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Snyder brick plant to reopen this fall

Owners of the Snyder brick plant that has been idle since 1987 announced today that it would restart production this fall.

Officials of Snyder Brick & Tile Co. said targeted startup is Nov. 1. The plant would employ 65 persons with an annual payroll of $1.3 million.

Rehabilitation of the 46-year-old plant, located east of Snyder on Brick Plant Road, is projected to cost $3.5 million.

Wilson Thomas, chief executive officer and marketing director, said financing for the re-start project is almost completed. Thomas said owners of the Snyder brick plant have been working on the re-start project for more than 18 months.

Thomas said the projected impact on the Scurry County economy would be $3.1 million annually — including interest on bank notes, utilities, purchases from local business and payroll.

"We intend to purchase locally everything possible during construction and operations. In addition, Mitchell Goodger will be instituting an annual 'brickfest type' community celebration, similar to the program he made so popular during his years at Malvern, Ark.," Thomas added.

The company also plans a direct showroom with anticipated regional wholesale and retail sales of $1 million.

Thomas said the plant can produce 2,000 truckloads of brick annually.

Charles Terrell Sr., a Dallas insurance executive, is chairman and president of Snyder Brick and Tile. Terrell served as chairman of the board of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice when Snyder was selected as the site for the Price Daniel unit.

Chief operating officer and general manager will be Mitchell Goodger, a brick industry veteran, who is in the process of moving to Snyder.

Wilson said the new company is excited about the potential as the brick market in Texas consumes substantially more units than it produces.

The company has identified a 20-year clay source and has secured mining authority. In addition, second and third mine sites have been identified.

Thomas noted that bricks produced locally should enhance Snyder's name recognition throughout the targeted market area of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

"Truckloads of brick will be shipped up and down the highway system with 24 x 30-inch placard cards on brick bundles that say 'Snyder Brick & Tile.' In addition these brick bundles sit on jobsites from two to eight weeks with the placard signs attached," Thomas added.

The brick plant was established in 1952 by the Martin family and built as a multiple beehive kiln plant. It was reconfigured and modernized in 1974 with an in-line tunnel kiln. At that time, Thomas said, new buildings, dryers, holding rooms, kiln car train, hauling tracks, transfers and related items were placed in operation.

"The company feels extremely fortunate to have Ray Martin of the original founding family as an engineering consultant on the rehab project," said Thomas.

The project has been in the development stage for more than 18 months. Snyder Brick & Tile have been working with the Development Corporation of Snyder, local banks as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development office in Temple, in addition to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Mine Safety and Health Administration and West Central Council of Governments.

CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP — Snyder's annual clean-up campaign continues through Friday. Today, trucks were to haul from the area east of College Ave. and south of 30th Street. Thursday, trucks will be available west of College Ave. and north of 30th Street, and on Friday the trucks will be east of College Ave. and north of 30th Street. City worker Paul Gutierrez clears debris with a front end loader. (SDN Staff Photo)

Two workers remain hospitalized following Tuesday's oilfield fire

Two Colorado City men remain in critical condition in the intensive care burn unit of Lubbock's University Medical Center following an oil field fire Tuesday morning some 13 miles southwest of Snyder.

The most seriously injured of the two — Larry Keen — is being treated for burns on 36 percent of his body.

The 40-year-old man was transported from the scene of the fire by private vehicle to Cogdell Memorial Hospital and then air-lifted to Lubbock.

A co-worker, Rene Garcia, 42, was also transported by private vehicle to Cogdell Hospital following the fire, and then transported by Snyder EMS to UMC.

He is being treated for burns on 10 percent of his body.

A spokesman at UMC said this morning that his condition is expected to be upgraded to serious sometime today.

A third man was also burned in the fire, but his injuries were not as serious.

Danny Parham, 46, also of Colorado City, was treated at Cogdell Hospital and then released.

A fourth worker on the site of the newly-completed well owned by West Texas Energy services of Big Spring, escaped injuries by sliding down a guy wire from the derrick.

Charlie Brown, who remained at the job site following the fire, said that action was his only means of escape.

"I just slid down the guy wire using my gloves as protection from the cable," said Brown.

All four men were working on the pulling unit which had been converted to a drilling rig.

Scurry County Chief Deputy Delwyn Davis was one of the first law enforcement officials on the scene and said from all indications, the fire was an accident.

Representatives from the Lubbock office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration were at the location Tuesday afternoon, but officials said it would be some time before their findings are released.

"At this time, we don't know whether any safety citations will be issued or not," said Ed Cosgrove, OSHA director for the West Texas area.

"It's still too early in the investigation."

The first law enforcement officer on the scene was Sheriff Darren Jackson. Also responding was deputy Steven Schwartz.

Four units of the Snyder Fire Department responded to the fire, including the department's water truck.

A strong southerly wind spread the thick, black smoke over much of western Scurry County. And the wind may have helped save Brown's life.

Vince Hatfield, an owner of West Texas Energy, said the wind kept the escaping gases and flames low to the ground, and away from Brown.

15 reported dead...

Students describe first shootings at school

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — A kid in a white shirt heaved something up onto the high school roof, and it exploded in billowing smoke. Sophomore Don Arnold thought it was just a lunchtime prank, a firecracker maybe.

Then students started falling.

"One boy was running and suddenly his ankle just puffed up in blood," said the 16-year-old Arnold. "A girl was running and her head popped open" when a bullet slammed into her skull.

They were the first to be shot in Tuesday's bloody attack at Columbine High School outside Denver.

Arnold's girlfriend, Lindsay Hamilton, 15, was inside the school reviewing for a biology test when she heard shots and explosions.

"It's a good day to die!" she said someone yelled at one point. "We want everyone to die!"

She and 30 other biology students holed up in the science room with their teacher for four hours while unspeakable tragedy

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Snyder Neighbors Sharing...

Workers are needed for annual workday

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is in need of workers for its annual workday set to begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

Thomas Fogleman, President of the Board of Directors, said plans are progressing for the workday, but there are concerns over the number of workers that have signed up.

"At this time, we are in desperate need of more workers. At last count, we had about 35 people signed up to work on the houses," he said. "Unless more people sign up, especially people that can roof or do some carpenter work, we will not have enough workers to compelete the five houses we have left to do."

The board has selected seven applicants this year. Some work has already been completed by G&G Glass and two of the projects have been finished.

The organization will be roofing two houses, painting two houses and doing some work replacing siding and doors on one house.

Fogleman said finanical support has been excellent.

"We have been pleased with the amount of financial support our community has shown this year. With the hard economic times, our community has done an outstanding job with their donations."

Local restaurants and businesses will be furnishing food and drinks for the workday. Volunteers will be delivering food and drinks to the workers at each site.

If you can work, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538 or 574-8018 for work assignments.

The Snyder Senior Citizens Center will be headquarters for the day. Anyone not having a workplace assignment may contact the center on Saturday for addresses.

"Our community has supported this worthy cause for eleven years. I hope that they will again turn out on Saturday to see that this day is, once again, very successful."

New Mr. & Miss to be named at Spring Formal

Western Texas College will name the 1998-1999 Mr. and Miss WTC during the Spring Formal tonight at Towle Park Armory.

The event is from 9 p.m. until midnight.

The candidates include:

—Jill Childers freshman from Calera, Okla. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Sandy Childers of Calera.

—Genieva Gaona, freshman majoring in radiology. She is the daughter of Abel and Eva Gaona of Lubbock.

—Jessica Hernandez, freshman, majoring in business. She is the daughter of Isidro and Yolanda Hernandez of Sunray.

Amy Lester, sophomore, majoring in English. She is the daughter of Bill and Bobbie Lester of McCamey.

—Nikki Paige, freshman majoring in kinesiology. She is the

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Social Science Contest slated

Western Texas College's annual Social Science Contest is set Thursday.

Participating schools this year include high school students from Snyder, Ira, Westbrook, Roby, Stamford, Highland and Benjamin.

Students are tested on history, geography, government, economics and current events during a series of mid-morning exams.

An afternoon awards ceremony is set to begin at 1:15 p.m. in the WTC gym. Medallions and scholarships are awarded to the top competitors.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Things aren't like they used to be, and likely never were."

We've observed that very few folks seem to pay attention to those pre-flight safety lectures — regardless of how attractive the flight attendant.

In an effort to get the message across, some are adding a little humor to the required announcements. Here's a few that have been heard or reported:

--There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only four ways out of this airplane..."

--We do feature a smoking section on this flight. If you must smoke, contact a member of the flight crew and we will escort you to the wing of the airplane.

--Smoking in the lavatories is prohibited. Any person caught smoking will be asked to leave the plane immediately.

--Folks, we have reached our cruising altitude now, so I am going to switch the seat belt sign off. Feel free to move about as you wish, but please stay inside the plane until we land...it's a bit cold outside, and if you walk on the wings, it affects the flight pattern.

--Thank you for flying our airline. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride.

--This aircraft is equipped with a video surveillance system that monitors the cabin as we taxi to the terminal. Any passengers not remaining in their seats until the aircraft comes to a full and complete stop will be strip-searched as they leave the aircraft.

--At the end of a rough landing: Whoa, big fella. Whoa!

--Welcome aboard. To operate your seatbelt, insert the metal tab into the buckle and pull tight. It works just like every other seatbelt, and if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised.

--Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but they'll try to have them fixed before we arrive.

--Your seat cushions can be used for flotation, and in the event of an emergency water landing, please take them with our compliments.

--Should the cabin lose pressure, oxygen masks will drop from the overhead area. Please place the bag over your own mouth and nose before assisting children, or adults acting like children.

--As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses.

ASK US

Q—What is being built in the parking lot of Lawrence IGA on South College Avenue?

A—An automated teller machine.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 92 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 64; no precipitation; total for 1999, 3.42 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 55-60. S wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny, windy. High around 90. SW wind 20-30 mph, gusty.

Stephen Rodriguez
Windy

Sunset: 8:16 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.
Of 110 days in 1999, the sun has shone 103 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"If you believe you can, you will. Have confidence in your abilities, then follow through."

Author Unknown

Fed plans will protect kids' Internet privacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is laying plans for enforcing a new law that bans companies from collecting personal information from children on the Internet without a parent's permission.

The Federal Trade Commission's proposed rules, announced Tuesday, would require operators of commercial Web sites to make "reasonable efforts" in most cases to obtain consent from parents before asking children under 13 for their names, addresses, telephone numbers or other identifying details.

The rules also would prohibit a company from enticing children with online games or prizes into disclosing "more personal information than is reasonably necessary." They will be adopted after a 45-day public comment period and will take effect next April.

But the agency didn't suggest in its rules how companies should contact parents for permission — such as by e-mail or fax — saying only that it "must be reasonably calculated, in light of available technology."

FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky said the agency sought to give control to parents over information about their kids, while also offering flexibility to different businesses on the Internet and to new technology.

"The FTC, quite properly, left that open," said Ronald Plesser, an attorney who worked with the Direct Marketing Association and other groups. "I think there will be a range of mechanisms. The beauty of technology is that today's problem is maybe an easy solution tomorrow."

The problems facing regulators involve the faceless nature of the Internet, where children often know more about the technology than their parents and can easily impersonate an adult with a few mouse clicks.

The government wants to protect children's privacy, but not through regulations so onerous they might discourage children from using the Internet or hinder the extraordinary potential for electronic commerce.

"Parental consent is the key provision," said Katharina Kopp, a policy expert at the Washington-based Center for Media Education, which lobbied for the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, passed by Congress last year.

"Without that, the whole legislation is really quite meaningless," Kopp said. "We want the FTC to implement effective rules that don't create huge loopholes."

The law doesn't require companies to obtain a parent's permission to collect a child's e-mail address to send him information on a one-time basis, such as a digital coupon for a video game.

Although the proposed rules don't suggest ways companies might contact parents, the FTC said separately in a news release that possibilities include use of a credit card by a parent, a toll-free telephone number, a form signed by a parent or e-mail with new digital signature technology.

"They seemed to anticipate this was going to be a hot potato," said Jason Catlett of Junkbusters Corp., a New Jersey-based privacy group. "Rather than put up something that would be shot down from all sides, they'll let the commentators fight it out and take what they see as a satisfactory compromise."

The rules also require companies to give parents the choice of whether to disclose information about their children to other businesses, and to review whatever details were collected from children.

The privacy law was prompted by an FTC study last year of 1,400 Web sites, including one where children were asked to give their names, addresses, e-mail addresses and ages and say whether they ever received gifts of stocks, cash, savings bonds or certificates of deposit.

Earlier this month, Vice President Al Gore hastily stripped from his Web site questions asking children for their names, e-mail addresses and zip codes after The Associated Press raised questions about them.

Campaign officials maintained the questions would not have violated the new privacy law, which isn't yet in effect and covers only commercial Web sites, but they decided to remove them anyway.

Berry's World

"We made it through my mid-life crisis. The next thing ya know, I'll be goin' through my SECOND CHILDHOOD."

Level-headed Y2K plan will help ease stress

Feeling stressed over what you don't know about the year 2000 Millennium Bug? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

The Y2K Research Institute in Washington, DC has just published a 32 page booklet, "Y2K-Readiness Resource Book." This booklet gives information on how and why some preparations may be necessary for the coming new millennium.

"There are a lot of extreme viewpoints out there regarding the Y2K Bug that can leave a lot of people feeling helpless or worse yet, unconcerned," says Allen Nichols, dirtector of the Institute. "We've published an informative resource guide that will answer the most frequently asked questions about Y2K in a non threatening but authorative manner."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending $5 to cover the cost of printing, postge and handling to: Express Processing Center, Y2K Readiness Resource Booklet Offer, P.O. Box 798, Elmira NY 14902-0798. Consumers can also get this information from the Institute Internet web site: www.institute-usa.org.

Almquist signs with U.S. Army

Jason M. Almquist has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program.

Almquist, a student at Snyder High School, will report to McClellan, Anniston, Ala. for basic training on July 28.

He is the son of Wilda N. and Jack L. Almquist of Snyder.

Datebook

April 21, 1999

Today is the 111th day of 1999 and the 33rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, John Adams was sworn in as vice president.

On this day in 1836, Sam Houston and his Texan army defeated a Mexican army led by Gen. Santa Anna at San Jacinto.

On this day in 1913, the zipper was patented by Gideon Sundback.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charlotte Bronte (1816-1855), novelist; John Muir (1838-1914), naturalist; Anthony Quinn (1915-), actor, is 84; Queen Elizabeth II (1926-), monarch, is 73; Elaine May (1932-), director, is 67; Charles Grodin (1935-), actor, is 64; Patti LuPone (1949-), singer-actress, is 50; Tony Danza (1951-), actor, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1898, Bill Duggleby hit a grand-slam home run for the Philadelphia Phillies in his first major-league at-bat.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "They who are in highest places, and have the most power, have the least liberty, because they are most observed." — John Tillotson

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (April 22).

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School named after Mrs. Dole

SALISBURY, N.C. (AP) — The newest elementary school in Rowan County will be named after a hometown girl: Elizabeth Dole.

The Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education on Monday approved the name, which was selected by the school staff, parents and students.

Mrs. Dole, a native of Salisbury, is currently considering a run for the Republican nomination for president in 2000.

The Elizabeth Hanford Dole Elementary School, located east of East Spencer, was scheduled to open in the fall. It is replacing Henderson Elementary School.

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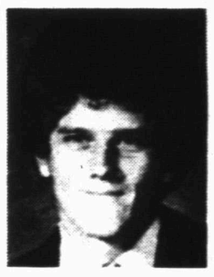
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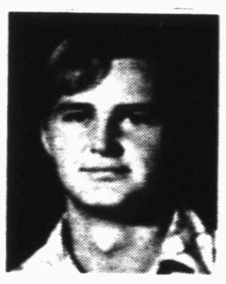
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Gerald Claxton 2. Anita Peavy 3. Cheri Hood 4. John Jones 5. Nancy Brice 6. Lawonda Eckert 7. Larry Braziel 8. Pat Dryden 9. Kelly Culp 10. Trusha Owen

Kids' health program enrolls nearly 1 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 1 million children in working poor families were covered by health insurance last year for the first time under a new program, the largest Clinton administration health initiative to become law.

The $24 billion, five-year program to provide health insurance is expected to cover about 2.5 million of the nation's 11 million uninsured children by the time the program is fully implemented in October 2000, the Department of Health and Human Services said Tuesday.

That's close to the 2.3 million children estimated by the Congressional Budget Office in 1997 when the bill was approved as part of a massive budget deal.

In talking about the program, President Clinton often implied that it would cover 5 million children. But to get to 5 million, the administration is hoping states will find some of the estimated 4 million children already eligible for Medicaid as they sign families up for the new kids' health program.

To that end, the administration is working with the states and private groups to simplify the enrollment process for both programs.

When the new program was created, the nation had 10 million uninsured children. Since then, the number has grown to 11 million, and many fear it will continue to grow as families leave welfare and don't realize that children often remain eligible for health coverage.

Tuesday's announcement was the first time the government gave actual enrollment numbers for the program. There was bipartisan celebration.

"Almost 1 million more children in America have insurance," first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton announced in a health care speech at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

"This is wonderful news," said Sen. William Roth, R-Del., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee that shepherded the legislation. "This health insurance program we created has made a tangible difference in the lives of 982,011 children and their families."

But Mrs. Clinton noted that some states have made more progress than others in finding children who need insurance and qualify for the new program.

"There's a lot of creativity, but there's a long way to go," she said.

The program provides health insurance to children whose families are not poor enough to qualify for the traditional Medicaid program but cannot afford to buy coverage on their own.

In 1998, 43 states and U.S. territories were operating children's health programs. They had their choice to create new programs or to expand Medicaid. Last year, about 540,000 children were in state programs and 442,000 kids were in Medicaid expansions.

The slow start has meant that states spent just $500 million last year, less than one-eighth of the $4.3 billion allocated. And in 1999, the Congressional Budget Office projects that states will spend just $1 billion of the $4.3 billion available.

Chris Peacock, an HHS spokesman, said the program's slow start should come as no surprise. The average program has been in operation for only about six months, he said.

"This is the beginning of this very historic, very progressive program," he said. "Some states are just beginning to implement their programs."

Demos unveil plan to extend drug benefits for Medicare

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Democrats proposed expanding Medicare to pay for prescription drugs. Republicans warned that the costly plan could bankrupt the program just when it needs to be financially strengthened to prepare for baby boom retirements.

"There are the resources available to put this program into place," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who proposed the plan Tuesday with Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., and Reps. Pete Stark, D-Calif., Henry Waxman, D-Calif., and John Dingell, D-Mich.

Kennedy said the funding options for the program, which would be government-funded but privately administered, include using part of the federal budget surplus or Medicare savings from reduced hospitalizations and treatments avoided by increased use of drugs.

One government study put those savings at $16 billion to $25 billion annually. Other options include a possible increase in the cigarette tax or recouping health care costs through a tobacco lawsuit being prepared by the federal government.

Under the bill, which has no support from majority Republicans, private insurers or other companies would contract with the government to compete for Medicare beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries would pay the first $200 in drug costs. Medicare would pick up 80 percent of drug costs up to $1,500, after which beneficiaries would pay for their own drugs. But Medicare would kick in again, with full coverage, if drug costs exceeded $3,000.

Virtually all drug costs for the poor elderly — those earning less than $10,392 for a single person or $13,111 for a couple — would be covered.

President Clinton, as well as many Republicans and Democrats, have voiced support for Medicare drug benefits. But the costs are daunting, especially since Medicare is expected to run short of cash when the first wave of baby boomers retire around 2010.

One government estimate found that even a modest benefit — having Medicare pay, for example, 75 percent of beneficiaries' drug bills — would cost at least $20 billion a year.

"I recognize that low-income seniors need help in obtaining prescription drugs," said Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas. But he warned against "creating an expensive benefit that could bankrupt the system."

Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., chairman of Ways and Means' health subcommittee, said the plan ignores that 65 percent of seniors have drug coverage and could end up providing some older Americans with worse coverage than they now have.

But the American Association of Retired Persons said the Democratic proposal would help seniors who now pay for drugs out of pocket, buy expensive supplemental health insurance or join HMOs that offer drug benefits.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Dealer: West

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Opening lead: ♦ 9

The third set of internationals

By Phillip Alder

Britain has a third set of twins who have represented their country at international level, Gerald and Stuart Tredinnick. They played in the 1997 European Championship and will be competing again this year.

They use the Precision Club system, in which a one-club opening bid is artificial and forcing, showing any hand with 16-plus points. This has the advantage of keeping the bidding low when the combined hands have the tickets, but it is susceptible to intervention by the opponents. Yet sometimes that intervention is too aggressive, as in this deal from the final of last year's Spring Foursomes, the premier weekend team event in Britain.

Stuart was sitting South. His first double showed 5-8 points; his second was for takeout (chosen in preference to two hearts in case partner was strong in spades, as North could not double one spade for penalties). Soon, East was to regret his two-spade bid.

West found the best lead — a diamond. After winning with dummy's king, Stuart played a heart to his king and a heart to dummy's queen, East ducking. Now declarer could have played a spade to his nine, planning to lead the jack next to pin East's 10. This is called an intra-finesse. Instead, reading the deal perfectly because of the opposition's revealing bidding, Stuart led a club to his queen, then ducked a club to bring down East's ace. Now there was a parking place for declarer's second spade loser, on dummy's last top club. Stuart lost one spade, one heart and one club.

This great result helped the Tredinnicks and their teammates cruise to victory.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal; Rachel Martin, watercolor; Lila Guinn, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with one hour lunch break.

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

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Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

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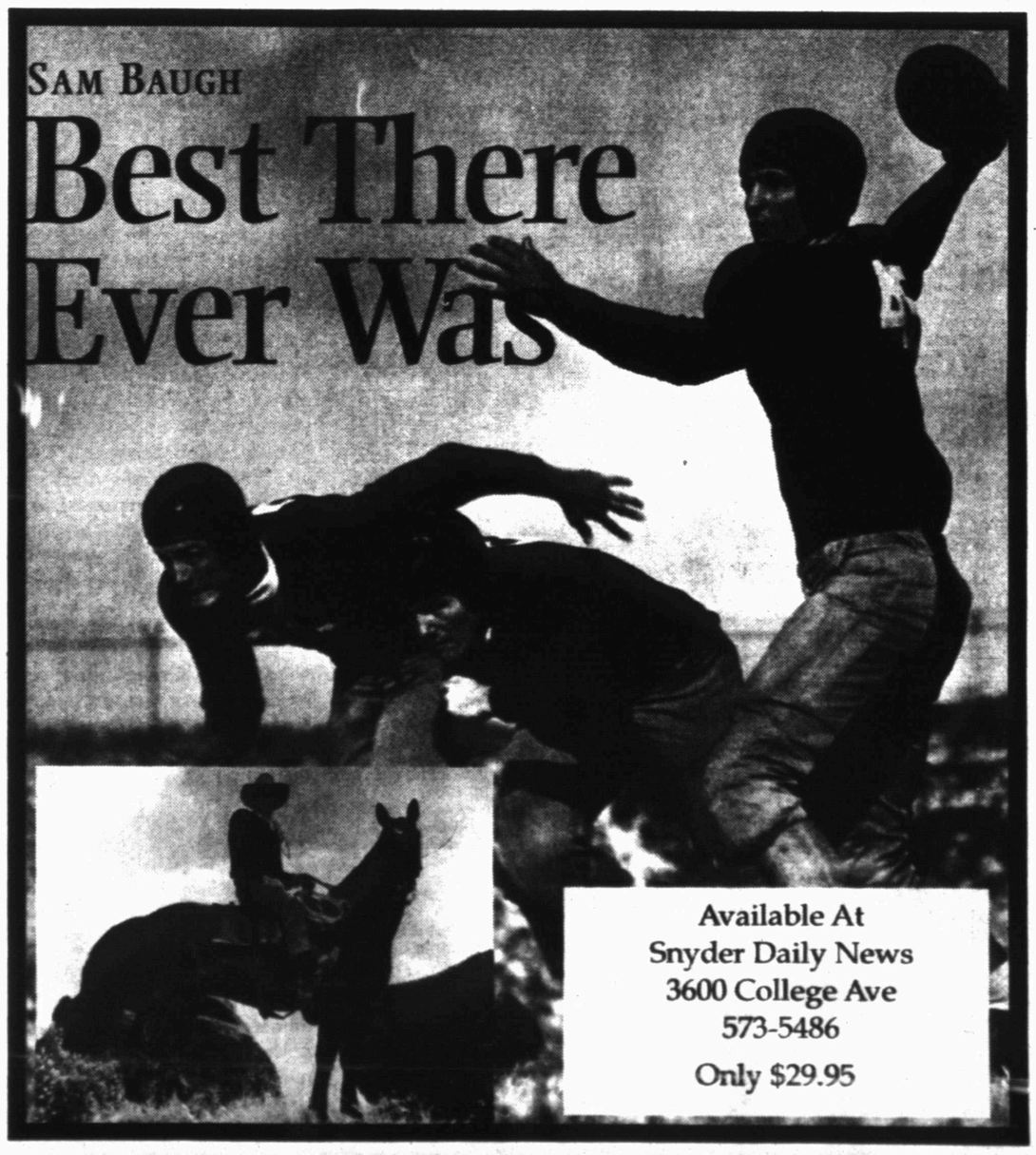

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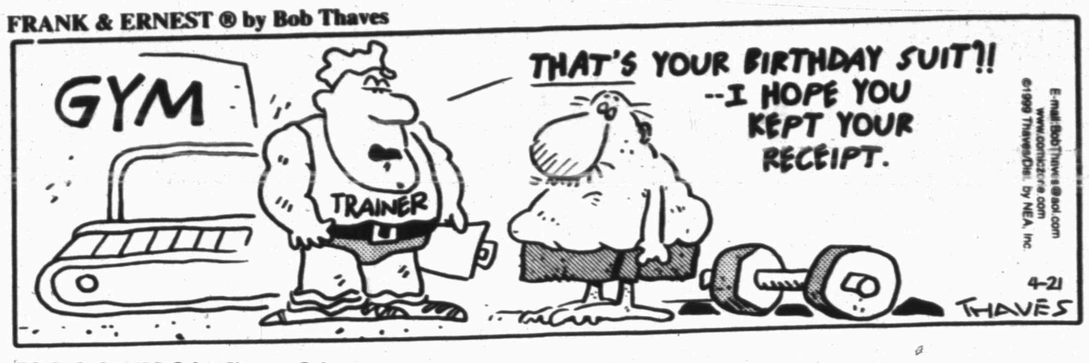

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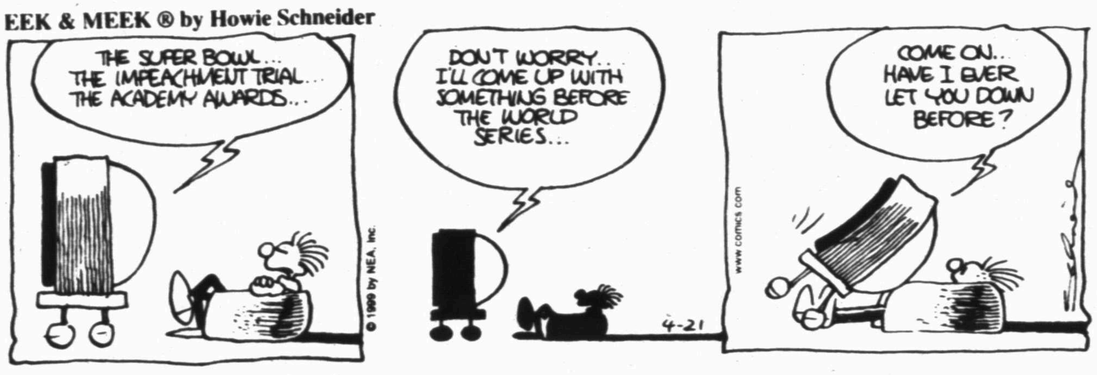

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13 Londoner or Glaswegian
14 Sounded loudly
15 Most sensible
16 Tennis player Stefan —
17 Hot time in Paris
18 Ending for bombard
20 Born, in Brest
21 Heroine of "A Doll's House"
23 Mohammed's son-in-law
24 Clears
25 Invitation notation
27 African lemur
29 Own: Scot.
31 "Ready or — . . ."
32 Diminutive ending
33 Perch
34 Set on fire
37 Verne hero
40 "Begone!"
41 Call — — day
43 Inflict on
45 "— the ramparts . . ."
46 Alley —
47 Madre's sister
48 Cinematic technique
51 Dome homes
54 Schedule
55 Thinly scattered
56 Income from housing
57 Riding animals

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1 Creator of 21 Across
2 Gifted speaker
3 Cafes
4 Suffix for krypton
5 What CPAs crunch
6 Metaphysical beings
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9 Research room
10 Peaceful
11 Shipworm
12 A cube has twelve
19 New Haven tree
22 "Begone!"
24 Told (on)
26 Nut tree
28 Nickel, e.g.
30 Citizen
34 Glacial epoch
35 Flower bed
36 WWII area
38 Engines
39 Useless
40 Until now
42 Silly
44 Fertile spots in the desert
49 Noun suffix
50 Actress Lupino
52 Mail center abbr.
53 Ancient Roman guardian spirit

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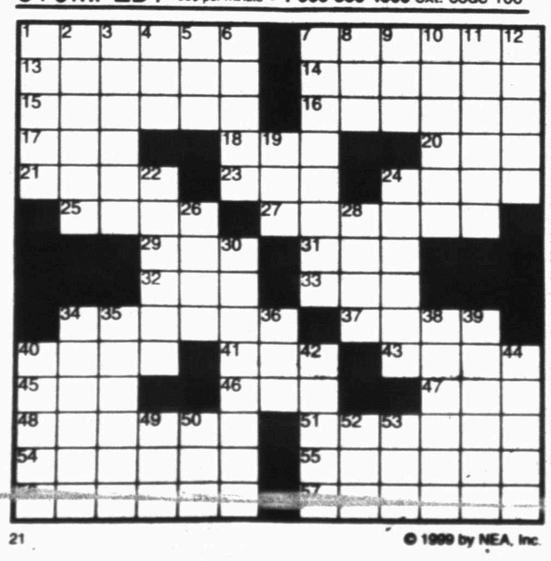

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A person from a foreign country may become a citizen of the United States only through the naturalization process. Those who become citizens must meet very difficult requirements, which include a good understanding of the history and government of the United States and the ability to read, write and speak English.

Naturalized citizens cannot serve as president or vice president of the United States. However, they have all the other rights and duties that citizens of birth have.

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JUNIOR INDUCTEES — These Snyder High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society Sunday afternoon. From left, front row, Duane Allred, Wade Ashby, Trevor Kerr, Trey Gorman, Justin Phillips, Layne Scott; back row, Janette Allen, Cara Best, Sally Barham, Christina Holder, Jodi Dennis, Lauren Hackfeld, Lacey Kidd, Laura Canada, Alesha Miller, Courtney Rinehart, Amber Schwertner. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

After heated debate...

Senate passes tax break

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to give corporate tax breaks for economic development in distressed areas and for research won Senate approval Tuesday after a heated debate that resulted in its expansion to agriculture and blighted inner cities.

The new provisions — which add $10.8 million to the bill's $132 million, two-year price tag — came over objections from Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, and Senate Economic Development Committee Chairman David Sibley, R-Waco.

They didn't object to the amendments' value but said they wanted to preserve a proposed two-year state budget plan that has been worked out with painstaking care. The tax break bill now goes to the House for consideration.

"The money just isn't there," said Sibley, sponsor of the tax-credit bill. He characterized the amendments as a "collateral attack" on the $98.4 billion proposed budget, opposing them even though one would benefit Waco.

Ratliff said he has tried hard to fairly allocate funds among competing interests in the overall budget, which is to be considered Friday by the Senate.

"Do we want to cut it out of higher education? Do we want to cut it out of teacher pay? Do we want to cut it out of child protective services?" Ratliff asked.

He added, "I'm from a rural area, folks. This is not doing my re-election any good to oppose an agricultural subsidy."

While the Finance Committee's proposed state budget leaves $50 million on the table, lawmakers said numerous interests are competing for what's left over.

Sen. Steve Ogden, who sponsored the amendment to extend the tax credit to agricultural processors, and Sen. Royce West, sponsor of the inner-city amendment, said they weren't trying to undermine the state budget.

West, D-Dallas, said he resented that implication. Like Ogden, he's a Finance Committee member who voted for the budget.

"I've worked from 7 a.m. if necessary until midnight if necessary with Senator Ratliff and other members of Finance on the budget," West said. "I'm getting letters from back home saying that we need to do something to stimulate development in blighted areas. That's why I'm offering this amendment."

Ogden, R-College Station, noted that farmers have been hard hit by droughts and said, "We need to make sure that we do not leave anyone behind."

Sibley suggested that Ogden's amendment might result in money being shifted from Texas A&M — which is in College Station — to agriculture.

West said he hoped his own attempt to put a higher education institution in Dallas wouldn't be "put on the chopping block because I'm trying to stimulate economic development for the entire state of Texas."

As approved by senators, the bill would create a research-and-development tax credit for corporations that incur qualified research expenses in Texas.

The franchise tax credit would apply statewide, but it would be doubled in "strategic investment areas" — counties with above-state-average unemployment and below-state-average per capita income.

The tax-credit bill is SB5.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Grandmother's Teased Hairdo Offends Modern Bride's Taste

DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful, sweet grandmother who has been going to the same beauty shop for 40 years. Her stylist, "Sue," teases and lacquers her hair until it's stiff as a board, and also gives her those frizzy perms that make her hair look like Brillo. She sleeps with her hair wrapped in toilet tissue.

For my wedding, I offered to send her to my stylist and pay for it, but she said she would feel so disloyal to Sue that she could never look her in the face again.

Abby, my beautiful grandmother showed up at my wedding looking like an apricot poodle! When I got the pictures back it almost broke my heart. What can I do to convince her that it's time for a change?

LOVING GRANDDAUGHTER
IN WICHITA, KAN.

DEAR GRANDDAUGHTER: Your grandmother sleeps with her hair wrapped in toilet tissue because she wants her "set" to last between shampoos. As much as you would like to see her adopt a softer and more contemporary style, she is satisfied with her hairstyle and comfortable with how she looks, so you should accept it. Had your grandmother been interested in changing her image, she would have accepted your offer to have her hair styled for your wedding.

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DEAR ABBY: What is the proper etiquette when it comes to baby showers? I have a friend who wants a shower for her second child. Her first child is only 4. She has hinted around to me about how she wants "someone" to throw her another baby shower, and she has even registered at local stores!

Abby, I don't feel comfortable giving her another shower, but she's my best friend, and I haven't heard of anyone else doing so. I always thought that you have baby showers for the first child only. Am I wrong, or is this something that's changing because of the times?

WONDERING
IN SUPERIOR, WIS.

DEAR WONDERING: In my opinion, it's improper to do it this soon. Be honest with your friend and explain why you're uncomfortable about hosting another baby shower. It's generally assumed that if the children are spaced relatively close together, the mother will save the baby items and reuse them.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "In a Bind," whose cousin didn't want her to name her baby after their uncle, reminded me of a joke one of my co-workers shared with me.

A young couple were having their first child, a girl. The wife began searching through baby books, looking for just the right name for their daughter. After several months of "research" she finally decided the perfect name was "Calliope."

Her husband disliked the name, but he was a skilled negotiator. Instead of arguing with her, he said with a broad grin: "That's a great idea! When I was in high school I dated a beautiful blonde named Calliope. Gosh! The memories that name brings back ..."

The next day, his wife informed him that she'd changed her mind. They named their daughter Caroline Alice, after both of their mothers!

WHAT'S IN A NAME
IN NEBRASKA

DEAR NAME: That's a hoot! The husband must have majored in psychology.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

There is enough salt dissolved in the world's oceans to cover all the continents with a 500-foot layer of it.

Edith Wilson, Woodrow Wilson's second wife, learned to bicycle by riding down the corridors of the White House.

For hazing pledges...

UT shuts down 'Wranglers'

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Wranglers, a spirit group for the University of Texas men's basketball team, has been shut down by the school for hazing pledges through sleep deprivation and other means.

The group was notified Monday that UT had revoked its registration as a student organization until Aug. 31, 2000, assistant dean of students Kevin Price told the Austin American-Statesman.

In a school investigation launched in late February, the Wranglers were found to have subjected new members to sleep deprivation and promoted alcohol consumption by underage members, officials said.

The Wranglers are the second UT student group to be disciplined for hazing recently.

In February, the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity was suspended for providing alcohol to underage members and humiliating and intimidating new members. That investigation was prompted by the death of one member, Jack Ivey, who died from severe alcohol poisoning in November. UT concluded that no hazing occurred in Ivey's death.

The Wranglers, founded in 1979, has 75 members. It's not a Greek organization but rather an all-male service and social group.

The group will be allowed to register as a suspended student organization on Sept. 1, 2000, which would forbid the Wranglers from recruiting new members until Aug. 31, 2001. The Wranglers would then be on probation until the end of the spring 2002 semester.

Richard Vela, Wranglers president, declined to comment about the hazing charges. He said members will continue with service obligations such as mentoring at Maplewood Elementary School or raising money for Easter Seals.

"We're based on service, and that's not going to be taken away," he said.

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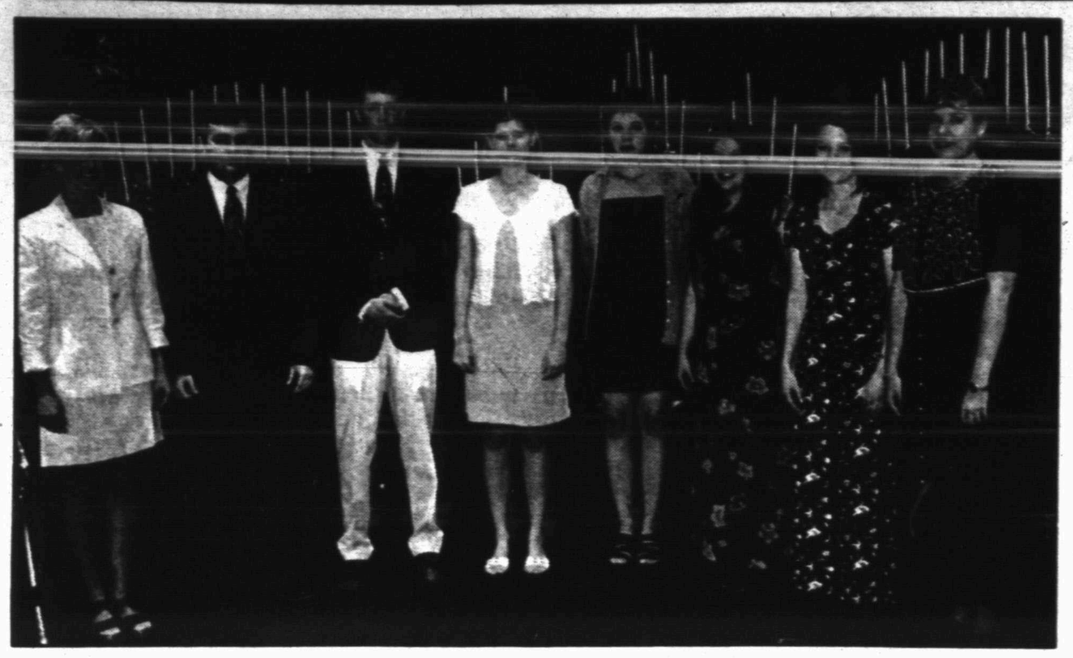
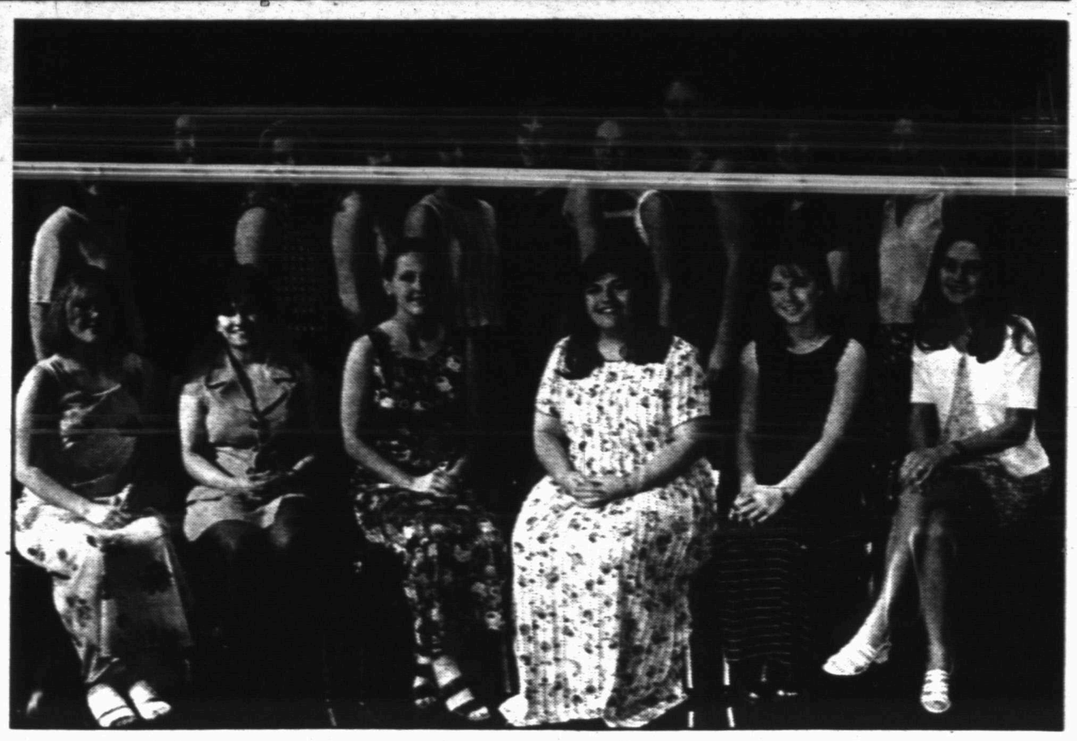




SENIOR INDUCTEES — Snyder High School inducted new members into the Honor Society Sunday afternoon. Seniors in the top photo are from left, Erin Kirk, Nickolas Means, Andy Parker, Terrie Moore, Britney Bass, Renae Hall, Amy Church, and Calli Pierce. Blake Bell is not pictured. They also received their hoods. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

For president...

Bauer jumps in 2000 race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gary Bauer is betting that his hard-scrabble background, bottom-up tax cuts and morality-bound foreign policies will set him apart from the crowded presidential field he enters today. "Virtue is in free fall," the conservative activists says, and cannot be reclaimed for America without a family-friendly national agenda.

"Reverence and respect are disappearing, and the question before us is: Will the family, as well?" the Republican said, opening his long-shot campaign in a speech prepared for delivery to residents of Newport, Ky., his hometown. "We clobber it with taxes; we marginalize it with judicial decrees; we undermine it with hostile policies and redefine it with trendy ideas."

The son of a janitor, Bauer, 52, returns to the blue-collar river town across the Ohio from Cincinnati to underscore empathy for Americans of all classes and races. "God's light shines for all," he said.

Little-known outside Washington, the former Reagan White House adviser made his name in the nation's capital by running conservative political organizations.

He has a wide fund-raising base and deep roots in the social conservative community, but is still considered a long-odds candidate for the 2000 GOP nomination. He raised an impressive $1.4 million in the first quarter of 1999, though the campaign has already spent much of it.

"If Gary is given half a chance to get his message across to the nation, he will be a formidable candidate," said longtime ally James Dobson, an influential conservative broadcaster who stopped short of endorsing Bauer.

Bauer must outpace several other candidates competing for the same votes and convince increasingly pragmatic social conservatives that he could win a general election.

"They want to see a candidate that not only communicates their issues, but also a candidate who can win," Christian Coalition executive director Randy Tate said. As never before, "they are looking at electability this year," Tate said.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle, political commentator Pat Buchanan, radio broadcaster Alan Keyes, New Hampshire Sen. Bob Smith, millionaire businessman Steve Forbes and Bauer are competing for the same base.

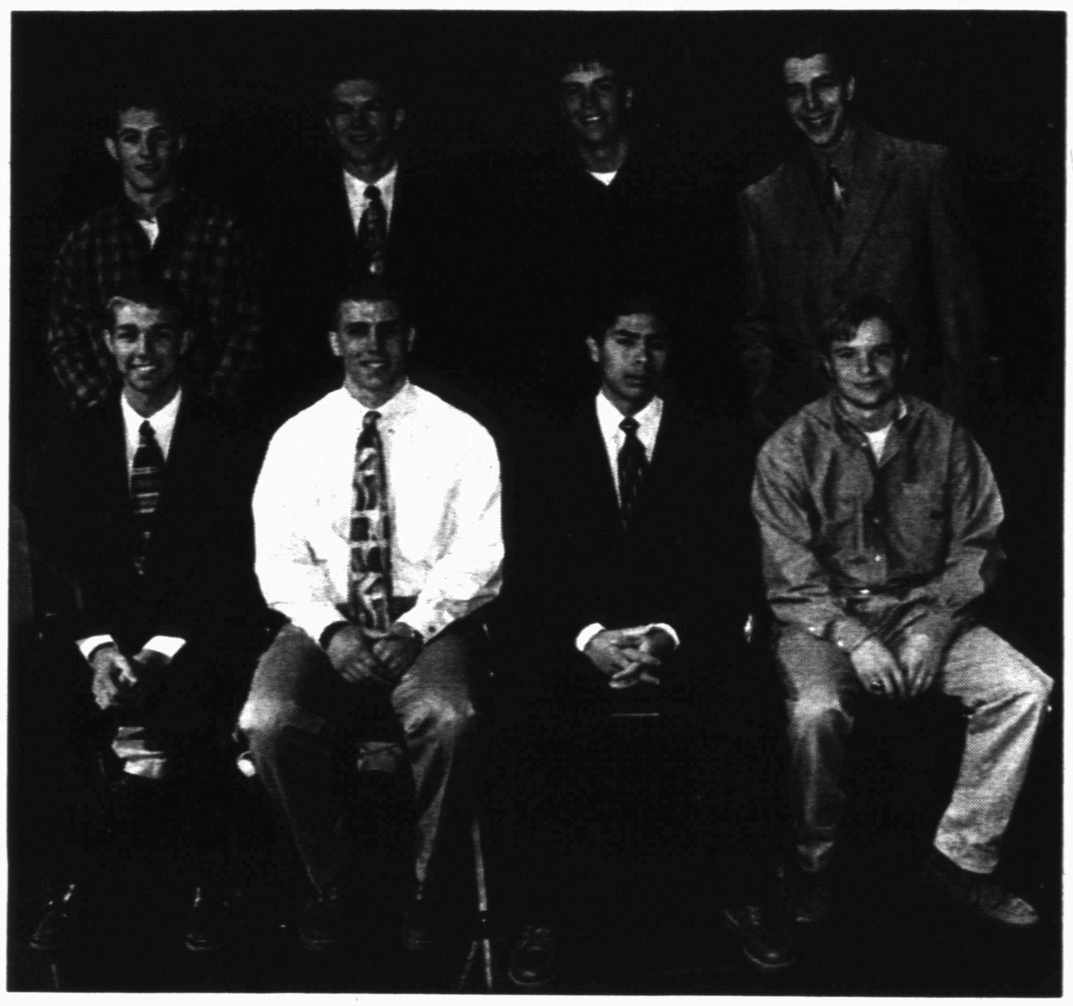
While this is Bauer's first campaign, Quayle won the vice presidency in 1988 and Buchanan won the 1996 New Hampshire primary.

Bauer's strength is his knack for communicating the values of grassroots conservatives, particularly on abortion.

"I stand, without apology, for the right of the voiceless and defenseless to take their first breath, and be welcomed into the world," he said. He pledged to introduce legislation making unborn children protected by the 14th Amendment.

Like Quayle, who declared his candidacy a week ago, Bauer made values a centerpiece of his announcement speech. "We can build a powerful economy ... yet virtue is in free fall. If nights are filled with drive-by shootings and mornings bring new stories of babies tossed in the garbage like Styrofoam cups, can America be truly richer or poorer?" Bauer said.

He promised to eliminate a tax code that "poisons the river of good will and betrays the American dream." He would replace it with a 16 percent flat tax that aides said would include tax credits of $1,500 per person.



SENIORS HOODED — Senior members of Snyder High School's National Honor Society received their hoods Sunday afternoon. Girls shown in the top photo are from left, front row, Brittany Drummond, Lina Alvarez, Keisha Gafford, Allison Bowden, Ashley Grimmett, Vanessa Jones; back row, Mandy Hess, Anastacia Hanan, Starla Davis, Holly Goebel, Bradi Johnson, Keila Helms, Laurie Kerley, Whitney Owen, Marci Irvine, Tamra Anderson. Boys shown in the bottom photo are from left, front row, Brett Gibson, Jacob Hodges, Juan Olvera, Tommy Gordon; back row. Rad Eicke, Brock Durham, Cory Mandrell, Reid Johnson. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

White House: Y2K problems overseas to pose greatest risk

WASHINGTON (AP) — Likely computer failures overseas pose America's greatest threat from the Year 2000 glitch, the White House predicted today, adding that problems in this country are unlikely in key industries.

In its latest report on preparing for the Y2K technology problem, the Clinton administration warned that failures are all but certain in some foreign countries because of late efforts there to begin repairing important computers.

The White House said those problems will affect Americans living abroad, but also will cause ripples in the global economy — due to international travel and trade — even to be felt in the United States, too.

"It now appears that a number of countries will experience Y2K failures in key infrastructures such as electric power, telecommunications and transportation," said the report from the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion.

It was being presented formally later in the day.

An administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said U.S. industry experts advising the government lack confidence about overseas airports and air-traffic control systems, foreign telephone networks and routine imports of some types of foods.

"It's a pretty consistent thread across the board," the official said.

Many computers originally programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year will not work properly beginning Jan. 1, 2000, when some machines will assume it is 1900.

The report includes generally positive news about U.S. efforts in some of the most important areas, such as electricity, telephones, banking and transportation.

It predicted that national failures in those areas is unlikely, although it cautioned about "minor disruptions which may impact consumers minimally" from oil and natural gas companies.

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Team	W	L
Andrews	7	0
Snyder	4	3
Lake View	4	3
Big Spring	3	4
Ft.Stckton	3	4
Swtwater	0	7

Tuesday's results:
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Andrews 13, Ft. Stock
Friday's games: Bi
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Roll & Hope

Teams
Redman Pipe & Supply
City National Bank
American State Bank
Baze Gun Repair
Martin Herefords
IGA
Neff's Greenhouses
High series scratch: W
High series handicap:
High game scratch: W
High game handicap:
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3-10, 510; Rosemary H
Jones, 2-7-8; Alma Po
Johnson, 513.
WOMEN'S CITY
Team standings: 1. Y
Gun Repair; 3. Americ
Country Autoland; 5. W
Doubles: 1. Donna Jac
2. Michelle Ewing and
Singles: 1. Gina Lunsf
Cindy Aikin.
All events: 1. Cindy A

Girls

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Suns 3, S
Suns: Tilatha Akins.
Swifts: Brittany Mitch
Swifts 16, D
Swifts: Teryn Sulleng
Mitchell and Charley
MINOR L
Sharpshooters 2
Sharpshooters: Brian
Wall, 6; Krista Dorsett,
Wildcats: Teisha Mct
Kelley, 3; Kelly Holds
Panthers 26, Sh
Panthers: Terann Rag
4; Candace Chandler
Sharpshooters: Bernal,
1.
Mystics 26,
Mystics: Katy Crenwel
5; Cheyene Roemisch, 4
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Adrianna Sosa and Ca
Red Hots 34, Sh
Red Hots: Audrey Jon
8; Jessica Odom, 3. Sh
13; Wall, 6; Dorsett,
Red Hots 44,
Red Hots: Jones, 26
Sanchez, 4; Devin Davi
Hogan, 11; Brittney
Yanez, 4.
MAJOR L
Rebels 22, La
Rebels: Jessica Taylo
Amanda Murray, 2; Jess
da Alexander, 1. Indy R

SPORTS

Rejuvenated Tigers tame Mustangs, 7-0

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SWEETWATER — In desperate need of a win Tuesday night, Snyder Coach Roland Herrera made all the right decisions, and the Tigers made all the right moves.

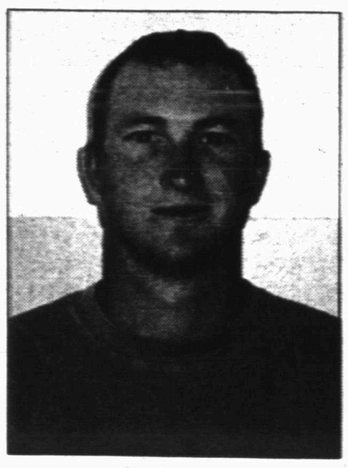
Senior Wes Wilson made his fifth consecutive mound appearance, and the Tigers prospered in a somewhat shuffled batting order, as Snyder kept a firm grasp on its share of second place in the district standings with a decisive 7-0 blanking of the Sweetwater Mustangs.

The victory, combined with losses by Ft. Stockton and Big Spring, broke a four-way tie for second place. After dropping three of its last four decisions, with all three losses coming on the road, Snyder needed the win to remain in a dead-heat with Lake View in the runner-up spot.

"There's no doubt about it. We needed a win," Herrera said. "We hadn't won on the road in district, so we needed this one to build our confidence down the stretch. We had to prove to ourselves that we could go to someone else's place and dominate."

Wilson, who had thrown in each of the Tigers' last four ballgames, showed no worse for the wear. The right-hander overpowered the Mustangs with 12 strikeouts, while surrendering only five hits and walking just two.

"Wes has what some people call a rubber-band arm," Herrera remarked. "He can go out anytime and either start, or give us some



Wes Wilson

innings in relief. He did a great job of hitting his spots and it seemed like his fastball was gaining velocity as the game went on."

At the plate, James Shields provided a spark in his new role as clean-up hitter, going 2-for-4 with a solo home run. Cory Mandrell, hitting in the two-hole, also belted a home run as Snyder pounded out 11 hits.

"Shields has had the hot bat, so I moved him into the clean-up spot," the Tiger skipper stated. "He performed well there, and it took some heat off Clint Hook. Clint seemed to hit the ball better in the fifth spot, than he did in the fourth. Our guys just did an excellent job of hitting, all the way through the order. There's usually one or two guys in everybody's line-up that doesn't hit well. But we were strong from top to bottom."

The Tigers wasted no time in getting Wilson the lead. Johnny Pena and courtesy runner Jared Hester crossed home plate in the top of the opening frame to give Snyder the early 2-0 advantage.

The pair of runs proved to be more than enough for Wilson and his defensive mates. Snyder set down the first 10 Mustangs batters in order, with Wilson striking out the side in the third.

An RBI-single by Matthew Grimmett in the second, and Mandrell's solo shot in the third, padded the Tigers' lead.

Snyder added another run in the fifth when Shields laced a two-out double to right field, then came home on a single by Hook.

The Mustangs made their biggest threat in the bottom of the frame when the speedy Derek Carr led off with a bunt-single. Carr then stole second and advanced to third on an errant throw.

With Carr only 90 feet away from ruining the shutout, Wilson buckled down. The Tiger ace fanned Steven May, before getting Rusty Rainbolt on a line-out to shortstop Matt Rodgers. Wilson posted his eighth strikeout of the night to end the threat. Carr would be the only Mustang to reach third base in the game.

Snyder continued to blast the offerings of Sweetwater lefty Jarod Shelton. In the sixth, Grimmett slapped a single and scored from first on the very next pitch when Brad Roemisch busted a double to center field.

The Tigers capped the scoring in the seventh with Shield's second home run of the year.

What began as a tense-filled, must-win situation for Snyder, ended up as a rout, with the Tigers returning to form.

"We talked this week about how big the baseball tradition is in Snyder," Herrera explained. "We told the kids that they ought to be proud to put on the Snyder uniform. We wanted to get that pride back and Coach (Charlie) Bollinger told them right before they got off the bus in Sweetwater that they should be proud. He told them they should walk through that gate and onto the field with the confidence that they will be the best team on the field. I guess it worked, because they certainly played like they could beat anybody."

Snyder continues the 5-4A race Friday when it looks to avenge an earlier loss to the Big Spring Steers. The Tigers host Big Spring at 7:30 Friday night at Moffett Field.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena 2b	3	1	0	0
Mandrell c	4	1	2	1
Hester cr	0	1	0	0
Rodgers ss	4	0	0	1
Shields dh	4	2	2	1
Hook 1b	2	0	1	2
Ward 3b	4	1	1	0
Wilson p	3	0	1	0
Grimmett rf	4	1	2	1
Roemisch cf	3	0	2	1
Totals	31	7	11	7

Sweetwater	ab	r	h	bi
Gee cf	3	0	0	0
Alexander 2b	3	0	2	0
Hefner 3b	2	0	0	0
Newberry c	3	0	1	0
Shelton p	3	0	0	0
Phillips lf	1	0	0	0
Carr lf	1	0	1	0
Gonzales rf	1	0	0	0
May rf	2	0	0	0
Sepeda ss	1	0	0	0
Rainbolt ss	2	0	1	0
Frederick 1b	3	0	0	0
Totals	25	0	5	0

Snyder	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	—	7	11	1
Sweetwater	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	5	3

DP - Sweetwater 1. LOB - Snyder 7, Sweetwater 6. 2B - Shields, Roemisch. HR - Mandrell, Shields.

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wilson	7	5	0	0	2	12
Sweetwater	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Shelton	7	11	7	5	4	11

5-4A Baseball

	District			Overall		
Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Andrews	7	0	1.000	21	1	.955
Snyder	4	3	.571	17	9	.654
Lake View	4	3	.571	12	10	.545
Big Spring	3	4	.429	4	17	.190
Ft.Stckton	3	4	.429	11	13	.458
Swtwater	0	7	.000	7	15	.318

Tuesday's results: Snyder 7, Sweetwater 0; Lake View 12, Big Spring 8; Andrews 13, Ft. Stockton 0.

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

BOWLING NEWS

Roll & Hope

Teams	W	L
Redman Pipe & Supply	78½	41½
City National Bank	74	46
American State Bank	72½	47½
Baze Gun Repair	63	57
Martin Herefords	62	58
IGA	60	60
Neff's Greenhouses	60	60

High series scratch: Wanda Johnson, 513.
High series handicap: Dorris Martin, 639.
High game scratch: Wanda Johnson, 197.
High game handicap: Julia Walraven, 235.
Splits and special mentions: Dorris Martin, 3-10, 510; Rosemary Hernandez, 2-7; Setsuko Jones, 2-7-8; Alma Posey, 3-10, 4-5; Wanda Johnson, 513.

WOMEN'S CITY TOURNAMENT

Team standings: 1. YABA coaches; 2. Baze Gun Repair; 3. American State Bank; 4. Big Country Autoland; 5. West Texas State bank.
Doubles: 1. Donna Jackson and Cindy Aikin; 2. Michelle Ewing and Gina Lunsford.
Singles: 1. Gina Lunsford; 2. Bernie Sealy; 3. Cindy Aikin.
All events: 1. Cindy Aikin; 2. Bernie Sealy.

Lowrance named to all-conference squad

LUBBOCK — Snyder High graduate Brooke Lowrance followed up her all-conference golf performance of last year with a matching effort this season.

Lowrance, a senior at Texas Tech, was named to the 1999 Big 12 women's golf all-conference team Tuesday by league coaches.

The ex-Lady Tiger led the Lady Raiders this season with a 77.2 stroke average, 11th best among conference golfers.

Lowrance was Tech's top finisher in four events this season, highlighted by a victory at the Jeannine McHaney Memorial tournament.

The Lady Raider senior is curently looking to add another title to her tally. Lowrance held a three-stroke lead heading into today's final round of the Big 12 Women's Championship in Boulder, Colo.

In addition to her all-conference selections, the SHS grad was named to the All-America Team her junior year.

SHS to face Burleson

The Lady Tigers' wait is over — maybe.

The District 6-4A Executive Committee denied the appeal of Crowley High School, and the University Interscholastic League backed the ruling, meaning Snyder will face Burleson at 2 p.m. Saturday in Abilene.

Problems arose when Joshua, Burleson and Crowley finished in a three-way tie for second place. A mini-tournament had originally been scheduled, before Joshua appealled to the committee on the basis that it had won all head-to-head battles. The committee ruled in favor of Joshua, putting Burleson in third place and eliminating Crowley.

Crowley appealed to the committe on Tuesday, but were denied. CISD then appealed to the UIL, which in turn upheld the decision made by the district committee.

Late Tuesday night Crowley persued its only other outlet, filing for a court injunction in Travis County, home of the UIL.

A judge is expected to rule on the case as early as this afternoon. Should an injunction be granted, a tournament would then be held to determine the playoff spots and Snyder's opponent, unless Joshua or Burleson file for a separate injunction.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	10	4	.714	-
Boston	8	5	.615	1½
NewYork	8	5	.615	1½
TampaBay	8	7	.533	2½
Baltimore	3	10	.231	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	10	2	.833	-
Minnesota	7	7	.500	4
Chicago	6	6	.500	4
Detroit	5	8	.385	5½
KansasCity	4	9	.308	6½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	7	7	.500	-
Anaheim	6	8	.429	1
Oakland	6	8	.429	1
Seattle	6	8	.429	1

Tuesday's Games

Boston 1, Detroit 0
Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 3
Toronto 5, Anaheim 1
Cleveland 5, Oakland 1
New York 4, Texas 0
Chicago 3, Seattle 1
Minnesota 8, Kansas City 7, 13 innings

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore (Mussina 2-0) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Olivares 2-0) at Toronto (Carpenter 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 1-1) at Cleveland (Gooden 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 1-1) at Detroit (Moehler 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 0-2) at New York (Clemens 1-0), 7:35 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 1-2) at Chicago (Snyder 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 1-2) at Kansas City (Appier 2-1), 8:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	9	5	.643	-
Atlanta	8	5	.615	½
Philadelphia	7	7	.500	2
Montreal	6	8	.429	3
Florida	4	10	.286	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St.Louis	9	4	.692	-
Pittsburgh	8	5	.615	1
Houston	7	6	.538	2
Chicago	5	7	.417	3½
Milwaukee	5	9	.357	4½
Cincinnati	4	8	.333	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	9	6	.600	-
Arizona	8	7	.533	1
LosAngeles	8	7	.533	1
Colorado	5	6	.455	2
SanDiego	6	8	.429	2½

Tuesday's Games

New York 3, Cincinnati 2
Montreal at Colorado, ppd., shooting
St. Louis 8, Milwaukee 3
Houston 10, Chicago 4
Arizona 8, Philadelphia 1
Florida 7, San Francisco 2
Pittsburgh 7, San Diego 3, 10 innings
Los Angeles 5, Atlanta 4

Wednesday's Games

St. Louis (Oliver 1-1) at Milwaukee (Roque 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 2-1) at Chicago (Sanders 0-1), 2:20 p.m.
Florida (Springer 0-2) at San Francisco (Nathan 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 2-0) at Colorado (Bohanon 2-0), 5:05 p.m.
New York (Yoshii 1-1) at Cincinnati (Neagle 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 3-0) at Arizona (Stottlemyre 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 2-0) at San Diego (Ashby 2-1), 10:35 p.m.
Atlanta (O.Perez 0-0) at Los Angeles (Brown 1-1), 10:35 p.m.

Hermleigh JH runners finish strong at meet

GAIL — Hermleigh Junior High's boys track squad ran to a fourth-place finish, while the Lady Cardinals captured fifth place at the jr. high district track meet on Saturday.

"Our kids did an excellent job," said Hermleigh coach Randy Minter. "To only have three boys and two girls participating, we performed extremely well."

Tallying the Hermleigh boys' 75 points were Isaac Rangel, Josh Montoya and Phillip Olivarez.

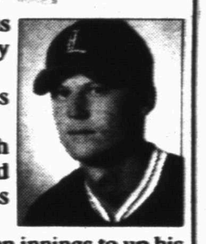
Rangel won the 1,600 and 2,400-meter runs, while placing sixth in the discus event.

Montoya also notched a pair of victories in the 100 and the 200, after grabbing the runner-up in the long jump and third place in the triple jump.

A victory in the 110 hurdles highlighted the performance of Olivarez, who also finished fourth in the 400 and the shot put, while taking fifth in the long jump.

The Lady Cardinals were paced by Maria Rangel and Valerie West. Rangel was fourth in the 800, with a fifth-place finish in the 200. West claimed the sixth spot in the 100 and 200-meter events.

Berryman hurls second complete game for LCU



LUBBOCK — The Hardin-Simmons Cowboys learned Tuesday night what many Snyder High School opponents learned last year.

Clay Berryman gets stronger as the game goes on.

Berryman, an ex-Tiger in his first season with Lubbock Christian University, threw his second complete game Tuesday, leading the Chaparrals to a 15-4 victory over Hardin-Simmons.

The LCU freshman scattered 10 hits over seven innings to up his mark to 4-0 on the season.

Last year, Berryman anchored the staff on Snyder's 30-8 regional semifinalist team. His current Chaparral squad sports a record of 38-15 and holds the No. 16 ranking in the national NAIA poll.

The ex-Tiger turned in his stellar performance on Tuesday in front of a season-high crowd of 650. A ceremony was held prior to the contest, changing the name of Chaparral Field to Hays Field, in honor of 30-year board of trustees member L.D. Hays.

Sports Briefs

Softball playoff game

Cates Field will host a Class 5A bi-district softball game Friday between Lubbock High and Abilene High.

Start time is set for 6:30 p.m. Ticket prices are $3 for adults and $2 for students.

Booster club supper

Snyder Baseball Booster Club will be serving sausage links on tortillas, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday at Moffett Field prior to the Tigers' game against Big Spring. Proceeds will benefit the Snyder Tiger baseball team.

Girls Little Dribbler Results

8-YEAR-OLDS

Suns 3, Swifts 2
Suns: Tilatha Akins, 2; Shaquita Sneed, 1. **Swifts:** Brittany Mitchell, 2.

Swifts 16, Dynamites 0
Swifts: Teryn Sullenger, 8; Lesa Jones, 4; Mitchell and Charley Stewart, 2.

MINOR LEAGUE

Sharpshooters 21, Wildcats 11
Sharpshooters: Brianna Bernal, 10; Kate Wall, 6; Krista Dorsett, 4; Alexandra Urias, 1. **Wildcats:** Teisha McGlouthin, 6; Brittany Kelley, 3; Kelly Holdren, 2.

Panthers 26, Sharpshooters 12
Panthers: Terann Ragland, 18; Kelbi Pitner, 4; Candace Chandler and Kirstie Davis, 2. **Sharpshooters:** Bernal, 11; Ashley Rodriguez, 1.

Mystics 26, Wildcats 16
Mystics: Katy Crenweige, 16; Sidney Wright, 5; Cheyene Roemisch, 4; Allison Cox, 1. **Wildcats:** McGlouthin, 10; Whitney Jenkins, Adrianna Sosa and Caylea Wood, 2.

Red Hots 34, Sharpshooters 21
Red Hots: Audrey Jones, 23; Jordan Stansell, 8; Jessica Odom, 3. **Sharpshooters:** Bernal, 13; Wall, 6; Dorsett, 2.

Red Hots 44, Rockets 19
Red Hots: Jones, 26; Stansell, 12; Errisa Sanchez, 4; Devin Davidson, 2. **Rockets:** Erin Hogan, 11; Brittney Criswell and Jessica Yanez, 4.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Rebels 22, Lady Raiders 18
Rebels: Jessica Taylor, 10; Glyn Wright, 8; Amanda Murray, 2; Jessica Stansell and Amanda Alexander, 1. **Lady Raiders:** Briana Burk, 9; Lexi Loveall, 4; Kelsea Wood, 3; Aeryal Peoples, 2.

Starzz 22, Lady Raiders 18
Starzz: Dondi Brock, Bethany Burleson and Sarah Carpenter, 6; Jacy Beccue and Wendy Reed, 2. **Lady Raiders:** Burk, 8; Wood, 6; Loveall, 3; Peoples, 1.

Hornets 21, Fastbreak 19
Hornets: Morgan Bilderback, 12; Temi Thompson, 8; Danisha Akins, 5; Ashton Wall, 4; Rebecca Aguirre, 2. **Fastbreak:** ShaelaThompson, 9; Mosheka Williams, 4; Kassey Burney, Jessica Robbins and Kelli Rushing, 2.

Magic 16, Starzz 9
Magic: Emily Jones, 6; Taren Knipe, 4; Stephanie Grant and Alana Culp, 2; Claire Pollard and Gena Dooley, 1. **Starzz:** Brock and Carpenter, 3; Reed, 2; Whitney Warner, 1.

Rebels 28, Jawbreakers 16
Rebels: Wright, 12; Murray and Taylor, 8. **Jawbreakers:** Erica Little, 8; Lacey Kincaid, 4; Rosa Cruz and Ashley Villegas, 2.

Starzz 27, Fastbreak 15
Starzz: Brock, 12; Beccue, 6; Reed, 4; Warner, 3; Carpenter, 2. **Fastbreak:** Burney, 7; Thompson, 6; Stephanie Parmer, 2.

Comets 26, Nikes 24
Comets: Sequoya Powell, 12; Stacey Williamson, 10; Cami Hill and Kelsey Shaw, 2. **Nikes:** Erin Hackfeld, 12; Casey Crain, 6; Courtney Cox, Katie Curry and Bianca Gonzales, 2.

Jazz 35, Hornets 20
Jazz: Kayla Guerrero, 11; Sirena Medrano and Breanna Talavera, 8; Whitney Payne and Heather Polk, 4. **Hornets:** Aguirre, 10; Akins, 8; Wall, 2.

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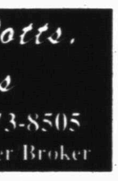
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About 160,000 acres burned...

Everglades fire now mostly contained

IN THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES (AP) — Levees, canals and a four-lane highway helped firefighters block flames from advancing farther through a sea of dry sawgrass.

"We're winding down on this one, we hope," said John Fish, a spokesman for the state Division of Forestry.

By Tuesday night the fire had consumed 160,000 acres. If firefighters keep it contained, the blaze should burn out after blackening an additional 10,000 acres, Fish said.

Early today, heavy smoke and low visibility prompted authorities to again close Interstate 75, the main east-west highway through the Everglades known as Alligator Alley.

John Cataldo, a spokesman for the Florida Highway Patrol, said the highway was closed as a temporary precaution. He added that the fire was still contained.

The flames, burning in a section of the Everglades' roughly 2 million acres that is outside Everglades National Park, sent up columns of smoke visible from miles away Tuesday.

Flames licked just past the edge of the mostly undeveloped Miccosukee Indian Reservation, located in the Everglades about 60 miles west of Fort Lauderdale. A crew of about 20 Navajo firefighters from Window Rock, Ariz., helped quell flare-ups along the fire's western edge.

A new blaze just east of the fire's containment area burned seven acres before it was brought under control, and forestry officials blamed arson after a dark green Ford Explorer was spotted in the area.

The primary fire began in the eastern Everglades late last week and may have been ignited by heat from a vehicle's catalytic converter. The cause was still being investigated, Fish said.

Aided by swirling winds, the blaze quickly became the largest of at least 2,542 fires that have burned more than 230,000 acres in Florida this year.

Elsewhere in the state, two fires were burning in the Apalachicola National Forest in Wakulla County, said Liz Compton, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Agriculture.

Neither was threatening any homes or property, although one of the blazes advanced to within 20 miles of Tallahassee, she said.

With rainfall far below normal during Florida's December-through-April dry season, officials fear a repeat of last summer, when fires scorched nearly 500,000 acres and forced 100,000 people from their homes.

In the Everglades, wildfires are part of a natural cycle that regularly burns away accumulated dry brush. Charred debris left behind by the flames will serve as a fertilizer, spurring new plant growth, said Tom Fontaine, an ecologist with the South Florida Water Management District.

"The ecosystem's going to be fine," he said. "It will come back very much like it was before."

U.S. Senate debates bill to block spending SS surpluses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is moving ahead with legislation Republicans are billing as a first step toward rescuing Social Security, but the Clinton administration has threatened a veto.

The Senate began debate Tuesday on strict new rules Republicans say are needed to stop lawmakers from spending government surpluses that come from Social Security payroll taxes, as opposed to income taxes.

If the money isn't used to prepare the retirement program for an onslaught of aging baby boomers, it would have to be used to reduce the national debt under the GOP plan.

"The goal here is to lock this money up," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. "We want to make it as difficult as possible to breach that."

Objections from the administration and Senate Democrats are expected to hold up any vote on the measure until at least Thursday, however.

Clinton's advisers at the White House Office of Management and Budget said in a statement Tuesday that the GOP measure would too tightly restrict the government's cash flow, especially in the event of "any unanticipated slowdown in the economy." Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin first raised that concern last month.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said the Republican measure "doesn't commit a nickel" of expected income tax surpluses for Medicare, the health insurance program for the elderly. Republicans instead want to cut taxes.

Additionally, the administration's statement said the GOP legislation "fails to ensure that the surplus is used to protect the payment of benefits to Social Security beneficiaries."

Clinton wants to try to give Social Security a tangible claim on the economic growth that would be expected to result from a lower national debt: IOUs that would give the program a claim on income-tax dollars after baby boomers retire. He also has called for government investment of some of Social Security's cash reserves in the stock market.

Republicans say Clinton's IOUs would be just paper promises that would have to be made good by taxpayers or borrowing in the future, and that the stock market investments would bring private financial markets under undue government influence.

GOP leaders have yet to endorse any specific alternative for using the surpluses to benefit Social Security, but in both the House and Senate they are encouraging the development of plans by other influential Republican lawmakers.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, is close to unveiling one such plan that would use the Social Security tax surpluses to finance personal accounts for workers to invest in the stock market.

Jury decides death for man who shot 2 people to death

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Paul Reid must now decide between electrocution or lethal injection after a jury sentenced him to death for the murders of two Nashville restaurant workers.

"It's always unfortunate when someone has to receive the death penalty, but I think it was just in this case," Assistant District Attorney General Tom Thurman said after Tuesday's sentencing.

Following three days of testimony, the jury deliberated less than three hours before sentencing Reid in the deaths of Captain D's manager Steve Hampton, 25, and worker Sarah Jackson, 16.

Family members of the victims choked back tears as the verdict was read. After the sentencing, they cried and embraced each other.

"I always thought about the sadness, the suffering and the fear that they felt. That has always been foremost in my mind," said Gina Jackson, Sarah's mother, holding her daughter's driver's license in her hand.

Police kept the license after finding it in Sarah's pocket the day of the murder. They gave it back to Sarah's mother Tuesday night.

"I know they've been watching (the sentencing). I think they're quite pleased," said Ms. Jackson, referring to the victims.

Deanna Hampton, Steve Hampton's wife, said she's glad Reid was sentenced to death, but she "would have settled for whatever he got."

As Reid was being led away, he blew two kisses to his sister, Janet Kirkpatrick. She left without speaking to reporters.

"They'll (the families) never be able to totally get over this ... I just hope this process will help them heal," Thurman said.

Defense attorneys left without talking to reporters. But defense witness Xavier Amador, a clinical psychologist at Columbia University who diagnosed Reid as schizophrenic, said the trial was unfair.

Amador said important evidence was left out to hurry along the trial.

SJHS band wins I in sight reading

Snyder Junior High School's band earned a I in sight reading and II in concert Tuesday during the Region 16 UIL concert and sight reading contest held at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Band director Gust Whitt said, "Everything went fairly smooth. The kids performed well and got the job done."

On May 7, the band will travel to Arlington for a contest at Six Flags. This trip marks their first participation in this contest, Whitt said.

On May 20, the junior high band will have its end-of-year concert at 7:30 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dephne Blevins, Margie Norred, Danny Parham of Colorado City, Robert Payne, Dylyn Richard, Goldie Walker, Benet boy of Ira and Elbert Hill.

DISMISSALS: Melissa Bennett, Daniel Highfield, Jesse Oliva, Bobby Scott and Mona Stegall.

CENSUS: 50 (Med., Surg.-21, Long-term Care, CCU-3, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Dephne Blevins announces the birth of her five-pound son. He was born at 6:43 p.m. on April 20 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Two are arrested in past 24 hours

The past 24 hours resulted in two subjects being taken into custody.

At 11:31 p.m., officers arrested a 23-year-old female in the 1200 block of 27th Street for public intoxication.

Officers took a 37-year-old male into custody at 12:44 a.m. at the sheriff's office on outstanding city warrants for failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

In other activity, an officer was requested at Snyder National Bank at 2:50 p.m. in reference to three theft by checks. An offense report was filed.

Officers also handled a variety of other callas, including assisting several motorists in unlocking their vehicles.

Markets

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	69¼	67 11-16	69 5-16+	1⅛
AT&T Corp s	55⅞	55⅛	55 11-16+	11-16
AirTouch	90⅞	89⅝	90⅝+	1⅝
Albertsons	50	49 7-16	50 +	⅜
AlldSignal	56¼	55	55 15-16+	13-16
Alltel	71 7-16	70 9-16	70⅝—	¼
AmOnline s	138¾	127 15-16	137 9-16+	8¾
AmStores	30¼	30	30 3-16+	1-16
Ameritech	66 15-16	64	66 1-16+	1⅛
AndarkPtr s	41 5-16	39	41 +1	15-16
Armcolac	5⅝	5 7-16	5¼+	1-16
AtlRichfld	80 1-16	78¼	79⅜—	⅛
ATMOS Egy	26 15-16	25¾	26¾+	⅛
Aviall	15 5-16	15¼	15 5-16	
BP Amoc	105 15-16	104 9-16	105 13-16-1	7-16
BakerHughes	29¾	28¾	29 +1	9-32
BankAmerica	73 5-16	71 9-16	72⅛—	⅛
BellAtl s	56 13-16	55 15-16	56⅛—	⅜
BellSouth s	42 15-16	42	42⅛+	1¼
BethSteel	10¼	10 1-16	10¼+	1-16
BurlNoSFe s	34 9-32	33¾	33¾—	5-16
CBS Corp	41⅞	40¾	41⅛+	⅛
Caterpillar	60 13-16	59 11-16	59 13-16—	⅜
CenSoWst	25 5-16	25¼	25 3-16+	⅛
Chevron	97 1-16	95⅛	96¼—	3-16
Citigroup	73⅛	71 11-16	72 13-16	
Coastal s	36¼	36	36 11-16+	⅜
CocaCola	67 15-16	65¼	67 3-16+	1 15-16
ColgatePalm	96¾	95⅝	+	3
ComclMetals	24 15-16	24 11-16	24¼+	3-16
CooperIn	52¼	51 7-16	51 11-16+	7-16
CyprusAmax	14¼	13 13-16	13¾+	3-16
DaimlrChry n	97⅛	96 123-256	97 5-16—	1 3-16
DallSemicn	46 5-16	45 3-16	46⅛+	15-16
DeltaAirl s	67⅛	65 7-16	66 7-16+	⅛
Dillards Inc	28 5-16	27¼	27⅞—	9-16
DowChem	117⅛	115 3-16	116 13-16+	1 3-16
DuPont	69 5-16	68 1-16	68¾+	1-16
EastmanChem	48¼	48¼	48 13-16—	⅞
EstKodak	75 74 3-16		74¼—	1 3-16
EDS Corp	52¼	51 3-16	52⅛+	½
Entergy	31 11-16	31 3-16	31 7-16—	¼
Exxon	80¾	79¾	80 —	¾
Flowers	23 1-16	22 11-16	22 13-16	
FordMotor	64 3-16	63¾	63 7-16—	7-16
GTE Cp	65 13-16	65¼	65¼—	¾
GenDynam	68¼	66 13-16	67 15-16+	1 7-16
GenElec	111½	108¼	110⅞+	1 9-16
GenMills	79¼	78½	79¼+	1⅛
GenMotors	88 3-16	86 13-16	87 7-16+	¼
GaPacGP	90 11-16	89¾	90 +	½
GlobalMar	14 7-16	13 9-16	14¼+	¾
Goodrich	38 7-16	37¾	37 7-16—	1
Goodyear s	58⅛	56 5/8	56⅝—	¾
GtAtlPac	30 7-16	30	30¼—	1-16
Halliburta	42 13-16	41¼	42 9-16+	1 7-16
Hanson ADS	47 1-16	46⅝	46⅞—	1 7-16
HarteHanks	23 15-16	23 13-16	23 15-16—	1-16
HomeDepot	61 11-16	59⅜	61 1-16+	9-16
IBM	170 11-16	165¼	168⅜—	1⅜
IntlPaper	54 3-16	53¼	54 +	¼
JohnsonJn	99¼	96 3-16	98 15-16+	2 11-16
K mart	16 3-16		1616 —	3-16
Kroger Co	56¼	55¼	55 7-16—	11-16
Litton	64 1-16	62⅜	63 15-16+	1¼
LockheedM s	40¼	39¾	40 1-16+	1 1-16
Lowes Cos s	56 15-16	55¾	56¼+	9-16
Lubys	18 1-16	17 11-16	18 1-16+	1-16
LucentTech s	57 7-16	55¼	57¾+	2¼
MayDeptStr s	41 13-16	41¼	41¾+	9-16
MediaOne	66¾	64 9-16	66 5-16+	1 1-16
Medtronic	72⅜	69 13-16	72 +	2¾
Mobil	102¾	101⅛	101⅜—	1¼
Monsanto	43 7-16	42¼	42 11-16—	5-16
MorganJP	140¼	138	139⅝+	1
Motorola	78 9-16	75¾	78 5-16+	2 9-16
NCR Corp	53 5-16	51¼	51⅜—	1 13-16
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Penney JC	44 3-16	43 9-16	44 +	½
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PepsiCo	38 11-16	37 5-16	38⅛+	1¾
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PilgrmPrd B	17⅞	16¼	16 11-16+	15-16
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Praxair	47⅞	46¼	46 15-16+	⅜
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ReliantEngy	28	27 9-16	27 15-16+	3-16
RoyalDut	55 5-16	54	55 —	7-16
SBC Comm	56	54 5-16	55⅛+	¼
SaraLee s	25 5-16	24⅜	25 3-16+	1-16
Scripps EW	49 13-16	49⅜	49 13-16+	3-16
SearsRoeb	44½	43¾	44 +	11-16
SherwinW	31¼	30	31 +	5-16
SmithkIBchm	67¼	66 13-16	66⅝+	3-16
SouthernCo	27 7-16	27 1-16	27⅛—	½
SwstAirl s	34	33 3-16	33⅜+	1 11-16
SprintFO n	111	04 5-16	101 15-16	102 15-16+ 2½
SprintPCS n	48⅜	45	46 —	1⅜
Sunoco Inc	38 15-16	38 3-16	38 13-16—	1-16
TNP Ent	28¾	28 9-16	28⅝+	5-16
Tandy	65¼	61 7-16	65⅛+	3¼
TempleInland	67 11-16	66¼	67 5-16—	7-16
Tenneco	30¼	30	30 7-16—	1-16
Texaco	59¾	57 5-16	58¾—	⅛
TexInd	28¾	28¼	28⅛—	3-16
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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Check shadow on lung X-ray

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 63, and I stopped smoking two years ago. After I had pneumonia, I experienced shortness-of-breath and chest pain. A stress test was normal. However, pulmonary function studies confirmed that I am breathing at about 30 percent of my normal capacity. There may be a shadow on the X-ray. My doctor says that nothing can be done.

DEAR READER: Your story is somewhat unusual. A 70-percent reduction in breathing capacity means that you have either a walloping infection or a form of chronic lung disease. Perhaps your smoking was a major factor in your respiratory difficulty. However, I am very concerned about the "shadow" on your X-ray. This needs to be addressed. It could represent ongoing pneumonia, fluid, scar tissue or something more ominous.

First, your doctors need to define the "shadow". Is it an infection, a tumor or simply fluid that has accumulated because of acute pneumonia?

In my view, you should have a pulmonary CT scan and be seen by a lung specialist. Chest pain and shortness-of-breath are never normal for a person of any age and should be investigated. A pulmonologist should be able to discover the cause of your problem and recommend treatment.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 8-year-old granddaughter has chronic urinary burning and vaginal irritation. Her father, who is divorced from our daughter, takes the child on alternate weekends. Although she is mum about what happens, I have noticed blood on her panties. The doctor concluded that she might have a yeast infection and that she will suffer all her life.

DEAR READER: She shouldn't have to suffer even one day. Get your granddaughter to a urologist or a gynecologist fast. Although occasional urinary infection and vaginal irritation may occur in children, a chronic condition may be serious, as well as uncomfortable. If she has a yeast infection, this should be readily treated with modern therapy.

Your question, however, prompts me to raise a disagreeable subject: Sexual molestation of children. Doctors and other health professionals are increasingly dismayed by the increase of this activity. Youngsters — even babies — are sometimes molested and may be sexually attacked by relatives or any other person in the environment. The earliest signs of sexual abuse include vaginal irritation and painful urination. Pediatricians and emergency room doctors have been encouraged by experts to become more aware of the possibility of sexual molestation in youngsters who have chronic urogenital problems.

While I am not suggesting that your granddaughter is in any way a victim of such despicable sexual practices, I mention the topic to alert other readers that such reprehensible behavior exists.

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House initially approves milk stabilization bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas would enter a multi-state compact to stabilize milk prices that some lawmakers say could help save struggling farmers under a bill given initial House approval Tuesday.

The bill by Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss, allows Texas to join the Southern Dairy Compact which would set a minimum-price system for milk in the region. Eleven other Southern states have already agreed to join the compact, Turner said.

"This should send a signal loud and clear to Texas dairy farmers that the Texas Legislature is concerned about their problems," said Turner.

"If this legislation is enacted, it will provide an opportunity to stabilize prices at the dairy farm level for the protection of Texas consumers and dairy producers," he said.

If Texas dairy producers don't participate in the compact, they will continue to experience declining milk prices, forcing some out of business, Turner said.

The state has lost 34.4 percent of its dairy farmers and 10 percent of its milk production since Jan. 1, 1995, he said.

Since the dairy farmers produce perishable products that must be shipped every day, they have little leverage in the marketplace, Turner said.

"Studies have shown that there is no correlation between the prices paid by consumers and the price received by dairy farmers," he said.

Turner noted that he bought two gallons of milk and paid $3.69 for one and $1.99 for the other.

"How can we have so much disparity between retail prices when the Texas dairy farmer will be paid the same price, $1.15, for both gallons?" Turner asked.

Some lawmakers argued that the compact amounted to price-fixing and would only result in high prices for families.

The governor and the U.S. Congress would have to sign off on the compact before it could be instituted.

The bill, which passed 100-42, still must get final approval before moving to the Senate where Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, has filed similar legislation.

The dairy compact bills are HB2000 and SB737.

Researchers say RDA for vitamin C should be raised

CHICAGO (AP) — Government researchers say the recommended daily allowance for vitamin C should be doubled or tripled because of increasing evidence over the past two decades of its cancer-fighting ability.

The current recommended daily allowances were established by the National Academy of Sciences in 1980.

In a paper in today's Journal of the American Medical Association, researchers from the National Institutes of Health said the RDA for vitamin C should be raised from 60 milligrams to between 100 mg and 200 mg.

Dr. Mark Levine, an NIH researcher, said the recommendation reflects a growing body of research showing that five servings of fruit and vegetables a day can help prevent cancer. By raising the recommended amount of vitamin C, people are encouraged to eat more fruits and vegetables, he said.

Hower, the NIH researchers cautioned that there's such a thing as too much vitamin C. They said 200 mg is the maximum the body can absorb before it starts expelling the vitamin. Larger amounts can inrease the risk of kidney stones, Levine said.

Levine said the recommendations are based on an "explosion" of research conducted since 1980. Levine said the current recommendation is based on decades-old studies.

Vitamin C, whic' is not produced naturally in the body, is one of 13 vitamins and minerals people need to stay healthy.

The National Academy of Sciences' Food and Nutrition Board is reviewing the recommended dietary allowance of several vitamins, including vitamin C. The board is expected to release its findings later this year.

The board will review the NIH paper and other research in making its decision, said board member Sandy Schlicker.

An expert on vitamin C and other antioxidants agreed it is time to raise the recommended dietary allowance of vitamin C.

"The old recommendation was based on very primitive data," said Dr. Kenny Jialal of the University of Texas's Southwestern Medical Center, who did not participate in the study. "The data we have today is more plausible and more biologically relevant."

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans take care of Texas

Earth Day is April 22 this year, and since the first Earth Day held in 1970, a generation has grown up learning to protect the environment.

Texas Environmental Facts

88% of Texas households reported saving cans, bottles, or newspapers for recycling.

64% of Texans report leaving yard trimmings on the lawn all or most of the time.

54% of Texans reported choosing a product made of recycled materials over a regular product "all or most of the time" when both have an equivalent price.

54% of Texans favor the "pay as you throw" program for garbage pickup.

39% of Texans report taking hazardous waste to collection facilities "all or most of the time."

Texans report that they recycle aluminum cans "all or most of the time," followed by paper (39% of the time), plastic (31%), tin cans (26%), and glass (24%).

For more information on how you can help call: 1-800-CLEAN-UP.

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, 1997 Survey of Environmental Behaviors and Attitudes of Texans, and 1998 Texas Environmental Survey (Rice University).

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Susan Combs
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

Even as we prepare our industry for the future, the folks at the Texas Department of Agriculture never lose sight of our rich past. There's no better example of that than TDA's Family Land Heritage program.

Each year, TDA takes time to honor those farms and ranches across Texas that have been in continuous production by the same family for at least 100 years. Since the recognition program began in 1974, more than 3,300 properties have qualified for this honor.

Make no mistake, Family Land Heritage is truly an important recognition program for our state and our industry. Today's success in Texas agriculture is the result of years of dedication by the hard-working families honored at the Family Land Heritage ceremony held annually in January.

These early Texans planted the seeds of a great agricultural state. With labor and love, they harvested crops, pulled calves and built homes and communities that tamed a vast frontier. Their legacy is our heritage and is as important today as it was a century ago.

More properties qualify and are added to the Family Land Heritage rolls with each passing year – and that's good. Just as it's important to know where we're going, the Texas agricultural industry must always remember where we've been and should never forget the folks who helped get us where we are today.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Do commercials trick you?

Because many of you spend a lot of time watching TV every day, it is important for you to think about what you are seeing and hearing. When you see commercials for food, you must remember that you are really watching an advertisement. Companies who make food spend a lot of money to make commercials. Their commercials are designed to make you think you should buy their foods. If you do buy their foods, they will make money.

To decide if commercials you see on TV are good or bad, you should remember these things:

1. Commercials for foods try to make you think that if you eat their food, you will be as "cool" or as good-looking as the actors or actresses in the commericals. As you know, this just isn't true. Sometimes commericals use important or famous people to sell products. This often makes you think you should believe that person because he or she is more than an ordinary person.

2. Many commercials use words you don't understand, but which sound good. Ask yourself if you really know what the words mean. They also don't tell you everything about the food. Try to figure out what they are not telling you about the food. For example, commercials for high-fat foods may tell you that the foods are low in cholesterol, but they do not tell you that foods have a lot of fat.

Pay attention to the music, sound effects, lighting, props and special effects in commercials that make food look better. Try to look at things other than the food.

The next time you see a food commercial, think about these things and decide if what that commerical is selling is good or bad for your health.

Eating right — a low-fat diet

You have probably heard the words low-fat, but what does that mean and how do you make sure that your diet is low-fat?

To begin with, you need to know about the two kinds of fat, The first kind is saturated fat. Saturated fat increases your cholesterol and deposits it in your arteries. The main sources of saturated fat are the fats in animal products, such as meat, cheese, milk, butter and lard.

The other kind is unsaturated fat. Unsaturated fat helps lower your cholesterol level if you use it instead of saturated fat. These fats are found in oils from plant seeds like corn, soybeans, sunflowers, cotton seeds, olives and peantus. Unsaturated fats are the main source of essential fatty acids which your body can't "make" from other things you already have in your body. You must EAT these fatty acids, and that's why they're essential.

You must be aware of fat in the foods you eat. Products advertised as having "no cholesterol" maight be high in fat or saturated fat. You need to look on the nutrition label to tell how much saturated and unsaturated fat something contains.

All fats are high in calories, so if you eat a lot of foods high in fat, you are consuming a lot of calories. If you aren't active enough to burn off all those calories, your body will save them and store them in the form of fat. We all know that too much fat is dangerous to our health.

More than 800 flood-plain violations are discovered

GALVESTON (AP) — Entire communities are at risk of losing federal flood insurance coverage after regulators have identified more than 800 Galveston County structures in possible violation of U.S. flood-plain rules.

Communities identified as having properties with flood-plain violations will have four months to bring them into compliance or risk losing access to the flood insurance program just as hurricane season arrives, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Frank Pagano, FEMA's division director of mitigation, told The Galveston County Daily News that the agency has identified 868 properties in the county which need closer review.

Most violations, the agency says, are in communities such as Tiki Island and Bayou Vista, which are in the 100-year flood plain and center on new homes built on stilts that use the base level for activities other than parking.

Federal guidelines prohibit homes from having habitable quarters below the base level, said Pagano.

"We get complaints from people saying it's an invasion of their privacy or an intrusion of their rights to say what they can or cannot build," he said. "But no other company is going to underwrite flood insurance besides the national flood insurance program."

The FEMA evaluation was focused on Galveston County because of ifs increasing growth and the amount of flood damage the county has endured.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 455 head of cattle for the Thursday, April 15 sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 39 to 40.50.
Canners and low cutters: 30 to 35
Slaughter bulls: 42 to 50.
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 90-108
400-500: 80-95
500-600: 70-82
600-700: 72-82
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700-800: 63-67
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 70 to 82; 700-800, 64 to 69.50.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 550 to 750: Grade 450 to 535.
Springers: 375 to 585.
Baby calves: 75 to 185.
Doodlers 150 to 225

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 696 head of cattle for the Saturday, April 17 sale.Feeder and stocker heaifers and steers were steady to $1-$2 lower on all classes. Bred cows and pairs were steady to stronger. Trading active and demand good.

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600-750: 62-71
Feeder Heifers:
200-300: 88-106
300-400: 78-84
400-500: 74-86.50
500-600: 68-77
600-750: 62-69.50
Young bred cows: 510 to 64835
Middle aged: 3850 to 520
Young pairs: 540 to 675.
Middle aged: 450 to 610
Packer cows: 320 to 41.50
Old & Shelly: 25 to 28
Packer cows: 42-49.75

Canine sperm bank opened

GIRONA, Spain (AP) — A veterinarian has opened Spain's first private sperm bank for dogs, catering to owners who want to breed a new version of a beloved pet that dies.

"It's an investment, just like money in the bank," Dr. Ricardo Cordoba said of the samples that owners have him take from their fine breeds and freeze.

He said that in six months he has collected 30 samples and delivered three litters conceived with artificial insemination — mastiffs, poodles and spaniels.

Spain already had a canine sperm bank, but it is a research facility not open to the public.

Cordoba's fee for extracting and freezing sperm samples is $160.

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Fifteen reported dead in school shooting

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The attack ended only when two suspects who had stalked through hallways spraying bullets apparently killed themselves in the school library just down the hall.

By the time Hamilton was reunited with Arnold — after a SWAT team escorted her class around puddles of blood — 15 people were dead, including the shooters.

Many students were in the cafeteria when the assault on Columbine High began. The first lunch shift started at 11:10 a.m. and was in full swing when food server Karen Nielsen heard someone yell, "Get down!"

Nielsen said she heard shots coming from outside and rushed to a window. She saw three victims outside.

"I was on automatic," she said. "It was just, 'get to the wounded.'"

One of the boys felled outside the cafeteria door had been shot in the face, another was shot in the back. The third looked dead. Nielsen ran back inside and called 911.

Sheriff's deputies responded swiftly, but at least two hours ticked by before officers surrounded the building and moved in.

"We had initial people there right away, but we couldn't get in," Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone said. "We were way outgunned."

Students described their attackers as heavily armed — with semi-automatic weapons and an assault rifle, some said — and one student said one of the shooters took off his ankle-length black coat to reveal what appeared to be hand grenades.

When the attackers strode into the cafeteria, "Everyone was trying to crawl at first, but then someone got up and ran, and everybody was running," said freshman Chris Donnelly, 15. "I saw someone bleeding on the floor."

Nearby, Nielsen was hiding with several other employees in the restroom of the teachers' lounge. They cringed when the attackers banged on other doors, shouting, "We know you're in there," she said.

Terrible moments passed. The shooting receded. One person ventured out hesitantly — and saw wounded students strewn across the cafeteria. He returned to hiding in the lounge.

When Nielsen escaped about 90 minutes after the first shots, the two wounded students she'd seen were gone; the dead body was still there. According to students, the attackers next targeted the library, shooting as they walked up the stairs and down the hall.

Many hours later, after law officers had swept the school, checking every abandoned bookbag, backpack and gym satchel for explosives, the sheriff assessed the carnage on the second floor.

"The library was one of the last rooms we entered, and it was the most gruesome," he said.

Surrounding the bodies of the attackers, both juniors at Columbine, were the bodies of 10 of their victims.

SWAT teams began freeing clusters of panicked students and teachers from their hiding places about 2:30 p.m. Live television feeds showed them sprinting from the school, most with hands held high overhead, to holding areas where they were frisked, questioned and offered medical care.

Many survivors were reunited with anxious loved ones at a nearby elementary school. But it took a few more hand-wringing moments. Parents watched their precious children from a distance, but could not immediately speak with them or embrace them, while authorities finished their questioning on the school stage.

Other parents suffered a night of sinking desperation, their eyes scanning lists of students accounted for, either unharmed or in hospitals — but not finding the names they love.

With the risk of rigged explosives deemed too high to continue their investigation overnight, authorities had no choice but to shut down the crime scene — with bodies scattered throughout the Colorado high school.

Obituaries

Lorraine Odal

Lorraine Odal

1918-1999

Service for Lorraine Fensterer Odal of Snyder is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. The Rev. Ernest Harris, pastor of Jenkins United Methodist Church in Daingerfield, will officiate.

Mrs. Odal will be cremated and interred in the Military Cemetery in San Antonio.

Mrs. Odal, 80, died Tuesday, April 20, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born April 27, 1918 in Galesburg, Ill., she married Lt. Col. Earl Odal of Chicago on June 5, 1947. He was a CPA MBA Financial Executive.

Mrs. Odal and her husband moved to Snyder three years ago from The Woodlands. Prior to that, they had been longtime residents of Willis.

Mrs. Odal received her BA degree in music (piano and organ) from Knox College in Galesburg in 1939. She trained at Grant Hospital in Chicago and received her certificate as Medical Record Librarian.

In September of 1942 she enlisted with the WAC in Des Moines, Iowa. She served at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, D.C., before shipping overseas where she served in London, Paris, and with the OMGUS in Berlin.

She also worked in Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago and Houston. Mrs. Odal was a member of the 50 Year Club at Knox College, Pi Kappa Lambda and the American Association of Medical Record Librarians. She retired in 1973.

In 1996, she moved to Snyder where her daughter, Dr. Marcia Odal, was in practice. For the past three years she has been a patient at Cogdell Hospital. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Willis, Tex.

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Loy Botsford

1924-1999

Loy U. Botsford of Snyder died Saturday, April 17, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Botsford, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jerry Webb, a nephew from Brownfield, will officiate, and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Botsford, born on Nov. 29, 1924 in Hereford, married Wanda R. Webb on May 4, 1946 in Pampa. He had worked for Enron Pipeline and was a veteran of the Army Air Corp, serving with the 98th Bomber Group in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Botsford of Snyder; two daughters, Charlotte Shepperd of Seguin and Brenda Clem of Snyder; two brothers, Irvin Botsford of Waxahachie and Thomas Botsford of Torrance, Calif.; two sisters, Aldyth Harrison of Hugoton, Kan., and June Neel of Amarillo; two grandsons, Shannon Clem and Christopher Shepperd; three granddaughters, Misty Haley, Cheryl Shepperd and Dawn Clem; and several nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be from 6-8 this evening at the funeral home.

James Hargrove

1954-1999

James "Red" Hargrove of Spring Branch, former Snyder resident, died Sunday, April 18, in a San Antonio hospital after a lengthy illness.

Memorial service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Vaughan Funeral Home in Boerne. The Rev. Mike Mills will officiate.

Graveside service for Mr. Hargrove, 44, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Vaughan Funeral.

Born on July 3, 1954 in Kermit, Mr. Hargrove attended Snyder schools and Western Texas College. He had been an employee for the City of Snyder and the City of Boerne, and was a training specialist for the Texas Engineering Extension Agency out of Texas A&M. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Hargrove had recently moved from Boerne to Spring Branch.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.D. and Mary Hargrove of Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Hargrove of Spring Branch; a son, John Pruett of Burnet; a daughter, Julie Love of Spring Branch; two brothers, Addis Hargrove of Dubai, United Arab Emerates, and Robert Hargrove of Dallas; one sister, MariAnne Roemer of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

Jesus R. Gomez

1935-1999

LOVINGTON, N.M. — Graveside service for Jesus R. Gomez of Lovington, formerly of Snyder, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Lovington Cemetery. Father Franklin Eichhorst was to officiate.

Rosary was held Tuesday.

Mr. Gomez died Monday, April 19, at his residence following an extended illness. Arrangements were under the direction of Bethany Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 5, 1935, he moved from Snyder to Lovington eight months ago.

Survivors include six daughters, Mary Lou Garza of Ira, Ofelia Martinez, Susie Reynosa, both of Snyder, Maria Silva of Lovington, Patsy Petra of San Angelo and Enedina Moore of Throckmorton; three sons, Raymond Martinez and Frank Martinez, both of Snyder, and John Martinez of Lovington; one brother, Juan Gomez of Sabinal, Texas; one sister, Elvia Gomez, also of Sabinal; 52 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Spring Formal

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daughter of Norman and Belinda Paige of Aspermont.

—Kara Wood, sophomore majoring in elementary education. She is the daughter of David and Ricki Webb of Hermleigh.

Mr. WTC candidates include:

—C.J. Chaney, freshmen majoring in basic studies. He is the son of Ivan and Lyn Chaney of Snyder.

—Brad Easter, freshman majoring in golf and landscape technology. He is the son of Jimmy and Phyllis Easter of Lubbock.

—Chris Holt, sophomore majoring in golf and landscape technology. He is the son of Terry and Leeann Holt of Tulia.

—Jason Kerby, sophomore majoring in golf and landscape technology. He is the son of Al and Susan Kerby of Bovina.

—Todd Lancaster, sophomore majoring in landscape architecture. He is the son of Polly and Steve Lancaster of Big Spring.

—Jason Tyler, sophomore business major. He is the son of Doug and Joanne Tyler of Pullman, Wash.

Routine business on DCOS agenda

It will be routine business for the Development Corporation of Snyder board of directors when it meets Thursday at 4 p.m.

The agenda includes the consideration of monthly financial statements, paying of bills and the monthly report from Executive Director John DeLille.

The meeting will be in the DCOS' offices at the American State Bank.

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DA presents state's evidence this morning

District Attorney Dana Cooley was presenting evidence for the state's side this morning in the driving while intoxicated trial of Rafael Torres.

Testimony got underway shortly after 2 p.m. Tuesday with Snyder Police Sgt. Brian Haggard testifying.

A seven woman, five man jury is hearing the case.

Torres, 33, of 1401 20th Street is charged with a Nov. 1 offense of felony driving while intoxicated.

He is being represented by Pete Greene.

District Court Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding.

Hearing set

AUSTIN (AP) — A Travis County judge has ordered a hearing for a lawsuit seeking to stop Texas Tech University scientists from researching fire ant habits by inflicting the stinging insects on such animals as pregnant deer and baby quail.

Animal rights activists, including the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, complain the "bizarre" experiments are unnecessary. The lawsuit was filed by Don Barnes, director of Voice for Animals.

District Judge Scott McGown on Monday scheduled the hearing for May 3.

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ONGOINGS

Jubilee Ministeries

Jerry Murphy will bring the message this evening at 7 o'clock at Jubilee Ministeries, 908 E. Highway.

Snyder FFA booster club

The Snyder FFA booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the ag building to discuss the spring banquet and building construction. All parents are invited. For information, call 574-7277.

All sports banquet

Snyder High School booster club members and parents are invited to a 7:30 p.m. meeting Thursday in the SHS student center. Plans will be finalized for the all sports banquet.

Silent auction

A silent auction to benefit the Relay For Life will be held from 2-4 p.m. Thursday and from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday in the lobby of Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The auction is sponsored by the Cogdell Comets relay team and items include complete meals, a fishing trip, child care and hand-made items.

Diabetes support group to meet

The Diabetes support group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Hospital cafeteria. Dr. Bryan Cave will be the speaker.

Stanfield parents meeting

Dr. Marti Dryk will share tips on "How to read aloud to your kids" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Stanfield Elementary.

Warriors men's conference

A Warrior's for Jesus men's conference will be held at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Word Is Life Church, 602 30th St. Paul Baskin of Big Spring will lead the music and the speakers are David Fees of Plano and Keith Miller of Amarillo. For more information or to pre-register, call 573-8401 or 573-9812.

Tip a Cop

Daniel Unit correctional officers and Snyder police officers will be serving tables from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Jaramillo's. Proceeds will benefit the Area 14 Special Olympics.

First Assembly of God revival

The revival will be Sunday through Thursday. Sunday services will be at 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday services will be at 7 p.m. Evangelist is Jerry Wilkerson and the pastor is Mike Matheny. A nursery will be provided.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Why Do The Wicked Prosper?" followed by "The Forever Mariage."

East Elementary parent council

The council will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the school library.

1989 class reunion

The SHS 1989 class reunion committee is seeking addresses of former classmates for the 10-year reunion. Information is needed ASAP so it can be mailed out. Contact Christy Smith at 573-8392, or 573-1420 for additional information.

Ira School homecoming

Plans are underway for Ira School's Sept. 18 homecoming. The first planning meeting will be at 6 p.m. April 29 in the Ira Community Center. For more information, call Linda Dunn at 573-6997 or Loritta Keller at 573-3825.

Garage sale items needed

Price Daniel unit employees will host the third annual spring carnival to benefit Special Olympics on May 1. Garage sale items are needed. To donate, call 573-1114.

Ira kindergarten registration

Ira ISD has set kindergarten registration on May 3-5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is for students who will turn 5 before Sept. 1. Needed at the time of registration are birth certificates, social security card and updated immunization record.

Relay for Life

Snyder's American Cancer Society will host the Relay for Life April 30-May 1 at Tiger Stadium. Sponsors, teams and volunteers for entertainment are needed. Contact Mark Cypert at 573-5454 or 573-5714.

"Spring Fling With God"

Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting a "Spring Fling With God" celebration May 2-5. John Barrett from On the Rock Ministries in Midland will be the evangelist.

Cash Five

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

1-7-12-23-30

(one, seven, twelve, twenty-three, thirty)

Pick 3

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

0-1-0

(zero, one, zero)

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Cancer rates inch down, but mostly for men

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cancer rates are continuing to inch down, thanks largely to drops in smoking — but men are benefiting most from the progress, says the nation's annual report on cancer.

Although they still suffer more cancer than women do, the rate of new cancer cases is dropping eight times faster for men than for women, says the study unveiled Tuesday by the American Cancer Society and government scientists.

Overall, cancer incidence has dropped 2.2 percent a year since 1992, says the report, published in this week's Journal of the National Cancer Institute, which analyzed cancer trends through 1996.

Scientists warned Tuesday that tobacco use could reverse the progress: Lung cancer remains the nation's top cancer killer, and recent declines in lung cancer among men who quit smoking in the 1970s and '80s helped fuel the overall declines in cancer incidence and mortality. But high teen smoking and new popularity for cigars have experts fearing a rebound.

"Unless we invest now in anti-tobacco efforts aimed at our youngest citizens, we will waste the progress we have achieved so far," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

Indeed, cigarette smoking by high school students rose a disturbing 32 percent during the 1990s, the report said. And cigar smoking — which a second study concluded is as cancer-causing as cigarettes — has reversed a 20-year decline, rising by 50 percent in the last four years.

"We need to turn that around or we'll have another lung cancer epidemic," said Phyllis Wingo of the American Cancer Society, lead author of Tuesday's study.

Wingo used death certificates and huge government health databases to determine the rates of new cancer cases and cancer deaths through 1996, the latest data available.

Cancer incidence increased slowly from the 1970s through 1992 — but since then has steadily dropped, about 2.2 percent a year through 1996, the report said. It's falling faster for men, 4.1 percent a year, compared with less than half a percent drop each year for women.

Cancer death rates also are dropping more for men, 1 percent a year, compared with 0.4 percent a year for women.

Why the gender gap? It's partly due to lung cancer.

Scientists have known for several years that lung cancer incidence was slowly decreasing among men, by about 2.6 percent a year. At the same time, however, lung cancer was becoming a steadily bigger problem for women, who began to quit smoking later than men did. During the 1990s, lung cancer deaths rose 1.4 percent a year among women.

But the new report shows a glimmer of hope that women might be about to turn that tide: When scientists looked just at women ages 40 to 59 — the age group that first began kicking the habit — they found a slight decrease in lung cancer. That's the same age group in which the male lung cancer decline first appeared. So a similar finding in women is a clue that maybe women's fate is about to improve, too, Wingo explained.

Lung cancer aside, the study found improvement in fighting most forms of cancer.

Obese...

Women risking inflammation that may cause heart disease

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists may have found another reason to lose weight: A study suggests obese women are six times more likely than thin women to have a silent inflammation inside their arteries that increases the risk of heart disease.

If the findings are verified, they would suggest scientists should study whether the aspirin some heart patients already take might also help overweight people reduce their risk of heart attack.

Scientists recently discovered that otherwise seemingly healthy people may have a low-grade inflammation inside their arteries that can lurk for years and significantly increase the risk of a heart attack or stroke.

No one knows what causes this subtle inflammation. One theory is bacteria, and indeed, some research suggests that antibiotics may help fight heart disease. On the other hand, doctors already frequently prescribe aspirin to certain people at high risk of heart attack because it thins the blood — and aspirin also decreases inflammation.

But it was not known whether being overweight — already a big risk for heart disease because of high cholesterol and other problems — played any role in inflammation.

Tuesday, Dutch scientist Marjolein Visser unveiled research suggesting it might.

Visser knew that fat cells themselves can produce a substance called interleukin-6 that causes inflammation when it seeps into the bloodstream. So she used a U.S. database of 16,000 Americans to study the question.

The only way to measure this "micro-inflammation" is using a blood test that detects C-reactive protein, or CRP. CRP levels skyrocket when people are sick, with colds, inflammatory diseases like rheumatoid arthritis, even heart disease. But lower levels, between 0.2 milligrams and 1 mg per deciliter of blood, are the ones that signal the simmering inflammation that has scientists concerned.

Visser discovered that obese women are six times more likely to have this low-grade inflammation than normal-weight people.

Obese men were twice as likely to have it, a gender difference Visser couldn't explain, except to say that women in the study were much more overweight than men studied.

Visser, a weight specialist at Amsterdam's Vrije University, statistically controlled for other diseases that might have caused the study participants' CRP levels to rise.

FDA panel recommends okaying Vioxx painkiller

WASHINGTON (AP) — Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration are recommending approval of a powerful and potentially safer painkiller, Merck & Co.'s Vioxx.

An advisory panel concluded Tuesday that Vioxx effectively treats osteoarthritis pain and that it is an effective analgesic for acute pain like that caused by dental work and certain surgeries.

Vioxx has been trumpeted as a new type of drug that relieves aches and inflammation with fewer stomach-damaging side effects.

Millions of people now depend on aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen and a host of other pills called "non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs," or NSAIDs, to relieve pain.

But NSAIDs can cause ulcers, stomach bleeding and other gastrointestinal side effects, especially in long-term users. They are blamed for causing 107,000 hospitalizations every year, and for killing 16,500.

The FDA isn't bound by its advisers' recommendations, but typically follows them.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, April 22, 1999

By operating along traditional and proven lines in the year ahead, you can make some substantial gains to better your home operating base. Stay on the straight and narrow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should you and a favorite someone have a dispute today over a minor issue, resolve it immediately, or else it could get blown into a major skirmish without warning. 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.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Unless you lay out a good game plan for today's schedule, there's a possibility you could end up wasting valuable time and getting very little accomplished.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In spite of a past painful experience, there are indications that you could replicate an old mistake once more. You've learned how to handle such a situation, so use this knowledge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you anticipate failure today, these negative thoughts will do everything they can to make certain you turn out to be right. Instead try to envision positive possibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be the first one to try to make amends should you have a slight misunderstanding today with someone you really like, even if you feel you're the injured party. Your pal will follow suit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Instead of relying on the support or help of someone whose back-up is questionable, strive to be self-sufficient today. With a little extra effort, you can take care of your own needs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) What is beneficial for friends or associates might not necessarily be advantageous for you, so don't let others define your goals or objectives today if you want to realize success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't fall so in love with an idea that all you want do is talk about it. Remember, ideas can always be improved, but they can't come into being without applied effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Owing to a lack of proper communication today, arrangements you have with another party concerning a commercial endeavor might not work out too well. Make sure you don't have the signals crossed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not be hasty in your decision-making today, especially if what you have to decide on can affect someone other than yourself. Take the time to carefully analyze all your options.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're apt to collect substantial guilt by the end of the day if you allow your inclinations to duck mundane chores to prevail today. Be the industrious person you normally are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even when endorsed by a trusted friend, don't take any financial proposals at face value today. Unforeseen problems could be brewing underneath.

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