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Home Of Roland Herrera

Rash of accidents occur in county

DPS troopers, deputies work four wrecks Tuesday

When it rains, it pours.

And when it rained mud in one spot on accident-prone U.S. Highway 84 Tuesday afternoon, DPS troopers were called to the site of three accidents in the space of only a few minutes.

DPS trooper Terry Snyder was en route to a reported accident just east of Hermleigh around 4:38 when he drove up on a three-vehicle accident west of that community.

"A 1999 Ford was being driven by Diane Brady and she was being followed by a 1988 Lincoln driven by her daughter, Jennifer, both of 2110 27th St.," Snyder said.

The Lincoln collided into the back of the Ford, then a 2000 Freightliner driven by William Snow of Eastland collided with the Lincoln," the trooper added.

All the drivers said the visibility at the time was zero as dust was blowing and it was raining.

"It was basically raining mud balls," Snyder said. "All the vehicles were completely covered with mud and Diane Brady said she had to stop because she could not see anything out of her windshield."

Both Bradys were later taken by private vehicle to Cogdell Hospital were they were treated and released.

While Snyder was investigating this accident in the southbound lane, assisted by Scurry County deputy Mike Ward, another accident occurred just across the median in the northbound lane.

"A person was towing a trailer with a portable office on it," said Snyder. "The wind picked the building off the trailer and blew it into a parked vehicle."

Snyder said Edmond Novick of Harper, Tex., was driving a Ford pickup which was pulling the building, while the parked vehicle is owned by Haskell Miers of Snyder.

"I believe the poor visibility and the wind contributed to these accidents," said Snyder.

At 9 p.m., Snyder investigated another accident on Highway 84, this time at Dermott.

A 2000 Chevrolet pickup driven by Junior Carrol of Charles City, Iowa collided with a Wal-Mart truck driven by David Hale of Lubbock.

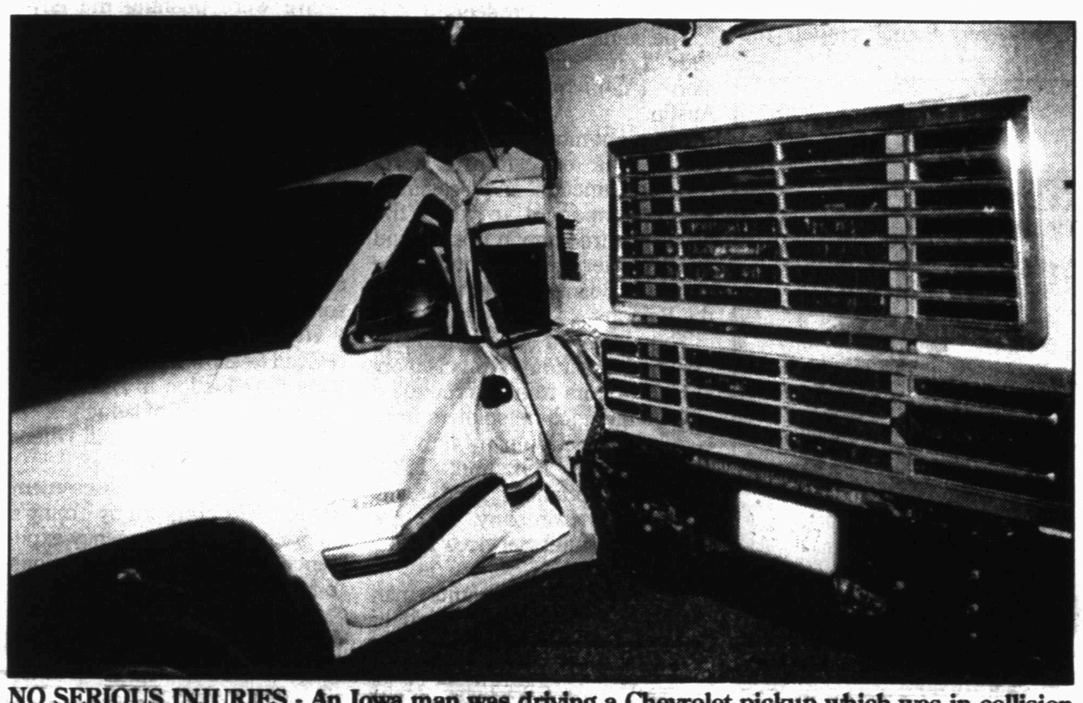
"I believe the pickup was attempting to change lanes while the tractor-trailer was trying to pass it," said Snyder.

Snyder said the two vehicles came to rest side-by-side.

Tangen, his wife, Gwenyth, and Hale were all transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital.

Tangen and Hale were admitted for observation and later released, while Mrs. Tangen was treated in the ER and released.

"Luckily, there were no serious injuries in any of the accidents," a weary Snyder said this morning.



NO SERIOUS INJURIES - An Iowa man was driving a Chevrolet pickup which was in collision with a Wal-Mart tractor-trailer late Tuesday night on U.S. Highway 84. This was one of four accidents on the highway near Snyder on Tuesday. (SDN Photo by Wade Warren)

Snyder area chosen by Air Force for MOA

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editro

The Air Force announced the release of the Record of Decision for the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI) this morning, and to no one's surprise, selected Lancer military operations area (MOA) as its choice for conducting training flights for B-1 and B-52 bombers.

The MOA includes the eight-county area of Scurry, Kent, Fisher, Stonewall, Borden, Dawson, Lynn and Garza counties.

The MOA will use existing military training routes and consolidate three existing areas of military airspace into one 40 by 80-mile area.

The plan has drawn the opposition of a group of landowners and operators in the area as they fear the bomber flights will adversely affect the quality of life.

In a meeting Monday night, members of the Heritage Environmental Preservation Association – H.E.P.A. – vowed to file suit to stop the flights if the Air Force selected this area.

"That's fine," said Buster Welch, H.E.P.A. founder and president after hearing of the announcement today. "The quicker we get on with it, the better off we are. I thought they might keep this hanging over us for a couple of years."

"I said Monday that we would file suit as soon as we heard of the decision and we will."

Welch said he thought it would be six weeks or so before the actual lawsuit is filed due to the enormity of the suit.

While H.E.P.A. members feel that the flights will adversely affect every person in the area, the Air Force counters by saying the selection of this area will help achieve the Air Force's goal of balancing readiness training with environmental and community concerns.

If the Air Force plan becomes a reality, some 33 jobs are expected to be generated in Snyder and the overall annual economic benefit is pegged at $1.7 million in the community.

This does not include $14 million in construction costs for target sites and a proposed building at Winston Field.

The announcement said the Air Force will continue to work with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), other federal and state agencies, and local communities to solicit their input during and after the establishment of the RBTI.

Earlier this month, Lubbock had opposed the flight plan due to the fear it might impede the development of commercial air traffic. The city later withdrew its protest.

The Air Force has also said that it will continuously address community issues, such as noise mitigation, and civil/commercial aviation concerns, throughout the life of the initiative.

All flights are scheduled to be at least 3,000 feet above the ground.

The military training route will be used to train at lower altitudes; however, the overall number of sorties will not increase above the present level. In addition, the Air Force will return to the FAA approximately 1,000 square miles of military training airspace in central and west Texas that is not specifically needed to implement RBTI.

The Air Force will request that the FAA modify airspace as necessary to implement the initiative.

The EIS used public involvement to identify alternatives and impacts and assess the environmental consequences associated with RBTI.

Today, the airspace and training components close to Dyess and Barksdale Air Force Bases lack realism and do not allow the realistic training desired to fully prepare aircrews for real-world situations, the Air Force's release stated.

Currently, B-1s and B-52s must fly as far as South Dakota or Wyoming to receive this training.

Not only will RBTI provide better combat training, but it also turns unproductive transit time into valuable training time by locating training closer to the two bomber bases.

Under the proposal, low-value transit time to training areas would be reduced by about 70 percent.

H.E.P.A. members contend that the military should fly above land owned by the federal government, and not above privately-owned land.

The Record of Decision was signed by Lt. Gen. Marvin R. Esmond, deputy chief of staff air & space operations, United States Air Force.

DCOS to hear several reports

The Development Corporation of Snyder will hear reports from its standing committees when it meets at 4 p.m. Thursday in offices at American State Bank.

Gary Landes and Jack Gorman Jr. will present the prospect committee report, while David Cotton and Larry Anderson will present the report of the operations committee.

Roy McQueen and Roy Baze will inform the board on the status of the natural gas line planned to the industrial park as part of the technical committee, while Landes and Cotton will update the board on other work at the industrial park.

The board will also hear the monthly executive director's report from John DeLille.

Cogdell board slates meeting

Cogdell Memorial Hospital's Board of Managers meets at 8 a.m. Thursday for its regular monthly meeting.

Hospital Chief of Staff Dr. Bid Cooper will present amendments to the medical staff bylaws for board consideration. The monthly financial reports will also be presented.

Chief Executive Officer Jeff Reecer will also present his monthly report.

The meeting will be held in the hospital board room.

Hospital will celebrate 'Doctor Day' Thursday

Thursday is officially Doctor's Day across the United States, and Cogdell Memorial Hospital will recognize 14 physicians on its active medical staff.

"The professionalism, integrity and hard work of physicians provide the cornerstone for medical services in our community," said Jim Bob Cave, chairman of the hospital board of managers. "Physicians have the expertise to help us maintain our good health and to cure our illnesses, but they are also the key members of a major industry in Snyder."

Jeff Reecer, chief executive officer at Cogdell Hospital, said that none of the providers of healthcare – the hospital, the pharmacies, home health agencies and nursing homes – could operate without physicians.

"The physician is the director of all health care services the patient receives," said Reecer. "In this time of rapidly changing health care, it is important for us to remember what a vital role the physician plays in our good health."

The 14 active members of the medical staff are Marcia Odal, emergency medicine; James Burleson, Bid Cooper, Gary Nussey, Robert Rakov, Paul Thompson and Carl Dillaha, family practice; Mark Weaver, general surgeon; Tom Kerr, internal medicine; Kathleen Weaver, orthopedic surgeon; James Balch and Charles Osborn, pathology; Gloria Gerstner, podiatry; and Sherman Merritt, radiology.

Three-day blood drive continuing

Donors will have the chance to donate blood through 6 p.m. this evening at Cogdell Memorial Hospital as the three-day drive continues.

Price Daniel Unit employees may donate blood Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Scurry County Advisory Council for United Blood Services sponsor the blood drive.

Donors are eligible for free coupons from local merchants.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you can live on your income, you may need to beef up security."

Texa Ball has logged lots of hours working as a Pink Lady for the auxiliary-operated snack bar at Cogdell Hospital.

A longtime resident of Scurry County, Texa is one of those faithful readers of the Snyder Daily News. It's folks like Texa who come to our rescue when we need help for a column.

What she passed along, through ole what's-her-name, was a frayed, yellow newspaper clipping. What might have been overlooked was that it was an SDN column item, when the late Wacil McNair was the editor.

It was probably run about this time of year, when minds were on income tax forms and gathering up the necessary funds to pay Uncle Sam.

It was a parody on the 23rd Psalm.

"The government is my shepherd, I shall not work.

It maketh me to lie down on good jobs.

It leadeth me beside the still factories.

It destroyeth my initiative.

It leadeth me in the paths of the parasite for politics' sake.

Yea, thou I walk through the valley of deficit spending, I will fear no evil, for the government is with me.

Its doles and its vote-getters, they comfort me.

It prepareth an economic Utopia for me by appropriating the earnings of my grandchildren.

It filleth my head with baloney.

My inefficiency runneth over.

Surely the government shall care for me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in a fool's paradise forever."

An another bit of wisdom from back then:

"Nostalgia is what enables us to recall fondly things that we once had to endure."

And Texa also thought folks needed something to lighten their days during this taxing time.

A man was walking along a country road and saw a car run over a rabbit. The driver stopped, got out and opened the trunk of his car.

The driver pulled out an aerosol can and sprayed its content on the rabbit. Miraculously, the rabbit got up, hopped 10 feet down the road, turned and waved.

It hopped another 10 feet, turned and waved again. This continued until the rabbit disappeared.

The driver tossed the aerosol can aside, got into his car and drove away.

A curious witness retrieved the can to inspect the label. It read: "For hare restoration, and permanent wave."

ASK US

Q—How much money did the "Tip a Cop" fundraiser last Friday collect for Special Olympics?
A—$668.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 86 degrees; low, 57; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 57; no precipitation; total for 2000, 7.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low around 45. NE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, more clouds, high near 70. E wind 10-20 mph.

Ryanna Alexander
Cloudy

Sunset:
7:02 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:35 a.m.
Of 88 days in 2000, the sun has shone 86 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is a great deal of unmapped country within us.
—George Eliot

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Independent agency report...

Report analyzes Mars mission failures

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA attempted to do too much with too little, leading to a failed mission to Mars, according to assessment of the space agency's efforts to explore the Red Planet.

Thomas Young, head of an independent team that investigated the failure for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said his group was "almost certain" that a $165 million Mars Polar Lander probe failed in December because of an early shutdown of its braking rockets.

The spacecraft is thought to have dropped in free fall for the last 130 feet and then smashed into the Mars surface at about 50 mph, fast enough to destroy the craft.

Young presented his report Tuesday at a news conference as NASA announced it was canceling a Mars lander mission scheduled for next year and was reassessing the entire Mars exploration program.

Young said the engine shutdown that doomed the Mars Polar Lander on Dec. 3 probably was caused by a spurious signal from one of the spacecraft's three landing legs. It's thought that the on-board computer interpreted this signal to mean the craft had landed and it then commanded the engines to stop.

"We're almost certain that if the lander got to this point (above the Mars surface), then this was the cause of the failure," said Young, a retired NASA and industry executive who led the investigation team.

However, Young pinned the underlying cause of the failure on "inadequate funding and inadequate margins" in the planning and execution of NASA's Mars exploration program at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

The Mars program, he said, "was underfunded by at least 30 percent."

This forced contractor and NASA engineers to cut corners, work up to 80 hours a week, and limited testing of equipment and procedures, leading to an "unacceptable high risk" for a very complex and demanding mission, he said. The contractor for the Mars project was Lockheed Martin Astronautics in Denver.

NASA administrator Daniel S. Goldin made a similar point last week in testimony before Congress. He said that the agency "probably cut too tight" in reducing the NASA work force from 25,000 to 18,500 over the last seven years.

Ed Weiler, NASA associate director in charge of science, said the space agency would "fully respond" to Young's recommendations.

He said Scott Hubbard, a NASA executive at the Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif., would take over a new position as head of the Mars program in Washington. A new Mars manager would also be named at JPL, said Weiler.

Additionally, Weiler said he was canceling plans to launch a new Mars lander next year, but would allow a Mars orbital mission to proceed. That mission calls for a spacecraft to map the minerals and water on the Red Planet.

Weiler said the Mars mission could have been saved if it had been better financed at the start, but the effort was driven by a "faster, better, cheaper" NASA philosophy that started in the 1990s with reduced space agency budgets.

"We were pushing the envelope too far" by asking JPL engineers to "do the impossible," said Weiler. "We pushed them too far and I will not condemn them because they failed."

Weiler also ordered a detailed re-examination of NASA's whole Mars exploration program, which involves launches every two years ending with a 2006 attempt to bring back to Earth soil samples.

He said that program will be revised to allow for budget limitations, a reduction in risks and a relaxed schedule of launches.

"The dates will just fall where they fall," said Weiler.

Goldin ordered an assessment of the Mars program by Young's committee after the agency experienced a failure of two missions to Mars.

The $125 million Mars Orbiter disappeared around Mars in September.

On the Net: The report may be found at: http://www.nasa.gov

Jenise Judah in Who's Who

LUBBOCK — Jenise Judah of Snyder, a junior business major at Lubbock Christian University, has been selected by faculty members to appear in the 1999-2000 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."*

She is the daughter of Jim and Deborah Judah of Snyder.

Thirty-seven students from LCU have been selected for *Who's Who* recognition.

Students were nominated based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

DONATION — Snyder Volunteer Fire Department recently received a donation of $450 from Chevron U.S.A. Production at Westbrook. SVFD members employed by Chevron are Bob Henderson and Marcus Parham. Kevin Tate, left, SVFD president, accepts the check from Henderson. (Contributed Photo)

SHS graduate now on duty in Bosnia

Army National Guard Spec. 4 Adam L. Webster is one of more than 700 Texas Army National Guard soldiers who recently deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina from Fort Hood in Killeen.

The soldier is a member of the 49th "Lone Star" Armored Division (AD) headquartered in Austin.

The eight-month mission of the 49th AD is to perform a headquarters function and provide a troop component to keep the peace and freedom in Bosnia, and provide safety and security for the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Balkans.

The deployed guardsmen are assigned to various Texas National Guard units from surrounding cities; units include soldiers from Headquarters Company 49th AD, 249th Signal Battalion; 111th Engineer Battalion, 149th Military Police Company, and the 149th Personnel Services Battalion.

Webster is an infantryman assigned to the 111th Engineer Battalion.

He is the son of James R. Webster and Gloria A. Webster of Snyder. Webster is a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School.

Mobile home fire claims at least 8

ACWORTH, Ga. (AP) — A fire engulfed a mobile home early today, killing at least eight people, police said.

Firefighters found eight bodies in the trailer, and Cobb County Fire Department spokesman Mark Gresham said another victim may be in another part of the mobile home's charred remains.

He said at least one of the victims was an infant and several were teen-agers or young adults. The victims had not yet been identified, but Gresham said, "We feel that many of the victims were related."

Police said the fire at the Modern Living Mobile Home Park in Acworth, about 30 miles northwest of Atlanta, was reported at 3:16 a.m.

Gresham said the trailer was completely engulfed in flames when crews arrived and authorities were told several people were inside.

Gresham said it took "just a matter of minutes" to get the fire under control. Once the fire was out, firefighters searched the mobile home and found the bodies.

A cause of the fire was not immediately determined, Gresham said.

Three boys accused of plotting to kill parents

MARTINEZ, Ga. (AP) — Three boys have been accused of plotting to kill their parents in an elaborate scheme involving sleeping pills, guns and Molotov cocktails.

The boys — two brothers ages 11 and 13, and another 11-year-old boy — were being held Tuesday in youth detention, prosecutor Brian Bush said. Their identities were being withheld because of their age.

Columbia County Sheriff Clay Whittle said a search of the 13-year-old's bedroom turned up a .22-caliber pistol, three "commando" knives, ammunition and detailed drawings of the plot.

The alleged scheme was uncovered Monday after the 14-year-old sister of one of the 11-year-olds found the three at home instead of at school. When the girl tried to telephone her mother, her brother "pulled a handgun on her," Whittle said

She ran next door and called her parents. Deputies found the boys, with the gun, hiding in nearby woods and they confessed to the plot, the sheriff said.

Whittle said the boys were charged with theft of a firearm, possession of a firearm by a person under age 18, use of a firearm during the commission of a crime and aggravated assault.

The plot allegedly included sleeping pills, a list of poisonous plants from the Internet and plans to get more guns. Molotov cocktails were to be used on police if they found out about the plan, Whittle said.

A hearing was set for Thursday.

42% of 2000 Census forms returned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forty-two percent of U.S. households have already returned their 2000 Census forms, the Census Bureau says. The agency hopes for 70 percent by April 18.

Six states — Idaho, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Montana, Nebraska and Oregon — had return rates of 48 percent in the initial check, the bureau said Monday.

The slowest response rates were in Puerto Rico, 22 percent; Mississippi, 26 percent; Louisiana, 29 percent; Alaska, 31 percent; Texas, 33 percent; and North and South Carolina, 34 percent.

Berry's World

"What's the deal for today? Do we eat, or do we put gas in the truck?"

Date Book

Wednesday, March 29, 2000
Today is the 89th day of 2000 and the 10th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1812, President James Madison's sister-in-law Lucy Payne Washington and Supreme Court justice Thomas Todd were wed. It was the first wedding ceremony performed in the White House.

On this day in 1932, comedian Jack Benny made his radio debut.

On this day in 1974, the United States space probe Mariner 10 transmitted the first pictures of Mercury taken from orbit around that planet.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Tyler (1790-1862), U.S. president; Cy Young (1867-1955), baseball great; Howard Lindsay (1889-1968), playwright; Eugene McCarthy (1916-), U.S. politician, is 84; Walt Frazier (1945-), basketball great, is 55; Earl Campbell (1955-), football great, is 45; Jennifer Capriati (1976-), tennis player, is 24.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, coach Jimmy Johnson of the Dallas Cowboys resigned.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "More people are flattered into virtue than bullied out of vice." — Robert Smith Surtees

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 27) and new moon (April 4).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On February 22, 2000, TXU Electric Company (TXU Electric) filed Rate DG - Distributed Generation Interconnection with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission). This filing, which has been assigned Tariff Control No. 22147 was made in compliance with Substantive Rule 25.211 and provides for interconnection and parallel operation of distributed generation. Rate DG is a voluntary rate and includes rates applicable to distributed generation facilities for standby, maintenance, and supplemental power. Upon approval by the Commission this rate will be available systemwide and will remain in effect until January 1, 2002.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding should notify the Commission as soon as possible. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is April 28, 2000. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512)936-7136.

TXU ELECTRIC COMPANY

Investigators focus on bus-train crash

TENNGA, Ga. (AP) — By many accounts, Rhonda Cloer is a competent and conscientious school bus driver.

"Every time that lady has come through there, that bus has stopped at that road," resident Edward Watson said Tuesday after a freight train struck Cloer's school bus, killing two children and injuring five others — including the driver's daughter.

"If you have children on the bus, even if the train had blowed its horn, she may not have even heard it," Watson said.

An engineer apparently was blowing the train's horn, but federal investigators don't know if Cloer heard it before the train slammed into the bus at 50 mph.

A "black box" aboard the 33-car CSX train and a student-monitoring video camera on the bus may provide clues to the early morning accident, said Kenneth Suydam, lead investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board.

"We have initial, preliminary information from the event recorder on the engine which indicates that the horn was sounding and the bells were continuously sounding as the train approached the crossing," Suydam said.

Traveling under the allowed speed of 60 mph through this 600-member community on the Tennessee-Georgia line, the train hit the bus broadside, spun it around and ripped the body off the chassis.

The one-lane crossing has only a sign. In Tennessee and Georgia, school buses are required to stop at all rail crossings.

"It is unknown at this time in the investigation if this school bus came to a stop," Suydam said.

Kate Pannell, personnel director for Murray County schools, said she knew of no previous accidents on Cloer's record.

Cloer, 34, who has worked as a county school bus driver for three years, had picked up seven students early in her route to Northwest Elementary School near Chatsworth.

Killed were 6-year-old Kayla Silvers and 9-year-old Daniel Pack. The fatalities were the first aboard a Georgia public school bus in 15 years.

Three children were in critical condition and two were listed as serious, said Sharon Cahill, a spokeswoman Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, Tenn. Cloer, whose 5-year-old daughter was among the injured, was in fair condition.

Dana Keeton, spokeswoman for the Tennessee Highway Patrol said it was "way too early" to decide about criminal charges in the accident.

About 150 cars pass the crossing daily, and 13 trains pass the intersection at about 60 mph, said Luanne Grandinetti, spokeswoman for the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Of the 3,424 railroad crossings in the state, 61 percent are "passive," meaning there is a warning sign, but no lights or gate. Electronic warning systems are only required at crossing where more than 100 cars cross each day, there is regular school bus and train traffic and a fatal accident has happened.

The crossing now appears to meet all those requirements, Grandinetti said. She said some sort of warning system would be installed.

On the Net: Federal Railroad Administration:
http://www.fra.dot.gov/o/safety/index.htm

Tennessee Department of Transportation:
http://www.tdot.state.tn.us

Georgia Department of Transportation:
http://www.dot.state.ga.us

Oil from new soybean better for heart

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new soybean developed by government scientists yields oil that, once processed, has far less heart-damaging fats and other substances than other cooking oils.

The oil straight from the soybean has less than half the saturated fat of conventional varieties. Also, it does not have to go through a process that produces artery-clogging trans fatty acids.

Soybean oil is used in foods from margarine to crackers. Food manufacturers are eager to find a healthier version, because the Food and Drug Administration plans to require the listing of trans fats on food nutrition labels.

The soybean holds "excellent potential" for food makers and "will provide the needed flexibility to be used in a wide variety of products," the Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils, which represents companies that process vegetable oils, said in a letter to the United Soybean Board. The board helped fund the USDA research.

"Just by changing the kind of oil that's used by food manufacturers and restaurants would go a long way to reducing heart disease in this country," Margo Wootan, director of nutritional policy for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said Tuesday.

Shoppers won't see the new product before next year at the earliest, because the first commercial crop being planted next month in North Carolina will be saved for seed and testing.

The new soybean was developed by Agriculture Department scientists in Raleigh, N.C., using conventional breeding methods and not genetic engineering, which has become controversial in Europe and Asia.

More than 80 percent of the vegetable oil used in cooking and food manufacturing comes from soybeans because of its relatively low price and wide availability.

But soybean oil cannot be used for cooking unless it is hydrogenated to extend its shelf life and improve its flavor. Hydrogenation, which also solidifies the oil, removes linolenic acid, a substance that causes the oil to taste rancid when heated. The new soybeans have a third as much linolenic acid as conventional varieties.

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, a unit of DuPont, has a soybean with half as much linolenic acid as conventional soybeans. Unlike the USDA soybean, however, the Pioneer variety isn't lower in saturated fat.

Hydrogenated oil would still be needed for some products, such as baked goods, to give them the proper texture and body, but manufacturers could blend in unhydrogenated oil to lower the overall content of trans fat, industry experts say.

Health experts say trans fatty acids may be even worse for the heart than saturated fat, but consumers have no way of knowing how much of it is in food.

Margarine made from hydrogenated soybean oil now lists only the saturated fat — about 2 grams per serving — and not the 3 grams of trans fat. Three Nabisco's Chips Ahoy! cookies, for example, total 2 grams of saturated fat along with another 2 grams of trans fat.

The FDA's labeling plan spurring the search for healthier cooking oil would require the amount of trans fat in a footnote on nutrition labels while adding the amount of saturated fat in the usual listing.

"We want to do everything we can to avoid the labeling when it comes," Jay Franklin, an Oklahoma soybean farmer, said Tuesday.

About 1,000 acres of USDA's new soybean will be planted this year, enough to produce seed for 50,000 acres in 2001, said Richard Wilson, a scientist working on the project. Varieties with similar traits are being bred for local growing conditions in nine other states: Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

On the Net: USDA's Agricultural Research Service:
http://www.ars.usda.gov

United Soybean Board site:
http://www.unitedsoybean.org

New drug okayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday approved sale of the drug Zonegran as an additional therapy for epilepsy.

On sale in Japan for a decade, the capsules are intended for adults whose partial seizures are not fully controlled by a single drug, according to Elan Corp., which will market the drug in this country.

The company said the drug could be on sale next week.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♣ K 7 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	1 ♠
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 8

Who establishes first?

By Phillip Alder

In most foot races, we wish to finish first. Yet in which run does that definitely not apply?

Here is a whopping hint from W.S. Gilbert and his lyrics in the "Pirates of Penzance": "I know the Kings of England, and I quote the fights historical, from Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical."

This deal features a point of suit establishment that is overlooked by many players. In this three-no-trump contract, would you prefer to be a defender or the declarer? Following his partner's overcall, West leads the spade eight.

After an opponent's overcall, a two-no-trump response shows 10-12 points and is game-invitational. With 13-15 points and stoppers, jump straight to three no-trump.

This is the critical guideline: If the opponents have two stoppers in a suit you are trying to establish, make them burn up one stopper as quickly as possible. So, at trick one, East should play the spade seven, his highest spot encouraging a continuation should West regain the lead.

South wins with the 10, crosses to dummy with a heart, and finesses the club jack. Yet West wins with the queen, and returns his last spade, establishing the suit while East still has the club ace as an entry.

Note that if East plays the spade jack at trick one, declarer gets home by ducking. East returns a spade, but when West gets in with the club queen, he doesn't have another spade to lead. In fact, South's best play is to call for dummy's spade queen at trick one. It would take monumental willpower — which one needs when running a marathon — for East not to cover with the king.

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Heston's speech draws protesters

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Charlton Heston's speech at Brandeis University attracted hundreds of protesters, including some who lay on the pavement, fake blood oozing from fake gunshot wounds.

"Political correctness is tyranny with manners," Heston told the crowd of about 700 students, administrators and members of the community in a speech at the university's student center Tuesday night.

Heston, the president of the National Rifle Association, told the crowd to "question authority" when it comes to gun control laws.

Before Heston's address, protesters — most of them students — chanted anti-gun slogans and waved signs outside during a rally sponsored by the American Jewish Congress.

Congress President Sumner Kaplan railed against the NRA's resistance to stricter gun control measures.

"The blood of innocents — children or adults — by the illegal, inadvertent and improper use of guns ... it's cause for revulsion," he said. "The Second Amendment was never meant to condone lawlessness."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Girl who says no to bra gets no support from her friends

DEAR ABBY: When I was 12, I couldn't wait to wear a bra. By the time I turned 16 last summer, I decided I'd had enough of wearing a bra. My mom, who hasn't worn one since she was 18, had no problem with it as long as it wasn't obvious that I was braless. And for six months it wasn't.

Not until I went to a slumber party, and some of the other girls there saw me change into my pj's, did anyone notice I was not wearing a bra.

The girls began to make fun of me, telling me that only lesbians go braless. (It doesn't help that I currently have a boyfriend.) Now word has gotten all around school, and people are doing all sorts of things to make fun of me, from boys pretending to unsnap my nonexistent bra to a girl actually coming on to me thinking I was really gay. My mom says she was lucky; going braless was accepted when she was a teen, and I should just ignore the comments and they'll eventually stop.

Having gone without a bra this long, I don't want to go back — they are just too uncomfortable and I am too flat to have any use for them. But I can't stand the constant ridicule. Do you have any suggestions as to what I can do? — **BRALESS (NO CITY OR STATE, PLEASE)**

DEAR BRALESS: I'm old enough to remember when feminists burned their bras in symbolic protest of restrictions on our freedom. It had nothing to do with a person's sexual orientation then — and your classmates are flaunting their ignorance if they think it has anything to do with it now. What nonsense!

What probably started out as a joke has taken on a life of its own and has gone too far. The behavior you are describing sounds like harassment, and the principal of your school should be informed. Part of his or her job is to guarantee that students can pursue an education free of harassment. Please don't wait.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently received an invitation to a wedding shower requesting that all gifts should be made in cash. Included with the invitation was a small envelope in which to place the money.

When I inquired about presenting a more traditional gift to the couple, I was told they didn't need anything. They have purchased an expensive new home, furniture, new automobiles, etc. The wedding and reception are being paid for by the bride's family, so the bride and groom have incurred little or no expense for these events.

Abby, I have attended bridal showers and weddings where a money tree was offered as an option in gift-giving. However, I find this to be in extremely poor taste and highly presumptuous. I have talked to others who are being invited, and we see this as nothing more than a ploy to gather a huge cash gift.

Your thoughts on this, please. — **AN OFFENDED FRIEND**

DEAR OFFENDED: I agree that to ask for money is in poor taste and presumptuous, and to include an envelope with the invitation was tacky. I'd advise you to skip the shower unless you want to be soaked.

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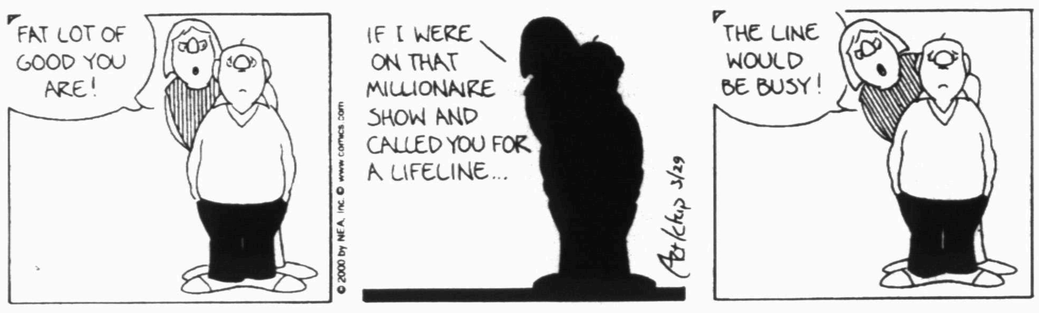

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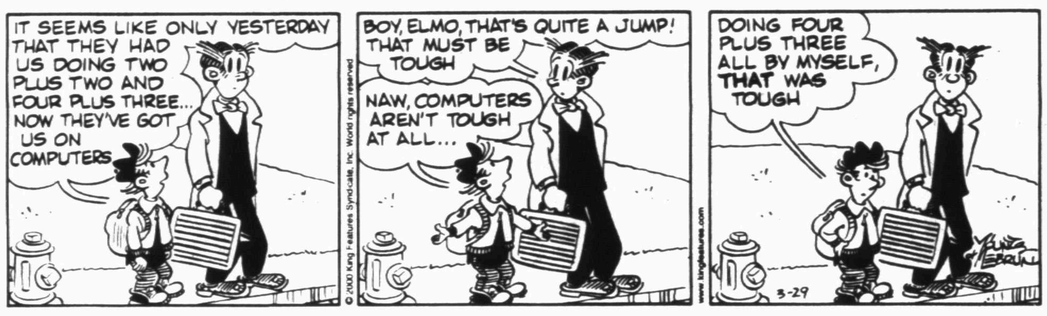

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1 Mark of disgrace
7 Suppress
13 Arts supporter
14 Yield a result (2 wds.)
15 Sedative
16 Legal writ
17 Hardy heroine
18 Resinous secretion
20 Actual being
21 Frozen
23 Passion
27 Type of spray
32 "Common Sense" author
33 Musical drama
34 Talent-show host
35 Writer Joyce Carol —
36 Congressional officer
39 Spatter (liquid) about
40 Plods
42 English baby carriage
46 Genetic material (abbr.)
47 Mice, to owls
51 Fodder
53 Guides
55 — quo
56 Goddess of the moon
57 Apartment renter, e.g.
58 Shouter

DOWN

1 Dick and Jane's dog
2 Use a VCR
3 How sweet — —
4 Pate de foie —
5 Witty remark
6 Anoint
7 Coin of the realm
8 Palm fiber
9 Arrow poison
10 Hazes
11 Film director Bunuel
12 "Kitchen" end
19 Ga.'s neighbor
21 Athenians, e.g.
22 Wilts
23 Mimics
24 Highway exit
25 Casino cubes
26 SSS category (2 wds.)
28 Semiprecious stone
29 Bristle
30 Raw minerals
31 Mascara target
37 Earliest born
38 Actor Silver
41 Boastful
42 "Hey!"
43 Ceremonial observance
44 Actor Alda
45 — Hari
47 Senator Claiborne —
48 Stagger
49 Seabird
50 River in Belgium
52 Weapon
54 Casual top

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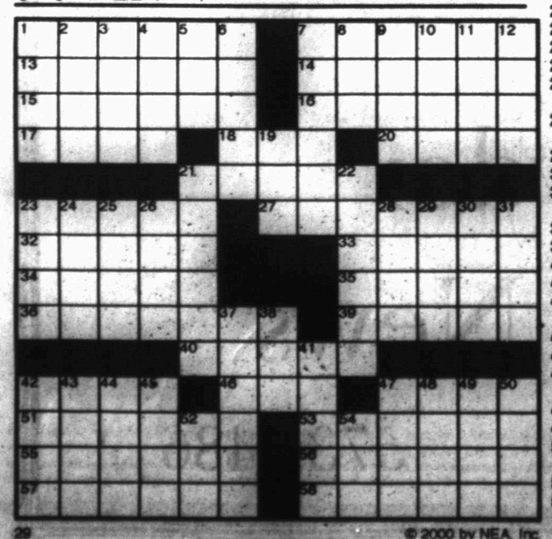

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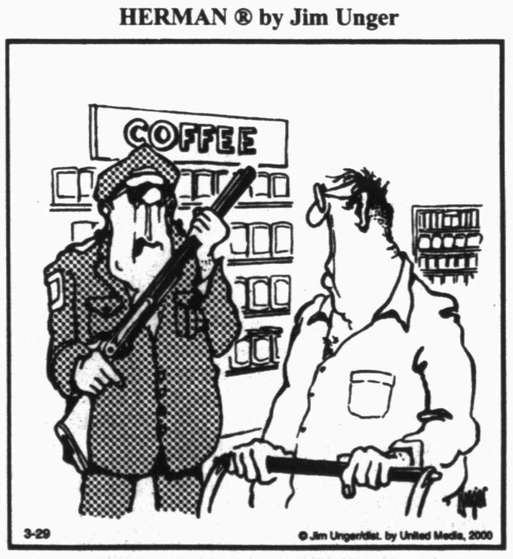

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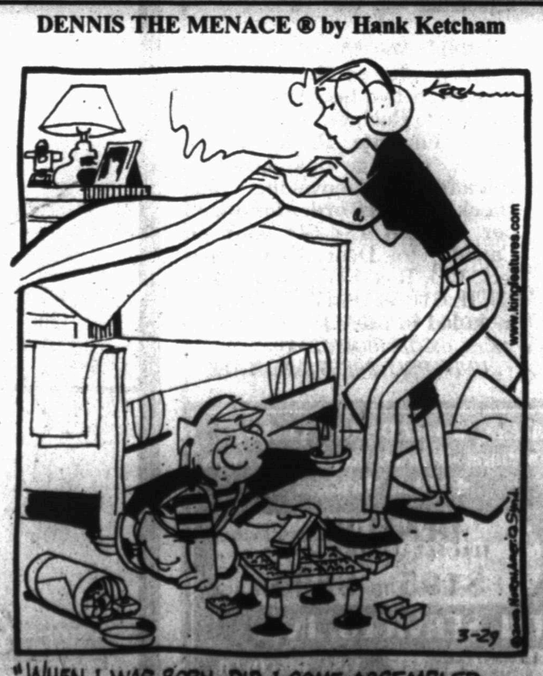

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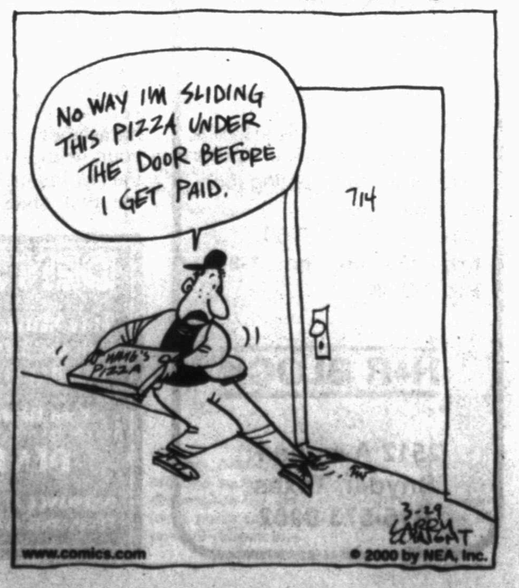


SPORTS

Snyder 11, Fort Stockton 6...

Tigers tame Panthers in shootout

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

With three home runs and a total of 13 hits Tuesday night, the Snyder Tigers proved they can hit the ball.

By surrendering only five hits and posting 10 strikeouts, Snyder also proved it has strong pitching and a solid defense.

But most importantly, the Tigers proved they can overcome adversity. And that might be their most important trait, in what looks to be a tight district race.

With their head coach hospitalized, and a five-game losing streak hanging over their heads, the Tigers overcame a furious Fort Stockton rally for an 11-6 victory in the District 5-4A opener at Moffett Field.

After an up-and-down non-district campaign, Snyder played sparkling baseball for 6½ innings, marred only by a stint in the sixth inning when it looked as if the Panthers would steal the victory.

"I think we played well for most of the game," said Coach Charlie Bollinger, who is filling in during Head Coach Roland Herrera's absence. "I think we kind of let up a little bit in the sixth, and it cost us. We have to put people away when we have the chance. We allowed Fort Stockton to get back in the game, but then the guys stepped up and got the job done at the plate."

The Tigers held a 6-0 lead entering the top of the sixth, before things started to unravel.

Snyder starter Ralph Ramon gave up two hits and four walks through the first eight batters of the inning, after striking out nine Panthers and surrendering just one hit through the first five frames.

The Tigers committed two errors behind Ramon, fueling a six-run rally that knotted the tally. Reliever Glen Burk came on to record the final two outs of the inning.

But with Fort Stockton clearly holding the momentum, Snyder gave an immediate answer.

After Josh Ward laced a single to right field, and Sonny Cumbie drew a walk, Collin Jones blasted a 1-0 pitch over the left-field fence for the Tigers' third home run of the night.

Back-to-back errors put Matthew Grimmett and Adam Beck on base, before Jesse Haines drove them in with a base hit to left for an 11-6 Snyder lead. Haines was 3-for-4 at the plate, with four RBIs.

Cumbie worked the final frame, retiring the Panthers in order to preserve the win.

"I wanted us to be aggressive at the plate," said Bollinger. "I didn't think we were aggressive enough in the early innings, but the guys stepped it up when they had to. I think we're capable of hitting like this every time we step on the field, but we have to produce runs off our hits."

Snyder produced two runs off their first two hits of the night. Ralph Ramon led off the Tigers' half of the first by belting the second pitch offered to him over the fence in left-center field. Brian Gordon followed suit with a solo shot in the third.

The win puts Snyder in a three-way tie atop the district standings with Lake View and Andrews.

"When we're playing like we're capable of, I think we're one of the toughest teams in this district," Bollinger stated. "But we have to produce consistently. We have to play well for all seven innings in every game."

The Tigers continue 5-4A action Friday when they visit Sweetwater at 7 p.m.

Fort Stockton	ab	r	h	bi
Natividad p	4	0	1	1
Yarbrough lf	4	1	1	0
Barron cf	3	1	2	1
Riojaz 1b	2	1	0	0
St.Clair c	4	0	0	0
Morales 2b	4	1	1	2
Hickman rf	4	1	0	0
Rodriguez ss	2	0	0	0
Sheehan dh	0	1	0	1
Totals	**27**	**6**	**5**	**5**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Ramon p	4	1	3	1
Ward ss	5	1	1	0
Cumbie c	2	0	0	0
Ortegon cr	0	1	0	0
Jones lf	4	2	2	3
Grimmett cf	4	3	2	0
Beck 1b	4	2	1	2
Hernandez 3b	2	0	0	0
Haines dh	4	0	3	4
Gordon rf	4	1	1	1
Totals	**33**	**11**	**13**	**11**

FtStockton	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	—	6	5 2
Snyder	1	0	1	1	3	5	x	—	11	13 3

LOB - Fort Stockton 7, Snyder 9. 2B - Beck. HR - Ramon, Gordon, Jones.

Ft.Stockton	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Natividad	4 1/3	8	6	6	3	3
St.Clair	1	4	5	3	2	1
Barron	2/3	1	0	0	0	0
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Ramon	5 1/3	3	6	5	6	9
Burk	2/3	2	0	0	0	0
Cumbie	1	0	0	0	0	1

Local cagers garner hardwood honors

Three Snyder Tigers, one Lady Tiger and a pair of Ira Bulldogs were recognized for their efforts on the hardwood when they were named to the All-South Plains and All-Big Country basketball teams.

Ira senior Jerek Brown was the only local player to be named to the All-South Plains first team, after helping lead the Bulldogs to the regional quarterfinals.

Joining Brown on the 1A squad was fellow senior, 6-7 teammate Logan Daves who received honorable mention.

Snyder Tiger senior Sonny Cumbie and Lady Tiger junior Kameron Kallemeyn were given honorable mention on the 5A/4A team.

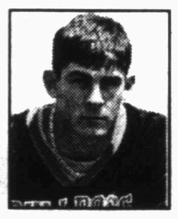
Cumbie and Kallemeyn were the inside strengths of their Snyder squads, which advanced to the playoffs. Cumbie helped spur the Tigers all the way to the regional quarterfinals, while Kallemeyn led the Lady Tigers into the bi-district round.

Cumbie also garnered first team honors on the All-Big Country 5A/4A team, with Kallemeyn receiving honorable mention.

Snyder senior Jared Hester and junior Heath Pinkerton were selected to the second team.

Daves was also a second team selection on the All-Big Country 1A squad.

Brown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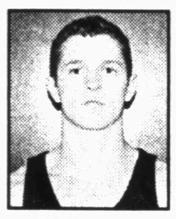

Pinkerton

Lady Tigers make most of opportunities in 3-1 victory

Needing a victory Tuesday night to remain atop the district softball standings, Snyder didn't have its best game at the plate.

But the Lady Tigers still found a way to win, and that's what good teams do, according to Head Coach Robbie Dickenson.

"I've been telling the girls that championship teams find a way to win when things aren't going their way," said Dickenson, following his squad's 3-1 victory over Sweetwater at Cates Field.

"Even though we couldn't get things going, we kept our composure and played good defense to stay in the game. We did that long enough until the opportunity came up to get some runs. That shows the character of this team."

The offensive opportunity didn't arise until the sixth inning when the Lady Tigers were on the bottom end of a 1-0 deficit.

Whitney Webb slapped her second base hit of the night to get Snyder rolling in the sixth, then advanced to second base on a sacrifice bunt by Courtney Rinehart.

The Lady Tigers then used their speed as Cameron Mackey and Kristin Martinez loaded the bases on back-to-back bunts.

A ground ball off the bat of Shelley Fisk tied the game, and left runners on first and third with two outs.

Kira Diaz broke the deadlock with a fly ball to right field that was misplayed by the Lady Mustangs, allowing Mackey and Fisk to come home with the winning runs.

"We didn't hit the ball hard all night, but the girls executed when they had to," Dickenson said. "We put down three good bunts to put us in a position to take the lead. This was a good win for us."

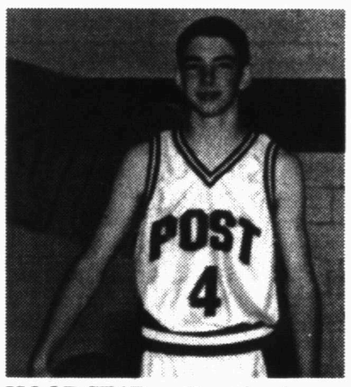
Sweetwater plated its only run in the fifth. The Lady Mustangs finished the night with only three hits as Rinehart and the Snyder defense kept Snyder in the game for the first five innings.

Rinehart issued one walk to go along with the three hits, and registered eight strikeouts. The Lady Tigers committed only one error behind her.

The victory keeps Snyder in a tie atop the 5-4A standings with Big Spring at 4-1.

The Lady Tigers can avenge their only district loss Friday when they host Lake View. The Maidens edged Snyder, 1-0, in the league opener.

"Friday is a big game for us, because the girls want a little payback for the loss at Lake View," Dickenson stated. "Right now, we're exactly where we want to be. We knew coming in that it was unlikely anybody would go undefeated, so the one loss doesn't hurt us. We just need to keep doing the things we've been doing, from here on out."



HOOP STAR — Post freshman Jarrett Vickers was named to the 3-2A All-District basketball team. Vickers is the grandson of Snyder's Howard and Dolores Jones, and the son of Dane and Kathy Vickers.

Ira falls to LCHS, 9-8

LUBBOCK — The Ira Bulldogs put together a pair of rallies, but couldn't overtake the Lubbock Christian Eagles.

Ira made up deficits of 4-1 and 7-2, before falling, 9-8, Tuesday in non-district action at Lubbock Christian Field.

After the Bulldogs went on top, 1-0, in the top of the second, the Eagles answered with four runs in the bottom of the frame.

Ira trimmed the gap, before Lubbock stretched the margin to 7-2 in the fourth.

Once again, the Bulldogs responded by sending across four runs in the top of the fifth to close the deficit to 7-6.

The Eagles posted a pair of runs in the sixth, and the Bulldogs registered two in the seventh for the 9-8 final tally.

Jerek Brown went the distance for Ira, allowing seven hits. The Bulldogs committed six errors on the day.

Jase Olvera paced Ira at the plate with three doubles.

Sports Briefs

Softball tourney scheduled

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will host a men's softball tournament April 14-16 at Winston Field.

Deadline to enter is April 12, and entry fee is $110 per team. Trophies will be awarded to the top four teams.

For more information, call Ricky Garcia at 573-5996, Henry Ramos at 573-2037, or Ygnacio Benitez at 573-6401.

Williams suffers broken foot

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Diamondbacks' bid to repeat as NL West champions suffered a severe jolt when All-Star third baseman Matt Williams broke a bone in his right foot in an exhibition game against the Seattle Mariners.

Team spokesman Mike Swanson said Williams will be sidelined about six weeks, and foot specialist Dr. Peter Mitchell said the injury would not require surgery.

Swimsuits raise controversy

LONDON (AP) — Speedo is making its neck-to-ankle swimsuit available to all competitive swimmers, even if they're not sponsored by the company.

The decision comes two days after two-time Olympic gold medalist Kieren Perkins of Australia complained that the "Fastskin" suits — which mimic shark skin and are said to improve performance by 3 percent — were not available to everybody.

FINA, swimming's governing body, has approved the suit. However, the Australian Olympic Committee questions if the suit is permissible and wants a hearing in the Court of Arbitration for Sports in Switzerland.

Ricky Williams changes agents

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Ricky Williams, whose incentive-laden contract with the New Orleans Saints backfired on him last season, fired his agent and hired Leigh Steinberg.

Williams had been represented by Leland Hardy, who works for the rapper Master P. His rookie contract contained an $8.8 million signing bonus, but most of the seven-year, $68 million deal was based on incentives, many of which were triggered upon reaching 1,600 yards in a season.

Williams was troubled all year by injuries and finished with just 884 yards on 253 carries.

Girls' Little Dribblers Results

8-YEAR-OLDS

Hoopsters 10, Swifts 8

Hoopsters: Keonna Ward, 6; Tosha McGlouthin, 4. **Swifts:** Samantha Medrano and Heather Newton, 4.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Little Tigers 20, Hot Shots 8

Little Tigers: Shelbie Talavera, 12; A'Lex Koonce and Erma Rodriguez, 4. **Hot Shots:** Devin Davidson, 6; Ashley Trotter, 2.

Rockets 32, Swoopsters 26

Rockets: Erin Hogan, 25; Amanda Sanchez, 5; Marci Pickerel, 2. **Swoopsters:** Cayelea Rhodes, 12; Kelly Holdren, 9; Nakita Pickerel and Cecelie Slaughter, 2; Leeja Mauldin, 1.

Sharpshooters 32, Red Hots 13

Sharpshooters: Karly Buchanan, 24; Kaci Waller, 6; Brittany Mitchell, 2. **Red Hots:** Alexandra Urias, 5; Teryn Sullenger, 4; K'Ana Garcia and Tess Gruben, 2.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Jazz 28, Bullettes 18

Jazz: Brittany Dickerhoff, 16; Whitney Payne, 6; Jessica Odom, 4; Jessica Robbins, 2. **Bullettes:** Kenetra James, 12; Kiki Wofford, 4; Rosa Cruz, 2.

Rebels 21, Starzz 19

Rebels: Kaitlyn Greenlee, 12; Brianna Bernal, 5; Ami Foreman, 4. **Starzz:** Kelbi Pitner and Khristian Torres, 8; Tana Sullenger, 3.

Magic 29, Lady Raiders 26

Magic: Breanna Talavera, 12; Katie Curry, 9; Tabitha Jones, 4; Amelia Lopez, 1. **Lady Raiders:** Alana Culp, 13; Glyn Wright, 12; Ashley Pruitt, 4.

Fast Break 27, Comets 17

Fast Break: Emily Jones, 14; Dondi Brock, 10; Ashley Luecke, 2; Audrey Jones, 1. **Comets:** Marleah Akins, 10; Claire Pollard, 6; Amanda Murray, 1.

Panthers 35, Jawbreakers 14

Panthers: Sequoya Powell, 27; Terann Ragland, 6; Ashton Smith and Courtney Tyrrell, 2. **Jawbreakers:** Jessica Taylor, 12; Gena Dooley and Sirena Medrano, 2.

Nikes 26, Bullettes 8

Nikes: Ashton Wall, 15; Bridget Block, 5; Temi Thompson, 4; Candace Chandler, 2. **Bullettes:** James, 8.

Magic 43, Jazz 24

Magic: Talavera, 22; Curry, 13; Jessica Yanez, 6; Elizabeth Yanez, 2. **Jazz:** Dickerhoff, 12; Payne, 8; Robbins, 4.

Fast Break 24, Hornets 11

Fast Break: E. Jones, 11; A. Jones, 7; Brock, 6. **Hornets:** Bianca Carrisalez and Aeryal Peoples, 4; Ashley Hyer, 2; Jaedi Baze, 1.

Lady Raiders 24, Sonics 16

Lady Raiders: G. Wright, 12; Alana Culp, 9; Wendy Reed, 4. **Sonics:** Katy Crenwelge, Teddi Crenwelge and Shaela Thompson, 4; Camri Hill and Christi Williams, 2.

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New Jersey	30	40	.429	14
Boston	30	41	.423	14½
Washington	25	46	.352	19½
Central Division				
x-Indiana	47	24	.662	—
Toronto	40	30	.571	6½
Charlotte	38	31	.551	8
Detroit	36	33	.522	10
Milwaukee	33	37	.471	13½
Cleveland	27	43	.386	19½
Atlanta	26	44	.371	20½
Chicago	14	55	.203	32
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Orlando 122, Boston 87
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Houston 121, Golden State 86
San Antonio 89, Portland 85
Dallas 112, L.A. Clippers 102

Wednesday's Games

Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
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Pentagon: Military using 'expired' drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military is using expired medications under a testing program that found the drugs often remained safe and potent years beyond the manufacturer's recommended shelf life.

To avoid the cost of regularly replacing its massive stockpile of medicine, the Air Force asked the Food and Drug Administration in 1985 to see if it could extend the effective lifetimes of the drugs it purchased, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Tuesday.

"The FDA did this and found basically that the expiration dates tended to be very conservative, and as a result, many of these drugs could have a much longer shelf life than the manufacturer said," Bacon said.

Under the Shelf Life Extension Program, the FDA tested more than 100 drugs, prescription and over-the-counter, and found that 90 percent of them were safe beyond the expiration date. The drugs were tested by either the manufacturer or the FDA, but always with FDA supervision.

In 1998, the last year for which figures were available, the military spent $664,000 to have drugs tested and saved $49.3 million by not purchasing replacements, Bacon said.

But consumers shouldn't assume their expired drugs are still safe and effective because, unlike prescriptions sitting in medicine cabinets, the military's stockpile has remained sealed in the manufacturer's original packaging, said Thomas McGinnis, the FDA's director of pharmacy affairs.

"The chance of the product not degrading from moisture or heat or light exposure is much better than what consumers get when they bring home a medication from a pharmacy in these amber vials with child-proof caps," he said.

Keeping old drugs around can also be confusing and increases the risk that a person will accidentally take the wrong medication, McGinnis said. He added that consumers should discard drugs when their course of treatment is finished.

The military buys about $1.2 billion in prescription and non-prescription drugs every year, and needs reserves that can be drawn upon in large quantities in wartime, Bacon said.

Many of the drugs also are used to take care of families, retirees and others as part of the military's health care program.

Francis Flaherty, a former director of FDA's military drug testing program, said his experience with the program showed him that a manufacturer's expiration date doesn't indicate anything about a drug's effectiveness, The Wall Street Journal quoted him as saying in Tuesday's editions.

"Manufacturers put expiration dates on for marketing, rather than scientific reasons," he said. "It's not profitable for them to have products on a shelf for 10 years. They want turnover."

On The Net: The Food and Drug Administration's guide to maintaining a medicine cabinet and storing drugs: http://www.fda.gov/fdac/features/2000/200—med.html

DNA tests reveal strong differences

By The Associated Press

Researchers say DNA extracted from a 29,000-year-old bone has cast doubt on the theory that modern humans evolved in part from squat, heavy-browed Neanderthals.

Researchers compared DNA from a Neanderthal skeleton found in Russia to an older sample tested in 1997. While the two Neanderthal samples turned out to be just 3.5 percent different from one another, they were roughly 7 percent different from DNA in modern humans.

Scientists consider that to be a substantial gap.

"It all points away from the Neanderthal," said one of the researchers, William Goodwin, a molecular biologist at the Human Identification Center in Glasgow, Scotland.

The findings are being published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

The researchers challenge the theory that modern humans evolved at least partly from Neanderthals, which some believe mated in large numbers with modern Europeans before disappearing 25,000 years ago.

If that had happened, some argue, today's Europeans would show stronger genetic similarities to Neanderthals than other humans do. Yet the latest DNA analysis shows Neanderthal DNA to be no closer to Europeans than to other modern humans.

Neanderthals were burly, primitive creatures with a prominent brow, thick jaw and short, powerful limbs. Originating in Africa, they appeared in Europe and Asia perhaps 100,000 years ago or longer.

The 29,000-year-old Neanderthal DNA, which was recovered from a rib bone in a baby's skeleton found in Russia's Caucasus Mountains, was in better condition than the roughly 40,000-year-old Neanderthal DNA from Germany analyzed in 1997, the researchers said.

The research team from Scotland, Sweden, Russia and the United States reassembled more than 2 percent of the later Neanderthal DNA from a tiny cellular structure known as the mitochondria.

Molecular biologist Matthias Hoss, an expert in ancient remains now working at the Swiss Institute for Cancer Research, said the research appears to support the theory that Neanderthals were an evolutionary dead end.

"This adds quite a lot of confidence that the Neanderthal didn't contribute to modern populations," he said.

The study does support an opposing theory known as "out-of-Africa," the research team said. This theory says modern humans descended from the true Homo sapiens, who originated in Africa and came to replace other early humans worldwide without great mixing. Homo sapiens would have arrived in Europe perhaps 30,000 to 40,000 years ago, scientists believe.

However, some experts question the researchers' broader conclusions, saying mitochondrial DNA may evolve faster than the researchers assume.

"Maybe 40,000 years ago, everybody's mitochondrial DNA is very different from humans of today," said Fred H. Smith, an anthropologist at Northern Illinois University.

Milford Wolpoff, a University of Michigan anthropologist who studies early human fossils, said fossils suggest an evolutionary link between Neanderthals and modern humans. He said late Neanderthal fossils seem to be evolving toward modern humans in some ways, as they develop chins and lose their low, sloping foreheads.

Study: Breast cancer support groups not right for everyone

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Support groups for women with breast cancer can actually do more harm than good in patients who already have strong emotional support from their families, according to a new study.

Researchers from Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh looked at support groups in which women share their feelings and experiences.

After participating in an eight-week support group, women with good emotional support from their families reported getting sicker than those who attended no sessions. But women with low levels of family support reported doing better than women did not take part.

The researchers speculated that the women who had good support at home re-evaluated that support during the group sessions or discussed feelings they had not brought up before, thus creating family tension.

The study was published in the current issue of Health Psychology.

Joan Hermann, director of social work for Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia for 23 years, said the study validated a view among social workers that support groups may not be right for everyone.

"People are afraid of what they're going to hear. They fear they may become more depressed. Newly diagnosed people don't yet trust institutions," Hermann said.

The CMU-Pitt study was based on 230 patients in the early stages of breast cancer. All were invited to participate.

The study also found that women either were helped, or, at worst, not harmed by educational support groups focused on helping women manage specific problems such as anxiety or pain.

Some experts said they worry that the study could lead some patients to avoid a treatment that could actually be helpful.

"What I would hate to see happen is, if you're happily married and your family is supportive, you get the message that a support group may be harmful," said David Cella, a professor of psychiatry sciences at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago.

Woman stung 500 times by killer bees

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A 77-year-old woman lay in critical condition Tuesday after being stung more than 500 times by a swarm of killer bees.

The woman, whose name was not released, was attacked while walking along a street a few blocks from her Las Vegas home, Fire Department spokesman Tim Szymanski said. He said they may have been drawn to something in a bag she was carrying.

Firefighters wearing special gear doused the woman with water to get about 200 bees off her. Two police officers were stung trying to rescue her.

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By Peter Gott, M.D.

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Most anti-thyroid pills do not destroy the gland; rather, they reduce the formation of thyroid hormone. Hence, the dose of medicine can be adjusted to your needs. During the early phase of therapy, your blood tests of thyroid function may fluctuate a bit, but eventually you should stabilize on a maintenance dose. Continued "jumping around" is not normal. It means that your doctor has yet to find the proper dose of Synthroid that suits you. If your physician is unable to help you achieve a satisfactory thyroid balance, I suggest that you request a referral to an endocrinologist, a thyroid specialist. Ordinarily, this problem is not difficult to control.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I may have a sleep disorder. I occasionally dream, in a half-conscious state, that I am paralyzed and can't breathe. Could this be dangerous?

DEAR READER: I agree that you might have a sleep disorder, such as sleep apnea, that causes you to stop breathing during sleep and awaken with a feeling of suffocation. However, the symptoms you describe are common and, in mild form, are not cause for alarm. They are due to the normal muscular inhibition that usually accompanies deep REM (rapid eye movement) sleep. Sleep paralysis, the momentary inability to move while falling asleep or awakening, is a more striking example of this phenomenon. Although I doubt that you are in any danger, check with your doctor about your symptoms and, if she agrees that further investigation is prudent, consider being monitored for a couple of nights in a sleep laboratory. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Sleep/Wake Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I need to have a knee replaced. My doctor wants to put in an aluminum prosthesis, which he says will last more than five years. Are there steel or plastic knees that last longer?

DEAR READER: This is a technical question best asked of your orthopedic surgeon. Although prostheses are made of other substances, aluminum may be the best in your case, because it is light and strong.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	33¼	32¾	32⅞	+ 7-16
AT&T Corp	59¾	58	58⅝	—13-16
Albertsons	28 11-16	27⅞	28½	+ 9-16
Alltel	63 9-16	61⅜	63 9-16	+ 1 11-16
AmerOnline s	71⅞	69	69 1-16	—3 1-16
AndarkPtr	35¾	33 11-16	35½	+ 1⅞
AtlRichfld	79 13-16	76¾	79 5-16	+ 2⅜
ATMOS Egy	16⅞	16¾	16 13-16	— 1-16
Aviall	8 15-16	8 9-16	8⅝	
BP Amoco s	49¾	48 5-16	49 11-16	+ 1 5-16
BakerHughes	30 5-16	28⅜	30 3-16	+ 1⅜
Bank of Amer	53⅛	52 9-16	52 9-16	— 1
BellAtl	61¾	60¼	61⅝	+ 1⅛
BellSouth	47⅞	45⅞	47 9-16	+ 2 7-16
Beth Steel	6	5 15-16	5 15-16	
BurlNoSFe	21½	21 1-16	21⅜	+ ⅛
CBS Corp	60	59½	59¾	— ½
Caterpillar	38 5-16	37 11-16	38	— 5-16
CenSoWst	17¾	17¼	17 11-16	+ 9-16
Chevron	87 9-16	84 11-16	87 7-16	+ 2 13-16
Citigroup s	61⅜	60⅝	60⅝	— ⅜
Coastal	45¾	43¾	45⅝	+ 2
CocaCola	46⅜	45 5-16	46 1-16	+ 1 3-16
ColgatePal s	57⅝	56⅝	56 15-16	+ 1-16
ComclMetals	28	27 11-16	27¾	— 3-16
Cooperin	33¾	33⅛	33 11-16	+ 11-16
DaimlrChry	65	64½	64⅞	— ⅞
DallSemicn s	41	40	40⅛	— 3-16
DeltaAirl	54 11-16	53 15-16	54	— ¾
Dillards Inc	15 13-16	15½	15 13-16	+ ¼
DowChem	109 9-16	106 9-16	108 15-16	+ 1 5-16
DuPont	53 7-16	52 1-16	53 5-16	+ 7-16
EastmanChem	44 15-16	44	44 11-16	+ 11-16
EstKodak	55⅜	54¾	54⅞	— ¼
EDS Corp	71	68 13-16	69	—2 1-16
Entergy	20⅝	20	20 9-16	+ 9-16
ExxonMobil	80⅝	77¾	80½	+ 4 3-16
Flowers	13⅝	13 3-16	13½	— 3-16
FordMotor	45¾	44 11-16	45½	+ 1
GTE Cp	72 3-16	70⅜	71⅞	+ 1½
GenDynam	47 7-16	47	47 1-16	— 1-16
GenElec	160⅜	157⅜	160 5-16	+ 4 5-16
GenMills s	35¼	34	34 13-16	+ ½
GenMotors	84 13-16	83 11-16	84½	+ 9-16
GaPacGP s	37⅜	36¼	36 15-16	— 5-16
GlobalMar	26⅝	24¼	26⅝	+ 1½
Goodrich	27 5-16	26 11-16	27 5-16	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	23 1-16	22 9-16	22 13-16	— ¼
GtAtlPac	20	19¼	19⅝	+ 11-16
Halliburtn	39 11-16	36¾	39⅜	+ 1 11-16
Hanson ADS	34¼	34 1-16	34 3-16	+ 3-16
HarteHanks	22 1-16	21⅞	22	
HomeDepot s	66 5-16	64⅞	65 15-16	+ 1 15-16
HoneywellIntl	47 11-16	46⅝	47⅝	+ 13-16
IBM s	122 7-16	119½	119 9-16	—2 13-16
IntlPaper	38 7-16	37⅛	37¾	+ 1-16
JohnsonJn	71¼	70 1-16	70⅝	— 1⅜
K mart	9⅞	9¾	9 13-16	+ 1-16
Kroger Co s	17 11-16	17 5-16	17 9-16	+ 5-16
Lifton	40⅝	40 3-16	40⅜	+ 5-16
LockheedM	19⅛	18 5-16	19	+ ¼
Lowes Cos	54¾	53 1-16	53 15-16	+ 7-16
Lubys	9 5-16	9¼	9 5-16	+ 1-16
LucentTech	64⅛	63 13-16	63⅞	— 5-16
MayDeptStr	28⅞	28½	28¾	+ ⅛
MediaOne	83	82	82	
Medtronic s	57⅛	55 13-16	56⅜	+ 9-16
Monsanto	46 5-16	45½	46	— ⅛
MorganJP	133 9-16	132 5-16	132 11-16	— 1-16
Motorola	163⅜	157⅜	157⅜	— 7⅜
NCR Corp	42 1-16	41	41⅛	— 1
Navistar	40⅛	39⅜	40⅛	+ ¾
Penney JC	15	14¾	14 15-16	+ ¼
PepBoys	6 7-16	6¼	6 7-16	+ ⅛
PepsiCo	33 7-16	32⅜	33 5-16	+ 13-16
PhelpDodge	46¼	45 3-16	46⅛	+ 1-16
PhilipPet	44⅛	42 15-16	44½	+ 1⅜
PilgrmPrd B	6 5-16	6 5-16	6 5-16	+ 1-16
Polaroid	25⅛	24¼	24 7-16	— ⅝
Praxair	40⅜	39¼	40	+ 1¼
ProctGamb	58 9-16	57⅛	58¼	+ 2
PubS NwMx	15⅝	15 3-16	15 9-16	+ 7-16
ReliantEngy	22⅜	21 11-16	22⅜	+ ⅝
RoyalDut	56⅞	55 3-16	56⅞	+ 1 7-16
SBC Comm	43⅞	42 13-16	43⅛	+ ⅝
SaraLee	17¾	17¼	17⅝	+ 3-16
Scripps EW	46 5-16	46	46 5-16	+ 5-16
SearsRoeb	30	29 9-16	29¾	— ⅛
SherwinW	22 7-16	22	22 5-16	
SmithklBchm	64½	63¾	64 1-16	— 5-16
SouthernCo	22 5-16	21 13-16	22¼	+ 7-16
SwstAirl s	20⅞	20 5-16	20⅝	+ 3-16
SprintFON s	60⅜	59⅛	60	— ⅜
SprintPCS s	64¾	63 9-16	64	+ ⅝
Sunoco Inc	27⅜	25¾	27⅛	+ 5-16
TNP Ent	43¾	43 11-16	43¾	
Tandy s	48 15-16	48 1-16	48 1-16	— ⅞
TempleInland	47	45 11-16	46⅛	— 3-16
Texaco	53 7-16	50⅜	53 1-16	+ 2⅛
TexInd	33 13-16	33½	33¾	+ ¼
TexasInst s	179	172 1-16	172⅛	— 6¾
Tex Util	30 1-16	29⅜	29⅞	+ ⅝
Textron	58¾	57⅞	58 7-16	+ 1-16
TriconGlbR	29½	29⅛	29¼	— ¼
TrinityInds	21¼	21	21⅛	— 1-16
TritonEngy	35 15-16	33⅝	35 15-16	+ 2 1-16
TylerTech	6	5 9-16	5⅝	— ¼
US West Inc	75¼	73¾	74⅞	+ 1 3-16
USX-Marathn	23 13-16	22⅝	23½	+ ⅝
USX-USS	22⅞	22¼	22 7-16	+ ⅜
UnCarbde	55 1-16	53¼	54 9-16	+ 7-16
UnionPacif	37 11-16	37⅛	37 11-16	+ ½
UnitedTech s	57 11-16	56⅝	57 1-16	— ¾
Unocal	28 15-16	27 5-16	28 15-16	+ 1½
Venator Grp	8	7 13-16	7⅞	— ¼
WalMart	57 15-16	55 7-16	57 13-16	+ 3 5-16
WellsFargo	40 11-16	40	40 1-16	— ⅝
WstnGasRs	15⅞	15½	15⅞	+ ⅜
WinnDixie	19⅜	18 13-16	18⅞	+ ¼
Xerox Cp	27	26 7-16	26¾	

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Patterson	29 1/16	+1 15/16
Dell	54 11/16	-1 3/16
Wal Mart	57 1/2	+3
Compac	28 1/16	-5/16
Dol. Gen.	24 1/2	0
GTE	71 15/16	+1 9/16
SBC Comm.	43 7/16	+15/16
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LU	64 1/8	-3/8
Cisco Sys.	76 5/16	-1 9/16

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Scurry County Country

TNRCC offers chance to get ride of unwanted pesticides

The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is offering rural Texans the opportunity to dispose of banned or unwanted pesticides, properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers, used motor oil, oil filters, and lead acid batteries free of charge.

The purpose of the cleanup campaign is to offer rural areas disposal and recycling opportunities for farm and ranch wastes and recyclables. Since 1991, 18,080 participants have disposed of 3.1 million pounds of pesticides and 6.84 million pounds of recyclables through Agriculture Waste Pesticide and Texas Country Cleanup Collections.

All collections are from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Collections will be held at the following locations;

*Monday, April 3 — Snyder, Scurry County Coliseum and Annex.

*Wednesday, April 5 — Brownfield, Birdsong Peanut, 3.2 miles south of Brownfield on CR 474 Westside.

*Friday, April 7 — Hereford, Deaf Smith County Bull Barn from Hwy 385 go east on Hwy 60 to Dairy Road.

Disposal costs for a 55-gallon drum of pesticide could cost a farmer $1,500 to $2,000 at a commercial facility. All agricultural chemicals will be accepted excluding pesticides or herbicides containing 2,4,5-T-Silvex explosives; compressed gas cylinders, fertilizers or nutrient materials that are neither hazardous nor contain pesticide admixtures; or pesticide or wood preservatives containing pentachlorophenol.

Empty plastic pesticide containers must be clean, triple-rinsed or high-pressure rinsed to be accepted. There is a two-drum limit per a participant on oil filter recycling and filters will not be accepted from businesses that change oil for a fee. Empty household containers will not be accepted that can be disposed of in the trash.

Tire collection is not available at any of these cleanups. Chemicals will not be accepted from chemical manufacturers or from out of state vehicles.

Agricultural Waste Pesticide and Texas Country Cleanup Collections are co-sponsored by the TNRCC's Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Department of Agriculture, Brazos River Authority, Lower Colorado River Authority and USAg Recycling.

For more information about the collection program contact your local county extension agent at 573-5423.

Cancer-fighting chemical found

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Researchers say they've found the active ingredient of Taxol in hazelnuts, a discovery that could lead to new ways to make the cancer-fighting drug.

"This is potentially good news for cancer patients," said Angela Hoffman, a member of the research team at the University of Portland in Oregon, who was to present the study today at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society.

The finding may be of interest to competitors of Bristol-Myers Squibb, which holds the exclusive license to make Taxol, the nation's top selling cancer drug. Worldwide sales of Taxol brought the company $1.5 billion last year, 7.3 percent of its total sales. The drug is now made using chemicals from yew tree needles.

One thing is clear: Eating hazelnuts has no cancer-prevention or cancer-fighting benefits.

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C-City auction

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 550 head of cattle for the Saturday, March 25, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $2 higher. Slaughter cows were steady. Bulls were $3 higher. Bred cows and pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
400-500: 106-116
300-400: 102-112
400-500: 97-105
500-600: 86-95
600-700: 86-91.50
700-800: 81.50-83.50
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 109-115
300-400: 100-109
400-500: 87-95
500-600: 91-97
600-700: 81-87.50
700-800: 70.50-74
800-900: 72-76
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 575-740
Bred cows: 450-550
Pairs: 665-790
Aged pairs: 585-665
Slaughter cows: High yielding: 44-46
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 51.50-56.50

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 348 head of cattle for the Thursday, March 23, sale. Cows steady. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 38-45.50
Canner and low cutters: 30-36.50
Slaughter bulls: 45-58.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 105-130
400-500: 100-115
500-600: 85-105
600-700: 83-95.50
700-800: 78-84
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 100-115
400-500: 88-102.50
500-600: 80-90
600-700: 77-85
700-800: 75-81
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-100
700-800: 72-82
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 675-900
Grade: 500-675
Springers: 475-725
Baby calves: 125-200
Doodlers: 150-240

Tim, Connie Collier attend rural rally

A local farmer joined roughly 2,500 other producers in the nation's capital March 20-21 for the "Rally for Rural America." The event was organized to call attention to the crisis in the farm and rural economy.

Tim and Connie Collier of Snyder, members of the Texas Farmers Union, traveled to Washington, D.C., with a delegation of farmers from the region. Producers from more than 30 states participated in the event.

"We decided to come to the rally because we wanted to send a message that Congress must invest in rural America's future," Wes Sims, with the Texas Farmers Union, said. "Record low commodity prices have impacted farmers, but also rural main street. We felt there was a lot at stake and it was important to stand arm-in-arm with farmers and ranchers from around the country."

At the rally, speakers expressed concern over the loss of family farmers, the escalation of mergers and acquisitions, a loss of businesses and jobs on rural main street, erosion of health care and education, a decline in infrastructure, and a reduction of capital investments in rural communities.

Rally participants urged Congress to open up the farm bill and reform rural policies to alleviate the price crisis, ensure fair and open markets and pursue fair trade.

In addition, rally participants took in a number of other events, including a "Farmer's Share Luncheon" on March 20, National Agriculture Day.

The meal spotlighted the small returns farmers receive for their products compared to food prices at the retail level. A town hall meeting was also held with key members of Congress to discuss the challenges in the rural economy, as well as potential solutions.

Former resident promoted to management analyst

TEMPLE — USDA Texas Rural Development has announced the promotion of Donna Freytag to the position of management analyst. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas.

Freytag's new responsibilities include assisting management in the area of civil rights, human resources and management control. She will compile statistical reports, update internal tracking systems and assist in the implementation of the Texas Strategic Plan.

"I am very pleased to have Freytag in this position, said Steven A. Carriker, Texas State Director. "She has worked in several program areas during her career and will be an valuable asset to the agency."

Freytag is a graduate of Snyder High School and Abilene Commercial College. She is married to Richard Freytag of Temple. They have two children, Stacie, a student at Texas A&M, and John, a senior at Academy High School. Freytag is the daughter of I.W. and Lena Gage of Cross Plains.

FACES FROM THE PAST

Do You Know These Faces? If You Do ENTER!!! You Don't Have To Know Them All!

The Prize For The Winner This Week Will Be DEEP CREEK MERCHANT

the story of William Henry "Pete" Snyder, by Charles G. Anderson from The Snyder Daily News - 3600 College Ave. 573-5486

1.
Texas Savings Bank
Member FDIC
2619 College Avenue
Snyder, Texas 79549
915-573-9305

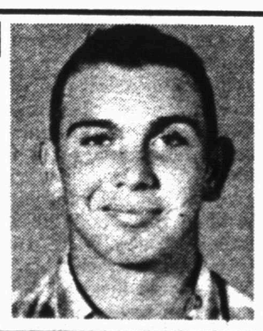
2.
Fast Oil Change
Mark & Angie Strickland
417 27th Street
(Ave E & 25th Street)
915-573-9643

3.
Plaza Cafe
Hwy. 84 Bypass
& Huffman

4.
Cutting Edge Hair Salon
Xalyn Palacios
574-EDGE (3343)
2109 College Ave.
Snyder, Texas 79549

5.
West Texas State Bank
Member FDIC

6.
American State Bank
"Right Size To Be Friendly"
3610 College Ave
573-4041
Member FDIC

7. 
Rudy's
4604 College Ave
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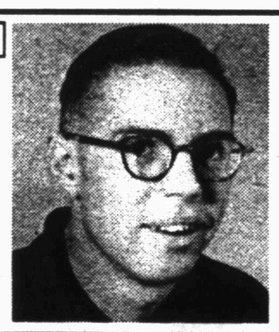
10. 
THE SUBWAY A SANDWICH SHOULD BE.
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1. Texas Savings Bank _____
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College Ave. PO Box 949, Snyder, Texas 79550.** The deadline for entering is 5 pm Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. Employees of the SDN are not eligible to enter.

Last week's photos: 1.Carroll Calvert 2. Donald Calvert 3. Dorothy Paul 4. Gary Calvert 5. Hollis Chandler 6. Jackie Roemisch 7. Jesse Tate 8.Jimmy Neblett 9. Lonnie Henry 10. Robert Neblett

2nd Front Page

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Two tornadoes kill four in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — Shards of glass clung to window frames, crumpled blinds waved in the wind and cars were crumpled on top of each other as rescue workers began to assess the damage this morning after a tornado carved a path through downtown Fort Worth and killed at least four people and injured more than 100 others.

Officials closed the central business district and urged people who work downtown to stay home after the twister shattered windows in dozens of office towers Tuesday, leaving many buildings structurally weakened.

"You will have one building that looks almost unscathed, and next door to that you have a building that looks like it's downtown Beirut. It is obviously a disaster of the first class," said Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, acting governor while Gov. George W. Bush is campaigning in New Jersey.

The crash of glass breaking could be heard in the downtown area as workers early today began pushing pieces of windows out of their frames.

"It's still a very dangerous situation, with the potential of 200-pound panes of glass coming skyrocketing down from 35 floors high," Police Chief Ralph Mendoza said.

Among the buildings heavily damaged were the Bank One building, Tandy Center, a Cash America International building, Union Pacific Resources Building, other skyscrapers and a church.

Floor-by-floor damage assessments were being conducted at several buildings with the help of a team of 100 specialists from the Texas Urban Search Rescue Team, a group the Texas Legislature created after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing to respond to catastrophes.

"We have identified all rescuable victims, and they have been rescued," Fire Chief Larry McMillan said at a news conference this morning. "We still feel there may be more victims trapped in the debris. We will be working with that the remainder of the day."

McMillan said there were seven demolished buildings west of the downtown area where the search was focused.

Bush has declared Tarrant County a disaster area.

Two people died in the tornado itself, said Lt. Kent Worley, a spokesman for the Fort Worth Fire Department. No names were available. One person was crushed inside a collapsed industrial building, and another was hit by flying debris.

The body of another storm victim was recovered this morning, said Col. Barney Grimes, a Bell Helicopter spokesman. Grimes said the male victim, whom he did not identify, had left the Bell Helicopter plant in Hurst with his grandmother, a Bell employee, when their car was swept into the Trinity River.

"It's somewhat of a miracle that there aren't more injuries than we've found out about so far," Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr told reporters at a news conference with other city officials.

Strong winds blew two other people from their car into the Trinity River. One of the bodies was recovered early today, but the search continued for the second body. Names of the victims were not available.

Chemical plants evacuated due to overheating acrylic acid tank

DEER PARK (AP) — A tank containing 80,000 gallons of acrylic acid began overheating this morning at a Houston-area chemical company, raising the threat of an explosion and prompting an evacuation of several chemical plants in a one-mile radius around the problem tank.

"It started overheating so we thought further action was needed," Jack Coe, a spokesman for Rohm and Haas Co., said. "We did make the decision that because of the potential for the tank to explode, we thought it would be proper to recommend a one-mile evacuation."

None of the chemical had leaked and officials at the plant were spraying the 250,000-gallon tank with water in attempts to cool it.

The area is near the Phillips Petroleum Co. plant that exploded Monday, killing one person and sending 71 other workers to hospitals.

While the Phillips plant was not included in the evacuation area, at least 13 other chemical plants were within the one-mile radius, including part of a major Shell Oil Co. refinery.

The Coast Guard closed the nearby Ship Channel between buoys 132 and 139, spokesman Rob Wyman said.

"We felt like it was prudent on our part to take these precautions," Coe said.

No residential areas were believed affected by the recommended evacuation, he said.

The acrylic acid, a flammable liquid that could cause irritation to skin, eyes and throat, is used in numerous products ranging from paint to diapers.

Obituaries

Etta Lee Gibson

1914-2000

COLORADO CITY — Mrs. Etta Lee Martin Gibson, 85, died Tuesday, March 28, in a Colorado City care facility.

Funeral service for Mrs. Gibson is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Oak Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Ritter officiating and Dr. Bentley Gwyn assisting. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gibson, born April 11, 1914 in McLennan County, had been a resident of Mitchell County since 1920. She married John Darlton Gibson on Dec. 19, 1935 in Loraine. He died Dec. 6, 1992.

Mrs. Gibson was a homemaker, a 61-year member of a home demonstration club, a 25-year member of the Eastern Star and a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, John and Betty Gibson of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Marvelyn and Ken Deatherage of Hawley; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Slim Morrow

1914-2000

CLYDE – Holly Allen "Slim" Morrow, a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, March 28, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Morrow, 86, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the St. Joaquin & Ann Catholic Church with the Rev. Desmond Obi officiating.

Burial will follow in the Clyde Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 12, 1914 in Snyder to Elias and Fanny Lockhart Morrow, he grew up and attended school in the Loyd Mountain community. He married Frances R. DeKowski in 1943 in Hempstead. They moved to Clyde from Coleman County in 1982. Mr. Morrow was a retired mechanic and truck driver and a member of the St. Joaquin & Ann Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Morrow of Clyde; two sons, Richard Morrow of Batesville, Ark., and Wayne Morrow of Clyde; five daughters, Shirley Carnett of Batesville, Wanda Gray of Jet, Okla., Sondra Marshall of Montgomery, Joyce Poor and Darla Blackmon, both of Abilene; a brother, Charlie Morrow of California; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Robert Wood

1962-2000

MERKEL – Graveside service for Robert Del Wood, a former resident of Snyder, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the White Church Cemetery in Taylor County. Arrangements are under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Wood, 37, died Sunday, March 26, in a Fort Stockton hospital.

Born Aug. 11, 1962, Mr. Wood had lived in Snyder from 1978-84 and was an oilfield worker. A member of the National Guard from 1982-84, he was a member of the Tree of Life Church.

A brother, Bobby Joe Wood, died in 1986.

Survivors include his parents, Bob and Georgie Wood of San Angelo and formerly of Snyder; a son, Woody Del Wood of West Virginia; an uncle, Tom Watkins; two grandchildren; and two special friends, Kenneth Blackwell and Kay Green, both of Snyder.

Adam Gonzales Sr.

1925-2000

ODESSA — Adam S. Gonzales Sr. died Sunday, March 26, in Deerings Nursing Home in Odessa.

Funeral service for Mr. Gonzales, 74, was set for 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church with Revs. J.M. Garcia, Joel Amaro and Juan Gaona officiating. Interment was to follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Born on Aug. 9, 1925 in Roswell, N.M., he moved to Odessa from Corpus Christi in 1957 and married Francisco Montoya on March 13, 1959 in Odessa. Mr. Gonzales retired in 1985 as a tire serviceman with General Tire and he was a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. E.P. and Andrea Gonzales; a son, Edward Gonzales; and three brothers, David, Regino and Daniel Gonzales.

Survivors include his wife, Francisca M. Gonzales of Odessa; four brothers, Gregorio Gonzales and Ismael Gonzales of Snyder, Hiram Gonzales of Midland and Raul Gonzales of Oklahoma City; three sisters, Juanita Cadena of Snyder, Eva Morin of Corpus Christi and Ruth Arauza of Abilene; and 14 grandchildren.

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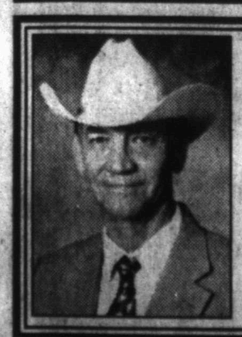

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Witness tells of prison payoff

HOUSTON (AP) — A key witness in the public corruption case against a former Texas prison chief says the defendant admits he was paid by a Canadian businessman selling a food product to the state system.

James A. "Andy" Collins is accused of accepting $20,000 in kickbacks from Canadian businessman Yank Barry, owner of VitaPro Foods.

"Andy Collins flat-out told me that he was being paid by Yank Barry," Patrick Graham testified Tuesday during his deposition in U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes' court.

Barry is the owner of VitaPro, a company that makes a soy-based food product fed to Texas prison inmates from 1994 to 1996.

Prosecutors contend that Barry bribed Collins to promote the VitaPro contract to prison system officials. The accusation led to Collins' resignation on Dec. 31, 1995.

Graham and his brother, Michael, both Houston businessmen, gave information to FBI agents and prosecutors that led to the indictments.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 28 — Freida Dever, Adela Rodriquez, Gerald Walton, Gerrel Bigham, Virginia Escareno, David Hale of Lubbock, William Pearson and J.C. Tangen of Charles City.

DISMISSALS: Samantha Barrera, Stout boy, Hollis Ward, Elsie Zamora and Patsy Mapes.

CENSUS: 40 (Med./Surg.-15, Long-term Care-24 and ICU-1)

Mischief, violence reports are taken

Two offense reports were filed Tuesday by local law enforcement personnel.

Duchess Klein notified officers at 5:40 p.m. that her vehicle had been keyed. A report for Class A criminal mischief was submitted.

At 11:48 p.m., an offense report was taken for Class C family violence.

Officers took a hit and run report at 11:45 a.m. at 2905 Westridge. An unknown vehicle struck a brick retaining wall owned by Maxine Holt and left the scene.

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Tee-ball sign ups

Sign up times are Thursday and Friday for five and six-year-old tee-ball, and seven-year-old coach-pitch tee ball. Times are 4-7 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. Fee is $30 per player.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Immunization clinic

Scurry County Health unit's next immunization clinic is Thursday. Dates in April are every Thursday 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.

Choir boosters

SHS choir boosters will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the choir room to discuss plans for the choir banquet to be held April 18.

Masonic awards night

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a 25-year pin awards night at 7 p.m. Friday. All Masons and their families are invited. Refreshments will be served.

County Demo convention

The Scurry County Democratic Party will conduct its county convention at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Scurry County Library.

WIC recipients

WIC recipients who have failed to pick up March vouchers need to contact the WIC office at Outreach Health Services before Friday. For more information, call 573-0191.

Aggie moms meeting

The Rolling Plains Aggie Moms will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Buck's Steakhouse in Sweetwater. For more information contact Caron Perkins at 573-4729.

King's Kids pre-registration

Pre-registration for King's Kids and Mother's Day Out for the 2000-01 school year begins Monday. King's Kids is offered Mondays and Wednesday for ages 1-5, and Mother's Day Out is Friday for ages three months to five years. Call the First Baptist Church for more information at 573-7401.

Apostolic Faith concert

Apostolic Faith Bible College will perform at 7 p.m. Monday at the Apostolic Faith Church, 2506 25th St.

Joy School registration

Pre-registration for the Eastside Church of Christ Joy School will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday in the East foyer of the church. For additional information, call 573-3554.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. each Tuesday in the school library. The topic Tuesday is "Expanding Your Child's Math Ability." Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

Sausage festival

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival is set for Sunday, April 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Tickets are available at the door for $6 for adults and take-outs, and $3 for children under 12. The sausage dinner with all the trimmings is all-you-can eat. The festival will also have game booths, raffles and a country store. Sausage sold by the pound is $2.75 uncooked and $3.75 cooked.

Golden K fish fry

The Golden K Kiwanis will host a fish fry from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Senior Citizens Center. Plates, including carryouts, are $6.50 each. Children under six may eat free.

CHIP program signup

A representative of CHIP, a program to provide children's health coverage for parents who can't afford private insurance, will be in Snyder from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Applications and assistance will be available at 1212 37th St. For more information call 1-800-592-7433, ext 21.

1990 SHS reunion

The 1990 senior class of SHS is planning a 10-year reunion in July. If you are a graduate, or have contact with a graduate, contact Anne Osborn @Echostar.com, or call Jennifer Pate at 915-223-9110 in San Angelo, or contact Shelley LaRoux at 574-1826, or mail information to 3209 40th St.

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.

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.

Cash Five

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

1-6-10-35-38

Pick 3

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

5-2-6

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Memory problems linger after chemotherapy

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Ordinary doses of chemotherapy sometimes appear to leave patients with poor memories, muddy thinking and inability to do math in their heads, new research suggests.

Cancer patients often complain of "chemobrain" during treatment. While they are typically reassured this will go away, little attempt has been made until now to see if these subtle problems linger years later.

The new study, conducted at Dartmouth Medical School, found that people who get standard chemotherapy appear to be about twice as likely as other cancer patients to score poorly on various intelligence tests an average of 10 years after their treatment.

Doctors say the findings suggest that aggressive treatment with chemotherapy may be unwise in some people with early-stage cancer unless the drugs can substantially improve chances of survival.

Tim Ahles, a psychologist, presented the results Tuesday at a meeting in Tampa of the American Cancer Society. He said that while his is one of the first formal studies of the problem, the results are unlikely to surprise many cancer patients.

Ahles said that when he spoke recently about the findings at a meeting of cancer survivors, he worried his discouraging news would upset the audience. Instead, they seemed relieved that scientists were finally taking seriously a complaint they had made for years.

He said that many years after treatment, some cancer survivors say they still have trouble remembering and concentrating. Some say they need a calculator for math problems they once could have solved in their heads. Others have to read a page twice to absorb what's being said.

"In talking to someone, you'd never notice this," Ahles said. "But it is very relevant to them."

Ahles noted that lots of things during chemotherapy can make people feel unfocused. Often they are anemic, sick from the chemotherapy and sleepy from anti-nausea medicines. But intellectual ability gradually comes back as they recover.

"The question is whether it returns to pretreatment levels," he said. "The inference from our data is that for a subgroup of patients, it does not."

In his study, Ahles tested 71 patients who were cancer-free after getting chemotherapy an average of 10 years earlier for breast cancer or lymphoma. They were compared with 58 who had been treated with radiation or surgery alone.

Overall, the chemotherapy patients scored significantly worse, though most were still thinking clearly.

However, between one-quarter and one-third of those who got chemotherapy scored near the bottom in at least four of the nine areas of intellectual ability that the researchers measured. Only half as many of the patients who got surgery or radiation alone did this badly.

Dr. William Wood of Emory University in Atlanta noted that patients with early-stage cancer often opt for aggressive chemotherapy, even though statistically it offers only a percentage point or two improvement in survival.

"This may give second thoughts to people who really would not get much benefit" from chemotherapy, Wood said.

Earlier studies have found a chance of lingering intellectual problems in people who receive high-dose chemotherapy, such as those undergoing bone marrow transplants. Doctors treating children with leukemia have also successfully turned to less toxic doses after finding the drugs cause learning problems.

On the Net: American Cancer Society site:
http://www.cancer.org

Catching fraud raises privacy worries

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators, on the lookout for phrases such as "get rich quick," are creating an automated surveillance system to search Web sites and message boards for investment fraud.

But a major accounting firm says it won't participate because the Securities and Exchange Commission's new system might encroach on the privacy of innocent people using the Internet.

The technology in the enhanced SEC surveillance program "is equivalent to, in my opinion, wiretapping ... the equivalent of planting a bug," said Larry Ponemon, a partner in charge of privacy issues at PricewaterhouseCoopers, one of the world's largest accounting and consulting firms.

The firm was among 107 companies invited by the SEC in January to bid to operate the system. It told the market watchdog agency it did not wish to participate because of privacy concerns and possible violations of the Constitution's protections against unreasonable search and seizure.

"It's a search and seizure issue," Ponemon said Tuesday in a telephone interview.

The SEC says it will not gather e-mail messages or other communications unless they appear in public online forums and will throw away any collected information that doesn't indicate wrongdoing. The agency said Tuesday that Internet chat rooms will not be covered by the new surveillance system.

"Privacy issues are of longstanding importance to the commission and we pay close attention to the letter and the spirit of the law," said SEC spokesman Chris Ullman.

He said the new system, which would copy online material into a database to be analyzed by SEC investigators, "will mechanize what the commission now does by hand."

The SEC's project was first reported Tuesday in The Wall Street Journal. The newspaper noted that America Online, many of whose message boards and chat rooms are home to discussions of stock investments, prohibits anyone from harvesting information from them because of privacy concerns.

Consequently, AOL might oppose the federal agency's project, the newspaper suggested. AOL spokesman Rich D'Amato would not comment Tuesday.

"This is government spying on the innocent," said George Getz, a spokesman for the Libertarian Party. "It's no different than the police tapping everyone's phones just because someone might have committed a crime."

Ponemon praised the SEC's goal of improving its monitoring of the Internet for fraudulent investment activity. But he said other technologies could be used — notably electronic "cookies" that track personal activity online — that would respect constitutional boundaries and still be more effective than the SEC's current manual system.

Ponemon suggested that certain types of cookies would be less intrusive than the Web "crawler" called for in the SEC's project, which would scan the Internet for as many as 40 telltale words or phrases. A cookie is a small file that a Web site deposits on an individual's hard drive, often with a unique number that identifies the user's computer.

Marc Beauchamp, executive director of the North American Securities Administrators Association, noted the delicate balance between the government's need to pursue investment fraud and its duty to protect privacy.

On the Net:
SEC investor education and assistance:
http://www.sec.gov/oiea1.htm

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 30, 2000
Conditions that previously bogged you down could be alleviated in the year ahead through employing workable approaches. Past experiences will play a big hand in shaping your destiny.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something financial could rear its ugly head today concerning an item you either borrowed or loaned, but stand up to it and take care of it once and for all. 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) Be particularly careful today not to behave in a manner contrary to what others expect of you, especially when involved in career matters that could affect your reputation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's great to want to consider all sides of important matters, but you might carry this to extremes today. Guard against tendencies to turn trifling issues into something more volatile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Serious misunderstandings could occur with friends today if you do not try hard to keep everything on a high level. Conditions in general are unstable at this time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to win associates over to your point-of-view today, take it easy. If they think you're pushing too hard and usurping their freedom of choice, they could turn on you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Work of a purely mental nature may not be your cup of tea today. Carelessness could be your nemesis, and mistakes you would normally spot at a glance might slip past you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you're not respectful of your peers today, such as demanding things of them you'd be reluctant to do yourself, don't expect them to respect you in return.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't place more demands on yourself today than you can handle comfortably. It's not important how many things you start, only how many you finish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Although you might be industrious today, this might not be true of some of your co-workers. In fact, their involvements could detract you from your efforts. Don't let them get to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can't have it both ways today. If you want your financial position to be strong, then you must control any extravagances that would weaken the limb on which you're perched.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Life is much about attitude. If your attitude today is negative, it'll have a depressing effect on yourself and those around you. Stop grumbling and look for things to laugh about.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you experience any problems in dealing with others today, chances are that communication problems will be at the core. Try to clarify your thoughts, and ask others to do the same.

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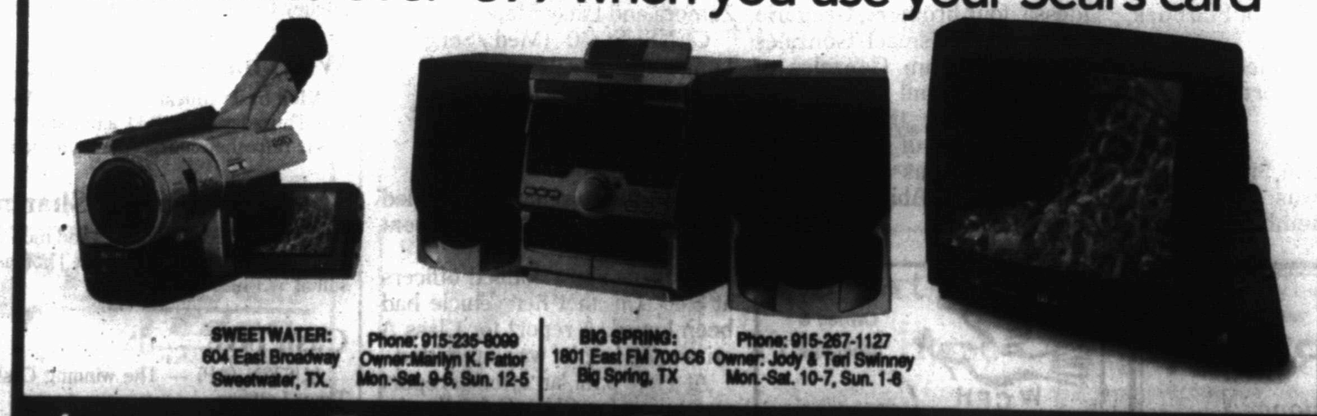

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