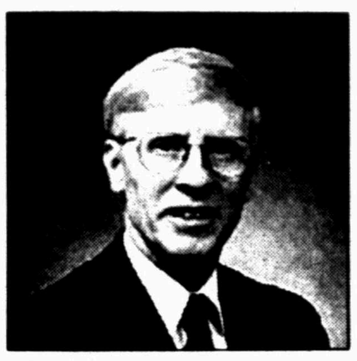
State officials in Snyder on Thursday

Two top state officials — chairs of the Texas Railroad Commission and the Natural Resource Conservation Commission — will be in Snyder Thursday to tour several sites in the county.



Tony Garza



Robert Huston

Coming at the invitation of State Rep. David Counts, Tony Garza Jr., chairman of the railroad commission, will tour the Torch Gasoline Plant, SACROC, and the Sharon Ridge field.

Robert Huston, chairman of the TNRCC, will visit the city of Snyder water and waste-water treatment facilities.

Both officials will tour the WTC Workforce Education Center around 4 p.m. and then attend a public reception at 4:30 p.m. at the Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus.

In addition to Garza and Huston, others expected from Austin Thursday include Gene Acuna, director of public relations for the railroad commission, and Duncan Norton, TNRC general counsel.

Torch Energy plant manager Mike Post will host the group's tour at the Torch plant, while PennzEnergy production superintendent Pete Hagist, systems analyst Don Orsburn and Patterson Energy's chairman Cloyce Talbott will conduct the tour for Garza at SACROC.

Joining Garza in the tour of the Sharon Ridge Field will be Leamon Hood and Marty Toombs of Altura Energy, Roger Lollar of Anadarko, while Exxon will be represented by Ross Cornett and Roy Baze.

City Manager John Gayle will lead the tour of the city's facilities while Mike Thornton and John Gibson will direct the tour of the WTC educational center. Thornton is dean of continuing education while Gibson is the director of workforce education.

The public reception at the museum will be hosted by WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek.

Garza is Texas' 41st Railroad Commissioner and formerly served as Secretary of State — having been appointed by Gov. George W. Bush.

Huston was appointed to the Railroad Commission by Gov. Bush and is serving a term ending in 2003.

Counts will remain in Snyder Thursday evening to host a "Town Hall" meeting at City Hall. The city council has posted a called meeting agenda for the 6:30 p.m. meeting.

Counts has said both local and state issues will be discussed at the meeting.

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Past middle age is when a guy thinks he'll be as good as new in a week or two."

For the second time this spring, State Rep. David Counts has been successful in getting important state officials to visit Snyder and Scurry County.

Tomorrow, Railroad Commission Chairman Tony Garza will be in Snyder along with Robert Huston, chairman of the Texas Natural Resources Conservatiion Commission.

Upon arrival, Chairman Garza will tour the local oilpatch and meet with representatives of the petroleum industry.

Since our economy is so dependent upon oil and gas, the visit is an excellent opportunity for the chairman of the panel that regulates the oil and gas industry in Texas to get to know Scurry County and its people first-hand.

Chairman Huston chairs the agency that regulates environmental issues in the state, including water quality and waste-water treatment.

Water and water quality issues are of interest and concern for all of Texans — especially here in West Texas where water's value is on par with oil and gas.

In January, Rep. Counts and Mayor David Holt hosted a visit by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and representatives of the Texas Department of Economic Development. That visit has already begun to pay dividends.

Following the tour, the public is invited to a reception at the Scurry County Museum, located on the campus of Western Texas College. The reception starts at 4:30 p.m.

While in Snyder, Rep. Counts has scheduled a town-hall meeting at Snyder city hall. The Knox City Democrat hopes to have representatives of the water district and utility companies on hand to help answer citizens' questions and concerns.

The town-hall meeting is timely in view of the current legislative session. With more than 5,000 bills introduced, there is legislation that will affect local citizens for years to come.

Counts, who is chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, has been involved in water issues for the past two sessions — and water ranks as one of the most important issue here in dry West Texas.

No election in Ira, Hermleigh...

Ballot spots drawn for May 1 election

Ballot spots for contested races in the May 1 election have been drawn.

Incumbent Place 1 Snyder ISD trustee Glenn Clarady will have place one on the ballot. He is being challenged by Ronnie Anderson.

Clarady was first elected to his position in 1990. This will be Anderson's first run for a spot on the school board.

Mark McCormick and Janet Stribling will not have opponents in their bid for another term on the school board.

Three people are candidates for two at-large positions on the Snyder City Council.

Incumbent Terry Martin, Ron Shaw and James Ashley are candidates for the two council seats.

On the ballot, they will be listed in the order of Ashley, Shaw and Martin.

Seeking Place 3 on the city's ballot are James Jenkins Jr. and Kirk Taylor. They will be listed in that order on the ballot.

Dayton Robertson is running unopposed for mayor.

Both Ira and Hermleigh school boards are expected to cancel their trustee elections because there are no contested races.

Only incumbents Lance Autry, Sid Wall and Kirby Sterling filed for the Ira school board.

Hermleigh ISD trustees Burton Sandefur and Tony Lambaren both filed for another term.

"By state law we are not obliged to have one," Hermleigh Supt. Jerry Church said. "We will just declare them the winners at the May (school board) meeting and be through."

Ira Supt. Rick Howard said a resolution will be drawn up to cancel the Ira election and presented to the board when it meets April 12.

He said the uncontested candidates will then be declared the winners.

There are no board positions up for re-election at Western Texas College.

Early voting for the election begins April 14 and continues through April 27.

City Hall will be the early voting site for the City of Snyder while persons voting early in the Snyder ISD trustee election will do so at the administration building.

On election day, voting for both the City and Snyder ISD will be held at City Hall.

Public is invited to burger cookout

Plans have been made and food has been purchased to feed upwards of a 1,000 Scurry County citizens Thursday afternoon on the lawn of the county courthouse.

County officials are hosting an "Economy Awareness Rally" and free hamburgers and iced-tea will be served beginning at 5 p.m.

Serving will end in time for citizens to attend the Town Hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

"We encourage everyone to come out and eat a hamburger with us," said County Judge Ricky Fritz. "We especially invite the people who have had to take pay cuts due to the downturn in the economy."

Fritz said State Rep. David Counts and James Beaucham of U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm's office will be among those in attendance.

Funds for the hamburger supper are being donated by county officials and local merchants, said Fritz.



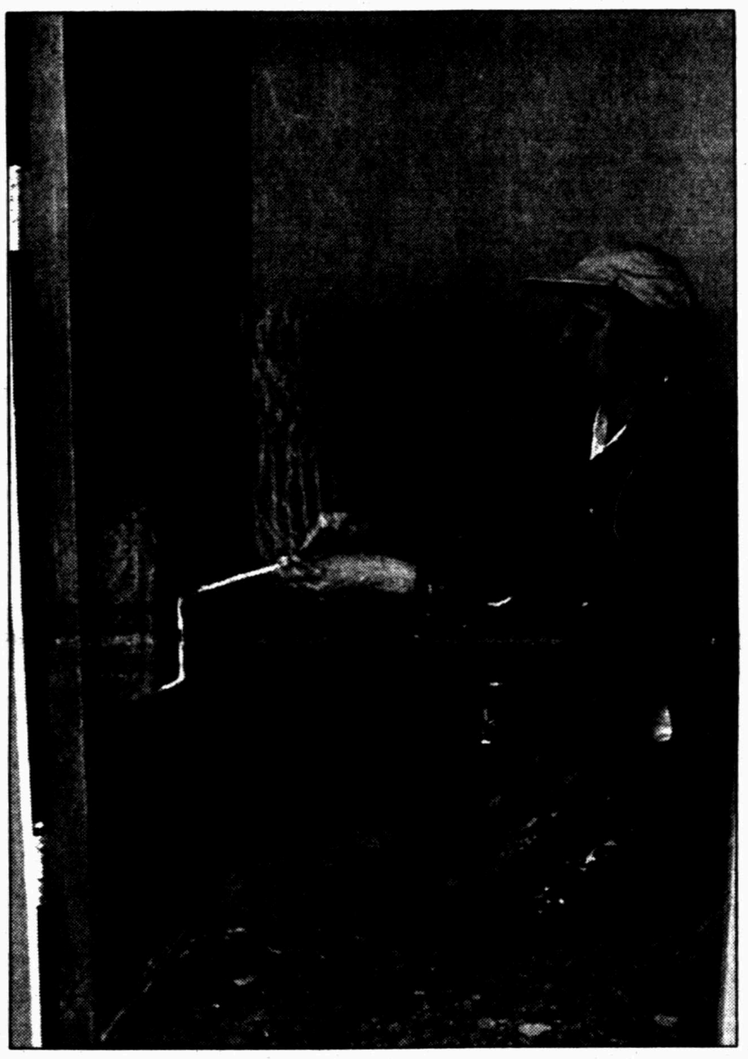
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Monday - Thursday
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Service & Meal
12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

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Daily Speakers
Thursday - Gerald Leatham

Friday - 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
First United Methodist Church
Lloyd Stice



RENOVATIONS CONTINUE — Supervisor Eugenia Flores paints a door as renovations continue on the Beacon Lodge motel. The work is expected to be completed by mid-summer. Once finished, the motel's 36 rooms will have new carpeting, newly textured walls, and new furniture. An opening date has not been set. (SDN Staff Photo)

Nolan Co. grand jury to review baby case

A Nolan County grand jury is expected to hear the case of a 20-year-old Sweetwater woman who told authorities last week that she placed her new-born baby in a trash dumpster in that city.

Contents of that dumpster were later routinely transported to the city of Snyder landfill and prompted a search for the body by local and Nolan County officials last Friday.

Among those searching the landfill was Sheriff Darren Jackson and interim Police Chief Steve Warren.

Searchers were aided by Snyder landfill superintendent Eli Torres.

A six-hour search failed to discover the body of the new-born baby which the mother said never moved after she gave birth at her Sweetwater home.

"We've turned the case over to District Attorney Mark Edwards," Sweetwater police detective Phillip Gill said this morning.

Sweetwater officials became aware of the situation when the woman had to have emergency surgery at Rolling Plains Hospital. The surgeon found the umbilical cord and the placenta during the surgery and the woman later told the doctor about wrapping the baby in a towel and putting it in the dumpster.

Sweetwater officials were notified and the search began at the local landfill.

Last week, Sweetwater Chief of Police Jim Kelley said charges against the girl — who has one other child — could range from abuse of a corpse to murder.

Agriculture conference set at Dunn

The Rolling Plains Agricultural Conference, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension offices in Scurry, Nolan and Mitchell counties, will be held Thursday in the Dunn Community Center.

Registration will be from 8 until 8:30 a.m.

Speakers and their topics scheduled in the morning session are Dr. Billy Warrick, extension agronomist, on cotton growth and management; and Dr. Dana Porter, extension engineer, on irrigation of cotton in West Texas.

Following a break at 10 a.m., Dr. Dan Kreig, professor at Texas Tech, will speak on ultra-narrow row cotton, reduced tillage and sorghum production. Other morning speakers include Dr. Chris Sansone, extension entomologist, speaking on insect pests of cotton and sorghum.

Travis Taylor will also give an update on the Texas Grain Sorghum Board in the morning session.

Following lunch, Dr. Peter Dotray will speak on weed control in cotton and sorghum, while Cr. Craig Fincham will speak on FARM assist/risk management. Also, Billy Henderson of the Texas Department of Agriculture will address the group concerning laws and regulations.

Extension agent Stephen Biles will give an IPM update.

Five CEUS will be available for applicators licenses and the cost of the conference is $10.

Registration is at the door or by calling the extension office in one of the three counties.

Public comment time for Air Force extended

The Air Force has extended the public comment period for the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI) Draft Environmental Impact Statement for an additional 45 days.

This extends the comment period until June 16.

Lt. Don Kerr of Dyess AFB's public affairs division said all hearing dates will remain the same.

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed low-level flight training missions on April 7 at Worsham Auditorium on the campus of Snyder High School.

The hearing is set to begin at 5 p.m. and continue until 9 o'clock.

Comments on the proposed plan will be accepted during the hearing in Snyder, along with hearings in 10 other communities.

Comments may also be mailed to Maj. Brent Adams, RBTI EIS Project Manager, HQ ACC/CEVPP, 129 Andrews St., Suite 102, Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769.

ASK US

Q—Why did the commissioners accept the higher computer cable bid?

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FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 57 degrees; low, 46; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 48; no precipitation; total for 1999, 2.69 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, upper 50s. S wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, breezy. High, lower 80s. S-SW wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



Shawn Thompson
Windy

Sunset:
7:01 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:33 a.m.
Of 89 days in 1999, the sun has shone 83 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"The key to achievement lies in being a How thinker, not an If thinker."

Unknown
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FIRST PLACE — Snyder High School students took first place honors at the district meet in Big Spring. This marks the school's 12th victory in 13 years. Back row from left, Britney Canada, Vanessa Jones, April Whittenburg, Haley Elkins, Laura Greenwood, Erin Kirk, Cara Best, Suzanne Bogard; middle row, Brett Gibson, Renae Hall, Rebecca West, Melinda Langham, Tera Kincaid, Randi Haggard, Lisa Moore; front row, Trey Gorman, Duane Allred, Michael Gibson, Nickolas Means, Lyndell Lee, Wade Ashby, Thomas Bishop, Trevor Kerr. Not pictured: Katy Cooper, Alesha Miller, Dennis Evey. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Twin to be given to his genetic parents

NEW YORK (AP) — They are brothers, twins born of the same womb. One is black, the other white. It is a baby-switching case with a twist — these babies were switched before birth.

Now the only mother either 3-month-old boy has ever known will return the child who does not share her DNA — the black child — to his genetic parents.

"We're giving him up because we love him," said Donna Fasano, 37, in a handwritten statement supplied by her lawyer Tuesday.

The babies ended up in the same womb because a doctor at a fertility clinic apparently mixed up Mrs. Fasano's embryos with those of another couple.

"Both of these boys are beautiful — two precious, normal little boys," said her lawyer, Ivan Tantleff. "They sit in the swing together. They sit in the tub together."

The case began April 24, 1998, when Mrs. Fasano underwent embryo implantations in the Manhattan offices of Dr. Lillian Nash. Another couple, Deborah Perry-Rogers and Robert Rogers, sought help from the same clinic at the same time.

Both women underwent in vitro fertilization, in which their own eggs fertilized by their husbands' sperm were implanted into the uterus. Only Mrs. Fasano became pregnant.

Doctors discovered a problem a few weeks into Mrs. Fasano's pregnancy, when an amniocentesis exam revealed that although she was carrying twins, only one was her genetic son.

The clinic had apparently inserted some of Mrs. Rogers' eggs into Mrs. Fasano's uterus along with her own. Since both babies were healthy, Mrs. Fasano decided to carry them to term, her lawyer said.

The babies were born in December. Mrs. Fasano said she didn't know the other parents' identity until the Rogerses sued Nash, two other doctors and the Fasanos on March 16.

"This wasn't my doing," Mrs. Fasano said in her statement. "People with infertility problems should be able to go to their doctors and trust them to do the right thing. To them it may be a job; to me it's my life."

The state's health department is investigating the incident. A call to Nash's clinic was not returned Tuesday.

Tantleff said he is trying to arrange for visitation rights for the Fasanos "so the boys grow up to know that they are brothers."

Mrs. Perry-Rogers, a nurse, and her husband, a teacher, are amenable to visitation, their lawyer said Tuesday. "It's in the children's best interest," said Rudolph Silas.

Silas said his clients will likely get custody of the little boy in a few weeks, after DNA tests and legal papers are completed.

"My clients are both ecstatic," Silas said. "They are the proud parents of a 3-month-old baby boy. Of course there's some mixed emotions in the manner in which it's been brought to this point. But they're happy she made the decision she's made."

UIL literary events...

SHS garners another first in district contest

Snyder High School wracked up 344 points in recent district UIL contests to claim first place at the Big Spring meet. Besides the individual winners listed below, those in the one-act play also contributed to the UIL District Academic Sweepstakes Trophy awarded to the high school.

Andrews came in second with 292.5 points. This makes 12 out of the last 13 years that Snyder High School has won this honor.

The next step will be the UIL Regional Academic Meet which will be held on April 24 at Angelo State University. All students who placed first, second or third or first team in their respective contests will compete again. Students who placed fourth will be alternates and will be competing if one of the top three contenders fails to compete.

The one-act play will compete at the area contest on April 9 in Snyder.

The following students won awards:

Accounting: Trevor Kerr first; Brett Gibson, second; Cara Best, third and first place team.

Mathematics: Wade Ashby, sixth.

Computer applications: Erin Kirk, first; April Whittenburg, fifth.

Science: Trey Gorman, first in biology and first overall high individual; Duane Allred, fourth overall high individual; Trey Gorman, Duane Allred and Wade Ashby also won first place team recognition.

Spelling and vocabulary: Vanessa Jones, third; Michael Gibson, fifth.

Persuasive speaking: Nickolas Means, first; Lyndell Lee, third; Renae Hall, fifth.

Prose interpretation: Katy Cooper, second; Britney Canada, fourth.

Literary criticism: Laura Greenwood, third; Alesha Miller, fifth.

Number sense: Wade Ashby, second.

Current issues and events: Nickolas Means, second; Lyndell Lee, fifth.

Computer science: Trey Gorman, second.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Thomas Bishop, fifth.

Informative speaking: Rebecca West, first; Melinda Langham, second; Lisa Moore, third.

Poetry interpretation: Suzanne Bogard, second.

Editorial writing: Haley Elkins, first.

Feature writing: Randi Haggard, third.

Headline writing: Dennis Evey, fourth; Tera Kincaid, fifth.

Fence to come down

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. (AP) — A judge has ordered a mining company to tear down a fence that state environmental officials say is a threat to a den of rare rattlesnakes.

The ruling from Dutchess County Supreme Court Justice Judith Hillery requires the Sour Mountain Realty Co. to remove the 4-foot, wire-mesh fence in Fishkill by Saturday.

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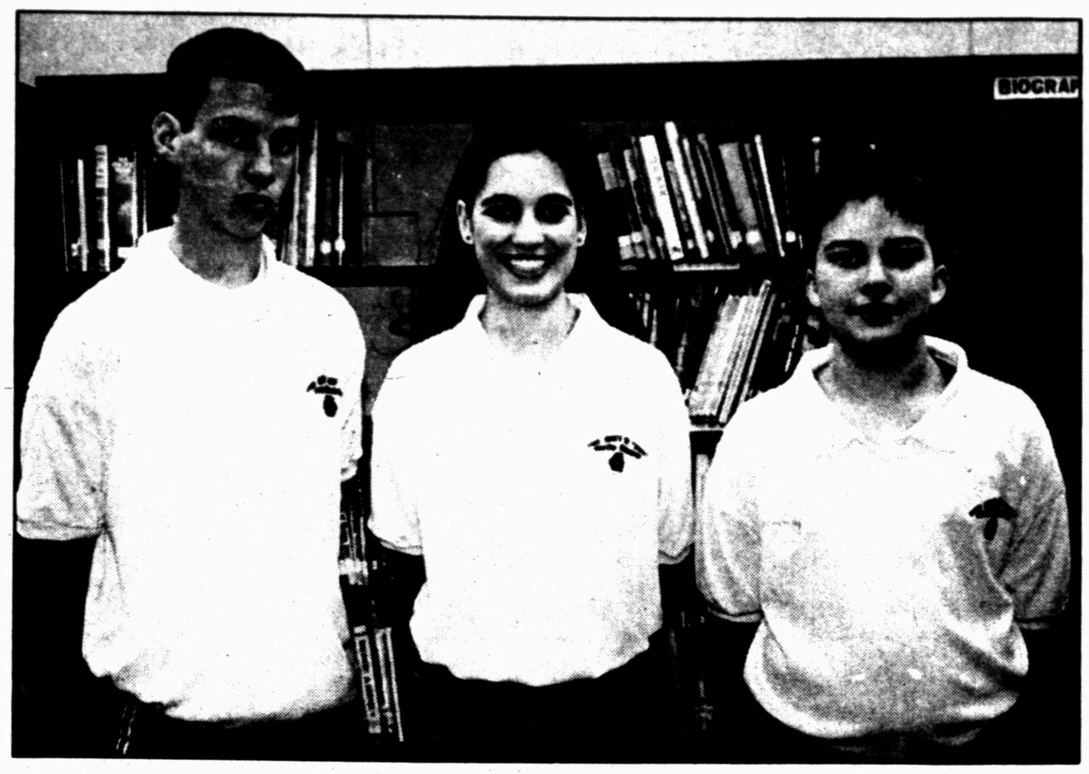
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ADVANCE TO STATE — Trey Shirley, Katie Howard and Colter Brown won first place in the regional Applied Technology division contest on March 5. They now advance to state competition which will be held in Corpus Christi April 22-24. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Pentagon scrambles to avert a shortage of cruise missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — A decade ago, defense analysts were telling Pentagon procurement planners to buy conventionally armed cruise missiles. Presidents, they said, would want a weapon that could inflict damage on a specific target without risking a U.S. pilot over hostile territory.

Today the prediction of these analysts has come true. But because of inertia in developing cruise missiles as a conventional weapon, and problems in developing replacement designs, the Pentagon is worried its supply is running low. With nearly 400 Air Force and Navy cruise missiles used against Iraq in December and scores more fired against Yugoslavia over the past week, the Pentagon is now scrambling to avoid a shortage.

Before the latest NATO strikes over Kosovo and Serbia, the Air Force was down to 150 cruise missiles carrying conventional warheads. At least 30 have been launched since then. The Navy has more than 2,000 but is using them up at a fast rate. No cruise missile production line is in operation.

The dwindling of cruise missiles is "something we do worry about," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Tuesday. "We have a supply now but it won't last forever. But we certainly have enough to continue striking important targets."

Air power analysts have been warning Pentagon planners for at least a decade to buy more conventional cruise missiles for use in limited conflicts in which presidents would want to project power without risking losing a pilot, said David Ochmanek, a Rand Corp. analyst.

"The good news is, as analysts, we've been vindicated on our position," Ochmanek said. "The bad news is we didn't convince anybody."

In the 1991 Persian Gulf War, perceptions changed as strike planners realized that cruise missile could be used against heavily defended targets without risking personnel directly.

A single Air Force B-52, flying outside enemy territory — as far as 1,500 miles from its target — can launch eight conventional air-launched cruise missiles (CALCMs) from its bomb bay and a dozen more from pods under each wing. Each missile carries a 3,000-pound conventional warhead. Navy ships and submarines as far as 1,350 miles from a land target can launch Tomahawks carrying a 1,000-pound conventional warhead.

But cruise missiles, which are satellite guided, are also expensive: The Tomahawks cost more than $1 million each. CALCMs, in current-year dollars, cost $1.9 million.

The Air Force announced Tuesday that the Office of Management and Budget was permitting it to convert 92 nuclear-tipped cruise missiles into CALCMs. The $51 million program will require congressional approval. The last such nuclear-to-conventional conversions rolled off the line in 1993 and the last time a new air-launched cruise missile was delivered was 1986. The prime contractor was Boeing Co.

The Navy, meanwhile, is seeking a $113 million emergency appropriation to convert 324 Tomahawks to the latest model with upgraded guidance and a conventional blast warhead. Raytheon Co. closed its Tucson, Ariz., production line in January after delivering the last of the new Tomahawks to the Navy.

"We continue to manage the inventory very closely and we will meet all of our operational requirements," Navy Lt. Meghan Mariman said.

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Ira FHA advances to state

Ira Future Homemakers of America (FHA) captured first place at the regional conference in Abilene.

Trey Shirley, Katie Howard and Colter Brown (alternate) walked away with first place in the Applied Technology division on March 5. They now advance to state competition which will be held in Corpus Christi April 22-24.

The students created a program focusing on increasing the number of registered organ donors in their community.

They were inspired by the story of Joy Sullivan, a national FHA officer who was killed in a car accident last winter, and whose organs were donated to save the lives of 55 other people.

They named their program "The Gift of Joy."

Using a SMART Board and a computer generated 3-D movie maker they created a program and presented it to their student body.

The Ira team was among 1,300 students who attended the two-day conference. FHA advisor Tammy Shirley said it is very exciting to see students who are not afraid to jump into the state of art technology and compete with 4 and 5A schools and be successful. "We are very proud of our students' success."

Project slated

ATLANTA (AP) — The Federal Home Loan Banks announced Tuesday that they plan to fund and build 12 homes for Habitat for Humanity this year, including one in Arlington, Texas.

The other homes will be in Americus, Ga.; Bay Shore, N.Y.; Boston; Dayton, Ky.; Indianapolis; Pittsburgh; St. Paul, Minn.; Topeka, Kan.; Los Angeles; Redmond, Wash.; and Waukegan, Ill.

Auto pioneer Henry Ford died in 1947 in Dearborn, Mich., at age 83.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club will have a plant exchange at the meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club; hostesses, Marie Armstrong; 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.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by 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.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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.

SUNDAY

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.

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

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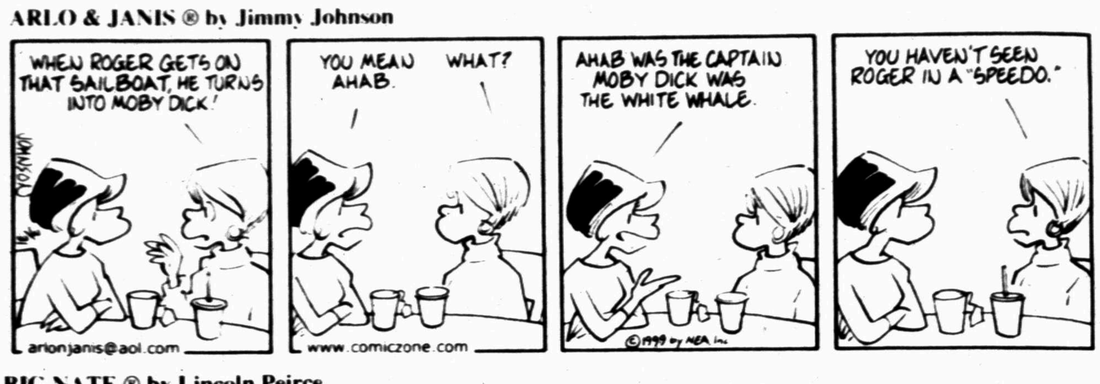
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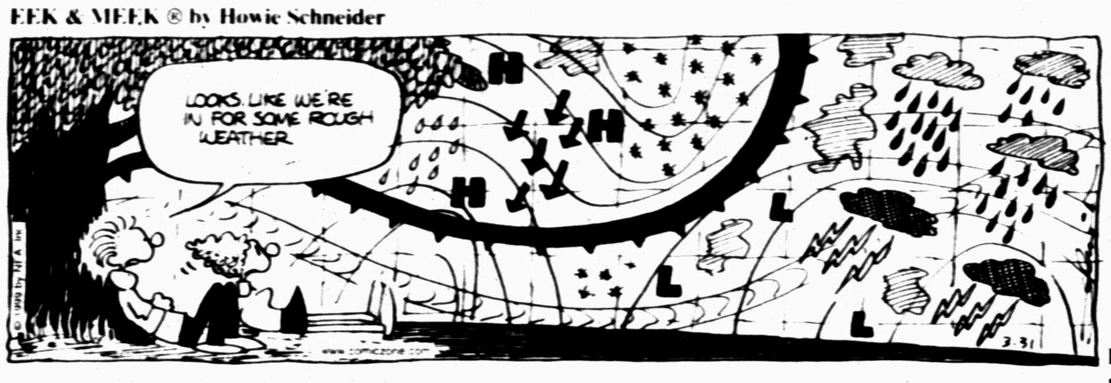
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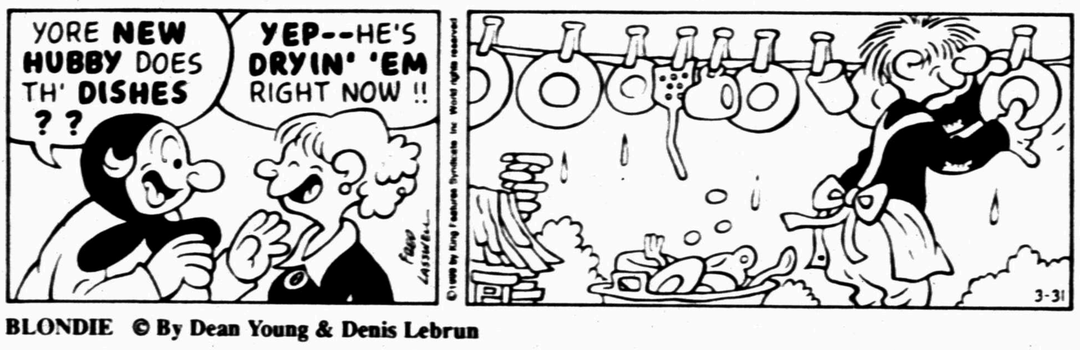
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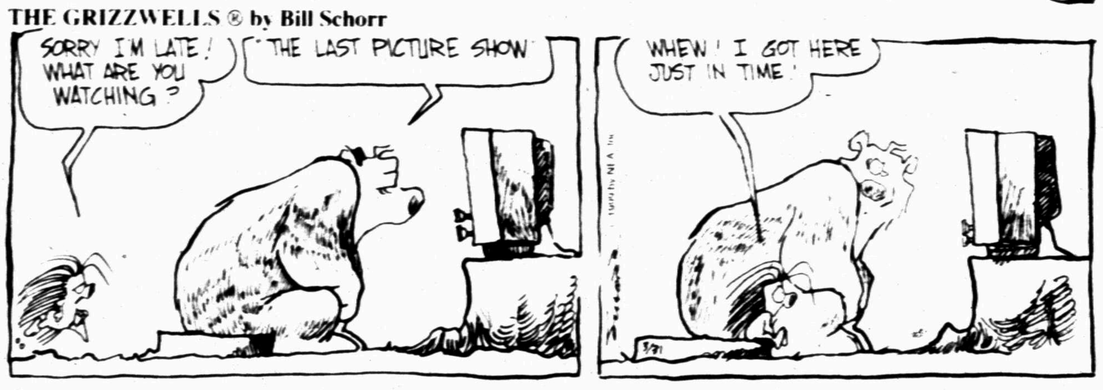
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16 More pretentious
17 Sweet potato
18 Sundial numeral
20 Ear: prefix
21 Aided a criminal
25 California ball club
28 Chocolaty confection
32 Novelist Zola
33 Evader
34 Singer — Jackson
35 Kate Nelligan
36 Local movie
37 Experienced person
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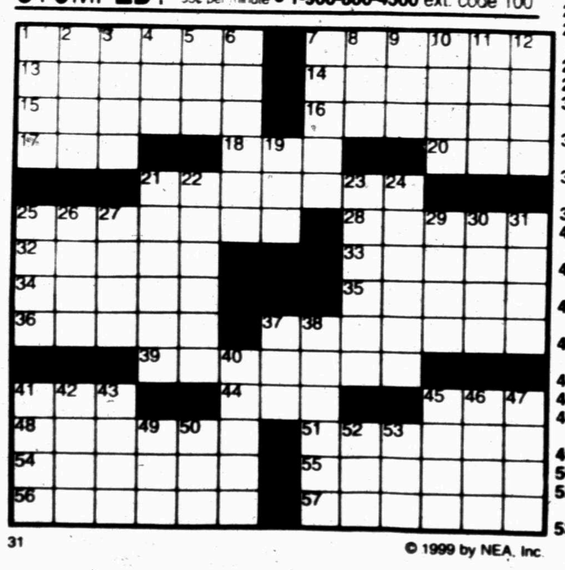
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10 Exchange premium
11 Beef fat
12 Architect — Saarinen
19 "— a Wonderful Life"
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23 Decadent
24 Washington airport
25 — vu
26 Poet — Khayyám
27 Eat
29 Fawn, e.g.
30 Actress — Rowlands
31 Poetic name for Ireland
37 Movers' vehicle
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45 Hue
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52 Poetic preposition
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Dave: Take it to the *waspital*!

Shanna: That farmer is a magician.
John: How do you know?
Shanna: He told me he was going to turn his cow into a field.

Dixie: How do you start a flea race?
Max: Say, one, two, flea - go!

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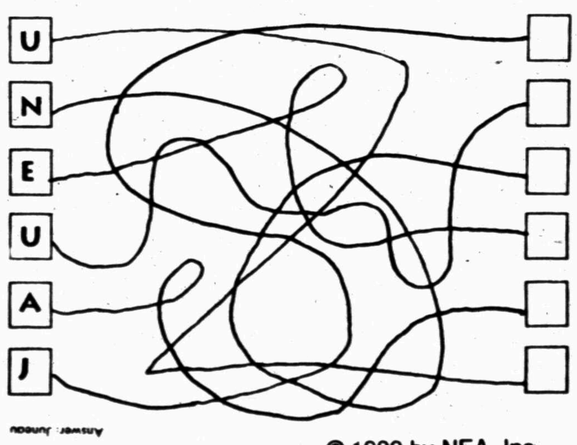
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Skunks are known for a foul-smelling liquid called musk they spray when frightened or in danger. The musk comes from glands near the skunk's tail. A skunk can spray accurately as far as 12 feet. The odor remains for days on whatever has been sprayed.

Before a skunk sprays its musk, it gives a warning by stomping its front feet and by hissing and growling.



SPORTS

Lady Tigers maul Sweetwater, 14-0

SWEETWATER — Tuesday evening at Lady Mustang Field, it wasn't difficult to pick out which team was in the playoff chase, and which one was in the cellar.

Snyder belted 17 hits, while Courtney Rinehart limited Sweetwater to only three as the Lady Tigers pounded the last-place Lady Mustangs, 14-0.

The win keeps Snyder in second place at the midway point of the District 5-4A season, while Sweetwater remains winless in league play at 0-5.

The Lady Tigers dominated all aspects of the game, committing only one error and blasting five hits for extra bases.

Snyder opened the contest with five consecutive singles to jump on top, 4-0.

The Lady Tigers didn't score again until the fifth when Jennifer Newman tripled, following a double from Rinehart, to bring in four more runs.

The Lady Tigers capped the scoring in the final frame with five more singles surrounding a Starla Davis triple and an Amy Ricks double.

Sweetwater never threatened. Rinehart struck out four and walked only two while throwing her first complete game since returning from a hand injury ealier this season.

The Lady Tiger defense was equally impressive. Sweetwater never managed to get a runner to third base and had only three players get as far as second.

Snyder, now 14-9 on the season, begins the second half of the district race Thursday at San Angelo Lake View. Game time for Thursday's contest with the Maidens has been moved to 4 p.m.

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Webb lf	5	2	3	0
Mackey cf	4	2	1	0
Tomlinson ss	5	2	3	2
Davis c	5	0	0	3
Shoemake cr	0	3	0	0
Martinez 2b	3	2	2	3
Purcell 1b	4	1	2	1
Ricks 3b	5	0	1	2
Rinehart p	5	1	2	0
Newman rf	4	1	3	2
Totals	40	14	17	13

Sweetwater	ab	r	h	bi
Miller ss	3	0	0	0
Boyd p	3	0	0	0
Castillo 3b	2	0	0	0
Masiel c	3	0	1	0
Alvarez rf	1	0	0	0
Rivera rf	2	0	0	0
Mena cf	3	0	1	0
Solis 1b	2	0	0	0
Clemens 2b	2	0	1	0
Rivera lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	22	0	3	0

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Sweetwater.. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 0 3 0

2B - Martinez, Ricks, Rinehart. 3B - Davis, Newman.

Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Rinehart	7	3	0	0	2	4
Sweetwater	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boyd	7	17	14	14	4	1

Tigers dominate 5-4A opener

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

After moving the contest to Snyder only the day before, the Tigers proved to be gracious hosts for Tuesday night's District 5-4A opener.

With Ft. Stockton facing a long bus ride home, the Tigers took care of business quickly and excused the Panthers early for their marathon trip back home.

Snyder sparkled at the plate and in the field, turning in a dominating performance to capture a 10-0 shutout at Moffett Field.

The Tigers needed only five innings to prove they were ready to make another run at the postseason, giving Coach Roland Herrera ample reason to heap praise on his ballclub.

"We played well all the way round," Herrera said after the game. "The kids did a great job in every aspect of the game. Everybody played well. You can't pick out one kid and say he had a great game, because they all did. It was a tremendous team win for us."

Junior pitcher Wes Wilson needed just 56 pitches to finish off the Panthers, thanks in part to standout defensive plays behind him.

The Tigers turned three consecutive inning-ending double plays, never committed an error, and allowed only two balls to reach the outfield the entire night.

"This was probably the best defensive game we've played since '96," Herrera remarked. "Three double plays is outstanding, and that goes back to Wes being able to keep the ball down and on the inside half of the plate. He pitched a great ballgame and the kids made all the plays."

While Wilson faced only four batters over the minimum, Snyder sent 12 men to the plate in the first inning alone.

Lead-off hitter Johnny Pena blasted the first pitch from Ft. Stockton's Nathan Reeves off the center-field wall for a double and the flood gates were open.

Reeves was chased from the mound after only five batters as the Tigers continued the onslaught.

A pair of Panther errors and a walk preceeded a single from Clint Hook and a double from Cory Mandrell. The Tigers' final hit of the opening frame came when Pena smashed a triple for his second extra-base hit of the inning.

Snyder belted four doubles and a triple on the night, scoring 10 runs on seven hits.

"I thought we were real aggressive in our hitting," said Herrera. "Pena started the game with a double and it didn't stop there. We had aggressive hitting, base running, fielding and pitching. And that's what you need to win ballgames."

The Tigers pushed their final two runs across the plate in the third when Pena reached base on a fielder's choice, followed by a Matthew Grimmett single. Pena scored on a ground ball by Matt Rodgers, before Grimmett raced home on a wild pitch.

The win improves Snyder's mark to 14-6 on the year and puts the Tigers at the top of the 5-4A standings.

In other district action Tuesday night, state-ranked Andrews blanked Big Spring, 12-0, while Lake View knocked off Sweetwater, 9-5.

Snyder hosts Sweetwater at 7:30 Thursday, before visiting Big Spring on Tuesday.

Ft. Stockton	ab	r	h	bi
Martinez ss	2	0	1	0
Nanez 2b	2	0	0	0
Rojas c	1	0	1	0
Reeves p	2	0	0	0
Hickman rf	2	0	1	0
Natividad 3b	2	0	0	0
Aranda 1b	2	0	0	0
Hernandez lf	2	0	1	0
McMurtry dh	0	0	0	0
Rodriguez ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	16	0	4	0

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena 2b	3	3	2	1
Grimmett cf	3	2	1	1
Rodgers ss	2	1	0	1
Hook 1b	3	1	2	2
Shields dh	3	1	1	1
Ward 3b	2	0	0	0
Bedell lf	2	1	0	1
Jones lf	1	0	0	0
Mandrell c	3	0	1	2
Alexander rf	1	0	0	0
Hester rf	1	1	0	0
Totals	24	10	7	9

Ft. Stockton..... 0 0 0 0 0 — 0 4 3
Snyder ..... 8 0 2 0 x — 10 7 0

DP - Snyder 3. LOB - Ft. Stockton 4, Snyder 5. 2B - Pena, Hook, Shields, Mandrell. 3B - Pena.

Ft. Stockton	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Reeves	0	2	5	4	1	0
Aranda	2 2-3	5	5	2	2	0
Natividad	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	4
Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wilson	5	4	0	0	2	1

5-4A Baseball

Team	District W	L	Pct.	Overall W	L	Pct.
Snyder	1	0	1.000	14	6	.700
Andrews	1	0	1.000	15	1	.938
Lake View	1	0	1.000	9	7	.563
Ft.Stckton	0	1	.000	8	10	.444
Swtwater	0	1	.000	7	8	.467
Big Spring	0	1	.000	1	14	.067

Tuesday' results: Snyder 10, Ft. Stockton 0; Andrews 12, Big Spring 0; Lake View 9, Sweetwater 5.

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

McGrath slips to sixth; Westerners finish ninth

MIDLAND — The next time Western Texas golfer Jason McGrath finds himself at the top of the leaderboard, he'll know what to expect.

McGrath, who led all players after the first two rounds of the Omega Invitational, carded a 3-over-par 75 Tuesday to finish sixth in the medalist standings, while the Westerners took ninth place as a team.

Despite the 75, McGrath completed the event at 2-under-par, a hefty accomplishment considering the talented field.

"McGrath played an outstanding tournament," WTC coach Milton Ham said. "The pressure of leading a golf tournament is tremendous, but it will make him a better golfer in the future. We're still improving overall and events like these make us a better golf team."

Six strokes off the pace of McGrath was Martin Gustafson who turned in a 73 on Tuesday to finish at 220.

Other final-round scores for Western Texas were Brad Nutt, 76; Chad Sauntry, 77; Michael Hanson, 78; and Cory Mahaney, 79.

Next up for the Westerners is the WJCAC tournament this weekend in Ruidoso, N.M.

Coming out of retirement...

Jordan looks for return to NBA as Charlotte Hornets' player or owner

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jordan playing again? Wearing teal? That's the latest buzz surrounding Jordan's possible purchase of part of the Charlotte Hornets.

Fox Sports, citing anonymous sources close to Jordan, reported Tuesday night that said one scenario being considered by Jordan, who led the Chicago Bulls to six NBA championships, would involve him playing one full season for the Hornets while his ownership shares were held in a trust or deferred.

The report cited anonymous sources close to Jordan, one of whom apparently heard Jordan say he "has to stay in shape."

Jordan's agent, David Falk, could not be reached for comment. Team spokesman Harold Kaufman had no comment.

It was already known that Jordan, who earlier this year pronounced himself "99.9 percent" retired, has held preliminary talks with the Hornets and NBA officials about purchasing a 50 percent share of the team.

The possibility of him playing again next season is a new twist.

That scenario also would include Phil Jackson being brought in to coach the team for one year and Dean Smith, Jordan's college coach at North Carolina, being brought aboard as team president, Fox said.

Jordan issued a statement Monday confirming his interest in owning half of the team. He met last week with commissioner David Stern and current Hornets owner George Shinn.

"At this stage," Jordan said, "the discussions are very preliminary and I am unsure whether I will be able to make an investment on terms that are acceptable to me."

Jordan, who grew up in Wilmington and starred at North Carolina, said staying involved in the NBA "would be a fulfilling personal and business challenge."

"In addition, as a North Carolina native, I would welcome the opportunity to be involved in growing the Hornets into an elite NBA team," Jordan said. "It would be premature to comment any further."

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	22	9	.710	-
Miami	19	9	.679	1½
NewYork	17	14	.548	5
Philadelphia	15	14	.517	6
Washington	12	17	.414	9
Boston	10	18	.357	10½
NewJersey	5	24	.172	16
Central Division				
Indiana	20	10	.667	-
Atlanta	19	12	.613	1½
Detroit	18	12	.600	2
Milwaukee	17	12	.586	2½
Toronto	15	14	.517	4½
Cleveland	14	14	.500	5
Charlotte	12	16	.429	7
Chicago	9	21	.300	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	21	8	.724	-
Houston	22	9	.710	-
SanAntonio	20	10	.667	1½
Minnesota	17	13	.567	4½
Dallas	10	22	.313	12½
Denver	8	23	.258	14
Vancouver	6	24	.200	15½
Pacific Division				
Portland	23	6	.793	-
L.A.Lakers	21	11	.656	3½
Seattle	15	14	.517	8
Phoenix	14	16	.467	9½
Sacramento	14	17	.452	10
GoldenState	13	16	.448	10
L.A.Clippers	3	26	.103	20

Tuesday's Games
Boston 109, Charlotte 99
Detroit 93, Atlanta 77
Orlando 100, New Jersey 98
Toronto 101, Cleveland 91
New York 94, Indiana 93
Minnesota 98, Dallas 78
San Antonio 95, Seattle 87
Milwaukee 107, Washington 105
Chicago 91, Philadelphia 81
Vancouver 101, Denver 87
Sacramento 104, Utah 101, OT
Houston 104, L.A. Clippers 95
Golden State 93, Portland 90

Wednesday's Games
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Indiana at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 9 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.

Oates eager for Mateo to be on opening-day roster

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Eager to see Rangers' rookie sensation Ruben Mateo at The Ballpark in Arlington? So is Rangers' manager Johnny Oates, which is why he's looking for possible ways to put him on the 25-man roster. He has already come up with a contingency plan in which Mateo would be in his Opening Day lineup.

The tricky part will be convincing general manager Doug Melvin.

Oates said Mateo, enjoying an impressive spring, is likely to be the Rangers first option if first baseman Rafael Palmeiro can't go Monday against the Detroit Tigers.

"That has not been approved" by Melvin, Oates said. "Put it this way ... he (Mateo) would be considered in my mind. In my mind, he would be highly considered."

Melvin said, "It would still be best for Ruben to go to Triple A and be ready in case of an injury. But it's nice to know how well he's performing; he's someone we feel comfortable with if we have to use him."

Mateo has never played above Double A, and the Rangers planned for him to play a full season at Triple-A Oklahoma City. But that was before Oates fell in love with him.

"He's going to be a good major-league player, and it's not going to be too far in the future," Oates said.

Oates said Mateo would not sit on the bench if he's on the major league roster.

"He will be in the lineup," Oates said. "Somewhere he'll be in the lineup. That's why he's playing nine innings every game. I'm giving him every opportunity to change minds."

Mateo played nine innings in the Rangers' 8-1 loss to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Al Lang Field yesterday. He played center field while Tom Goodwin served as designated hitter, and Mateo 2-for-4 with a single and a double.

Sports Briefs

Notre Dame names hoops coach

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Matt Doherty was hired Tuesday as basketball coach at Notre Dame with hopes the long-time Kansas assistant can return a lackluster program to national prominence

Terms of Doherty's five-year contract were not disclosed. He replaces John MacLeod, who resigned under pressure March 9.

Lions Club golf tourney

The Snyder Lions Club golf tournament will be held April 24 at Western Texas College.

The format will be a four-man scramble, with each team having a minimum combined handicap of 50. All handicaps will be varified by April 17. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five finshers, with $800 going to the winning team.

Registration fee is $50 per person and includes green fee, cart rental and a hamburger lunch. The field will be limited to 20 teams. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC and Snyder Country Club pro shops.

SCC tourney dates

Upcoming tournaments at Snyder Country Club include a three-man scramble April 17 and a pro-am event April 19.

Scramble teams must have a minimum combined handicap of 30, with a maximum of 15 strokes difference between the first and third player.

For more information, contact the SCC pro shop at 573-7101.

Senior league registration

Snyder Senior Little League is now taking applications for managers. Senior-aged players will be divided into a 13/14-year-old league, a 15/16-year-old league and a Big League for players aged 17-18.

Managers should indicate on the application which age division they would prefer. Applications can be picked up at Caprock Securities located at 2517 College Ave.

Player registration will run through Thursday, with late sign-ups Monday and Tuesday. Registration fee for players has dropped to $35 this season, and competition could be extended to include games against Sweetwater and Colorado City.

For more information, contact Mickey Nunley at 573-5883, Tommy Green at 573-2646 or Kaprece Bedell at 573-8169.

Pitching clinics scheduled

Pitching clinics for girls' fast-pitch softball will be held every Wednesday. Classes are limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Rockets win ninth straight

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rookie Michael Dickerson and Brent Price scored 19 points each to help the Houston Rockets win their ninth straight, 104-95 over the Los Angeles Clippers on Tuesday night.

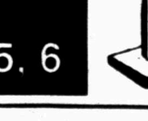
The Rockets led by 22 points early in the third quarter, but the Clippers got within five in the fourth quarter.

Los Angeles, seeking only its fourth win of the season, trailed by five after scoring seven straight points with nine minutes remaining. But Price hit two consecutive 3-pointers to extend Houston's lead to 90-79 with 7:56 left. Price scored 14 of his 19 in the fourth.

Othella Harrington was one of seven Rockets in double figures with 17 points. Charles Barkley had 12 points and 14 rebounds.

Rookie Tyrone Nesby led the Clippers with a career-high 24 points and Maurice Taylor added 21 and Darrick Martin 19.

After Nesby dunked with 3:15 left to keep the Clippers within eight, they never challenged again.


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Dr. Gott



By Peter Gott, M.D.

Mom should get stress test

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 34-year-old mother of two children, who exercises regularly, weighs 104 pounds, and tries to avoid excess dietary fat. I recently was diagnosed with mild diabetes. I lost my mother (56), my sister (38) and my brother (24) to heart attacks within the past five years. I admit that I occasionally experience chest discomfort during exercise. Do I need to worry?

DEAR READER: Worry is simply going to make matters worse. What you need most is a thorough cardiac evaluation that should, in my opinion, include a stress test and, probably, a coronary angiogram. You may well have inherited an unfortunate genetic pattern that predisposes you to premature heart disease.

As I'm sure you're aware, coronary artery disease in women has been under-appreciated for decades. Within the past few years, physicians have finally begun to recognize the fact that heart disease, formerly believed to be a male disorder, also affects a high percentage of women — even young ones. Diabetes, which can also be inherited, further increases the risk.

If you were my patient, I would immediately schedule you for a stress test. However, such tests can be misleading; they may be normal in the presence of coronary blockage. Consequently, an angiogram — the X-ray test that is the gold standard for diagnosing this condition — may be necessary. The fact that you experience occasional, exercise-induced chest discomfort makes me all the more suspicious that you may have a potential problem that must be addressed. Don't delay. Your family physician can initiate the necessary testing, working with a cardiologist if a specialist's opinion is required.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my updated Health Report "Understanding Heart 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: Lately I've been bruising easily, and the bruises take forever to fade. I'm a college student who is often tired and, needless to say, sometimes doesn't eat a proper diet. Could I be missing a nutrient?

DEAR READER: You bet. Go to the student health service for a complete checkup. Easy bruising is never normal in a young person and could reflect a dietary/vitamin deficiency, a problem with your blood cells or a disorder with your coagulation system. Bruising is sometimes an early sign of mononucleosis. Have you had a sore throat and swollen glands recently?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My sister has 10 to 15 loose bowel movements a day. She is very heavy and can't lose weight. Ten years ago she had radium needles implanted for cancer of the cervix. Could this be the cause of her problem, or is it her age (71)?

DEAR READER: I'm surprised that your sister doesn't lose weight from her phenomenal diarrhea. Clearly, she needs a medical evaluation by a gastroenterologist. The radium treatment could have caused radiation proctitis, a low-grade burn of the lower bowel resulting in diarrhea. Her age alone is not the cause of her problem.

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File for divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Tom Arnold and his wife, Julie, have filed for divorce after 3½ years of marriage.

The filing Tuesday in a Los Angeles court cited irreconcilable differences and said a financial settlement would be reached later, publicist Staci Newman said.

Arnold, 39, was previously married to comedian and TV star Roseanne. That nearly four-year union ended in 1994.

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AT&T Corp wi			55 5555
AirTouch	96 11-16	95	96 +1 13-16
Albertsons	54 15-16	53 9-16	53¾—1 1-16
AlldSignal	50 7-16	50¼	50 5-16+ ¼
Alltel	64 7-16	63¼	63 13-16+ ¼
AmOnline s	155	129 11-16	149½+ 5
AmStores	33¼	32½	32½— 9-16
Ameritech	58½	56¼	57 + ¼
AndarkPtr s	38 7-16	37¼	37⅜—1 3-16
ArmcoInc	4¾	4 7-16	4 9-16+ ⅛
AtlRichfld	74 13-16	7373⅛	— 1½
ATMOS Egy	24¼	24	24 1-16— 1-16
Aviall	15 11-16	15 7-16	15½— ¼
BP Amoco	105⅜	100 13-16	101 —2 5-16
BakerHughes		24¼	2424 —11-16
BankAmerica	72¼	71¼	71 3-16+ 3-16
BellAtl s	53⅛	51 13-16	51 15-16—11-16
BellSouth s	40 13-16	40 5-16	40½+ 1-16
BethSteel		8⅜	8¼ 8¼
BurlNoSFe s	33¾	33 1-16	33 1-16
CBS Corp		41¼	40¾ 41
Caterpillar	47 7-16	46½	46 13-16— ⅜
CenSoWst	23 15-16	23¼	23¼— ⅜
Chevron	89 13-16	89¼	89¼+ ¼
Citigroup	65 7-16	64 9-16	64 13-16+11-16
Coastal s	34 15-16	34 3-16	34 3-16— ⅛
CocaCola	63¾	61⅞	61⅞— 1⅜
ColgatePalm	93¾	92	92⅛— 1⅜
ComclMetals	20 3-16	20	20 1-16
CooperIn	43 5-16	42⅜	42⅝— 9-16
CyprusAmax	12⅜	11 15-16	12 — ⅛
DaimlrChry n	87 86	86 1-16+15-16	
DallSemicn	38 7-16	37⅛	38 3-16+ 5-16
DeltaAirl s	71⅛	69½	69 9-16— 1⅛
Dillards Inc	25 13-16	25 1-16	25¼+11-16
DowChem	95¼	94 7-16	95 + 3-16
DuPont		59¼	57 11-16 58
EastmanChem	42½	41 11-16	42 5-16— 1
EstKodak	65 1-16	64¼	64 5-16— 9-16
EDS Corp		49½	49 3-16 49¼
Entergy	28⅛	27¾	27 13-16— ½
Exxon	71¼	71	71 3-16— ⅛
FstBksAm	18¾	18¾	18⅜— 1-16
Flowers	25½	24¼	25⅛+11-16
FordMotor s		57⅛	5757 + ⅜
GTE Cp	60 15-16	59	59 3-16— 1¼
GenDynam	63½	62¾	63 7-16+ ⅛
GenElec	114 3-16	112½	112 11-16— ⅜
GenMills	76 11-16	75¼	75⅛— 1¼
GenMotors	88 11-16	87¼	88¼+ ⅛
GaPacGP		77	75⅛— ½
GlobalMar		12	11¾ 11 7-16— ⅜
Goodrich		35 3-16	34 9-16 34⅛
Goodyear s	49 13-16	49¼	49 5-16+ ¼
GtAtlPac		29¾	28⅞ 28¾— ⅛
Halliburtn	40½	38⅛	38 3-16—2 3-16
Hanson ADS	44¾	44¼	44⅜+2 9-16
HarteHanks	28 5-16	28¼	28⅛— ⅛
HomeDepot	64 9-16	63½	63¼+ ⅛
IBM	181½	179 13-16	180 +1 7-16
IntlPaper	42¾	42 1-16	42 3-16— ⅛
JohnsonJn	93 13-16	93¼	93¼+ 3-16
K mart	17 3-16	16 15-16	17 + 1-16
Kroger Co	60 15-16	58 13-16	58⅛—2 1-16
Litton		55	54 3-16 55 + 9-16
LockheedM s	38	37 7-16	37 11-16+ ⅛
Lowes Cos s	64¾	63¼	63 5-16—11-16
Lubys		16¾	16¼ 16¼
LucentTech	109 11-16	107 15-16	108¼+ 1
LucentTech wi			55 54¼ 54¼+ ¼
MayDeptStr s	39 1-16	38 9-16	39 + 7-16
MediaOne	64¼	62½	62½— 2½
Medtronic		73¼	71¼ 72¼+ 1
Mobil	88¼	88	88 1-16— 1-16
Monsanto	46 11-16	45	46 1-16— ¼
MorganJP	125¼	124 1-16	124¼—1 5-16
Motorola	76 5-16	75 1-16	75¼+ 1-16
NCR Corp		49¾	48¾ 49¾+ ½
Navistar		40¼	39¾ 40¼— ⅛
Penney JC	40 11-16	39 11-16	40¼— ¾
PennzEnergy s	11 5-16	11¼	11 3-16+ 1-16
PepBoys	16 1-16	15¾	16 — 1-16
PepsiCo	39¼	38 11-16	38 11-16—1 3-16
PhelpDodge	49 13-16	49¾	49¼+ ¼
PhilipPet	47 7-16	46 9-16	46 9-16—13-16
PilgrmPrd B		16¼	16¼ 16¼— ⅛
Polaroid	21¼	20 1-16	20¼—13-16
Praxair			37 3636 — 5-16
ProctGamb	101 13-16	99½	99¾— 7-16
PubSNwMx	17½	17 5-16	17⅜+ 3-16
ReliantEngy	26¼	26¼	26 7-16— ⅛
RoyalDut	53 3-16	52¾	52 7-16+ 3-16
SBC Comm	47 15-16	45 7-16	47 9-16+1 1-16
SaraLee s	25¼	24¼	24¼— ⅛
Scripps EW		42¼	42¼ 42¼
SearsRoeb	46¼	45	45 5-16— ⅛
SherwinW	28¾	28	28 3-16—11-16
SmithkIBchm	73 3-16	72	72 1-16+ 1
SouthernCo			23½ 23¼ 23¼
SwstAirl s	31 15-16	30¼	30 15-16— 7-16
SprintFON n		98¾	97¼ 98 + 3-16
SprintPCS n		45½	44¼ 44⅜+ 1-16
Sunoco Inc		36¼	35¾ 35¾— ½
TNP Ent	28 15-16	28¼	28 15-16+ ¼
Tandy	62 15-16	62 7-16	62 15-16+11-16
TempleInland		64¼	63¼ 63¼— 1
Tenneco			28¾ 27¼ 27¼
Texaco			59¼ 5858¼+ ⅜
TexInd			25 24¾ 24¾— ½
TexasInst	101 7-16	99 7-16	100 +1 7-16
TexUtil	42 1-16	41½	41¾+ 5-16
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TriconGlbR	70½	69¾	69¾— 1-16
TrinityInds	29 1-16	28¾	29 + ⅞
TritonEngy	8 7⅛	7 15-16+	1-16
Tyler	4¾	4¼	4¼— 1-16
US West Inc		55 15-16	55¼ 55⅝
USX-Marathn	27 15-16	27 3-16	27 5-16— ⅜
USX-USS	23 11-16	23¼	23 11-16+ 9-16
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UnitedTech	136¼	135	135 1-16— 9-16
Unocal	37 3-16	36¼	36⅜— ⅛
Venator Grp		7⅛	7¼ 7¼+ ⅛
WalMart		96¼	94 15-16 95¼+ ⅜
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WellsFargo	36¾	35 5-16	35 5-16—13-16
WstnGasRs			7¼ 7 9-16 7¼+ ⅛
WinnDixie		38	37½ 37 9-16+ 1-16
Xerox Cp s		52¼	51¾ 51¾+ ⅛

Theft, assault investigated

Two offense reports were filed Tuesday, one for theft and one for assault.

Charles Henderson requested a deputy on CR 4175 at 12:34 p.m. in reference to someone stealing a red 20' car trailer. An offense report for theft was filed.

An offense report for assault/family violence was submitted at 5:59 p.m.

At 5:44 this morning, an offense report for attempted overdose was filed.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Michelle Aguilar, Georgia Allen, Wanda Black, Doris Harrison, Estella Rios, Vetta Underwood, Noah Flores, Van Hale and Robert Payne.

DISMISSALS: Wanda Black, Erica Maldonado, Robert Payne, Ronald Pope, Patricia Westbrook of Fluvanna and Willie Thomas.

CENSUS: 42 (Med., Surg.-16, Long-term Care-25, OB-1).

Opal Spykes SDN winner

Opal Spykes of 1607 52nd St. Apt. 66, Snyder is the March winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News. Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who have subscribed or renewed for six months or more.







SESAME STREET SALUTE — Three first grade classes at Stanfield recently presented "Sesame Street Salute." Linda Cozart's students (top) are from left, first row, Matthew Velasquez, Brodie Calley, Meghan Cooley, Tye Holley, Colton Newman; second row, Becky Evans, Nan'kta Davis, Tanner Robertson, Keonna Ward, Michael Realsola, Kolby Kubena, Allison Swigert; third row, Jacob Cox, Yvette Hernandez, Stephen Kelley, Joshua Pesina, Jake Riley. Carole Haynes' students (middle photo) are from left, first row, Jerard Delce, Kelcey Stafford, Cassie Cochran, Felipa Martinez, Lee McGinty, Ty Burton, Brance Scott; second row, Jake Strickland, Eduardo Arrellano, Shawn Selders, Caitlin Whitt; back row, Dylan Early, Jodi Hamilton, Kyra Lara, Tom Davis. Jean Baugh's students (bottom) are from left, top row, Meagan Downing, Mitchell Marcon, Kenyon Gafford, Heather Newton, Stacey Clifton, Corey Norwood; middle row, Chloe Reecer, Toby Lopez, Nick Zajicek, Jack Lewis, J.C. Arellano; bottom row, Jessica Hibbitt, Cindy Garza, Tyler Irwin, Marissa Jackson, Coleton Mitchell. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Former-producer sues Spelling Entertainment, Inc.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A former producer for "Melrose Place" has filed a $11 million lawsuit against Spelling Television Inc., claiming he was defamed and wrongfully fired.

James Hayes III said he was fired last year for allegedly failing to enforce sexual harassment policy, according to the Superior Court lawsuit.

But a Spelling employee told others that Hayes had been fired for failing to bring an episode in on budget, said Barry Langberg, Hayes' attorney. That was defamatory, Langberg contended Tuesday.

The harassment case involved a pregnancy discrimination and sexual harassment lawsuit filed by a "Melrose Place" assistant director, the lawsuit said.

Jerri Churchill claimed that Hayes' production manager brought Internet pornography on the set and that, combined with other activity, created a hostile work environment.

Hayes' suit contends he didn't violate any policies, was not told to enforce the company's sexual harassment policy and that the "sexually explicit atmosphere" on the set was well-known to the company.

Date Book

March 31, 1999

Today is the 90th day of 1999 and the 12th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1923, the first dance marathon began, at the Audubon Ballroom in New York City.

On this day in 1987, a judge in Hackensack, N.J., awarded custody of "Baby M" to her natural father, holding the baby's surrogate mother to the contract in which she agreed to give up the child.

On this day in 1993, Brandon Lee, 28, the son of actor Bruce Lee, died of wounds sustained in an accident that took place on the set of "The Crow."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rene Descartes (1596-1650), philosopher, mathematician; Andrew Marvell (1621-1678), poet; Joseph Haydn (1732-1809), composer; Jack Johnson (1878-1946), boxing great; John Fowles (1926-), novelist, is 73; Gordie Howe (1928-), hockey great, is 71; Shirley Jones (1934-), actress, is 65; Christopher Walken (1943-), actor, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Hulk Hogan and Mr. T defeated Paul Orndorff and Rowdy Roddy Piper in the first Wrestlemania.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One cannot conceive anything so strange and so implausible that it has not already been said by one philosopher or another." — Rene Descartes

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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Scurry County Country

Ag Spotlight...

Organic certification policy modified

By Susan Coombs
Texas Ag Commissioner

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced recently that the Texas Department of Agriculture has modified its policy for organic certification of livestock products in Texas. The move, made on an interim basis, will help Texas or organic meat producers compete in the local and national marketplace.

TDA's organic certification policy has been adjusted to allow registered private certification companies to use their own livestock standards to certify Texas organic meat producers. Third-party organic livestock production standards already exist to certify livestock products in other states. However third-party organic certifiers must be registered with TDA to provide certification service in Texas. "This change will allow our state's organic livestock producers to use the organic label while state and federal organic standards are being developed," Combs said. "It's just one step in addressing some of the broad regulatory concerns with the organic meat industry which includes beef, dairy, hog and poultry producers, as well as feed grain, pasture and forage farmers."

TDA, along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is in the process of developing standards for organic meat producers. Once adopted, private certifying companies will be required to comply with these state and federal standards. State standards are expected to be in place later this year.

Organic livestock producers can contact TDA at (512) 475-1641 or 1-800-TELL-TDA (1-800-835-5832) for more information on registered certification companies.

Information about the TDA Organic Certification Program is also available on the agency website (www.agr.state.tx.us/regulatory/organic.htm)



Town & Country Topics
By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Fabulous facts about fruits and vegetables

Vegetables provide vitamin A, C and folate plus minerals like iron and magnesium. Vegetables are low in fat but high in fiber. Different vegetables contain different nutrients. Eat a good variety.

Dark-green leafy — lettuce, romain, broccoli, spinach
Deep-yellow — carrots, sweet potatoes
Starch — potatoes, corn, peas
Legumes — kidney, navy, pinto beans and chick peas
Others — tomatoes, onions, green beans

Go easy on fat added to vegetables when cooking. Added spreads and toppings like cheese, butter, mayonnaise and salad dressing count as fat. Use low-fat salad dressing to reduce your fat intake.

Fruit provides important vitamins like A and C and minerals like potassium. Fruits are also low in fat and sodium and high in fiber.

•Eat whole fruits because they are higher in fiber than fruit juice.
•Have citrus fruits often for rich sources of Vitamin C.
•Count only 100 percent fruit juices as fruits since fruit "drinks" contain little fruit juice.

Did you know? The Kiwi: Bird or Fruit? The first kiwi fruits were grown in China. There they were known as "Chinese gooseberry." The kiwi was introduced to New Zealand in 1906. The people there decided to change its name to "kiwi" because they thought it looked like their native kiwi, a fuzzy light brown wingless bird.

Kiwi fruit came to the United States in the 1960s. Kiwi fruit is not only delicious, but it is packed with Vitamin C, potassium and fiber.

To eat kiwi, you can peel it, and slice it or just cut it in half and scoop out the bright, green middle with a spoon. This tasty treat is available year round.

Did you know? What is ugli fruit? The ugli fruit was discovered in the 1900s on the tropical island of Jamaica. It is a cross between two fruits you've probably had before — the mandarin orange and the grapefruit. The ugli fruit got its name from its loose fitting skin and spotted light green to yellow color. This fruit may be ugly on the outside, but the inside is tasty and good for you. Ugli fruit is full of Vitamin C and fiber, and it makes a great treat. Next time you want a snack, try ugli fruit instead of grapefruit.

Matter of Fact
Susan Combs
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

It's hard to find anyone who doesn't know the great taste of a juicy steak, a lean hamburger or a plate of sizzling beef fajitas. But ask those same folks about the nutritional benefits of what they're eating and you're bound to get some puzzled looks.

But when you consider beef is a great source of protein, zinc and iron, the health benefits have always been apparent – and the importance of iron especially can't be overstated.

Consider that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control estimates that approximately 700,000 toddlers and 7.8 million women in our country today have iron deficiencies. In addition, a study by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration found that up to a quarter of all pregnant women are iron deficient.

Beef provides 15 percent of the Recommended Daily Value for iron we all need. Best of all, it's in a very useable form for our bodies. You would have to eat almost 11 cups of raw broccoli or 21 cups of cooked corn to get the same amount of absorbable (useable) iron as you would from eating 3 ounces of cooked sirloin.

Of course, most folks just care about the fact that it tastes good. But when it comes to beef, good taste is just the beginning.

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 751 head of cattle for the Thursday, March 25, sale. Cows were $2 cheaper. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 36 to 41.25.
Canners and low cutters: 30 to 35
Slaughter bulls: 41 to 48.50.
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 90-105
400-500: 80-92.50
500-600: 70-82
600-700: 70-81
700-800: 65-72
Feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 75-90
400-500: 70-83
500-600: 65-75
600-700: 64-68
700-800: 60-64
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 70 to 79.50; 700-800, 65 to 70.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 525 to 700: Grade 450 to 510.
Springers: 300 to 550.
Baby calves: 75 to 145.
Doodlers 150 to 225

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 481 head of cattle for the Saturday, March 27, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were mostly steady. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 lower. Bulls were steady. Bred cows were weak with pairs steady in a light test. Trading active and demand good.

Feeder Steers:
200 to 300: 85 to 94
300 to 400: 86.50 to 94
400 to 500: 74 to 84
500 to 600: 70 to 79
600 to 700: 64.50 to 71.
700 to 800: 62 to 66
800 to 900: 60 to 65.50
Feeder Heifers:
200 to 300: 76 to 83
300 to 400: 730 to 79
400 to 500: 65.50 to 76.
500 to 600: 63 to 70
600 to 700: 63.50 to 66
Young bred cows: 450 to 525
Cows and calves: 570 to 635
Slaughter cows: high yielding: 38 to 41.50.
Slaughter bulls: low dressing: 41 to 43.

Fisher wins support

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) — Amy Fisher has won the support of prosecutors in her motion to vacate her assault conviction — and also the backing of the woman she shot in the head.

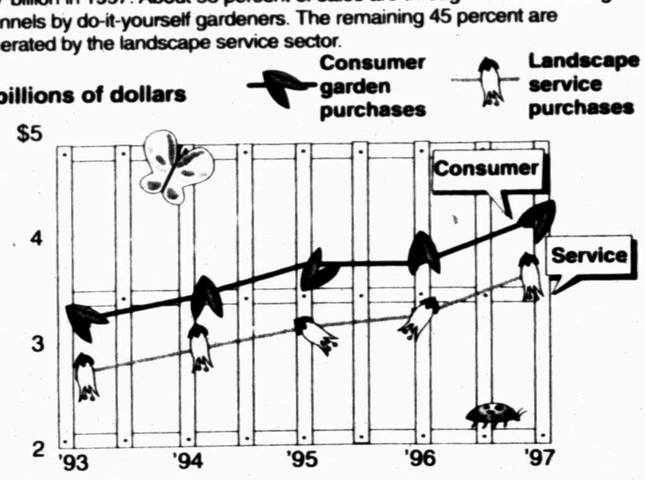
Mary Jo Buttafuoco joined prosecutors in the motion on behalf of Ms. Fisher, who said she was denied effective legal advice when she pleaded guilty to first-degree assault.

Ms. Fisher has been in jail for almost seven years for shooting Mrs. Buttafuoco, the wife of her lover. The case drew national attention and she was dubbed the "Long Island Lolita."

Keeping an eye on Texas

How do Texans' gardens grow?

Texans love their gardens so much that green industry sales exceeded $7.7 billion in 1997. About 55 percent of sales are through retail marketing channels by do-it-yourself gardeners. The remaining 45 percent are generated by the landscape service sector.

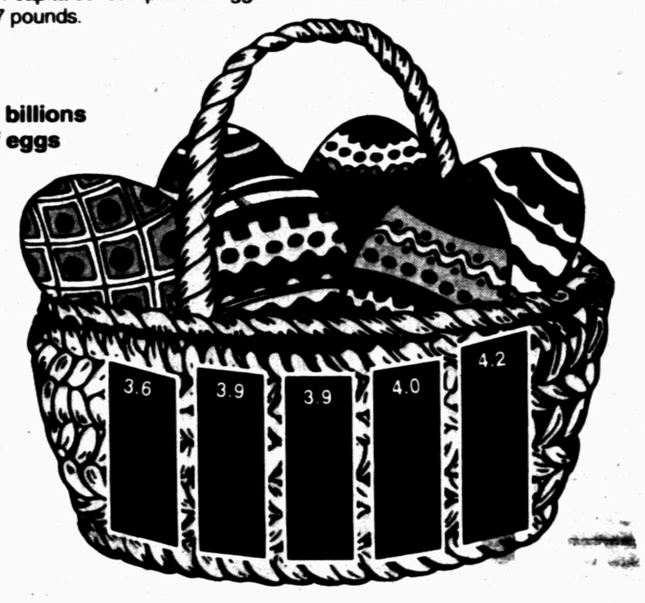


SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Nursery and Landscape Association.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Egg producers get cracking

• The state's egg producers have steadily increased their output and their income.
• Per capita consumption of eggs increased in 1996 and 1997 to reach 30.7 pounds.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (http://www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Driver survives after train dragged her car for almost four miles

ANDERSON, Ind. (AP) — Her car was rear-ended in dense fog, launched into a moving freight train and dragged for miles along the tracks — and a bruised and sore Amber Scott remembered nearly every detail.

"I was just sitting there, waiting for the train," Ms. Scott recalled Tuesday, a day after her brush with death. "I looked in my rearview mirror and I saw it (a truck) coming. I just gripped the steering wheel and closed my eyes."

When she opened them, she saw the driver's side door of her 1989 Pontiac Grand Am pinned to the train's side and the car's front stuck under it. The train pushed on, dragging the car and its frightened passenger with it.

The 20-year-old Ball State University student grabbed her cellular phone and called for help. Her first instinct was to call her mother.

"Mom! Mom! I need help," Patricia Scott heard her daughter scream. "Mom, I've been hit!"

With the roar of the train in her ear, Ms. Scott could hear only a voice on the phone — maybe an answering machine.

"I was scared," she said. "But I just knew I couldn't sit there and be scared. I knew I had to help myself."

She called 911 twice, believing that police would be able to trace her call and find her. Her cries for help were barely audible over the steady roar of the engines.

"I'm being dragged ... by a train! Oh, please help!" she cried.

Ms. Scott said she briefly thought about rolling out her passenger side door but decided against it. Authorities estimated the train's speed at 30 mph.

Her car was attached to a middle car of the Conrail train — and the conductor had no way of knowing what happened.

"I scooted down in my seat some, and I just waited," said Ms. Scott, who was wearing her seat belt. "I prayed the whole time."

She doesn't remember much of what happened after her car hit a railroad signpost at another crossing and finally broke free. She was shaken up — and the car was a wreck.

Ross Schroeder, 25, the driver of the pickup that slammed into Ms. Scott's car, has been cited for not having insurance. Authorities said the warning lights were working at the crossing, but there is no gate.

Ms. Scott's family is thankful to have her home and safe.

"Her presence of mind has just absolutely astounded me," her mother said. "I'm so proud of her. You know there had to be arms around her."

Said Ms. Scott: "It hasn't really all sunk in that I've made it through a real life and death experience. I feel like it was a miracle."

Supermodel Fabio upstaged by bird

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — A bird has upstaged supermodel Fabio.

Fabio was at the Busch Gardens theme park Tuesday to help show off the Apollo's Chariot roller coaster. The park had promoted the event as "Modern-Day 'Adonis' vs., Ancient-Day 'Sun God.'"

Early into the ride, however, a bird slammed into Fabio's face, cutting his nose and sending blood streaking down his chin and cheeks.

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Fear, rumors grip New Mexico town

ELEPHANT BUTTE, N.M. (AP) — A woman accused in a bizarre kidnap-sexual torture case told an acquaintance she joined her boyfriend in the tortures for the adrenaline rush.

John Branaugh also said Cindy Lea Hendy told him four to six people had been killed, mutilated and dumped in Elephant Butte Lake, 150 miles south of Albuquerque — and that more bodies were buried in the desert.

There has been no indication from police that bodies have been found, but authorities have not ruled out the possibility of homicides.

"This is a very dark, very disturbing case for everyone involved," state Public Safety Secretary Darren White said Tuesday.

The FBI said more than 100 investigators would follow leads across at least three states in a case White described as "so vile" that he feared victims may not wish to come forward.

But he said: "We believe the nightmare is behind bars."

David Parker Ray, 59, and Hendy, 39, have been charged with 25 counts, including kidnapping, aggravated battery and conspiracy.

A woman from nearby Truth or Consequences who entered the couple's house looking for cake mix told police she was bound to a table, molested with a sexual device, jolted with electrodes attached to her breasts and forced to perform oral sex on Ray. She said she persuaded her captors, whom she apparently knew, to release her Feb. 21 along a highway.

Photos found at the house include a picture of an Albuquerque woman, restrained and stretched with "torture instruments," investigators said. She escaped from the lakeside trailer March 22 wearing only a padlocked metal collar hooked to a chain, authorities said.

Branaugh said the couple kept torture devices in a wood and glass case they called "the toy box," and that Ms. Hendy told him she participated for the "adrenaline rush."

Branaugh said he initially didn't believe Ms. Hendy because she made the remarks while drunk. He said he told police after seeing a television report about the case.

Investigators have examined the dusty half-acre lot around Ray's double-wide trailer home for several days, and the search for victims and witnesses now covers Arizona, Texas and northern Mexico.

Bone fragments found in Ray's yard were not human, police said. They said they had no immediate plans to dig in Ray's yard or drag nearby Elephant Butte Lake.

Albert Costales, Ray's attorney, has said his client is innocent.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman Learns That No News Can Sometimes Be Bad News

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am 31 years old and have been healthy all my life — or so I thought.

I have annual physical examinations and PAP smears. I trusted my doctor to let me know about any abnormal test results and thought that "No news is good news." Well, I don't think that way anymore.

Last April, I had a physical, and because I heard nothing from my doctor, I assumed everything was OK. However, in July, I had a minor problem and called for an appointment. My regular doctor couldn't take me so I was seen by another doctor in the same group.

The new doctor asked why I hadn't returned for my "pinch biopsy." I was startled — remember: No news is good news. My doctor had failed to notify me that my PAP smear showed level-three dysplastic cells on my cervix. It seems that for three years, my PAP smears had shown precancerous cells, but the test results had been simply filed in my chart and nothing was said to me about them!

I was frightened and angry that this had slipped by my doctor. What is the annual exam for, if not to catch such things at an early stage?

Biopsies were done the next day and surgery was scheduled for two weeks later. Part of my cervix was removed to eliminate the precancerous cells, but the new doctor warned me that the cells may appear again in the future. He said I would *probably* be able to get pregnant and carry a baby to term.

Abby, I wonder what would have happened to me had I not had that minor problem that caused me to see another doctor? Would my regular doctor have caught the oversight at some point or would the reports have remained unnoticed in my file? His negligence could have cost me my life!

I now have a new doctor.

Abby, please warn your readers not to buy into the adage that no news is good news and to call their doctors for test results. Ignorance of the results could cost a life while knowledge of them could literally save one.

LUCKY IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR LUCKY: You are indeed fortunate that your condition was discovered before it became life-threatening.

In these days of managed medical care, doctors are seeing far more patients than they used to — and many of them expect their patients to be more sophisticated and responsible about their health than a generation ago. And part of that means shouldering the responsibility to *call the doctor* for test results instead of waiting to be notified. Your letter illustrates how important it is to take the initiative.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Easter will soon be here, and although I've cautioned you before, I must caution you again: If you plan to surprise a child with a live rabbit, baby duck or chick, please consider that living creatures need proper care. Unless you are absolutely certain that the little creature will receive the care it needs to survive, please give a stuffed bird or animal instead. Regardless of how cute baby animals are, they should not be given to children on impulse.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)



Religious Briefs

Holy Week Services

Holy Week services, sponsored by the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance, continue through Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church. Services are at noon with a community luncheon following each service. Good Friday service and breakfast will be at 7 a.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church.

Rotary

The Snyder Rotary Club will meet at noon Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church to participate in the Holy Week service.

FBC Easter musical

"At The Name of Jesus," a musical for Easter, will be presented by the First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The public is invited.

Colonial Hill music ministry

The music ministry of Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present The Easter Story, "Celebrate Him" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. There is no admission charge.

Nazarene Easter service

The public is invited to the Easter Celebration at the First Church of the Nazarene at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the kids after the service.

Calvary's Easter musical

The adult choir of Calvary Baptist Church, 2405 35th St., will present the Easter musical, "Rise Again." Easter activities include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and the worship at 10:50 a.m. For more information or transportation, call 573-2191.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, appliances and other items are appreciated. Clothes are not needed at this time. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet the second Thursday of the month at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer-grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents. Child care is 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 "T.V. Friend or Enemy" followed by "Teen Pressures: David vs Goliath."

Southern Gospel group

First Church of the Nazarene will present "Lighthouse," a Southern Gospel group, at the 11:45 a.m. service and evening service on April 11. Lunch will follow the morning service, according to Pastor Mike Howard.

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Teen charged in rock death

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — A teen-ager has been charged with murder in the death of a University of Alabama professor killed by a 30-pound rock tossed off an Interstate 75 overpass near Tampa.

Florida Highway Patrol officers arrested Juan Cardenas, 18, after receiving a tip from someone who overheard him talking about Sunday's death. Authorities were looking for three other suspects.

Authorities said the stone chunk, which was slightly larger than a bowling ball, exploded through the windshield of Julie Laible's gray 1995 Honda Civic, striking her head and killing her instantly.

Investigators who questioned Cardenas on Monday insisted the incident was not a prank that went awry.

"I'm just glad justice is being served," said the victim's mother, Jean Laible of Hobe Sound. "It won't bring my daughter back, but I hope by catching these men it prevents other people from being killed."

Pleads no contest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former President Reagan's grandson, arrested for allegedly trying to break into a car, has pleaded no contest to one count of receiving stolen property.

Cameron Reagan, 20, faces up to three years in state prison, prosecutor Lea Purwin D'Agostino said Tuesday. He also faces prosecution on four other charges.

Reagan and a friend, Christopher Lopez, were arrested in November by police who said the pair tried to enter parked vehicles by pulling on the doors.

The two had a briefcase, cellular phone, pager, clothing and money stolen from a nearby car at the time of their arrest, prosecutor John Spillane said.

The president's grandson had pleaded innocent to auto burglary and grand theft in January. Sentencing was set for May 4.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Clinton: Milosevic risks losing support

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, seeking to raise the cost to Yugoslavia for its scorched-earth torching of Kosovo, says President Slobodan Milosevic risks losing international support for his claim to the Serb province. U.S. officials brushed off Milosevic's call for an end to NATO bombing.

"We need to grind away at this," Vice Adm. Scott A. Fry, chief of intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Tuesday as he and other U.S. officials claimed slow but steady progress on Day 7 of a NATO air campaign against the Yugoslav army and special police forces that are routing Kosovar Albanians.

President Clinton, who has said from the start of the NATO campaign March 24 that it would impose a heavy toll on Milosevic's means to wage war, went further Tuesday in remarks at the State Department.

"Today he faces the mounting cost of his continued aggression," Clinton said. "For a sustained period, we will see that his military will be seriously diminished, key military infrastructure destroyed, the prospect for international support for Serbia's claim to Kosovo increasingly jeopardized."

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said there has not been a shift in U.S. policy that Kosovo be an autonomous region. But, he said, if Milosevic persists in his campaign of ethnic cleansing, eventually Kosovo "would become so radicalized that that might prove impossible to keep as is. And also, the international community's support for keeping Kosovo as part of Serbia would be eroded."

Clinton said in a speech Tuesday night: "We must not allow, if we have the ability to stop it, ethnic cleansing or genocide anywhere we can stop it — particularly at the edge of Europe."

NATO's military commander, U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, said today he has been authorized to expand the range of targets of the bombing campaign. He refused to discuss specific targets but acknowledged that increased civilian casualties could result.

"We have been extremely careful so far and quite effective in preventing collateral damage and civilian casualties," Clark said on ABC's "Good Morning America." "There are no guarantees in an operation like this."

He said any discussion of civilian casualties should consider the atrocities already being inflicted on Kosovars.

Two men sought in Abilene shooting

ABILENE (AP) — A woman's refusal to help conceal her boyfriend's criminal activity may have led to a massacre in which four people were shot at close range, police said.

"Why?" asked the mother of one victim, choking as she tried to hold back tears. "It doesn't help to know why when it doesn't make any sense," said Juanita Valdez.

Her pregnant 21-year-old daughter, Penny Estrada, was one of the quartet gunned down Monday evening. Police accuse Arthur Goodman, 19, in the rampage.

Police and state troopers were looking for Goodman, who was charged Tuesday with capital murder. They also want to question Goodman's 16-year-old brother, who might have been with him when the shooting occurred.

Police said both could be in Fort Worth.

The motives behind the shootings began to unravel Tuesday as police questioned friends who seemed to know that violence was brewing.

Goodman may have killed his 20-year-old girlfriend, Sandy Witt, in her apartment because she wouldn't give a false alibi for him in connection with at least one crime of which he was suspected, or because she was planning to go to police with details, police said.

The other three women slain — Naomi Martinez, 23; Erica Arispe, 21; and Ms. Estrada — were "in the wrong place at the wrong time," police said.

"Given what the motive seems to be, four people did not need to die," said Detective Jay Hatcher. "One person was too many."

A maintenance man, Larry Hammond, 36, was shot in the abdomen and was in critical condition Tuesday night at Hendrick Medical Center. Hammond was running to Ms. Witt's apartment to investigate the commotion.

Officers also suspect Goodman in the Sunday night shooting of 16-year-old Jimmy Estrada at his home, but police wouldn't say if that was among the crimes to which a possible motive might be linked. Authorities said Estrada is not related to victim Penny Estrada.

Mrs. Valdez was one of dozens of relatives and friends who visited the duplex Tuesday to pray, leave flowers or poetry and light candles in memory of the victims.

"It didn't help him (Goodman) do what he wanted to do," she said. "Now they're just going to catch him and kill him. It just doesn't make any sense."

Yugoslav...

U.S. officials take control of facilities

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Department and Secret Service agents early Wednesday took over Yugoslavia's embassy buildings here, evicting the country's remaining diplomats.

An hour after the midnight deadline the United States had given Yugoslavia to vacate its embassy and chancery, officers arrived to clear and secure both buildings.

Secret Service spokesman John Tomlinson said several people still in the buildings left when told to by officers, who met no resistance. A group of people were seen leaving the chancery in night clothes after the federal officers took over.

Yugoslavia announced Thursday it was breaking diplomatic relations with the United States because of the NATO attack on the country. Ties also were broken with Britain, France and Germany because of their participation in "armed aggression."

The United States closed its embassy in Belgrade last weekend and had evacuated remaining diplomats prior to NATO airstrikes.

With neighboring streets blocked, officials first took possession of the Yugoslav chancery and then the ambassador's residence, both located just off Washington's main embassy row on Massachusetts Avenue.

"The United States will respect and protect the properties without prejudice to the eventual settlement of property issues among all the successor states to the former Yugoslavia," said a statement by Lee McClenny, a State Department spokesman.

Silent auction will end on Thursday

A silent auction is being held through Thursday in the Western Texas College student center to raise funds for Phi Theta Kappa members to attend regional and international conferences.

In the silent auction process, bids are written on a sheet of paper. Auction winners are decided by the highest bid amount.

Bidding concludes at 10:50 a.m. Thursday.

Items being auctioned include:

—A trailer-load of firewood donated by David Kattes.

—A pottery planter donated by Ty Brunson.

—A one-hour massage donated by Toni Hall.

—A radiator heater donated by Ann Galyean.

A pen set from a Japanese Pagoda tree and a pen set from the WTC gym floor donated by Ed Barkowsky.

—A pencil portrait by Ben Sum.

—Life guarding for a swim party by Mike Harrison.

—Preferred parking for one week donated by George Cormack.

—Half-a-hog donated by Jim Judah and the ag department.

—Cookies for a month donated by Deborah Baremore.

—Lemon or chocolate cheesecake donated by Terry Busby.

—Brownies donated by Ann Galyean.

—Brownies and cheesecake donated by Jennifer Beard.

Some of the items can be viewed in PTK adviser Carolyn Osborn's office located in the WTC counseling center.

PTK is an international honor society for junior and community colleges.

Death is ruled suicide by JP

Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds has ruled the death of a 46-year-old Snyder man a suicide.

Reynolds pronounced Gary Hicks dead by self-inflicted means at 2:35 p.m. Tuesday at Hicks' 2210 Avenue Z residence.

Arizmendi now listed as stable

Amanda Arizmendi remains in Univerity Medical Center in Lubbock following a two-vehicle accident last Thursday.

Her condition, however, is now listed as stable, a hospital spokesman said this morning.

Arizmendi, a driver of one of the vehicles, had to be freed from her 1991 Chevrolet by the Jaws of Life. She was first transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital for treatment, and later transferred by EMS to Lubbock.

Four other people were treated at Cogdell Hospital for their injuries.

Obituaries

Gary Hicks

1953-1999

Gary Hicks, a lifelong resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, March 30, at his home in Snyder.

Funeral service for Mr. Hicks, 46, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Marty Akins, minister, officiating.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 2, 1953 in Snyder, Mr. Hicks was a 1971 graduate of Snyder High School. A building contractor, he was a full-time student at Western Texas College.

He married Tori Graves on Sept. 4, 1997 in Snyder.

A member of First Baptist Church, Mr. Hicks was the owner of A&B Construction Co. and had formerly worked for Wadleigh Construction Co., and had served on the builders board of review for the city of Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Tori Hicks of Snyder; a son, David Hicks of Plano; a daughter, Sheila Hicks of Snyder; a stepdaughter, Leslie Wright of Snyder; his parents, Robert and Wyvonne Hicks of Snyder; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Ted Winter of Snyder; a brother and sister-in-law, Robby Lee and Mary Hicks of Nashville, Tenn.; nieces and nephews, Kevin Winter, Chris Winter, Mindy Winter, Justin Hicks and Jenna Hicks; and many aunts and uncles.

Ray Barham

1909-1999

ODESSA — John Raymond Barham, the brother of Robert Barham of Snyder, died Sunday, March 28, in an Odessa hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Barham, 89, was set for 10 a.m. today in the Second Baptist Church. The Revs. Bruce Troy and Truman Warren were to officiate.

Burial was to follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Born July 31, 1909 in Stephenville, he had been a resident of Notrees and Odessa since 1947, retiring as a lease operator for Conoco Oil Co.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Mable Grice Barham and Agatha Phillips Barham. He was also preceded in death by a son, Gerald Barham; and a brother, Walter Barham.

Mr. Barham married Thelma Greer on Aug. 4, 1977 in Odessa, and he was a member of the Second Baptist Church.

Other survivors include his wife, Thelma Barham of Odessa; a son, Ed Barham of Odessa; a daughter-in-law, Patricia Barham of San Antonio; three stepdaughters, Barbara Groening of Wingate, Rosemary Parks of Midland and Judy Grigsby of Abilene; 12 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

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Silent auction

Phi Theta Kappa, honorary society at WTC, will host a silent auction to raise funds to attend the international conference. Items are on sale and last day to bid is 10:45 a.m. Thursday when winner will be announced. For more information call Carolyn Osborn at 573-8511, ext. 313.

Public reception

A public reception in honor of Railroad Commission Chairman Tony Garza and Robert Huston, chairman of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus.

Hamburger cookout

Scurry County officials are hosting a county-wide hamburger cookout starting at 5 p.m. Thursday on the courthouse square to show support for the local economy. The cookout will conclude in time for the town-hall meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. at city hall.

Maundy Thursday service

First Christian Church will have its Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Aggie scholarships

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mothers' Club will award two scholarships to a high school senior and a current A&M student. Students in Fisher, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties are eligible. Applications are available at the high schools and postmark deadline for applications is Thursday.

Snyder Healthcare bake sale

The family council of the Snyder Healthcare Center will have its annual bake sale from 9 a.m. until noon Friday. It will be located in the southwest corner of the building located at 5311 Big Spring Highway. Entry may be through the back hallway door.

Hermleigh Cemetery Association

Hermleigh Cemetery Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. For more information, call 863-2355 or 863-2338.

SHS choir concert set Tuesday

Snyder High School's Choral Department will present its spring concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. The choirs — Strictly Treble, Concert Choir and A Cappella Choir — will perform the music that has been prepared for next Thursday's UIL competition at Texas Tech. The A Cappella Choir will give a demonstration of the Sight Reading portion of the competition. The concert will also feature the newly formed Honors Choir at West Elementary.

Public hearing for bomber training

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initative (RBTI) on from 5-9 p.m. next Wednesday in the Snyder High School auditorium.

Golden K fish fry

Golden K Kiwanis Club fish fry will be held from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Senior Citizens Center. Cost is $6 for adults and children under 6 can eat free. Takeout plates will be available.

Softball tournament

A men's softball tournament to benefit Special Olympics is planned April 17-18 at Winston Park. It will be double elimination and cost is $100 per team. Entry fee is due by April 9 by contacting Coach Stewart or Daisy Braziel at 915-573-1114.

Class of '79 reunion

The SHS class of 1979 is planning a class reunion. Anyone wanting to help plan or work on the reunion is asked to contact Susan Blackard at 573-0989.

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.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Pick 3

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

1-7-3

(one, seven, three)

Cash Five

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

7-13-16-29-36

(seven, thirteen, sixteen, twenty-nine, thirty-six)

Tobacco giant loses...

Jury gives widow $81 million

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — For 42 years, school janitor Jesse Williams puffed three packs of Marlboros a day, never believing the cigarette company would sell him something that would kill him.

Almost two years to the day after he died of lung cancer, a jury ordered Philip Morris to pay the biggest liability award ever against the tobacco industry, $81 million, for lying about the risks of smoking.

"My late husband had a dying wish," widow Mayola Williams said after Tuesday's verdict. "He wanted to make cigarette companies stop lying about the health problems of smokers ... so that other people will understand that they are being used, just plain used, for the gain of money."

It is the second major financial blow this year against the world's largest cigarette maker. A San Francisco jury awarded $51.5 million last month to a Marlboro smoker with inoperable lung cancer.

Besides that case, U.S. juries have awarded damages in smoking liability cases only three times — twice in Florida and once in New Jersey. All three verdicts were overturned on appeal.

However, industry watchdogs and Wall Street analysts said the Oregon award may open the floodgates.

"As little as three years ago most people thought the tobacco industry was invulnerable. This case shows we have a crack in the dam," said John Banzhof, executive director of Action on Smoking and Health.

"It will be even easier the third, fourth and fifth time around," he said. "It's like sharks smelling blood. These cases have spread a lot of churn in the water."

Added analyst Gary Black, with the New York brokerage firm Sanford C. Bernstein & Co: "This will persuade the industry to start thinking the tide may be turning."

Philip Morris attorney Walter Cofer said the tobacco industry has a 40-year history of prevailing in such cases, and he promised to appeal.

"If you look at this verdict, it was not supported by the evidence," Cofer said. "It was a product of passion and prejudice."

The jury, which found Williams and the company to be equally negligent, awarded his wife and six adult children $1.6 million in compensatory damages, and $79.5 million in punitive damages for lying about the dangers of smoking.

The family had sought $101 million.

Testimony portrayed Williams, a former janitor with the Portland school system, as a nicotine addict who believed the company when it said there was no link between smoking and cancer.

Williams died at age 67, just five months after he was diagnosed with small-cell carcinoma, the deadliest form of lung cancer.

The 12-member Multnomah County Circuit Court jury, which included three smokers and four former smokers, spent a little more than two days reviewing a month of technical and often conflicting testimony from experts in such areas as cancer diagnosis, radiology and the chemistry of tobacco smoke.

In closing arguments, attorneys for the Williams family cited internal Philip Morris documents to bolster their claim that the company long knew about the cancer-causing potential of cigarettes and hid that information from its customers.

The plaintiffs' attorney, Raymond Thomas, called the tobacco company "willful, malicious, sneaky" in its efforts to keep smokers hooked.

One juror, April Dewees, said she and other panelists were angered by what they saw in the company documents.

"They (Phillip Morris) want it to be everyone's responsibility but theirs," she said. "Are people really making an informed decision when they don't have the information?"

Cofer said Williams was well aware that smoking could harm his health and could have quit "if he'd wanted to badly enough."

Last November, tobacco giants reached a $206 billion settlement with states, but that doesn't end individual and class-action lawsuits.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) It behooves you to listen closely to what other people have to say today. Among the chattering, there could be one outstanding piece of information that might be quite valuable to you. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be industrious, because once on a roll, there's a good chance you'll not only accomplish today's chores, but get a little ahead on tomorrow's work. You'll be glad you did.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Although the weekend isn't quite here yet, you could get an early start on it as today's events thrust you into impromptu social activities. However, it shouldn't interfere with your duties.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This could turn out to be your kind of day with activities surrounding the people you love best — your family. This helps you keep everything in perspective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Possessing such an active, alert mind will have you seeking out as many mental challenges as you can find today. Keeping your focus on areas that test your smarts will be stimulating.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The emphasis of the day might be placed on financial conditions that capture your fancy. Provided you manage your resources prudently, this could be a very productive day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Receiving recognition from your peers today for a job well done will do wonders for encouraging you to do more, making you quite an effective producer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A quiet environment might be just what you need today to collect your thoughts and be able to concentrate better on something important you need to accomplish. Seek the necessary solitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It will be your imaginative faculties that could help provide the mental picture you need to clarify an objective today. While you're at it, reflect on futuristic possibilities, too!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Provided you are left to your own devices, you can be a pretty good achiever today. Determine your own methods and procedures as much as possible, and you'll succeed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're judgment is apt to be better than of those you encounter today, so be firm about concepts you believe in and don't let others discourage you before trying them out.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Because of the compassion and common sense you display for those in trouble, you could find yourself quite in demand with pals who find themselves in uncharted predicaments today.

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Fireworks plant will close

OSSEO, Mich. (AP) — The founder of the fireworks company where five people were killed in an explosion this week says he is closing the plant.

Although government officials said Tuesday they had no reason to shut down Independence Professional Fireworks Co., William Richardson told investigators that fireworks manufacturing would cease at the plant, the Detroit Free Press reported today.

Monday's explosion followed a December blast in which seven people died at the site about 80 miles southwest of Detroit. Among the victims of the latest blast was Robert Slayton, the company's president.

"He told us he'd lost his best friend," Detective Sgt. Ken Hersha of the state police told the newspaper.

A charred wall was all that remained of a small building that exploded Monday just 100 yards from the rubble of the Dec. 11 blast. Several cars near the site also were damaged.

The investigation into the December blast is also continuing.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	03-31-99
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	♥ 2	
	♦ A K J 6	
	♣ Q J 3	
West		**East**
♠ 6 5 4 3		♠ J 9 2
♥ 10 9 4		♥ Q J 7
♦ Q 9 3		♦ 10 7 5 4
♣ 10 5 2		♣ K 9 4
	South	
	♠ Q	
	♥ A K 8 6 5 3	
	♦ 8 2	
	♣ A 8 7 6	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	6 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Second blue moon of the year

By Phillip Alder

We all know the expression "once in a blue moon," but where does it come from?

Well, apparently a blue moon is the second full moon in any calendar month. And this year we have two, on Jan. 31 and today. So, to match this uncommon event, here is an extremely rare deal, which occurred in Denmark. What is unusual about it?

No auction was given, but this one isn't absurd. When you open with a minimum 6-4, it is normal to rebid in your six-card (unless the four is a major that can be shown conveniently). North bids out his shape with four clubs, but in case he is 5-0-4-4, South raises. Now North bids what he hopes his partner can make.

There is no lead given because I still haven't decided what I would pick!

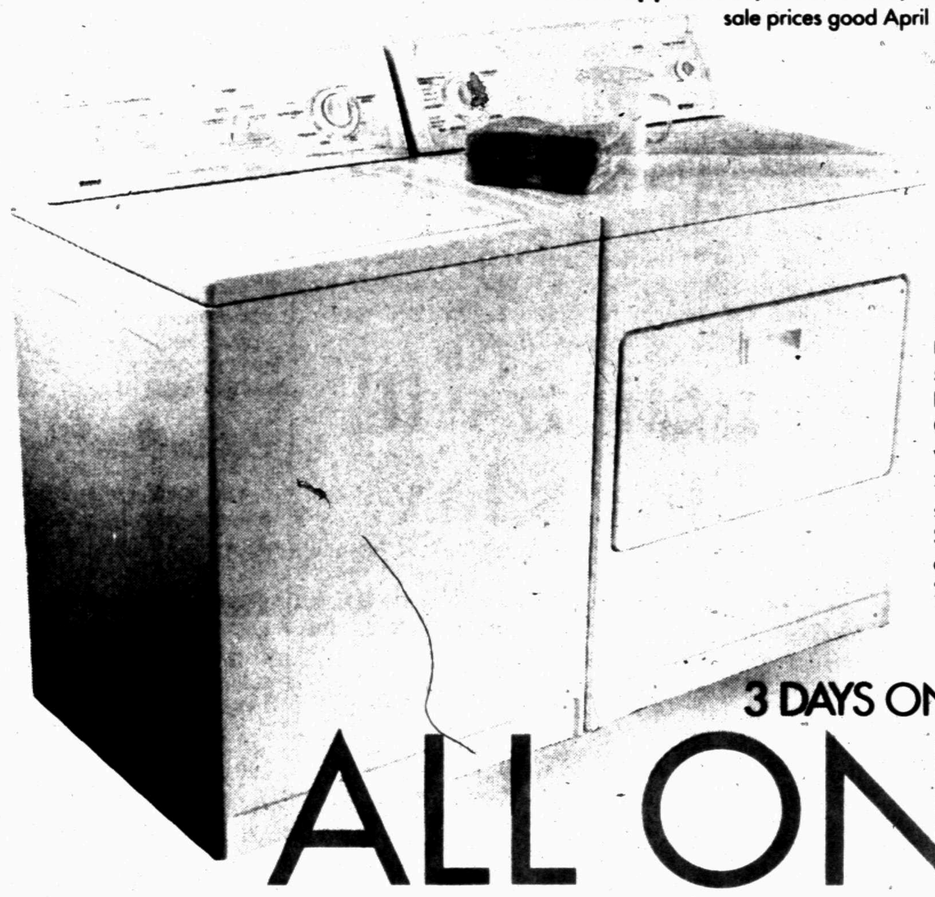
With both minor-suit finesses working and the spade jack dropping in three rounds, there are 12 "easy" tricks via five spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs.

You're probably thinking that was lucky. Wait one moment. Now consider a contract of six spades. That gets home with the same 12 tricks. Six hearts is also on, losing only one trump trick when the hearts divide 3-3. Even six diamonds, on the 4-2 fit, can be made. North's club loser disappears on the second heart winner, and you can maneuver to lose just one trump trick. Finally, six clubs is makable too.

When did you last see a deal in which all five small slams can be made? Now we are looking for a deal in which all five grand slams can be brought home. Do you know of one?

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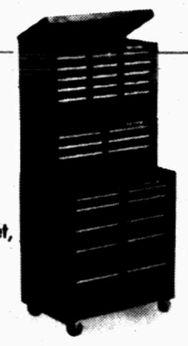
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