tigers mustered only three hits off Big Spring ace Christina Gwyn to fall, 2-1, in a battle of District 5-4A's top teams.

The setback drops the Lady Tigers one game behind the Lady Steers in the league standings, with one game remaining. Snyder can still earn a share of the title with a victory at Sweetwater on Friday, and a Big Spring loss to Andrews.

After topping Big Spring in their first meeting, the Lady Tigers couldn't rattle Gwyn and the Lady Steers Tuesday night.

"It was a well played game, by both teams," said Snyder coach Robbie Dickenson. "The first time we played them, we were able to force them into some errors. But they didn't make many mistakes this time, and Gwyn is a solid pitcher."

Big Spring committed only two errors on the night, while the Lady Tigers had only one miscue.

The Lady Steers' first error of the night gave Snyder a 1-0 lead.

Whitney Webb reached base on a Big Spring blunder to lead off the bottom of the first inning. Two batters later, Kristin Martinez belted a double to drive in Webb for the early, 1-0, advantage.

Martinez' double was Snyder's only extra-base hit, with Chaelyn Robinson slapping a pair of singles for the Lady Tigers' other two hits.

Big Spring regained the lead in the fifth, sending across two runs on a single and two doubles. The Lady Steers had only six hits off Snyder hurler Courtney Rinehart, with three of them coming in the fifth.

"Courtney threw a great game for us, and we played good defense behind her," said Dickenson. "Big Spring just happened to string a few of their hits together in the fifth."

Rinehart struck out 10 batters through seven innings, and never issued a walk.

With Snyder trailing 2-1, and down to its final out, Big Spring's second miscue of night almost allowed the Lady Tigers to knot the tally.

In the bottom of the seventh, Amber Haarmeyer reached base on an error, followed by Chaelyn Robinson's second single of the night.

After the runners advanced to second and third on a wild pitch, Webb battled Gwyn to a full count, before striking out to end the game.

"We'll take Webb batting in the clutch anytime we can get it," Dickenson stated. "She did a good job of fouling some pitches off to stay alive, but Gwyn just came through with a great pitch when she needed it."

Gwyn finished the night with 13 strikeouts and two walks to go along with three hits.

The Lady Tigers are guaranteed of at least a runner-up finish in the district standings. The second-place team will play a bi-district contest April 25, with the league champion receiving a first-round bye.

Despite his squad's setback, Dickenson knows the Lady Tigers still have a shot at the title.

"We still have a chance to win a share of the district championship, and I think our girls will be ready on Friday," the SHS skipper said. "All season long our players have responded after a loss, instead of hanging their heads. We'll be ready on Friday, and no matter what, we'll be ready for the playoffs."

In other action around the district Tuesday night, Lake View knocked off Andrews to move into a third-place tie with the Lady Mustangs. Fort Stockton toppled Sweetwater in the other league contest.

District 5-4A Softball

Team	District W	District L
Big Spring	7	2
Snyder	6	3
Andrews*	4.5	4.5
Lake View*	4.5	4.5
Fort Stockton	4	5
Sweetwater	1	8

*A Lake View-Andrews game was halted with a tie score. Each team was given half of a win.

Tuesday's results: Big Spring 2, Snyder 1; Lake View 6, Andrews 4; Fort Stockton 5, Sweetwater 1.

Friday's games: Snyder at Sweetwater; Andrews at Big Spring; Lake View at Fort Stockton.

Tigers secure key win against Andrews, 7-6

Only half way through the district schedule, Snyder was in dire need of a victory Tuesday night. So with their backs against the wall, the Tigers came out fighting.

Snyder belted out nine hits and overcame seven errors to knock off defending state champion Andrews, 7-6, Tuesday at Moffett Field.

The Tigers, who had dropped two straight, improve to 3-2 in the district standings and move into a three-way tie for second place.

"We had been telling the guys what a big game this was," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "There's a big difference between being 2-3 and 3-2. This was a big win. We not only beat the defending state champions, we kept ourselves in the hunt for a playoff spot."

In a game marred by errors, the Tigers kept themselves in the postseason chase with some timely hitting.

After Andrews regained the momentum by knotting the score at 4-4 in the top of the sixth, Snyder responded in the bottom of the frame.

The Tigers had notched only one base hit in the previous four innings, but belted out two doubles and a pair of singles to retake the lead.

With two outs, Matthew Grimmett laced a double into center field, then scored on an Adam Beck single.

Next up, Colin Jones slapped a single, before Sonny Cumbie drove in Beck and Jones with a double in the gap to put Snyder up, 7-4.

Andrews answered with two runs in the seventh on three hits and a walk, before Cumbie buckled down to retire the next three Mustangs in order.

"It was a welcome sight to see Sonny get that hit," said Herrera. "He had been kind of frustrated lately, because he's been hitting the ball right at people. But tonight he found a gap when he had to."

The Tigers built an initial 4-0 lead in the first, thanks in part to the power hitting of Jones.

After Ralph Ramon scored the opening run, Jones blasted a two-run homer over the right field fence. Three batters later, Jesse Haines brought in Billy Burleson with the fourth run of the inning.

Andrews posted a pair of runs in the second, and another in the fourth, before drawing even in the sixth.

Snyder starter Ralph Ramon limited the Mustangs to only two hits, before giving way to Cumbie in the sixth. Of Andrews' six runs, only two of them were earned.

"I know we have the caliber of players to make the playoffs," Herrera stated. "Now we head into the second half of district play with a win, and hopefully this will wake us up. We could go 8-2 if we play like were capable of, but we have to focus on one game at a time, because anybody can beat anybody in this district."

Lake View sits atop the league standings at 5-0, after knocking off Fort Stockton, 14-8. Big Spring toppled Sweetwater, 12-5, to move into a three-way tie with Snyder and Andrews for second place.

The Tigers will be on the diamond again Saturday when they visit Fort Stockton at 1 p.m.

Snyder held off a furious Panther rally in the first meeting to chalk up an 11-6 victory.

Andrews	ab	r	h	bi
Holt ss	5	0	1	1
Bolding 1b	3	1	1	1
Dever dh	4	0	0	0
A.Delacruz c	5	0	1	0
S.Delacruz 3b	4	0	0	0
Hicks rf	3	0	0	0
Kello ph	1	0	0	0
Ramirez 2b	4	1	1	0
Rodriguez cf	0	3	0	0
Haygood lf	3	1	1	0
Totals	**32**	**6**	**5**	**2**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Ramon p	3	0	2	0
McGuire dh	3	0	0	0
Grimmett cf	4	2	1	0
Beck 1b	4	1	1	2
Jones lf	4	2	2	2
Cumbie c	4	0	1	2
Burleson cr	0	1	0	0
Ward ss	4	0	1	0
Haines 2b	1	0	1	1
Ortegon 3b	1	1	0	0
Gordon rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**30**	**7**	**9**	**7**

Andrews	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	—	6	5	7
Snyder	4	0	0	0	0	3	x	—	7	9	6

DP - Andrews 1. LOB - Andrews 13, Snyder 9. 2B - Grimmett, Cumbie. HR - Jones.

Andrews	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lopez	2/3	3	4	0	1	0
Monroy	2 1/3	1	0	0	2	4
Johns	2 2/3	5	3	3	0	2
Sauceda	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Ramon	5	2	3	0	5	8
Cumbie	2	3	3	2	2	2

District 5-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Lake View	5	0	12	9
Andrews	3	2	13	9
Snyder	3	2	10	12
Big Spring	3	2	10	9
Sweetwater	1	4	11	10
Fort Stockton	0	5	6	9

Tuesday's results: Snyder 7, Andrews 6; Big Spring 12, Sweetwater 5; Lake View 14, Fort Stockton 8.

Friday's games: Big Spring at Andrews; Lake View at Sweetwater.

Saturday's game: Snyder at Fort Stockton.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY

Rodeo: WTC at West Texas A&M rodeo

Track: Snyder at District 5-4A meet in San Angelo

FRIDAY

Rodeo: WTC at West Texas A&M rodeo

Softball: Snyder at Sweetwater, 5 and 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Rodeo: WTC at West Texas A&M rodeo

Baseball: Snyder at Fort Stockton, 1 p.m.

Baseball: Frenship at Snyder frosh, doubleheader, 1 p.m.

Golf: Snyder Junior High tourney, girls at WTC, boys at Snyder CC

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	5	3	.625	—
Atlanta	4	3	.571	½
Florida	4	4	.500	1
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	1½
New York	3	5	.375	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	7	1	.875	—
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	2½
Cincinnati	4	4	.500	3
Houston	3	5	.375	4
Chicago	3	6	.333	4½
Pittsburgh	2	5	.286	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	6	2	.750	—
Los Angeles	4	3	.571	1½
San Diego	4	4	.500	2
Colorado	3	5	.375	3
San Francisco	3	5	.375	3
Tampa Bay	2	6	.250	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	6	2	.750	—
Kansas City	6	3	.667	½
Chicago	5	3	.625	1
Minnesota	3	6	.333	3½
Detroit	2	5	.286	3½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	5	3	.625	—
Seattle	4	3	.571	½
Texas	4	3	.571	½
Oakland	3	5	.375	2

Tuesday's Games

Texas at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., weather
Detroit 5, Seattle 2
Boston 13, Minnesota 4
Chicago White Sox 13, Tampa Bay 6
Kansas City 7, Baltimore 5, 12 innings
Cleveland 5, Oakland 1
Anaheim 5, Toronto 4

Wednesday's Games

Texas (Oliver 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 1-0) at Oakland (Heredia 0-0), 3:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 0-0) at Boston (Fassero 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 0-0) at Detroit (Mlicki 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Wheeler 0-0), 7:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Rapp 1-0) at Kansas City (Suzuki 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Castillo 0-1) at Anaheim (Dickson 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 5
St. Louis 10, Houston 6
Montreal 7, Pittsburgh 3
Cincinnati 10, Colorado 3
San Diego 3, Arizona 2, 13 innings
Only games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta (Mulholland 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Farnsworth 0-1), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 0-1) at Colorado (Yoshii 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Sanchez 0-0) at Milwaukee (Navarro 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Hampton 0-2) at Philadelphia (Person 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (An.Benes 0-1) at Houston (Dotel 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Reynoso 0-1) at San Diego (Meadows 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 0-1) at San Francisco (Nathan 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

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All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	5	2	.714	—
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Boston	3	4	.429	2
Toronto	3	6	.333	3

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	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	50	27	.649	—
x-New York	48	29	.623	2
x-Philadelphia	45	32	.584	5
Orlando	39	38	.506	11
Boston	31	46	.403	19
New Jersey	31	47	.397	19½
Washington	28	49	.364	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Indiana	51	26	.662	—
x-Charlotte	44	33	.571	7
Toronto	43	34	.558	8
Detroit	40	37	.519	11
Milwaukee	38	39	.494	13
Cleveland	30	47	.390	21
Atlanta	26	51	.338	25
Chicago	17	60	.221	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	52	25	.675	—
x-San Antonio	50	28	.641	2½
x-Minnesota	48	29	.623	4
Dallas	36	41	.468	16
Houston	32	46	.410	20½
Denver	31	47	.397	21½
Vancouver	21	56	.273	31

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-L.A. Lakers	65	13	.833	—
x-Portland	56	22	.718	9
x-Phoenix	50	27	.649	14½
x-Sacramento	43	34	.558	21½
x-Seattle	42	35	.545	22½
Golden State	19	59	.244	46
L.A. Clippers	14	63	.182	50½

x-clinched playoff berth, y-clinched division

Tuesday's Games

Chicago 100, New Jersey 93
San Antonio 98, Sacramento 92, OT
Dallas 92, Portland 81
Houston 103, Denver 93
Golden State 110, Vancouver 97
Phoenix 95, L.A. Clippers 88

Wednesday's Games

Orlando at Boston, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Indiana, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

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Lockheed sets deadline to OK offer

FORT WORTH (AP) — Giant defense contractor Lockheed Martin is putting pressure on machinists in the third day of their strike with an weekend ultimatum to approve the company's last contract offer.

Meanwhile, members of Local 776 of the International Association of Machinists spent part of Tuesday night avoiding thundershowers as they continued picketing in front of the plant that features a mile-long assembly line.

With machinists walking picket lines outside, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co. was trying to resume some production work with salaried, non-striking workers. Executives boasted of expecting to deliver fighter jets on time this month, despite the walkout by nearly 2,500 hourly wage-earning machinists.

Company executives, in a letter to the plant's 10,500 workers, said it has imposed a midnight Sunday deadline for approval of the same contract offer rejected earlier by IAM members.

"I encourage employees represented by the IAM to review the offer," wrote Dain Hancock, president of the Fort Worth, Texas-based division that operates the plant. "If you come to the conclusion that the terms are fair, you should convey this to the union leaders who represent you."

But Local 776 members contend the last offer is inferior to one approved in August in Seattle by machinists for Boeing, Lockheed Martin's rival as prime tactical fighter contractor.

"If Mr. Hancock wants to communicate with the membership, he should do it through the union leadership," Lane told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in an interview. "Sending a letter directly to the members is not conducive to good labor relations."

No contract talks are scheduled.

A state district judge on Tuesday refused Lockheed's request for a restraining order to limit pickets during shift changes at the plant, when pickets at 10 gates back up traffic and delay non-striking workers from getting in and out of the plant.

After its three-year contract expired, the union went on strike at 12:01 a.m. Monday.

Union members want stronger provisions for job security in a new contract, along with cost-of-living adjustments and equality with plants doing the same work.

No violence or disruptions on picket lines at the 59-year-old plant have been reported. But White Settlement police said nails were found Tuesday scattered in Spur 341, the main road into the plant. Police Chief David Place said the nails may have spilled accidentally.

Traffic was diverted around the nails until they were picked up.

Striking machinists want to avoid a repeat of bottle-throwing and other violence that marred their last walkout 16 years ago. The union banned all alcohol from the union hall across the street from the main plant gate and a security force was formed to enforce that ban and to monitor around-the-clock pickets.

"I guess I learned something from the '84 strike. We've done a lot of different things to make sure that we have a peaceful strike," said Pat Lamb, spokesman for the union. "We've gone to great extremes."

Retired military attorney to challenge Hutchison

HOUSTON (AP) — A retired military attorney has won the Democratic nomination to challenge Republican incumbent Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in November, easily winning one of four Texas runoffs.

Gene Kelly, who lost six previous statewide races, defeated former one-term state Rep. Charles Gandy in Tuesday's election. They emerged from a field of five Democrats in the March 14 primary.

With all precincts reporting today, Kelly had 143,970 votes, or 58 percent, to 102,315, or 42 percent, for Gandy. Hutchison, whose campaign has more than $6 million in the bank, will be the heavy favorite in November.

Meanwhile, 14-year state Rep. John Culberson won the Republican nomination for retiring GOP Rep. Bill Archer's seat. Culberson defeated businessman Peter Wareing in a bitterly fought runoff.

Culberson received 29,968 votes, or 60 percent, while Wareing had 20,015 votes, or 40 percent.

Wareing accused Culberson of being a career politician and an ineffective leader. Culberson branded Wareing a disloyal Republican for voting in six Democratic primaries and donating to Democrats as recently as 1997.

Democrat Jeff Sells is expected to provide only token opposition in the predominantly Republican district in November.

Also, retired Temple oilman Ramsey Farley defeated Belton contractor Rodney Geer in a central Texas GOP runoff to challenge Democratic Rep. Chet Edwards.

Bryndan Wright, a former aide to House Majority Leader Dick Armey, defeated retired lawyer Bill Payne for the right to oppose Rep. Martin Frost, the third-ranking Democrat in the House.

Barry Manilow happy with new bands

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Barry Manilow is happy with the way bands like the Backstreet Boys, 'N Sync and 98 Degrees write the songs.

"I hear melodies again, I hear harmonies again. I actually hear a decent lyric again," he said. "I think they're bringing back hope to people like me who look for the melody and the lyric."

Manilow singled out the new group Westlife, comprised of five teen-agers. Already a hit in their native Ireland, Westlife plans to tour the United States later this year.

Manilow performed Monday night at Arista Records' 25th anniversary tribute Clive Davis. Manilow sang "Mandy," the first No. 1 hit for Arista.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♥ Q J 9 5 3
♦ 7
♣ A Q 7 6 4 2

West
♠ K Q 10 4
♥ 10 8 6
♦ J 10 8 4
♣ 9 5

East
♠ A J 8 3 2
♥ ---
♦ Q 9 3 2
♣ K J 10 8

South
♠ 7 6 5
♥ A K 7 4 2
♦ A K 6 5
♣ 3

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Opening lead: ♠ K

From the telephone to the computer

A friend does something unexpected. You ask him why, and sometimes the explanation is so obvious that you kick yourself for not working it out. At other times, though, you never could guess. Well, I doubt you'll deduce why a telephone call resulted in my using this deal, which was written up in 1950 in Adelaide, Australia.

What is the right line of play in six hearts? West cashes the spade king, then switches to the diamond jack.

The author was Keith McNeil, a large man with a great sense of humor who died in 1993.

"Big Hymie (North) ... is aces with a machine gun as long as someone tells him who to point it at, but this is all too much for him. Eventually he remembers Blackpool, or is it Blackleg? When he grunts four no-trump, Willy the Whiz bids five hearts to show his two bullets."

After winning trick two, did you cash the heart ace? If so, tough!

"Willy leads a low heart to the doll in dummy and smiles when East shows out. The club ace is cashed and a club ruffed low, the heart seven is led to dummy's nine, and a third club is ruffed with the heart ace. After a diamond ruff in the dummy, the fourth club is ruffed with the heart king, setting up the suit. The dummy is reached with another diamond ruff, the last trump pulled with the heart jack and that was red rover all over."

My telephone friend said that her favorite article in The Bridge World is Master Solvers' Club. Well, McNeil wrote the equivalent bidding-panel article in Australian Bridge, so I looked up an article of his.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Contaiminated water may affect health

DEAR DR. GOTT: For nearly two years, my children and I have suffered from recurring headaches, stomach pain, nausea and diarrhea. Our doctors are mystified. I finally had our water tested and it was found to be unsafe: "10 coliforms per 100 ml." Where do we go from here?

DEAR READER: I cannot unequivocally blame your symptoms on your drinking water. However, one fact is clear: The water is contaminated. Coliform bacteria are normal inhabitants of intestinal tracts in both humans and animals. Although such coliforms rarely cause disease themselves, they do act as sensitive markers, indicating that human or animal waste is entering your water supply. Of course, other contaminants — such as disease-producing microorganisms or hydrocarbons — also may be present in the water. Therefore, you should have a sample checked for solvents, pesticides and toxic waste, as well as for other bacteria.

If you receive your water from a municipal supply, the authorities have a serious problem with their filtration system or chlorination. You should notify them of your findings so they can take corrective action.

In my experience, living in a rural area, coliforms in the water usually indicate that the well has been contaminated by septic leakage or animal waste that has entered the ground water. For example, if you live near a field where cows graze and you have a shallow well or draw your water from a pond, the bovine excrement could affect your drinking water. Therefore, in addition to having a full analysis performed on your water, you ought to involve a plumber or a sanitarian. Your leaching field (and your neighbor's) need to be checked out. Meanwhile, use bottled water for cooking and drinking.

Once the source of contamination has been identified and corrected, you can sterilize your well by emptying a gallon of bleach into it. Thereafter, run the water for a couple of days before drinking it and have another coliform count performed in about a month. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Headaches." 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: My 83-year-old mother refuses to have the battery in her pacemaker replaced. She says she's led a good life. Just how does a person die from pacemaker failure?

DEAR READER: The answer depends on the type of pacemaker. Some devices simply run out of electricity, leaving the patient's heart to fend for itself. Other pacemakers speed up the pulse when their battery power is fading. In either case, when the pacemaker stops functioning, the situation reverts to the status that was present before the device was implanted. In most instances, heart block returns, and the patient may die of cardiac standstill or inefficient heart action.

I urge your mother to reconsider her position. Pacemaker-battery replacement is a standard, safe procedure. If she has gone so far as to have a pacemaker inserted, the tough part is over. She should commit herself to maintaining her health.

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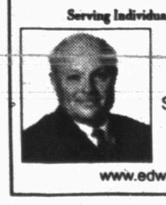
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Alltel	67¼	65 13-16	66 1-16 +	⅛
AmerOnline s	66¾	62 15-16	62 15-16—2	11-16
AndarkPtr	37 1-16	36½	36 13-16 +	15-16
AtlRichfld	83 15-16	82 9-16	83⅛—	1½
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Aviall	7 13-16	7⅝	7¾ +	7-16
BP Amoco s	51 13-16	51 1-16	51¼—	15-16
BakerHughes	29⅝	28 5-16	29¼ +	½
Bank of Amer	54 15-16	53⅛	54 9-16 +	2 7-32
BellAtl	65	63 13-16	64 13-16 +	¾
BellSouth	53½	52 1-16	52⅝ +	5-16
Beth Steel	6 3-16	6	6 1-16 +	1-16
BurlNoSFe	24 11-16	23 15-16	24 —	½
CBS Corp	59⅞	59 1-16	59 1-16—	1-16
Caterpillar	44	42¾	43 13-16 +	1¾
CenSoWst	19⅜	18 13-16	19¼ +	9-16
Chevron	90 7-16	89 1-16	90⅛ +	1 7-16
Citigroup s	65 7-16	64 3-16	64 11-16 +	1¼
Coastal	49½	47⅞	49 3-16 +	1¼
CocaCola	49⅞	47 11-16	49 1-16 +	1 5-16
ColgatePal s	65⅛	62½	65⅛ +	2½
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GTE Cp	75 7-16	74 3-16	75 3-16 +	⅜
GenDynam	52 1-16	51⅛	52 1-16 +	⅞
GenElec	163¼	158 3-16	158¼—	3⅛
GenMills s	36 7-16	35¾	35 15-16 +	5-16
GenMotors	89⅝	88⅜	89 5-16 +	1⅞
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GlobalMar	23¾	22 15-16	23½ +	⅜
Goodrich	32 13-16	31 13-16	32¾ +	7-16
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Hanson ADS	34	33⅜	34 —	¼
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HomeDepot s	70	67 13-16	69½ +	2⅛
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IBM s	119⅝	114	114 —	5⅛
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Litton	41	40½	40⅞ +	⅛
LockheedM	21 1-16	20 15-16	20 15-16 +	1-16
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LucentTech	57 15-16	55 9-16	55¾—	2 1-16
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SBC Comm	49	47¾	48¾ +	1½
SaraLee	17⅜	17	17¼ +	¼
Scripps EW	48½	47⅞	47⅞ +	5-16
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TylerTech	7⅛	6¾	6¾—	5-16
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GTE	75 1/2	+11/16
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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Garden checklist for April

*Prune spring-flowering shrubs soon after flowering. Keep the natural shape of the plant in mind as you prune and avoid excessive cutting except where necessary to control size.

*Roses have high fertilizer requirements. For most soils, use a complete fertilizer for the first application just as new growth starts; then, use ammonium sulfate or other high-nitrogen source every 4 to 6 weeks, usually just as the new growth cycle starts following a flowering cycle.

*Continue to spray rose varieties susceptible to black spot, using a spray containing triforine or, as it is more commonly known, Funginex. Use every 7 to 10 days.

*Climbing roses may be pruned as soon as they complete flowering.

*Removing spent flowers, trimming back excessive growth, and applying fertilizer to an established annual bed can do wonders towards rejuvenating and extending the life of the planting.

*Seeds of Amaranthus, Celosia, Cosmos, Marigold, Portulaca, Zinnia, and other warm-season annuals can be sown directly in the beds where they are to grow. Keep seeded areas moist until seeds germinate. Thin out as soon as they are large enough to transplant. Surplus plants can be transplanted to other areas.

*It will soon be time for bagworms to attack juniper and other narrow-leafed evergreens. Control measures, such as Sevin dust or spray, should be applied while the insects and the bags are about one-half inch in length.

*For instant color, purchase started annual plants. Select short, compact plants. Any flowers or flower buds should be pinched, to give plants an opportunity to become established.

*Check new tender growth for aphids. A few can be tolerated, but large numbers should be controlled. Always follow label instructions on approved pesticides for control.

*Many flower or vegetable seeds left over after planting the garden can be saved for the next season by closing the packets with tape or paper clips, and storing in a sealed glass jar in your refrigerator.

*Start weeding early in the flower garden. Early competition with small plants can delay flowering. A mulch will discourage weed growth, and make weeds that do come through easier to pull.

*Soil purchased for use in beds, low areas and containers should be examined closely. Often, nutgrass and other weeds, nematodes and soil-borne disease are brought into the yard through contaminated soil contaminated soil sources.

Newspapers and other publicity, for information regarding wildflower trails, and plan to take a trip to enjoy this beautiful natural resource.

C-City auction

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,303 head of cattle for the Saturday, April 8, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers under 500 pounds were $1 to $4 higher; under 500 pounds were steady. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 higher. Bulls were $3 higher. Bred cows were $50 to $100 higher, pairs were $100-$150 higher. Trade was active, demand good.

Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 122-133
400-500: 112-122
500-600: 98.50-104
500-700: 81.50-85
800-900-: 80.50-81.75
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 115-121
300-400: 108-118
400-500: 100-108
500-600: 91-94
600-700: 84-87
700-800: 75-79
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 650-810
Bred cows: 540-625
Pairs: 745-890
Aged pairs: 560-710
Slaughter cows: High yielding: 43-47
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 60-61

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards Inc. had a run of 700 head of cattle for the Thursday, April 6, sale. Cows were steady. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 40-47
Canner and low cutters: 30-38.50
Slaughter bulls: 45-56.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 105-130
400-500: 100-115
500-600: 85-105
600-700: 84-92.50
700-800: 80-85
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-115
400-500: 90-105
500-600: 80-100
600-700: 78-84
700-800: 74-81
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-103
700-800: 72-82
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 700-850
Grade: 550-675
Springers: 500-740
Baby calves: 75-200
Doodlers: 150-290

After cutting down mesquite tree stump should be treated

Mesquite trees are often cut down, whether they are located along a ranch road, fence row, or just scattered in a pasture. Many times the stumps are never treated with chemicals and are allowed to re-sprout and create havoc once again. I have also heard ranchers and/or landowners say, "I think I'm going to come back later and spray those stumps with diesel or something." Later usually ends up being too late, and the mesquite stumps become even more difficult to control once they have re-sprouted.

Re-sprouts initially produce vegetative shoots, which are long shoots, and killing them will be very difficult, at best. Re-sprouts will not be easily controlled until they become reproductive and/or are producing short shoots, which can take several years and will require a different method of treatment.

Research has shown that, for the best results, the stumps need to be treated within 30 minutes of being cut and definitely within the first hour of being cut. Any treatment after this time may significantly reduce the effectiveness of the herbicide, and re-sprouting will likely occur. The most effective method is to treat the stumps as you cut the trees.

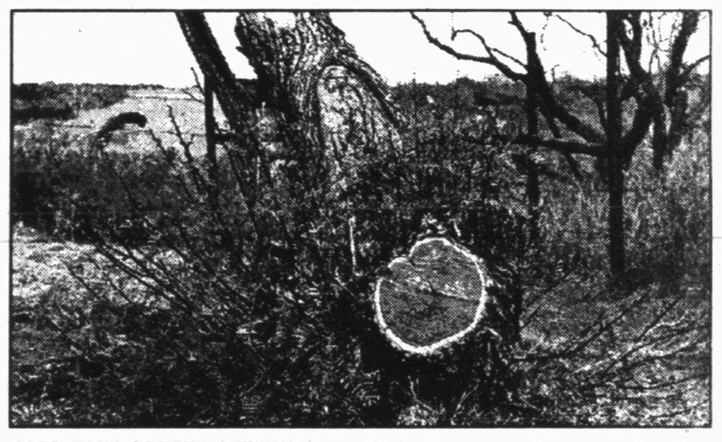
Cut-stump applications are effective anytime of year including the dormant season, and you can use almost any type of pump-up hand sprayer that's equipped with a wand and spray nozzle. Garden sprayers work well, and for larger jobs, you may prefer a backpack sprayer. Do not spray when the bark or the cut surface is wet from rain or snow.

Start by cutting the limbs off as level as possible and as close to the ground as possible. Cutting the tree limbs off level will enhance the absorption of chemicals into the cut surface. It is sometimes more difficult to get good chemical coverage on an angled cut and re-sprouting will sometimes occur at the top of the cut or angle. Also, cutting the limbs off as short as possible will help reduce the amount of chemical used.

The most effective treatment is to mix a solution of 25% Remedy and 75% diesel fuel oil (1 quart of Remedy per 3 quarts of diesel fuel). Do not add water to the mixture. Pour the required amount of Remedy into the mixing container, then bring to the total volume desired with diesel fuel oil. After agitating the solution, spray the outer portion of the freshly cut surface to include the cambium (the outside ring of the cut). Also spray the sides of the trunk, root collar, and any roots or suckers that are exposed. Spray until thoroughly wet, but not to the point of runoff. Very high rates of control can be obtained using this method.

Remedy is a non-restricted use herbicide and can normally be purchased from your local farm and ranch supply dealer, feed store, or herbicide representative.

For other questions concerning brush control, contact your local Natural Resource Conservation Service office or the NRCS office in Spur at 806-271-3763, ext. 3



CUT MESQUITE STUMPS — This is a good example of a stump that has not been treated. The multiple re-sprouts shown here are only a few months old. They will exhibit rapid vegetative growth over the next few years and will be very difficult to kill until they become reproductive once again. (Contributed Photo)

Trammell gets seventh place

Toby Trammell, Snyder High School FFA member, was the seventh high individual in the swine division at Friday's annual South Plains Livestock Judging Invitational sponsored by South Plains College in Levelland.

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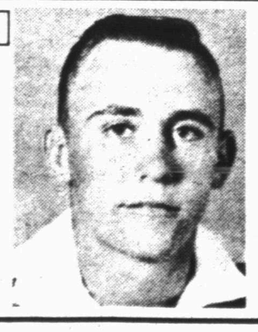
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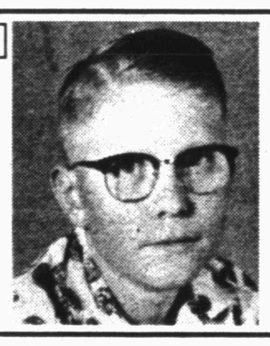
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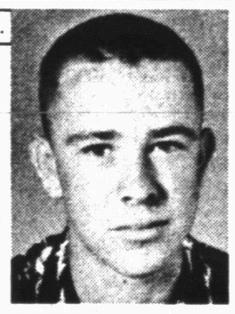
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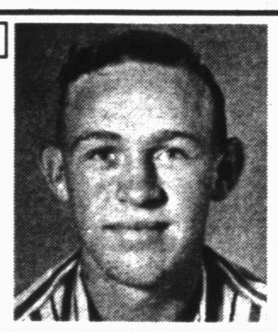
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Colombian heroin ring dismantled

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Police said they dismantled Colombia's dominant heroin ring today, arresting 46 people in early-morning raids in four cities with the assistance of U.S. drug agents.

The sweep, dubbed "Operation Millennium II," comes with President Andres Pastrana in Washington to lobby U.S. lawmakers for approval of a $1.7 billion aid package for fighting narcotics in the South American country.

"Beginning at 3 a.m. helicopters and planes have been carrying out this operation with the participation of about 1,500 police officers," national police spokesman Carlos Perdomo said.

The drug gang was capable of shipping 100 pounds of heroin monthly, which would represent about a tenth of Colombia's six-ton annual production, authorities said. They said the ring shipped heroin to the United States, Spain, Holland and Italy.

The gang was led by Nicolas Urquijo Gaviria, a cousin of the late cocaine lord Pablo Escobar Gaviria, officials said. Urquijo was captured outside the western city of Medellin, police said. Others arrested ranged from watchmen to drug couriers to specialists in trafficking heroin-processing chemicals and laundering drug profits.

Elian still with relatives; no reunion yet

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government plan to reunite Elian Gonzalez with his father at a Miami-area airport was on hold today while officials wait to see whether the boy's Florida relatives and his father can arrange an exchange of their own, a government official said.

The Cuban American National Foundation, a Cuban exile group, said today that negotiations were continuing to set up a meeting between Juan Miguel Gonzalez and the relatives.

Shortly before midnight Tuesday, Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle, called off a meeting that had been scheduled for today, saying the 6-year-old Cuban shipwreck survivor did not want to go. Elian was "extremely afraid" about the proposed meeting in Washington, family lawyer Roger Bernstein said on NBC's "Today."

Lazaro Gonzalez was taking the boy today to the Miami Beach home of Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, the president of Barry University who hosted Elian's grandmothers during a visit in January. Family spokesman Armando Gutierrez said the nun's house would be a quieter setting for Elian.

The great-uncle had proposed her house as a neutral setting for a meeting, even though O'Laughlin said after the grandmothers' visit that she thought Elian should remain in the United States.

The family's decision to move the boy today to O'Laughlin's house was viewed by some observers close to the talks as a positive step to remove him from the crowds of Cuban exiles outside Lazaro's house in Miami's Little Havana who are protesting moves to return him to Cuba.

A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Immigration and Naturalization Service's letter ordering the transfer of custody to Juan Miguel Gonzalez remained on hold today "until the family meeting is either on or completely off."

It was learned that the letter calls for the transfer at Opa Locka airport to occur at 9 a.m. Thursday, but it was understood that if the letter was not sent until late today, the transfer date would be shifted to Friday.

Obituaries

Nadine Lockard

1934-2000

Evelyn Nadine Lockard, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, April 11, in Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Lockard, 65, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Bud England, minister of the 30th Street Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Pyron Cemetery.

Born Aug. 23, 1934 in Snyder, she married Cecil Lockard on Oct. 9, 1981 in Monahans.

Mrs. Lockard was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil Lockard of Snyder; a son, Clifton Curtis Calvin of Coahoma; three sisters, Betty Ott of Odessa and Dorothy Bonner and Ada Lavada Fawver, both of Lubbock; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Katherine Redwine

1909-2000

Katherine Redwine, a resident of Snyder since 1936, died at 11:14 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

A memorial service for Mrs. Redwine will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Presbyterian Church. A private graveside service will be held.



Mrs. Redwine

Born Dec. 16, 1909 in Bay City to Ada Payne Ruse and Edward Eugene Ruse, she graduated in 1927 from Jefferson Davis High School in Bay City and the family moved to Kerrville.

She attended Texas Presbyterian College in Milford and a business college in Kerrville. Mrs. Redwine was employed for seven years at the Schreiner National Bank in Kerrville as secretary to the bank's legal advisor.

She married Dr. Harry Page Redwine on May 21, 1936 in Austin. He preceded her in death.

Dr. Redwine had moved to Snyder and opened a medical practice in the fall of 1935. Following their wedding, they moved to Snyder in late May. Both were lifelong Presbyterians and served as elders in Snyder's First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Redwine was active in Snyder community affairs with emphasis on West Texas Girl Scout Council and the Scurry County Museum. She began working with the fledgling Scurry County Museum in the early 1970s when the first acquisitions were being cataloged in space within the Diamond M Building. She contributed toward the first permanent exhibits which were initially housed in one room of the Learning Resource Center at Western Texas College. She continued serving as museum director after it moved into its present location.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Eugene Redwine.

Survivors include two daughters, Harriet Lee Redwine of Phoenix and Paula Katherine Lowe of Fort Worth; a son, David Page Redwine of Lubbock; one granddaughter; and two great-granddaughters.

The family requests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church or to the Scurry County Museum.

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3101 College Ave. 573-5454

Elsie Zamora

1929-2000

Graveside service for Elsie Zamora, 70, was planned for 3 p.m. today in Hillside Memorial Gardens with the Rev. James Manley officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Zamora died Saturday, April 8, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born May 7, 1929 in Snyder, she was preceded in death by a son, Raymon Rios, and a great-great-grandchild.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Carrara of Oregon and Helen Rios of South Carolina; two sisters, Irene Ramirez and Helen Callaway, both of California; a brother, Joe Zamora of California; four grandchildren, including Elsie Zamora of Snyder; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Doyle Robinson

1933-2000

ODESSA – Doyle Robinson, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, April 8, in Medical Center Hospital.

Service for Mr. Robinson, 66, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Temple Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Randy Unruh officiating. Burial was to follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Born Sept. 27, 1933 in Big Spring, he married Clara Dolloff on March 21, 1957 in Seminole.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Robinson retired from Rowan Drilling Co. after 37 years. He moved to Odessa from Snyder in 1960. He was a Baptist.

Mr. Robinson was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Victoria McDowell.

Survivors include his wife, Clara Robinson of Odessa; two sons, Brad Robinson of Dripping Springs and C.W. Tolliver of Odessa; four daughters, Phoebe McDowell, Deanie Kennedy, Kay Kendall and Jo Gray, all of Odessa; two sisters, Goldie Fair of Garner, N.C., and Melba Sandinge of Nikolski, Alaska; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association or to the National Liver Foundation.

Leisa Beauchamp

1964-2000

CROSS PLAINS – Leisa M. Beauchamp, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, April 10, in Abilene's Hendrick Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Beauchamp, 36, was set for 3 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Lenz officiating. Burial was to follow in the Cross Plains Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 2, 1964 in Snyder, she graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1982 and attended Central Texas Commercial College in Brownwood.

A member of the First Baptist Church, she had worked as a home health care aide and had also been employed by the Cross Plains school cafeteria.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Beauchamp of Cross Plains; three sons, Jason Beauchamp, Jon Beauchamp and Cory Beauchamp, all of the home; one daughter, Cristy Beauchamp of the home; and her mother, Christene Rayburn of Cross Plains; and her in-laws, Doyle and Dovey Lipham of Aspermont.

The family suggests memorials to the Cross Plains EMS or to the American Cancer Society.

Probation revoked after guilty plea

A 48-year-old Snyder man will serve 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following a guilty plea in 132nd District Court, and the subsequent revocation of his probation on other charges.

Frank Martinez Jr. of 2909 Ave. F pleaded guilty Monday on a charge of delivery of cocaine for which he was indicted in January.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Martinez to two years in a state jail facility, and revoked his probation on two other drug-related charges – both for the delivery of cocaine.

He had been on probation for the 1998 charges, one for two years and the other for 10 years.

Two reports filed, one jailed Tuesday

Snyder police officers filed reports for theft and disorderly conduct Tuesday, and took one subject into custody.

Brenda Juarez contacted deputies at 1:40 p.m. in reference to three chainsaws that were stolen from her residence on FM 1606. A report was taken for Class B theft.

A woman notified officers at 5:30 p.m. that a 16-year-old male was using obscene gestures towards her. An offense report for disorderly conduct was submitted.

At 12:55 p.m., officers arrested a 38-year-old male in the 500 block of 25th Street for driving while license suspended.

Officers investigated a mishap at 3:20 p.m. in the 3800 block of College. Involved was a 1999 GMC Suburban driven by Missy Craig, 32, of 3605 40th Street that backed into a light pole owned by TXU Electric.

Births

Kerry and Linda Dollins of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter at 4:06 a.m. on April 12 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, eight ounces.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Linda Dollins, Rosa Fisk, Marie Scrivner, Janie Dever, J.B. Kasparek and Angel Lopez.

DISMISSALS: Valdean Riley, Leona Spears, Noraine Agee, Pearl Cagle, Ysidro Estrada, Yocheved Kubin, Angel Lopez, Frank Pinkerton and Bianca Sookraj.

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Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit's immunization clinic is held each Thursday in April from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Class of 2000 video pictures

Parents of SHS seniors are reminded to turn in pictures for the steak dinner video by Friday. For additional information, call Laura Thomas at 573-1854, or leave a message.

WTC lifeguard class

Western Texas College is offering an American Red Cross lifeguard training course. Cost is $140 and is scheduled Friday through Sunday, and again April 28-30. For information on registration and eligibility requirements, contact the continuing education department at 573-8511, ext. 390.

Easter egg hunt

The Knights of Columbus Council #8875 will sponsor an Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday at Towle Park for children 1-12 years of age.

Area-wide crusade

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will host an area-wide crusade Sunday through Wednesday, featuring Ken Freeman. Doug Pierce will be the worship leader. Sunday services are 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weeknight services begin at 7. A noon Men's Bible Study with Freeman is set next Monday. Lunch will be provided for men 18 and older. A senior adult potluck luncheon with Freeman is planned Wednesday.

HSU choir at FBC

First Baptist Church will host the Hardin-Simmons University Concert Choir at 6 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited.

City clean-up campaign

The city-wide clean-up campaign starts Monday. City trucks are available to haul debris.

Ladies Auxiliary election

Ladies Auxiliary for VFW Post 8231 will be held Monday. All members are urged to attend.

Lions Club meeting

The Lions Club will not meet Tuesday at the Woman's Club, but instead members will attend the noon Holy Week service at the First Presbyterian Church.

8th grade orientation

Parents of Snyder 8th graders are urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Worsham Auditorium at SHS. Debbie Phillips, counselor, will provide information about high school registration, course selections and graduation requirements. Incoming freshmen have been given registration materials, and this should be brought to the meeting.

Combined choirs musical

The combined choirs of First Baptist and Colonial Hill Baptist churches will present "God For Us" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, at the First Baptist Church.

Easter service

First Baptist Church will conduct its Easter service at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, April 23, in the Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Avenue D Baptist anniversary

Avenue D Baptist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary April 30. A noon meal will be served following the morning service, and an afternoon service will also be held. Former pastors Calvin Brown and Jack Riley will speak, as will Darold Baldwin, Mitchell-Scurry director of missions, as will former interim pastor John Shugart. Charles Day is the pastor of the church.

Joy School pre-registration

Pre-registration for Joy School at East Side Church of Christ is underway. The school is for 18 months to pre-K, and is for up to five days a week with the parents choosing the days.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC planetarium shows

The planetarium at WTC is available for spring offering of star shows. Presentations will be held on Fridays by special arrangements. Shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. Shows are available to fit any age group. For reservations call 573-8511, Ext. 312.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Cash Five

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

21-25-31-35-37

Pick 3

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

1-4-3

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Bill would crack down on criminals using guns

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans followed through on their promise to strengthen gun enforcement with a bill rewarding states that impose tough mandatory minimum sentences on gun-toting criminals. Democrats urged them to go a step further and support tough gun safety legislation.

The House, by 358-60, on Tuesday passed the "Project Exile Act" that provides $100 million over five years in grants for states that sentence people who use or carry firearms during a violent crime or serious drug trafficking offense to at least five years in prison without parole.

The measure, which still requires Senate action, echoes the GOP theme that the answer to the nation's gun violence problem is not more gun laws but better enforcement of laws already on the books. The National Rifle Association, which has criticized the administration for not adequately prosecuting gun violators, is an ardent supporter of the legislation.

The White House, and most Democrats, went along with the bill but said it provided too little money to make a difference and gave political cover to Republicans resisting more comprehensive gun control measures.

President Clinton, seeking to move the gun safety debate outside Washington, on Tuesday attended a ceremony in Maryland for the first state law requiring built-in gun locks. He travels to Colorado today to back an initiative requiring background checks for gun shows.

"Every single day Congress waits, we lose 12 children, nearly 90 people overall, to gun violence. Congress should follow Maryland's lead," he said.

The bill is modeled after a mandatory minimum sentencing program initiated by the Justice Department in Richmond, Va., once one of the nation's most crime-ridden cities. Since its implementation in 1997 crimes involving guns have dropped by 65 percent and violent crimes by 35 percent, although skeptics have pointed out that crime rates in other Virginia cities without the program dropped by similar rates.

But Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., the chief sponsor, said the bill sends "gun wielding criminals an unmistakable message" that gun crimes won't be tolerated.

Virginia last year passed a statewide "Project Exile" bill, making it one of six states, with Texas, Florida, Louisiana, South Carolina and Colorado, that would qualify for funds under the McCollum bill. The money can be used to defray costs associated with tougher enforcement.

Democrats said the bigger issue was the failure of Congress to pass gun control measures introduced after the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado a year ago.

Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, said the bill "parrots the NRA line that we can't close the gun enforcement loopholes in the law that allow criminals to rearm."

He complained that he couldn't get a vote on a bill he is sponsoring with Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, D-N.Y., that would authorize $150 million next year to hire 1,000 state and local gun prosecutors, $53 million for 600 special agents and inspectors, $70 million to improve national instant criminal background checks and $38 million to improve gun tracing and ballistic testing.

The White House has proposed spending $280 million next year to boost firearms enforcement.

Some bipartisanship was shown at the end of the day when the House voted 406-22 on a nonbinding resolution stating that House-Senate negotiators for a long-stalled gun control bill should agree to both effective gun law enforcement and common-sense gun safety measures.

Lewinsky dropped as spokesperson for Jenny Craig

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Monica Lewinsky has been dropped as the Jenny Craig spokesmodel, at least for now.

Jenny Craig Inc. had been running ads since early January featuring the former White House intern talking about losing 31 pounds on the weight-loss program. The choice of Lewinsky was criticized as inappropriate by some Jenny Craig franchisees.

Company officials won't say whether Lewinsky will appear in future campaigns. She is being replaced by new ads featuring non-celebrity clients, spokeswoman Jeanne McDougall said Tuesday.

"We just want the emphasis to be on the program as opposed to any one individual client," McDougall said.

Lewinsky told USA Today that Jenny Craig's promotional campaign might "be a lot easier without me there."

Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed that the fuel saving theories of this advertisement are 100% accurate.

Gov't. Confirms: Engine Platinum May Increase Gas Mileage

BOSTON - Federal Consumer Protection describes the Platinum Gas Saver as "an effective fuel saving device which brings about more complete combustion and better gas mileage in automobile engines by means of platinum catalysis. The purchasers will receive what they bargained for."

Their five year study concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer, National Fuelsaver Corp. of Boston."

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gas Saver adds microscopic quantities of platinum to the combustion process inside your engine.

Since platinum has the unique ability to make non-burning fuel burn, the Gas Saver's platinum increases the percentage of fuel burning inside the engine from 68% of each gallon to 90% of each gallon, a 22% increase.

Since unburnt fuel leaving an engine is pollution, that 22% of each gallon would normally burn when it reaches the platinum of the catalytic converter.

Unfortunately, the converter's platinum burns this fuel in the tail pipe, where the heat and energy produced from burning this fuel cannot be harnessed to drive your vehicle.

But when the Gas Saver adds platinum to engine combustion, 22% more of each gallon burns inside the engine so that, in theory, 22% fewer gallons are required.

In addition to this study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out the carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold over 400,000 Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

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Government Produced Test Data

The government studied fuel saving test data on vehicles made by several auto makers using the Gas Saver. This is the data they produced from a fleet of 15 identical 5-liter vehicles.

Vehicle Number	Miles/gal. without Gas Saver	Miles/gal. with Gas Saver	Percentage Increase
1	12.0	17.8	48.3%
2	11.3	16.6	46.9%
3	14.1	20.7	46.8%
4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

THURSDAY, April 13, 2000

In the year ahead you're likely to find yourself making many more friends than usual, bringing about some very positive changes in your social life as well as at work.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You possess a gift to instinctively know what to do and say to make all those with whom you're involved feel good about themselves, which makes you very popular today. 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 might be more enjoyable for you today to seek solace within the confines of your own space. You won't need to be around others in order to have a good time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This should be your kind of day with lots of people surrounding you. As a Gemini, you'll be gratified by meeting and chatting with many different types of people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The ability you possess today for doing all the right things will generate the right kinds of results. Even if something unforeseen should occur, you'll handle it in stride.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make it a point today to be congenial with everyone you encounter, because good things could start to happen for you through contacts of all kinds.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Knowing how to make the most out of the least today in any type of circumstance is your best asset. Use it to bring about something you truly desire.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) With you around today, even the shy souls will be encouraged to emerge from their shells. You love people and they'll instinctively realize you want only good things for them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Chances are your sense of method and procedure will be extremely effective today, allowing you to accomplish anything to which you set your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Regardless of the people or circumstances you find yourself in today, just be friendly and you should be well received wherever you go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Devoting your time and attention to your family today will imbue you with a deep feeling of belonging, which, in turn, will enhance your sense of well-being and security.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is a good day to catch up on all the latest news and scuttlebutt. Pick up the phone and call some friends you haven't talked to in quite awhile.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Owing to your talent for organization, you should be able to get a number of essential things done today, even if you have a few social commitments with which to contend.

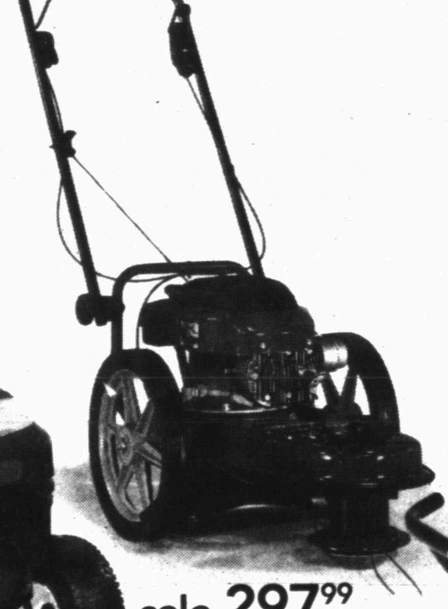
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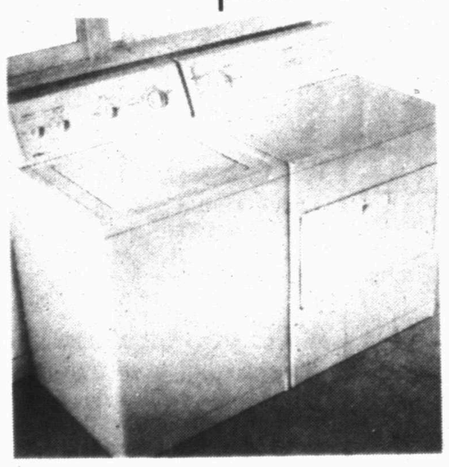


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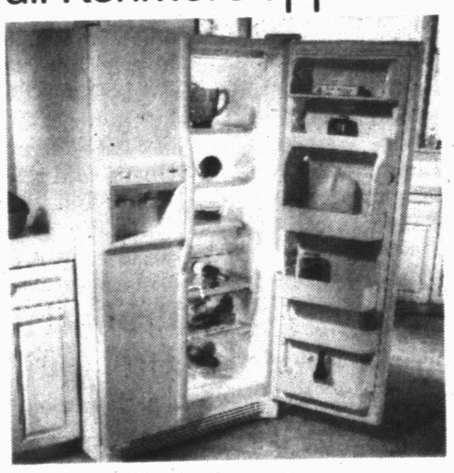
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