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'GREASE' BEGINS THURSDAY — "Grease," a 1950s era rock and roll musical, will begin a four-night run at Snyder Junior High School's auditorium at 7 p.m. Thursday. Other nightly performances are set Saturday, Monday and next Thursday. The characters will utilize this old car which adds to the 1950s settings. Cast members are from left, Laura Hager, Sara Cantu, Kelli Dodson, Rachel Cave. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

City's at-large spot draws 3rd candidate

A third candidate filed Tuesday afternoon for one of two at-large positions on the Snyder City Council.

James Ashley joins former councilman Ron Shaw and incumbent Terry Martin on the May 1 ballot.

Ashley, 35, is a salesman for U.S. Food Service, covering the Snyder-Big Spring area.

A nine-year resident of Snyder, Ashley is a graduate of Lubbock Coronado and Texas Tech with a degree in finance.

He and his wife, Kara, have two children, ages six and five.

"I believe Snyder is at a crossroads," said Ashley. "We plan to live here the rest of our lives and I would like to be part of the council during this time."

Others who will be on the city's ballot are James Jenkins Jr. and Kirk Taylor, seeking Place 3, and current councilman Dayton Robertson who is running for mayor.

All incumbents on the Ira Independent School District board of trustees have filed for re-election as Lance Autry filed Monday, joining Sid Wall and Kirby Sterling on the ballot.

All incumbents on the Snyder Independent School board of trustees are also seeking re-election.

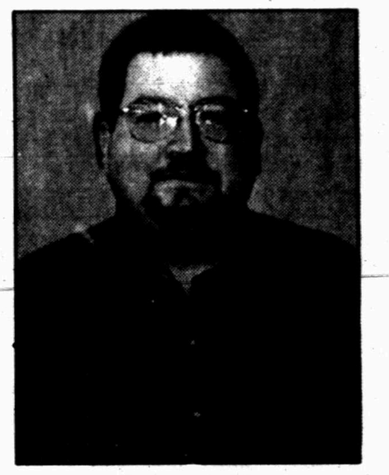
Mark McCormick, Janet Stribling and Glenn Clarady are all seeking another term.

Both incumbents on the Hermleigh ISD board of trustees seeking re-election.

Burton Sandefur will be asking for a second term on the Hermleigh board, while Tony Lambaren is seeking his fourth term.

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

Early voting for the May 1 election begins April 14 and continues through April 27.



James Ashley

Public hearing set Thursday for Lone Star Gas increase

Snyder City Council will conduct a public hearing on Lone Star Gas' request for a rate increase at 5 p.m. Thursday at City Hall.

Following the hearing, the council will hear from consultant Bill R. McMorries of Amarillo in a special meeting just prior to the council's regular monthly session.

McMorries was hired by the council — at a cost not to exceed $4,000 — during the January council session to assist the city in evaluating the rate request.

Lone Star is seeking a 4.63 percent rate increase which translates to an average adjustment of $1.44 per month for residential customers and $20.01 for commercial customers.

During the January meeting, Lone Star manager Daryl Thomas said the utility needs the rate increase to cover operational costs in Snyder.

The last monthly rate increase for the utility was in 1984, Thomas said. "Since then, the utility has lost 513 customers and as a result, we are selling 22 percent less gas."

The number of Lone Star Gas customers has dropped from 4,194 to 3,681 in the last 12 years, Thomas added.

During the January meeting, Thomas said the utility company has spent some $341,787 in improving its distribution system since the last rate increase.

If approved, the increase will also remove the Snyder Independent School District from its present rate structure, resulting in an 18 percent annual increase in cost to the public schools.

Thomas said the Texas Railroad Commission notified the utility company in 1989 that school districts would lose their special rates. At that time, the local district was also informed that the lower rates would be eventually be dropped.

Thomas has said that neither he, nor the company, expects the schools to shoulder the increase all at one time. "I feel like we can phase in the higher rate for the schools."

The rate increase might not be without opposition.

During the January meeting, Councilman I.E. Martin chided the company for seeking an increase during a time of economic uncertainty due to low oil prices.

Thomas said he understood Martin's concerns, and that he and his company shared them as well. "This request is not based on the price of natural gas. It is based on the company's revenues shrinking by some $350,000 and losing 513 customers."

Following the public hearing, the council will consider the recommendations of McMorries, and if accepted, direct the city staff to draft the ordinance allowing for the increase.

Indictments end in two arrested

Two persons who were indicted Monday by the Scurry County grand jury were arrested on Tuesday.

Jerry Wayne Tatom, 49, of 1802 Scott was arrested at 9:36 a.m. at his home on a felony indictment for indecency with a child.

Tatom is charged with exposing himself to a child under the age of 17 on Feb. 25.

Following his arrest, Tatom was released on $5,000 bond.

Officers also arrested Juan Luis Aguilar at 4:31 p.m. at the adult probation office on two counts of bribery, a second degree felony.

Aguilar, who is out on bonds totalling $10,000 on both charges, was indicted for offering monetary bribes to Snyder policemen Mike Duddleston and Trey Wilson on Feb. 21.

Aguilar lists his address as Box 718.

The grand jury indicted nine people Monday on 11 different counts.

SHS choir leaving on trip to Disneyworld

Snyder High School choir's trip to Disneyworld in Florida should be both educational and fun, said Ronda Haire, choir director.

A large group — 75 — will take part in the five-day trip, but only 50 are choir students. Sponsors, adults and families make up the other 25.

The group will drive to DFW Airport Thursday where they will connect with their flight leaving that afternoon.

The itinerary will include one day at the Magic Kingdom, one at Epcot Center, one at the Animal Kingdom and one day at Universal Studio.

The choir will sing several foreign folk songs during its concert at Epcot Center, including American, Italian, German, Irish and African.

The choir will perform those same songs plus contest material at its annual spring concert.

Each choir student needed to raise $580 for the Disneyworld trip. The money was earned through annual fund-raisers such as the poinsettia and candy sales.

The choir plans a trip every two years. Two years ago, students visited New York City.

Snyder ISD...

Contract extensions granted to teachers

Snyder ISD trustees approved the contracts of 249 teachers and the school calendar they will be working under during the 1999-2000 school year in a brief 20-minute meeting Tuesday evening.

All teachers who are presently employed by the district saw their contracts renewed, with one exception.

Rick Archer, who is the current Snyder High School girls basketball coach, sumbitted his resignation last month to be effective at the end of this school year.

Trustees unanimously approved the 1999-2000 calendar which sets Aug. 10 as the first day of school with teachers reporting for in-service on Aug. 4.

The last day of the school year will be May 25.

The school calendar contains 189 days, as opposed to 187 this year.

"That is subject to change," said Supt. Gayle Lomax.

Lomax said there is talk in Austin about the State Legislature adding additional days to the school year.

"Anytime there is talk about teacher pay raises, there is talk about adding more days to the school year," said Lomax.

In other action items, the board adopted the textbook committee's recommendations for new textbooks, and cast ballots for the board of directors for the Region 14 Education service Center.

Board president Mark McCormick presided and trustees present were Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Mike Levens, Janet Stribling and Glenn Clarady. Bill Moss was absent.

Bush eyes 2000 race

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Gov. George W. Bush says the formation of an exploratory committee — to raise money and measure voter support for the 2000 presidential campaign — won't distract him from his day job.

Moving to disarm potential critics, Bush said Tuesday that he plans to keep working in Texas until the Legislature ends its session on Memorial Day.

"I've told you all numerous times that I'm going to stay home, fight for the tax cuts, fight for a bill to ... end social promotion (of students) and do my job as governor," he said. "Then I will begin to travel around the nation and to listen to people."

Bush, who made his announcement the same day Republican Pat Buchanan declared himself a presidential candidate, declined to comment on President Clinton but did say he would set a different tone.

Board sets monthly meet on Thursday

The consideration of incentive agreements for possible expansion of YZ Industries' will highlight Thursday afternoon's Development Corporation of Snyder board meeting.

The DCOS board will also consider final construction reports on projects at SnTx I, including water and sewer lines, elevated water storage and paving.

The board will also consider an incentive agreement plan with Executive Director John DeLille.

DeLille will also present the financial statements for the board's consideration, and present his monthly report.

The meeting is at 4 p.m. in the American State Bank building.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Ron McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If at first you don't succeed, you're likely using a computer."

We don't know who said it, but it aptly describes our high-tech ability:

"We're sitting on the shoulder of the super information highway, with a flat tire and our hood up."

A few days ago, we tagged along with advertising manager Wayne Burney to look at some new typesetting equipment. They now call it a front-end system.

The people demonstrating wanted to know what we are presently using. They responded in unison, "You're using what?"

We think they were making light of our 1979 technology. It works just fine, and we like it. The only trouble, there is no technical support and no replacement parts being made. In other words — according to the computer folks — the SDN is running on borrowed time. It sounded a lot like our banker.

Trying to find a little humor in the situation, we asked if a purchase of new computers would be guaranteed for the year 3,000.

Unfortunately, we learned they'll be considered obsolete by the time installation is complete.

While on the subject of technology, here's an old letter off the Internet, written from Rome about Jan. 6, 1 B.C.

Dear Cassius:

Are you still working on the Y zero K problem? The change from BC to AD is giving us a lot of headaches and we haven't much time left. I don't know how many people will cope with working the wrong way around.

Having been working happily downwards forever, now we have to start thinking upwards. You would think that someone would have thought about it earlier and not left it to us to sort out at the last minute.

I spoke to Ceasar the other evening. He was livid that Julius hadn't done something about it when he was sorting out the calendar. He said he could see why Brutus turned nasty.

We called in the consulting astrologers, but they simply said that continuing downwards using minus BC won't work. As usual, the consultants charged a fortune for doing nothing useful.

As for myself, I just can't see an hourglass flowing upwards.

We have heard that there are three wise men in the east working on the problem, but unfortunately they won't arrive until it's all over.

Some say the world will cease to exist at the moment of transition. Anyway, we are continuing to work on the blasted Y zero K problem and I will send you a parchment if anything futher develops.

Vale,
Marcus Antonius

ASK US

Q—Season-long, what was the 1999 Snyder Tigers' average winning margin in basketball?

A—One point, hence the nickname given to the team by one parent: "The Heart-Attack Pack".

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 70 degrees; low, 36; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 36; no precipitation; total for 1999, .95 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low, upper 30s. S wind 10-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy, windy, warmer. High, upper 70s. W-SW wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



Devin Davidson
Windy

Sunset:
6:42 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:07 a.m.
Of 61 days in 1999, the sun has shone 60 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Leadership is action, not position."

Author Unknown

Lawmaker seeks rewrite of Texas constitution

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers should be willing to make changes to the state constitution now, not wait until some crisis demands it, the author of a proposed constitutional rewrite said Tuesday.

"There is widespread belief ... that the Texas Legislature is incapable of grappling with substantive issues in the absence of a crisis," Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant, told the Senate State Affairs Committee.

"I'm not here to tell you we have a constitutional crisis, but I do believe we badly need a new constitution," Ratliff said.

The proposed rewrite by Ratliff and Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, would trim the 90,000 word document to 19,000 words while greatly expanding the powers of the governor.

It also would combine the state Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals. The governor would appoint district and appellate court judges, removing them from direct partisan elections.

The proposal also would create an executive cabinet of governor-appointed heads of departments of state, interior, public safety and criminal justice, health and human services, education, agriculture, economic development, energy and transportation.

The governor also would appoint the land, agriculture and railroad commissioners. All those now are elected. The lieutenant governor, comptroller and attorney general would remain elected offices.

The governor also would have the authority to intervene in any litigation involving the state.

The governor's office currently holds a fraction of the power most people think it does, Ratliff said.

"They really don't have the power to do the things the people think they're electing them to do," Ratliff said.

The rewrite would not alter the constitution's current bill of rights, a section of individual liberties such as freedom of religion and speech and protection from unreasonable search and seizure.

It also retains the current prohibition against a state personal income tax.

Tuesday's State Affairs Committee meeting was the first of several planned hearings on the proposed rewrite, said chairwoman Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano.

Lynn Baker, a University of Texas law professor and expert on state and local government law, said she was impressed by the attempt to rewrite the document that was written in 1876 and has been amended 377 times since then.

She cautioned that allowing the governor's office to intervene in litigation normally handled by the attorney general's office could create confusion as courts try to determine which office is sovereign in state affairs.

"The governor is going to be a very busy person under the new constitution," Ms. Baker said.

She also said appointing judges rather than electing them would not remove politics from the judicial system but merely change them. Instead of soliciting campaign money, judges could find themselves jockeying for position for appointments, Ms. Baker said.

In 1975, Texas voters killed what was left of an effort to rewrite the constitution, following lengthy efforts to draft one that would be approved.

Mary Kay consultant earns car

Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant Joan Head joins a growing list of local consultants who have qualified as a team manager and earned the use of a red Pontiac Grand Am.

To qualify as a team manager, Head had to meet specific sales and team-building requirements.

In this position, she will provide leadership to personal team members and will work with the unit's independent sales director in meeting sales and recruiting goals.

Head's director is Audie Head Denney of Orange, Calif., formerly of Snyder. Locally, she is an adoptee of Denise Wood.

She and her husband, Michael, have two children. Their daughter Taylor is two and their son Reagan is five.

Head, who has been with Mary Kay for three years, also teaches one-year-olds at King's Kids on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Continuing on the road to success, Head can achieve sales director status, where she will lead and develop her own unit, and help other consultants in their Mary Kay businesses.

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EARNS CAR — Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant Joan Head has recently qualified as a team manager and earned the use of a red Pontiac Grand Am. Pictured checking out the new car is Head and her two children, Regan (front) and Taylor. (SDN Staff Photo)

Girl detained in fire at jail

CLEBURNE (AP) — A 16-year-old Alvarado girl has been arrested in the apparent arson fire at a North Texas juvenile detention facility, and faces more than a dozen other charges related to the blaze.

The girl, whose identity is being withheld because of her age, was arrested Monday at her home.

She is apparently the girlfriend of an inmate at the Johnson County Juvenile Services facility, sheriff's department spokesman Pam Jetsel told the Cleburne Times-Review.

The early-morning blaze severely damaged the entire first floor of the facility in Cleburne. Fourteen juveniles housed in the jail had to be evacuated due to the fire and smoke. No one was injured.

The girl faces 14 counts of child endangerment, in addition to juvenile court charges of arson, unauthorized use of a vehicle, burglary and a terroristic threat. The charges could net more than 40 years in jail.

Berry's World



"Look — the cherry tree has been chopped down. Let's put it behind us."

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Last Week's Photos: 1. Mike Halloway 2. Sharon Doty 3. Sharon Meador 4. Gaylon Boyd 5. Tommy Johnson 6. Kevin Jones 7. Wesley Key 8. Shirley Hines 9. Toby Morris 10. Sam Byrom

Fourth annual Golden Apple Awards planned

Snyder Independent School District will host the fourth annual Golden Apple Awards at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at Snyder Country Club.

Diane Day, a native of St. Louis, will be the guest speaker. She has been a leader in the field of behaviour management for 25 years.

The banquet is held annually by SISD as an appreciation to the community for all its hard work and involvement with the schools.

Honored banquet guests will be community volunteers, parents and businesses who have given many hours of volunteer service and have provided incentives for numerous programs in the district.

Individuals who have received invitations are reminded to RSVP by calling Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012 by Friday. Tickets to the banquet are also available to the public for $7. For more information, call Juarez.

Diane Day has personally trained more than a half million teachers, 100,000 parents and 10,000 bus drivers. During the summer, Diane teaches at eight major U.S. universities. Her teaching career has included every grade at elementary, intermediate and secondary levels. She has taught special ed children, as well as, severely emotionally disturbed adolescents.



Diane Day

President Clinton awarded her the prestigious "Arkansas Traveler" Award — originally bestowed upon Charles Lindbergh — for her contribution to education. She has her own television show in Los Angeles.

She serves as president of Cedar Crest Youth Ranch Academy, a non-profit facility for abused or parentless adolescents. She owns Permanent Press and Day Dreams Mail Order Catalogue.

Day's theme next Tuesday will be "A Hero Lies in You." Her mission is to encourage everyone to set high expectations and goals for themselves and strive to become their personal best.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Medical Tragedy Reveals Importance of Carrying I.D.

DEAR ABBY: I have never seen a letter in your column stressing the importance of always carrying identification, either in a pocket or attached to your clothing.

My neighbor spent last summer with her sister who lived several hundred miles away. During the visit, she suffered a massive stroke while shopping alone in a mall. Her purse was stolen and no one knew who she was. When she didn't return at the expected time, her sister became frightened and called the police, but the visiting sister couldn't be located.

Abby, a few nights later, her by-then frantic sister saw a news report about an unidentified woman who had a stroke in a mall and died two days later. She followed up on the story and discovered the unidentified woman was her sister!

Since then, I have been suggesting to friends and family that they carry identification on them at all times — and although many promise to do so, they "don't get around to it." Perhaps if they see this in your column, they'll realize how important the message is and do something about it.

ALICE JOHNS,
NORTH PALM BEACH, FLA.

DEAR ALICE: I relayed that message to readers several years ago, but it bears repeating. It's also a good idea to carry essential medical information with the I.D. Should there be an accident or sudden illness that prevents communicating health problems, emergency personnel will know about allergies, possible drug interactions or pre-existing conditions.

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Wondering Dad's" letter. I was widowed at 23 years of age with a 3-year-old daughter. A year and a half later, I'm still single.

I, too, worry that not having a "man of the house" will have repercussions later. People tell me that I should have a father for my daughter or she may not grow up right. Abby, my child is intelligent, outgoing and well-adjusted. Yes, there are some things that a father could teach her that I cannot, so I have enlisted my brother to spend time with her. Until I find someone who is perfect for the two of us, I will not rush into a marriage just to have a father for her.

I applaud you for the perfect answer you gave "Wondering Dad." Please let him know that as long as he gives his time and love, and teaches his son to respect and appreciate people, he will grow up to be a well-adjusted young man.

THE WOMAN OF THE HOUSE
IN SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF.

DEAR WOMAN OF THE HOUSE: Selecting a spouse is not a decision that should be made in haste, because one size does not fit all. I'm certain that "Wondering Dad" will find your letter reassuring. Thank you for the input.

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DEAR ABBY: I was recently invited to a bridal shower for a new family member. I accepted this invitation and later learned from my sister-in-law that the wedding was the following weekend.

She received an invitation to the wedding; I didn't. The wedding was billed as a "small, intimate family wedding." At the shower, I learned that my husband's aunt (the bride's mother) invited her close friends and only a few family members!

Is it proper to invite a member of the family to a bridal shower but not to the wedding?

INSULTED IN GEORGIA

DEAR INSULTED: Absolutely not. Since you were invited to the shower, you should have been invited to the wedding also.

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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.)

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Texas House passes bill that would ease farm credit woes

The House of Representatives Tuesday passed legislation introduced by Cong. Charlie Stenholm to speed up the availability of funds under the guaranteed loan program.

Under Stenholm's bill, Texas would be able to utilize $29.5 million.

Stenholm introduced his bill in response to a projection by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) that they will run out of all guaranteed operating loan funds by March 15. Texas has already exhausted their allocation of non-beginning farmer guaranteed unsubsidized operating loans.

"This legislation would provide available guaranteed loan funds to farmers and ranchers who are currently working with their local lenders to prepare their finances for planting, or in deciding whether to keep their livestock herds intact," Stenholm said. "It is not clear when Congress will approve a supplemental spending bill, and this legislation is needed by producers who are trying to make planting decisions but have been told there are no USDA loan funds available to them."

There is currently between $450-500 million in unutilized funding for beginning farmers and ranchers under the guaranteed loan program. Under current law, these unused funds would be released on April 1.

This legislation would make those funds available immediately upon passage of the bill.

"The legislation passed by the House will provide a bridge to agricultural producers and lenders until we are able to provide additional credit funds in a supplemental appropriations bill," Stenholm said. "While this legislation will help borrowers by providing immediate available credit for the guaranteed loan programs, it does not eliminate the need for Congress to provide additional emergency, direct operating and ownership loan funds."

Further action will be required by the Senate.

Melton finishes Navy training

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew D. Melton, son of Dean and Judy Melton of Snyder, recently completed the Navy's Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training at Naval Special Warfare Center, San Diego.

Melton concluded 25 weeks of intense training in physical conditioning, long distance swimming, combat diving, demolition warfare, land navigation, patrolling techniques and military explosives.

Upon graduation from this phase of SEAL training, students like Melton go on to the U.S. Army Jump School, then from six to nine months of advanced training with a SEAL team, before earning the U.S. Navy SEAL designation.

As a Navy SEAL, Melton will become part of a special warfare force. SEAL (Sea-Air-Land) teams are organized, equipped and trained to quickly deploy for special operations in ocean and river environments. Highly mobile, SEALS deploy in small units worldwide. They are explicitly trained in parachuting, SCUBA and closed circuit diving, weapons and ordnance handling, and underwater reconnaissance.

The 1997 graduate of Snyder High School joined the Navy in September of 1997.

Local telent recruited

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The Backstreet Boys recruited some local talent to sing backup on the youthful heartthrobs' next album, "Millennium."

Brian Littrell, a member of the quintet and a 1994 graduate of Tates Creek High School, was home Monday to direct 45 local choral students for the song "Perfect Fan."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

It's the parity that counts

By Phillip Alder

When attitude in a suit is either known or irrelevant, you may wish to tell partner how many cards you have in a suit. If you play your lowest card, you have an odd number in the suit. If you play an unnecessarily high spot-card (starting a high-low, or an echo), you are showing an even number.

In this deal, how should the play go in three no-trump?

South's rebid of two no-trump shows more points than a one-no-trump opening, but not enough for a two-no-trump opening. This means either 18-19 (or a poor 20, if there is such a thing!), or 19-20, depending on your range for a one-no-trump opening: 15-17 or 16-18, respectively. This rebid is effectively forcing. Unless the responder miscounted his points when making his first bid, he must keep the auction going.

West led the spade king. Immediately, South saw that he probably needed a misdefense. So, after winning the second spade trick, he led a diamond; he did not tell the opponents about his five club tricks.

However, East-West knew their business. East played the diamond two to show his odd number. So, West won the second round (when declarer played his last card in the suit), cashed his two spade tricks, and exited with a club. They scored a heart trick at the end.

Note that if West ducks the second diamond trick on a "just in case" basis, declarer runs for the exit with nine tricks via one spade, one heart, two diamonds and five clubs.

When dummy has a semisolid suit, give partner count.

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Burleson named to SMU honor list

DALLAS — Jamie Leigh Burleson, a first-year student at Southern Methodist University, is included on the recently released undergraduate honor roll for the fall semester.

She is the daughter of Dr. James and Luann Burleson.

To be listed on the SMU honor roll, students must achieve a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average, which places them in the top 21 percent of all SMU undergraduate degree students.

Monica's book fame may be short-lived

NEW YORK (AP) — Monica Lewinsky's memoir may make a big splash on best-seller lists, but many in the publishing world believe the hyped confessional — unlike the scandal that spawned it — will vanish quickly.

"Monica's Story" will likely ride the wave of Lewinsky media mania, which peaks with Barbara Walters' heavily promoted two-hour interview with the former White House intern on ABC tonight.

After that, industry experts say, sales could fall fast.

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; MAWC; all-day design workshop; hostesses, Glenda Glasscock and Lanette Patterson; 9:30

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.

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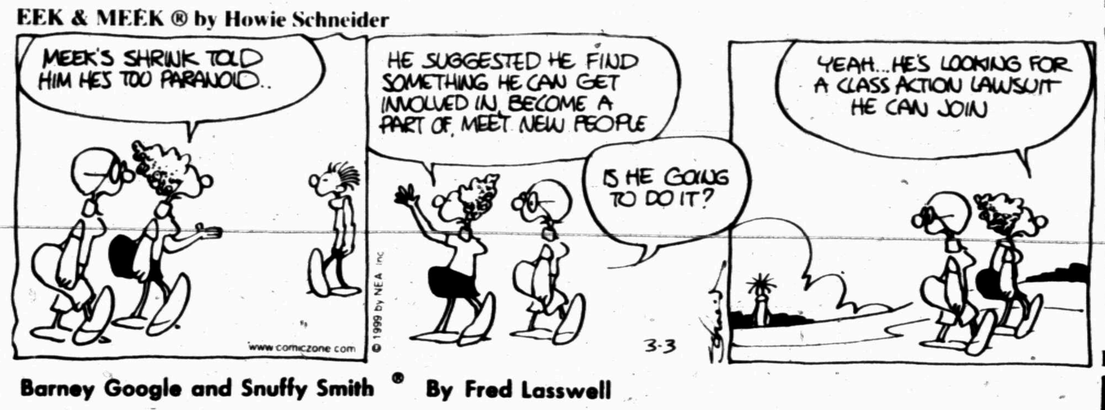
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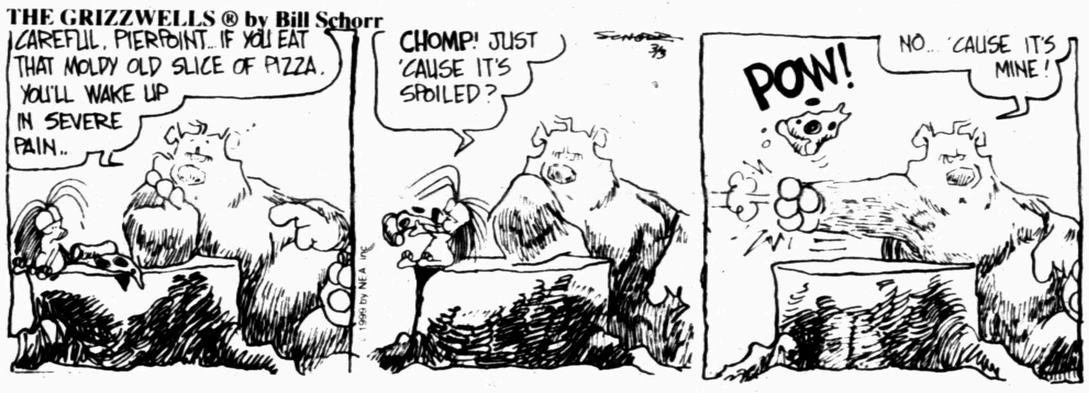
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7 Higher
12 Develop, in a Darwinian way
13 Dreaded fly
14 Superficial attractiveness
15 Some parade honorees
16 Miner's quest
17 Yalie
18 To the — degree
21 Bride's pathway
23 Calligrapher's item
26 Affirmations
28 Blocks up
29 Dutch town
30 Wash
31 Spendthrift
33 Opposite of transparency
36 White House office shape
37 Pierre's refusal
38 Regrets
40 Sampras of the courts
41 RR stop
42 Perfumery root
44 His, in Tours
45 Abby's sister
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51 Saint from Avila
55 Sent forth
56 More level
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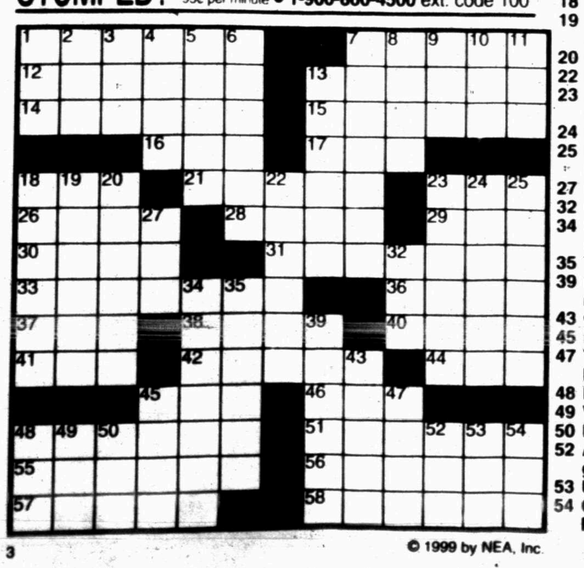
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5 — — barrel
6 Sea nymph
7 Of no value
8 Persian fairy
9 Turn the page: abbr.
10 Language suffix
11 Legal matter
13 Actress Ritter
18 Stockings
19 Samovar alternative
20 Cuban capital
22 Diane or Tom
23 Anatomist's study
24 Conceive
25 Ladies at the ball
27 Dry, as wine
32 Child's toy
34 Subtle sarcasms
35 Twisted
39 Baby's minder
43 Colander kin
45 Border upon
47 TV's talking horse
48 Pep
49 Verb suffix?
50 Future bks.
52 Annapolis grad
53 Understand
54 Coach Parseghian

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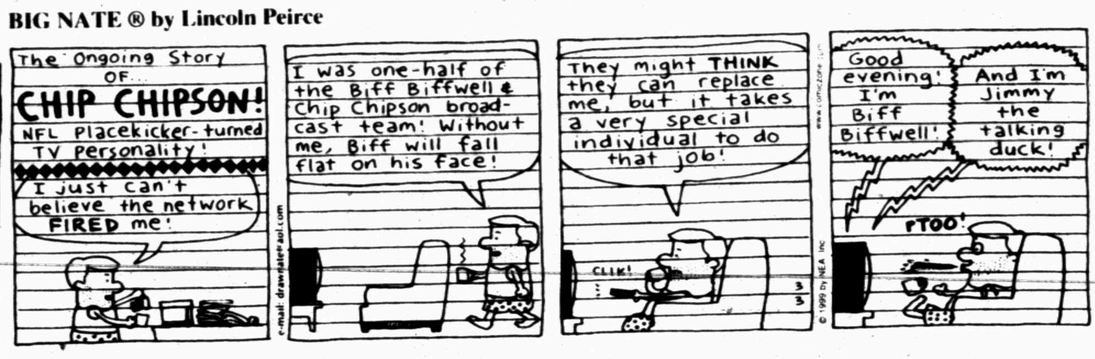
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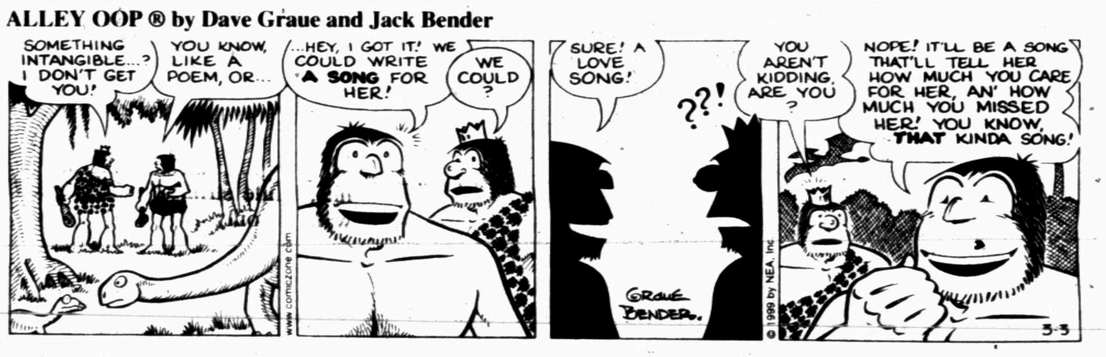
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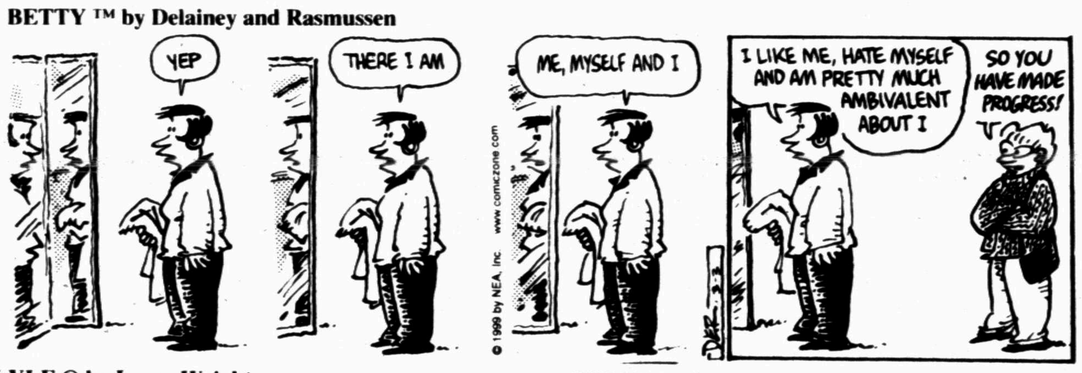
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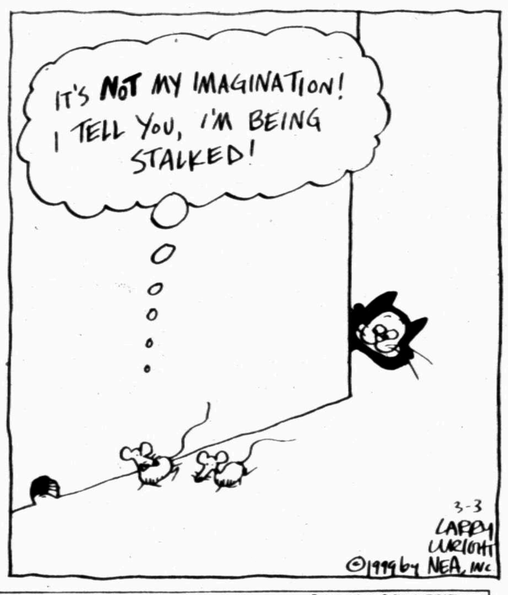
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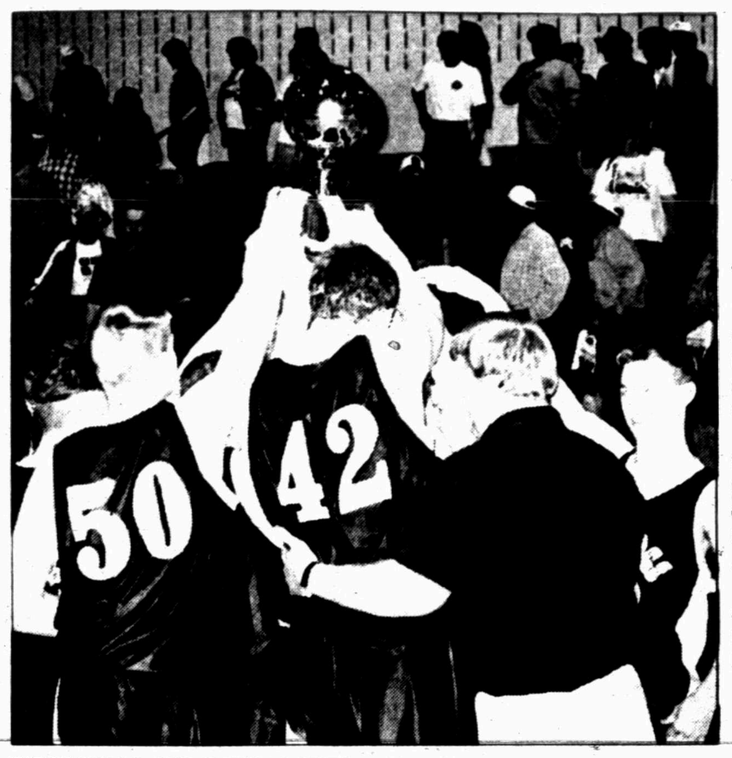


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SPORTS



REGIONAL SEMIFINALISTS — Ira players and coaches huddle around the regional quarterfinal trophy Tuesday following a 75-56 win over Windthorst. The Bulldogs advance to the regional tourney where they'll face Eden at 6 p.m. Friday. (Photo by Katie Howard)

Bulldogs oust Windthorst

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

ABILENE — On a night when it seemed neither team could miss, the Ira Bulldogs used some pressure defense to notch a regional tournament berth.

Ira forced 20 Windthorst turnovers and had three players post double-digit point totals to capture a 75-56 regional quarterfinal victory Tuesday night at Abilene Wylie gym.

The win earns the Bulldogs a spot in the 1A Region II Tournament, beginning Friday at McMurry University in Abilene.

"We've told our kids all year that defense wins championships, and they believe it," Ira coach Bubba Edwards said. "We knew who their best shooters were and our kids did a good job of keeping the pressure on them. We came in wanting to make them work hard for every shot, and that's what we did."

Even with the pressure, Windthorst connected on 55 percent of its shots from two-point range.

But the Trojans couldn't keep up with the hot-shooting Bulldogs who drained 24 of 40 field goal attempts.

With both squads finding the range early on, Ira held just a nine-point lead at halftime, before turning up the heat in the second half.

"I told our kids at halftime that we still had 16 minutes to play for a chance at the regional tournament," said Edwards. "I told them that Windthorst wasn't going to just roll over because we were up by nine points. Our kids did a good job of keeping the momentum in the second half."

The Trojans managed to trim the deficit to four points with 2:43 left in the third quarter. But from then on out, it was all Ira.

Jerek Brown dropped in eight points in the final two minutes of the period to fuel a 10-3 Bulldog run which put Ira up, 48-37, entering the final frame.

Ira finished off the Trojans from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter.

Windthorst began to foul with over two minutes left on the clock, giving the Bulldogs ample opportunity to extend the lead.

Ira went 17 of 28 from the stripe in the final eight minutes, pouring in 28 points to only 19 for the Trojans.

The Bulldogs opened their nine-point halftime lead behind 14 first-half points from Logan Daves. The 6-7 junior finished with a game-high 22 points, while Brown added 19 more. Richard Wilkins finished with 17 points on the night.

Ira will square off with Eden in the first-round of the regional tournament Friday at 6 p.m.

The winner of the Ira-Eden match-up will face the winner of the other semifinal between Ponder and Munday in the regional finals on Saturday.

Ira	13	19	16	27	— 75
Windthorst	13	10	14	19	— 56

Ira
Daves 10 2-2 22, Brown 6 7-13 19, R. Wilkins 4 8-10 17, Wall 2 4-5 8, Smith 1 3-7 6, B. Wilkins 1 1-2 3. **Totals 24 25-39 75.**

Windthorst
Hoffman 7 4-7 18, Schreiber 5 5-6 17, Wolf 5 1-2 11, D. Berend 1 2-2 4, Anderle 1 0-0 3, C. Berend 1 0-0 3. **Totals 20 12-17 56.**

Three-point goals: Ira 2 (Smith, R. Wilkins), Windthorst 4 (Schreiber 2, Anderle, C. Berend). Rebounds: Ira 19 (Brown 6), Windthorst 28 (Schreiber 7). Total fouls: Ira 14, Windthorst 25. Fouled out — Wolf. Technicals — Windthorst coach.

Seventh-inning homer halts Snyder's streak

The Snyder Tigers were one out away from a 5-0 start.

Then Lubbock High's clean-up hitter Steven Bocanegra came to the plate.

Bocanegra blasted a two-run homer in the top of the seventh inning Tuesday night, lifting Lubbock to a 3-2 victory over Snyder at Moffett Field.

The Tigers, who suffer their first setback of the season, had ample opportunities to pull out the win, according to coach Roland Herrera.

"Clint (Hook) pitched a good ballgame for us," Herrera said. "We just couldn't knock in runs when we had the chance. We left too many men on base and it hurt us in the end."

Snyder left a total of 11 men stranded through the seven-inning contest.

The Tigers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second when Matthew Grimmett singled and was driven home two batters later by a double from Hook.

Snyder extended the margin to 2-0 in the fifth. Ralph Ramon slapped a single, then scored on a Sam bedell double.

The Westerners trimmed the tally to 2-1 in the sixth inning, banging three singles to send one runner home.

In the top of the seventh, Lubbock belted a one-out double, before Bocanegra cleaned the bases.

Snyder (4-1) will be on the diamond again Thursday in the Frenship tournament.

Lubbock	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	— 3
Snyder	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	— 2

Snyder: Bedell and Hook, double and single; Grimmett, two singles; Jones, double; Ramon, single.
Hook: 7 IP, 8 H, 1 K, 2 BB.

Lady Tigers fall, 6-2

BRECKENRIDGE — With two players out due to injury, the Lady Tigers' skid continued.

Snyder committed four errors which resulted in four unearned runs in a 6-2 setback to Breckenridge Tuesday night.

The Lady Tigers, who slip to 6-4 on the season, were without the services of Courtney Rinehart and Darcee Purcell. Both Snyder players suffered hand injuries during action over the weekend at the Carrollton tournament.

"Breckenridge didn't hit the ball that well, but our defense wasn't up to par," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said. "Not having Courtney and Darcee was a big factor."

Kristin Martinez went the distance on the mound for the Lady Tigers, surrendering just six hits, while striking out four and walking only two.

Whitney Webb led Snyder's offensive output with a double.

The Lady Tigers will be in action again Friday when it hosts Clyde at 5:30.

Upsets highlight Big 12 women's tournament

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri's Kesha Bonds hit two big free throws with five seconds left, sealing a 60-55 upset victory over seventh-seeded Baylor in the opening round of the Big 12 women's basketball tournament.

Julie Helm led the Tigers with 26 points, and Bonds had 17, along with 14 rebounds, as Missouri won a post-season game for the first time since 1994. The 10th-seeded Tigers face No. 2 seed Iowa State tonight.

In other first-round games Tuesday, 11th-seeded Oklahoma State ousted No. 6 Oklahoma 70-56, Kansas State hung on to beat Colorado 55-51 and Nebraska defeated Texas A&M 82-71.

In addition to the Missouri-Iowa State game this evening, Kansas State meets No. 1 seed Texas Tech and Nebraska takes on Texas this afternoon, with Oklahoma State matched against third-seeded Kansas tonight.

Baylor (16-13) had thrashed Missouri 78-54 in a January meeting that featured 45 fouls. Still smarting from that setback, the Tigers dominated from the start Tuesday, controlling the boards 29-9 in the first half alone, and 49-27 for the game.

They led 29-23 at the half.

Baylor tied the score at 37 on Lara Webb's jumper with 11:47 to go, and the lead changed six times in the next six minutes before Missouri went ahead for good on two free throws by Helm.

Baylor's Monica Arnold cut the lead to 56-55 on a free throw with 1:31 remaining, but the Bears missed five shots in the last 56 seconds.

Missouri held Webb, Baylor's leading scorer at 16.9 points a game, to just 10 points as she shot only 2-for-15 from the field. Toya Ellis led the Bears with 15 points.

Jennifer Crow scored 21 points and Megan Gregg had 14 in Oklahoma State's victory. Jessica Spinner's 3-pointer gave Oklahoma State (13-14) the lead for good with 3:18 left in the first half.

Oklahoma (14-13) shot just 30 percent from the field and watched the Cowgirls' lead swell to double digits in the second half.

The Sooners got to within five points at 45-40 with 11:55 left in the game when LaNeisha Caufield hit a pair of free throws, but the Cowgirls increased their lead to as many as 14.

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

Keeping in line with the Lady Tigers first postseason basketball appearance in 19 years and the Tigers first basketball title in 18 years, some other local citizens celebrated "firsts" recently.

Snyder's Ned Underwood was among a group of ex-Texas Tech basketball players recognized recently for being the first team to play a game in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Underwood, who served as team captain for the '56-57 Red Raiders, poured in 21 points in the coliseum's first game between Tech and Kansas State.

"We had some pretty good teams back then," Underwood said. "Jim Reed was on those teams and Gerald Meyers was a sophomore that year. Back then they had a rule that if you played as a freshman, then you couldn't play in the playoffs. So we didn't have a few of our key players and ended up losing to SMU in the playoffs. But we were good."

Underwood and his teammates were introduced recently during halftime of Tech's contest against Nebraska. Following the game, a "Turning Out the Lights" ceremony was held.

"Being back down on the floor sure brought back some memories," said Underwood. "I was the first player to ever run out on that floor. It was nice to get to see all of my old teammates and coach."

At the time of construction, Lubbock Municipal Coliseum was considered state-of-the-art, according to Underwood.

"When they built the coliseum, it was the best thing in the country," Underwood remembers. "Before the coliseum, we played our games in a place called The Barn that seated about 1,000 people. It actually was an old cattle barn that they converted into a gym. But for the three years I played there before the coliseum was built, we never lost a home game and won the Border Conference."

The Tech men's and women's teams will begin competition next year in the $51 million, 15,000-seat United Spirit Arena.

Also celebrating a "first" are the Borden County Lady Coyotes.

The Lady Coyotes won their first regional title and begin play Thursday morning in the state basketball tournament in Austin.

"When we won at regionals, after the excitement died down on the court, the girls went back to the locker room," Borden County coach Gailan Winegarner, "They were just sitting there and I think the magnitude of what they had just accomplished began to sink in. They got all excited again and started celebrating some more. It was pretty special."

Making their first trip to the state tourney, there's bound to be some distractions. But the girls are handling it well, according to Winegarner.

"I think everything that comes with going to state is more of a distraction to me than it is to the girls," the second-year Lady Coyote coach remarked. "We set our goals before the season started and the girls have stayed focused on the job at hand. They've handled it all pretty well, probably better than I have."

The key to Borden County's success thus far has been its team concept. A team effort will also be the key to success in Austin.

"These girls have played together for a long time and now they've matured to where they can handle the pressure placed upon them," Winegarner stated. "Playing as a team, especially on the defensive end, will be key for us in Austin. If we can play defense like we have been in the last few games we should do pretty well. We'll still have to put the ball in the hole, but team defense is the key."

The Lady Coyotes open the state tournament at 8:30 a.m. Thursday against Valley View at the Frank Erwin Center on the University of Texas campus.



COLISEUM CEREMONY — Snyder's Ned Underwood poses with Tech mascot Raider Red during a ceremony honoring the first team to play in Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Underwood was team captain of the '56-57 Red Raiders. (Contributed Photo)

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Baseball: Snyder Tigers at Frenship tourney.
Snyder JV and freshmen at Odessa tourney.

FRIDAY
Basketball: Ira Bulldogs vs. Eden, regional semifinal at McMurry University in Abilene, 6 p.m.
Baseball: Snyder Tigers at Frenship tourney.
Snyder JV and freshmen at Odessa tourney.
Softball: Snyder Lady Tigers host Clyde, JV and varsity at 5:30.

SATURDAY
Baseball: Snyder Tigers at Frenship tourney.
Snyder JV and freshmen at Odessa tourney.
Softball: Snyder Lady Tigers host Coahoma, varsity at 10 a.m.
Track: Snyder boys and girls at Bulldog Relays, Abilene Wylie.

SUNDAY
Golf: Western Texas at Gulf Coast Invitational, Galveston.

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Miami	10	4	.714	½
Philadelphia	9	5	.643	1½
NewYork	9	6	.600	2
Boston	6	7	.462	4
Washington	5	8	.385	5
NewJersey	3	11	.214	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	10	4	.714	-
Detroit	9	6	.600	1½
Milwaukee	7	5	.583	2
Atlanta	8	7	.533	2½
Cleveland	6	7	.462	3½
Toronto	4	9	.308	5½
Chicago	4	11	.267	6½
Charlotte	3	9	.250	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	11	3	.786	-
Minnesota	9	5	.643	2
Houston	8	7	.533	3½
SanAntonio	7	8	.467	4½
Dallas	6	10	.375	6
Denver	5	10	.333	6½
Vancouver	4	10	.286	7

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	10	3	.769	-
Seattle	9	4	.692	1
L.A.Lakers	10	6	.625	1½
Phoenix	8	6	.571	2½
Sacramento	7	8	.467	4
GoldenState	6	8	.429	4½
L.A.Clippers	0	13	.000	10

Tuesday's Games
Indiana 88, Denver 81
Washington 97, Atlanta 77
Cleveland 116, Boston 99
Milwaukee 94, New Jersey 86
Miami 85, New York 84, OT
Minnesota 89, Golden State 78
Detroit 108, Chicago 78
San Antonio 99, Houston 82
Dallas 112, L.A. Clippers 99
Portland 102, Utah 100
Sacramento 111, Vancouver 101

Wednesday's Games
Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sports Briefs

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.

Softball umpires needed

Snyder Umpire Association needs umpires for girls' softball games. Anyone interested should call Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 575-2043.

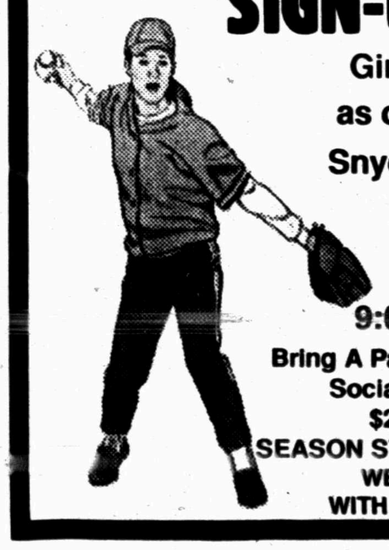
Softball sign-ups approaching

Registration for the Snyder Girls' Softball Association will be held Friday from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Snyder Savings and Loan.

Girls ages 4-18 are eligible. All players must bring a copy of their birth certificate and be accompanied by a parent. Registration fee is $25.

Snyder Girls Softball Association

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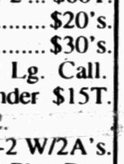
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

BID NOTICE
The City of Snyder is accepting bids for the purchase of asphalt and aggregate. These bids will be accepted until Thursday, March 18, 1999, 3:00 p.m. The opening will be in the Accounting Department at the City Hall. Specifications may also be picked up at the City Hall. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
PennzEnergy Exploration & Production Company, 4632 W. Hwy. 180, Snyder, Texas 79549, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject water, CO2 & hydrocarbon gas into Canyon Reef formation, SACROC Unit Lease, Well No(s) 203-05. The proposed injection well is located approximately 3½ miles NW from Snyder, Texas in the Kelly-Snyder Field, in Scurry County. Water, CO2, and hyrocarbon gas will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth intervals from 6674' to 7250'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, (Telephone 512-463-6792).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

The City of Snyder, Texas, proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said City to include the following territory, to-wit:

A boundary description of the proposed area is attached hereto as exhibit A.

A second public hearing will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas, on the 15th day of March, 1999, at 6:30 o'clock in the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of Snyder, Texas, for all person interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. Of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice.

By order of the City Council of the Snyder, Texas, this the 15th day of February, 1999.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"
BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ANNEXED AREA (WILLOW PARK)

BEING A 7.30 ACRES TRACT OF LAND, COMPRISED OF 3.98 ACRES OF HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THAT 3.32 ACRES TRACT CONVEYED TO SONG HUI FINGER IN DEED OF RECORD IN VOL. 406, PAGE 192, DEED RECORDS OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS AND BEING IN SECTIONS 74 AND 75, BLOCK 3, H&GN RR. CO. SURVEY, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS AND BEING DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS, AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A CORNER OF THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS OF SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS AND BEING THE SW CORNER OF THAT 4.0 ACRES TRACT CONVEYED TO B.R. GRIFFIN IN DEED OF RECORD IN VOL. 250, PAGE 475 OF DEED RECORDS AND ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 75, BLOCK 3, H&GN RR. CO. SURVEY, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE MOST NORTHERLY NW CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.68°06'38"E., WITH PRESENT CITY LIMITS LINE AND BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID R.B. GRIFFIN TRACT AND NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY, FOR A DISTANCE OF 355.8 FEET TO A POINT FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.82°29'38"E., WITH SAID SOUTH LINE OF B.R. GRIFFIN TRACT, NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY AND PRESENT CITY LIMIT LINE, AND AT 346.3 FEET PASS A CORNER OF PRESENT CITY LIMIT LINE, BEING THE SE CORNER OF SAID B.R. GRIFFIN TRACT, CONTINUING WITH HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR A TOTAL DISTANCE OF 379.37 FEET TO A POINT, FOR THE NE CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.00°56'33"W., CROSSING U.S HIGHWAY 180, AND AT 142.95 FEET PASS THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY, NE CORNER OF SAID SONG HUI FINGER TRACT, DEED OF RECORD IN VOL. 406, PAGE 192 OF DEED RECORDS, CONTINUING FOR A TOTAL DISTANCE OF 592.76 FEET TO THE SE CORNER OF SAID SONG HUI FINGER TRACT, FOR THE SE CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.82°45'52"W., FOR 329.17 FEET TO A POINT, FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT, BEING THE SW CORNER OF SAID SONG HUI FINGER TRACT AND BEING IN THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 84;

THENCE N.22°28'57"W., WITH HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY, FOR 160.29 FEET TO A POINT, FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT AND BEING A CORNER OF SAID SONG HUI FINGER TRACT AND BEING THE SW CORNER OF A TRACT CONVEYED TO NATIONAL FUEL AND LUBRICANTS, INC. IN DEED OF RECORD IN VOL. 394, PAGE 799 OF DEED RECORDS OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS;

THENCE N.39°41'58"E., FOR 286.66 FEET TO A POINT, FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT, BEING A CORNER OF SAID SONG HUI FINGER TRACT AND BEING THE SE CORNER OF SAID NATIONAL FUEL AND LUBRICANTS ,INC. TRACT;

THENCE N.33°15'27"W., FOR 119.75 FEET TO A POINT IN HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, THE NE CORNER OF SAID NATIONAL FUEL AND LUBRICANTS, INC. TRACT AND THE MOST NORTHERLY NW CORNER OF SAID SONG HUI FINGER TRACT;

THENCE S.60°21'26"W. WITH HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE AND A NORTH LINE OF SAID NATIONAL FUEL AND LUBRICANTS, INC. TRACT, FOR A DISTANCE OF 89.76 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 75, NORTH LINE OF SECTION 74, FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.89°25'12"W. WITH SECTION LINE, FOR 351.32 FEET TO THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 74, SW CORNER OF SECTION 75, BLOCK 3, H&GN RR. CO. SURVEY, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS AND BEING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U.S. HIGHWAY 84, FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.00°28'22"E., WITH SECTION LINE, FOR 388.4 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, 55, died last year from pancreatic cancer. He was sick only two months. How can a robust father and husband die so quickly without warning?

DEAR READER: Nobody knows what causes pancreatic malignancies — or most other cancers, for that matter. Until scientists can come up with answers to the cancer puzzle, thousands of families — like yours — will continue to grapple with the tragic consequences of this 20th century scourge. Unfortunately, pancreatic cancer is one of the worst. It can grow rapidly and be difficult to diagnose until the late stages. It is virtually untreatable by current methods.

For many years, I have believed that cancer is caused by a malfunction of the immune system. In healthy people, dividing cells sometimes mutate into cancer. In such instances, the normal immune system identifies these cells and kills them before they can cause harm. However, when the immune reaction is lacking or deficient, malignant cells are left to grow and spread. No one understands why this happens. Once scientists learn more about this aberrant reaction, they will be able to develop a vaccine against cancer. Only then will medical science take a major step in eradicating this dreadful disease. In my view, prevention — not treatment — will be the ultimate victory.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and Cancer." 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.

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Landlord sued

NEW YORK (AP) — Residents of a deadly high-rise building fire that broke out in the apartment of Macaulay Culkin's family have sued their landlord for $20 million.

The plaintiffs contend in a lawsuit filed Tuesday that the Dec. 23 fire damaged their apartments. They seek safety improvements including maintenance of proper fire alarm and sprinkler systems.

No one in the Culkin family was named as a defendant.

Four people died of smoke inhalation from the fire, and 22 others were injured. Michelle de Milly, the landlord's spokeswoman, did not return calls.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	59¾	57¾	58¾	+ ¾
AT&T Corp	83¾	82¼	82¾	+ ¾
AirTouch	91¼	89¾	89¾	— ¼
Albertsons	55¾	55¼	55 3-16	— ⅜
AlldSignal	42 1-16	41¼	41½	— ⅜
Alltel	58 3-16	56 9-16	56¾	— 1¾
AmOnline s	89	84¼	84¼	—1 13-16
AmStores	33¼	32 11-16	32 13-16	— 3-16
Ameritech	61 5-16	60¾	60 13-16	— ½
AndarkPtr s	29¼	27¼	28¼	+ 1¾
Armcolnc	4 13-16	4¾	4¾	+ 1-16
AtlRichfld	54 15-16	53 3-16	54 9-16	+1 3-16
ATMOS Egy	24 5-16		24	24¼ — ¼
Aviall	15¼	14¼	15 1-16	+ 5-16
BP Amoco	83 3-16	82¾	82¾	+1 3-16
BakerHughes	19 7-16	18 3-16	19 5-16	+ 1¼
BankAmerica	67¼	66 9-16	66¾	— ⅞
BellAtl s	55¼	54½	54¾	+ ¼
BellSouth s	45¼	45¼	45¾	+ ⅛
BethSteel	8¼	8 5-16	8¼	+ 5-16
BurlNoSFe s	34	33½	33¾	— ⅜
CBS Corp	37 11-16	36¼	36 15-16	+ ¼
Caterpillar	47 11-16	46½	46½	—15-16
CenSoWst	25 1-16	24 13-16	24 13-16	+ ⅛
Chevron	77 15-16	75¾	76¾	+11-16
Citigroup	59 11-16	57¾	57 13-16	—1 3-16
Coastal s	32 1-16	31½	31¾	— ⅜
CocaCola	62¼	61 3-16	61¼	— ⅛
ColgatePalm	86¼	85 5-16	86⅛	+ 3-16
ComclMetals	23 7-16		23¾	23 7-16
Cooperln	43¾		43⅜	— ⅛
CyprusAmax	10 11-16	10¾	10½	— ⅛
DaimlrChry n	89	86¾	87⅜	—3 9-16
DallSemicn	35¾	34½	34 9-16	— ¼
DeltaAirl s	66 5-16	63 11-16	63 15-16	—1 11-16
Dillards Inc	24 15-16		24¼	24 7-16 — 5-16
DowChem	98 13-16		98¼	98 9-16 — ¼
DuPont	52¼	51¾	51 7-16	+ ¼
EastmanChem	47¼	46 7-16	46¾	+ ⅜
EstKodak	64½	63¼	63 5-16	— 1¾
EDS Corp	49¾	46 13-16	48	+15-16
Entergy	28 7-16	28 1-16	28¼	+ 1-16
Exxon	65 11-16	64 5-16	65⅛	+ 5-16
FstBksAm	19 13-16	19 13-16	19 13-16	— ⅛
Flowers	24¼	24 7-16	24 7-16	— 7-16
FordMotor s	57 11-16	56 11-16	56¾	— ⅜
GTE Cp	61¼	60¼	60¾	— 1-16
GenDynam s	59 11-16	59¼	59 9-16	+ ⅜
GenlElec	100¼	98 1-16	98 1-16	— 1¼
GenMills	80 5-16	79⅜	79¾	— 7-16
GenMotors	84¼	83 1-16	83¼	+ 7-16
GaPacGP	71 1-16		6969	— 1½
GlobalMar	8¼	7¾	8¼	+ 7-16
Goodrich	34 11-16	34⅜	34½	— 3-16
Goodyear s	48 11-16	47 11-16	47¾	— ¼
GtAtlPac	31 9-16	31 5-16	31 5-16	+ 1-16
Halliburtn	30 3-16	28 15-16	29 11-16	+ 1
Hanson ADS	42⅛		42¼	42 11-16 + 9-16
HarteHanks s	26¼		26¾	26 13-16
HomeDepot	60 1-16		5959¾	+11-16
IBM	168 15-16	166 15-16	167 1-16	—11-16
IntlPaper	41	40¼	40¾	+ ⅛
JohnsonJn	85 1-16	84 9-16	84 15-16	— ⅛
K mart	18	17 3-16	17⅛	— 3-16
Kroger Co	62¼	61 5-16	62 1-16	+ 7-16
Litton	55¼	53 13-16	54	—15-16
LockheedM s	36 15-16	36 9-16	36¼	— ⅛
Lowes Cos s	60	59 7-16	59¾	
Lubys	14 3-16	14¼	14 3-16	— 1-16
LucentTech	101 3-16	99¼	99½	— 7-16
LucentTech wi	50½		50¾	50¾
MayDeptStrs	60 9-16	59 9-16	59 9-16	— ⅛
MayDeptStr wi	40¾		4040	— ¼
MediaOne	54 15-16		5454	— 1
Medtronic	69¾	68 3-16	68 5-16	— 1½
Mobil	81 15-16	80¾	81¼	+11-16
Monsanto	48½	46¾	46¼	+ 2¼
MorganJP	112¼	112	112 11-16	+ ⅜
Motorola	68 9-16	66¼	66¼	—13-16
NCR Corp	42¾	42¼	42½	—11-16
Navistar	42¼	40¾	41 5-16	—1 1-16
Penney JC	36 1-16	35 9-16	35⅝	— 3-16
PennzEnrgy s	9½	9⅜	9⅜	+ 3-16
PepBoys	18½	17 13-16	17 13-16	—11-16
PepsiCo	37 7-16	36¼	36 13-16	— 1-16
PhelpDodge	46¼	45 11-16	45 11-16	—1 3-16
PhilipPet	38 15-16	38¼	38 11-16	+ ¼
PilgrmPrd B	17	16 13-16	17	+ ⅛
Polaroid	23	22 7-16	22¾	— 3-16
Praxair	35	34¼	34¾	+15-16
ProctGamb	90 13-16	90 1-16	90 9-16	+ ⅜
PubSNwMx	15 13-16	15 9-16	15 11-16	— 3-16
ReliantEngy	27	26 11-16	26¼	+ 3-16
RoyalDut	42 15-16	42 5-16	42 13-16	+13-16
SBC Comm	50¾	49¼	49 13-16	— ⅛
SaraLee s	26 15-16	26¼	26 11-16	— 1-16
Scripps EW	41¾	40¾	40¾	— ⅛
SearsRoeb	41¾	40¾	40¾	
SherwinW	24¾	24 1-16	24¼	+ ⅛
SmithKlBchm	68¾	67¾	67¾	— 1⅛
SouthernCo	25¼	24¼	25	+ 5-16
SwstAirl s	31 11-16	31⅜	31½	+ 3-16
SprintFON n	86¼	83¾	83 11-16	—2 5-16
SprintPCS n	30¾		2929¼	— 1¼
Sunoco Inc	31 3-16	30⅜	30¾	+ 1-16
TNP Ent	29½	29 7-16	29½	
Tandy	57½	55¼	55¼	— 1¼
TempleInland	60 7-16	59 7-16	59¾	— ⅛
Tenneco	30⅜	29¾	29¾	— ¼
Texaco	46¼		4545¾	+ ⅜
TexInd	23¼	22½	22½	— 7-16
TexasInst	90½	87½	88½	+ 2
TexUtil	41 15-16	41½	41 9-16	— 1-16
Textron	76½	75¼	76¼	+ 5-16
TriconGlbR	65	64 5-16	64 5-16	+1 5-16
TrinityInds	34	33 9-16	33 9-16	— 7-16
TritonEngy	5 11-16	5⅜	5½	+ ¼
Tyler	6	5⅜	5⅞	+ ⅛
US West Inc	54¼	54¼	54¼	— ½
USX-Marathn	20¼	19¼	19¾	— ¼
USX-USS	25 9-16	24¼	24⅞	— ⅛
UnCarbde	43¾	42	42 11-16	— 2¼
UnionPacif	46 13-16	46 5-16	46¾	— ⅛
UnitedTech	125 11-32	122 13-16	122 13-16	-113-16
Unocal	29¼	28 13-16	29¼	+ 9-16
Venator Grp	5 5-16	5 1-16	5 3-16	— 1-16
WalMart	87 11-16	86	86 9/16	+ 1⅛
WellsFargo	37¼	37 1-16	37½	— ⅛
WstnGasRs	5⅜	5¼	5 5-16	+ 3-16
WinnDixie	42 9-16	41¾	42½	+ ⅜
Xerox Cp s	55⅜	54¼	54 13-16	—11-16

Hospital

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DISMISSALS: Olivar Sosa, Roberta Stewart, Dona Womble, Ashley Arrendale, Paula Brown, Becky Johnson, Daniel Ramirez, Beulah Starnes.

CENSUS: 53 (Med., Surg.-26, Long-term Care-24, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Scurry County Country

West Texas counties praying for rain

LUBBOCK (AP) — West Texas farmers, devastated by the 1998 drought, needed a wet winter to replenish and soften their fields if there was any hope of a bountiful harvest in 1999. Now winter is almost over, and the skies have been little help.

Since Jan. 1, most areas across the region have received less-than-average rainfall. Conditions around Big Spring and San Angelo are critical, with rainfall totals already more than an inch below normal.

"The farther south you go, the worse it gets," National Weather Service meteorologist Lance Goehring said. "But even to the north, we have only received one storm near the end of January. Beyond that we're dry as well."

Big Spring, San Angelo, Odessa and Midland have all gotten less than an inch of rain this year, while Lubbock and Amarillo are slightly wetter than usual. But even the rain the northern areas received came in a single spurt — not especially helpful for softening the ground since much of it becomes runoff, researchers say.

Carl Anderson, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service researcher, said the southern regions haven't received drought-breaking rain since last summer.

"We've seen a continuation of the dry conditions that plagued the area all last year," Anderson said.

"But it is even more critical now, because without rain soon you set up the possibility that this summer could be worse. There is still plenty of time for things to turn around. It just doesn't look great from where we are right now."

Worse yet, forecasters predict that substantial rainfall won't come anytime soon in the region.

Earlier this week, the Big Spring Herald reported that nearly 750 people from Howard County and surrounding areas gathered to pray for rain.

"We rely on the rain here and we rely on God for that rain," said Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear, who opened the West Texas Rain Rally that included group prayer and such hymns as "Victory in Jesus" and "Amazing Grace."

Trinity Baptist Church pastor Randy Cotton asked believers to join together in groups to beseech God for rain, the Herald reported.

"This is a great crowd, and we serve a mighty good God," Cotton said. "It's not that He's trying to hurt us. He's trying to get our attention."

The final effects of the 1998 drought, which began last May by most estimates, are just now being calculated.

The drought reduced the Texas cotton crop by 32 percent from 1997. Corn yields were down 23 percent, grain sorghum 43 percent and hay 37 percent. Harvest prices for cotton declined by more than 10 percent from the previous year, corn by 10 percent and grain sorghum by 16 percent.

Farmers predict those dependent on agriculture will have to consider permanent changes in the way they work the land if the drought persists through this year.

"Things will have to change if this year is anywhere near as bad as last year," said Lubbock cotton farmer Randy Marcus. "I don't know of anyone that can handle another year with almost no rain."

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,020 head of cattle for the Thursday, Feb. 25, sale. Cows were steady to $1 better. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing - cutters - utility) 34 to 39.50.
Canners and low cutters: 28 to 34
Slaughter bulls: 43 to 51.50.
Feeder steers choice:
300-400: 90-114
400-500: 80-102
500-600: 75-87.50
600-700: 72-80
700-800: 68-74
Feeder Heifers choice:
300-400: 80-92.50
400-500: 72-90
500-600: 74-80
600-700: 60-75
700-800: 64-71
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500-600, 70 to 77; 700-800, 64 to 68.
Cow and calf pairs: Good 550 to 725: Grade 400 to 525.
Springers: 275 to 525.
Baby calves: 80 to 150.
Doodlers 125 to 210.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,434 head of cattle for the Saturday, Feb. 27, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were firm to $1 higher. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 higher, bulls were $1 higher. Bred cows were $50/hd higher, pairs were $100/pr higher. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder Steers:
200 to 300: 101 to 112
300 to 400: 98 to 102
400 to 500: 86 to 95
500 to 600: 79 to 84.50
600 to 700: 71 to 73
Feeder Heifers:
200 to 300: 87 to 97
300 to 400: 82 to 92
400 to 500: 77 to 86
500 to 600: 73 to 75
600 to 700: 66.50 to 72.50
Young bred cows: 375 to 470
Young cows and calves: 460 to 600
Slaughter cows: high yielding: 37.50.50 to 39.
Slaughter bulls: high dressing: 49

Matter of Fact

Susan Combs
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

Growing up in Texas, my parents gave me this piece of advice: "Don't just stand there. Do something."

I've always tried to live by those words. If I believed I could make a difference in this industry that I so love, I've tried to do something. That is why I'm looking forward to serving as your Texas agriculture commissioner.

When I look around at all the possibilities — all the opportunities this dynamic industry has to offer — I get excited about the future of Texas agriculture. I look forward to getting out and promoting this great industry and talking about its unlimited potential in the 21st century. I look forward to working with everyone from producers to retailers so Texas agriculture can meet the needs and demands of consumers around the world.

And with your help, I'll also be tackling issues important to all of us: issues that range from opening doors so more of our young people can discover rewarding careers in agriculture to cultivating global markets and attracting more value-added processing to the Lone Star State.

Texas remains a state of great promise. It's a land where nothing is impossible if you get out and "do something" about it. That's the vision, the commitment and the philosophy I bring with me and will work by as your commissioner of agriculture.

Ag Spotlight on the Texas Legislature

By Susan Combs
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

As part of Texas agriculture, timber is our third largest agricultural crop employing about 80,000 Texans and generating $22 billion in economic activity. Unfortunately for small acreage landowners who grow trees in Texas, the law does not treat timber like the rest of our state's agriculture producers.

Proposed state legislation would treat timber more like agriculture to encourage individual landowners to replant trees and guarantee a future supply of timber as well as forestry-related jobs for Texans.

Texas has about 200,000 non-industrial private forest landowners, who account for two-thirds of the state's timber acreage. Due to higher taxes on timber acreage, many small acreage and older landowners are choosing not to replant a crop that can take up to 30 years to harvest. As a result, about 51,000 acres are being reforested annually, while the rate to catch up with demand needs to be about 83,000 replanted acres a year.

The Texas Reforestation and Conservation Act proposes to:

- lower taxes on timber acreage to encourage landowners to replant trees,
- exempt landowners from paying sales taxes on the seedlings, fertilizers and other products they must buy to grow timber, and
- encourage landowners to set aside acreage for environmental buffer zones to protect stream and wildlife areas.

The act proposes to reduce timber property values by half for the first 10 years on reforest land. For example, timber property values are on average about $300 an acre compared with $800 an acre for agricultural property tax values. The act would set timber values at about $150 an acre for the first 10 years, after which landowners begin earning limited income from the first tree harvest.

Landowners also would be encouraged with lower taxes to set aside acreage that would remain forested. Currently, these buffer zones along streams and highways are taxed at the same rate as acreage that produces an income from intensive forest production.

It is not unusual for communities to offer tax incentives to keep or attract businesses that will create jobs and increase future tax collections. The Texas Reforestation and Conservation Act does just that by reversing a trend that is resulting in high-value timber acreage reverting to a lower agricultural value, and ultimately a loss of forestry-related jobs. The act, which brings Texas in line with the tax policies of other southern timber producing states, is a long-term investment in providing higher tax revenues and jobs that come with a thriving forest industry.

For more information, contact the Texas Council of Forest Products Manufacturers at 512-476-2113 or 409-634-7444.

West Texas rainfall totals — 1999

By The Associated Press

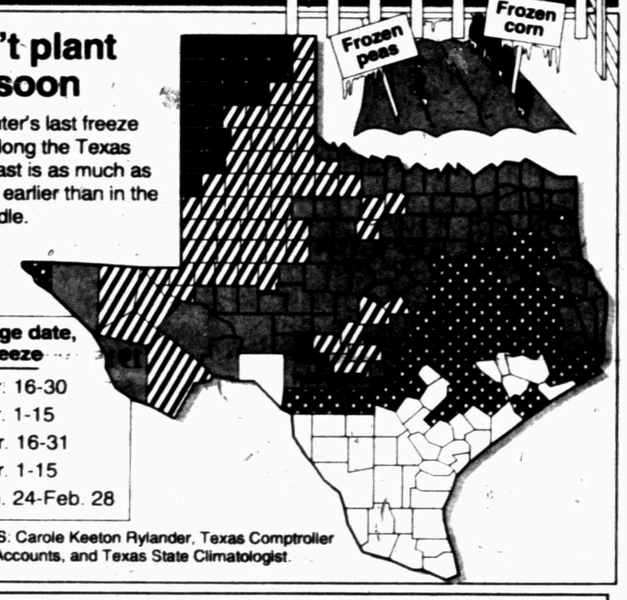
A look at the 1999 rainfall totals, in inches, for some West Texas cities and how the totals compare with the average annual totals through March 1:

Snyder	.95, .53 below average
Abilene	1.93, .30 below average
Amarillo	2.67, 1.59 above average
BigSpring	.69, 1.11 below average
Lubbock	1.35, .33 above average
Odessa/Midland	.33, .69 below average
SanAngelo	.62, 1.28 below average

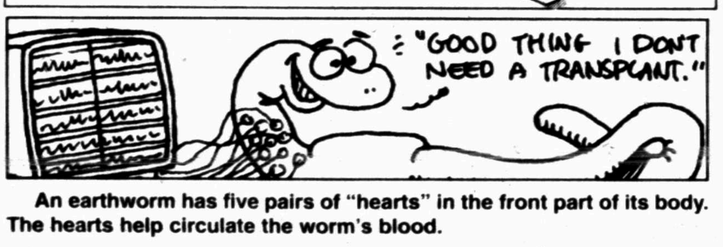
Keeping an eye on Texas

Don't plant too soon

Winter's last freeze along the Texas Gulf Coast is as much as 96 days earlier than in the Panhandle.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas State Climatologist.



An earthworm has five pairs of "hearts" in the front part of its body. The hearts help circulate the worm's blood.

Texas Parks, Wildlife

By Jim Lionberger
Wildlife Biologist

Landowners and land management should begin the bobwhite quail management practices now.

Practices such as discing and spot grazing can stimulate growth of forbs that quail and other wildlife species prefer as food. This is achieved by creating a soil disturbance, resulting in a backward swing of the plant success process.

In addition to providing food in the form of seeds and greens, forbs production is also advantageous by attracting insects that are very important in the diet of nesting hens and quail chicks.

Quail chicks depend heavily upon insects as a food during their first eight to 10 weeks of life. Practices such as half-cutting can provide quality loafing cover for quail by increasing the cover values of mesquite.

Discing should be performed by mid-March prior to the beginning of the growing season. The soil disturbance caused by discing can stimulate the growth of forbs or "weeds" that are preferred food items for quail and other wildlife species.

Free technical assistance with your wildlife management efforts is available through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Private Land Enhancement Program. For technical assistance in the Snyder area, contact Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist at 915-863-2755.

For technical assistance in the Panhandle or for the wildlife biologists in your area, contact Danny Swepston, district wildlife biologist at 806-655-3782.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Closing arguments given in Marine trial

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A Marine pilot was "outright dangerous" the day he flew his jet into an Italian ski lift cable, killing 20 people, a prosecutor told jurors today. The defense countered that it was an accident "and nothing more."

"When he violated all these things and didn't know local rules and regulations, people died and a $60 million aircraft is in ruins," said the prosecutor, Maj. Daniel Daugherty, during closing arguments at Capt. Richard Ashby's court-martial.

"The reason the accused is guilty ... is he was too low, he was too fast, he was too aggressive. He was outright dangerous," Daugherty said.

In his closing statement, defense attorney Frank Spinner posed the question of whether the tragedy was "a training accident or was it something more?"

"It was a training accident and nothing more," he said.

The judge, Lt. Col. Robert Nunley, said the case will go to the eight-man jury of Marine officers this afternoon.

Testimony in Ashby's manslaughter trial began Feb. 8 and ended Tuesday.

Ashby, 31, of Mission Viejo, Calif., was at the controls of an EA-6B Prowler jet on Feb. 3, 1998, when it struck the Mount Cermis gondola cable near Cavalese, Italy. He is charged with involuntary manslaughter and other counts and could get 206 years in prison if convicted.

In his 45-minute summation, Daugherty said the safe conduct of the flight depended on Ashby's decisions, but he made bad choices — flying the jet above the 517 mph restriction for the low-level training mission, and far below the 2,000-foot altitude limit. Ashby's jet hit the cable 370 feet above the valley floor.

Daugherty argued that Ashby should have known he was flying too low and too fast by merely looking around.

Chief analyst says Clinton budget would bust spending caps in 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress' chief fiscal analyst said today that President Clinton's budget would bust spending caps for next year by $30 billion. Republicans immediately used the report to criticize the White House.

In the $1.77 trillion budget for fiscal 2000 that he proposed last month, Clinton proposed billions in extra spending for schools, health and other areas. He would keep the added spending within budgetary limits by paying for them with higher cigarette taxes and other revenues.

In testimony before the Senate Budget Committee, Dan Crippen, new director of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, said Clinton's proposed savings would not keep spending within limits because under budget law, those revenues "do not count as offsets" against such spending.

The spending caps, enacted two years ago in the budget-balancing pact between Clinton and Congress, were designed to bring expenditures under control. Fiscal 2000 begins on Oct. 1.

In his prepared remarks, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said Clinton's budget continues "a troubling pattern" from the administration.

He said Clinton has repeatedly used budget devices "to make promises for new or increased spending in his budget, claim that it is paid for no matter how unlikely the offsets, and then throw the whole muddle into the lap of the Congress."

The CBO study also said Clinton's budget would produce surpluses totaling $73 billion less than he claims over the next five years, discounting the president's plans for using anticipated federal surpluses for shoring up Social Security, Medicare, and other programs.

2 American tourist killed in Uganda

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Department officials believe the Rwandan Hutus who killed two Americans and six other foreign tourists in Uganda were intent on wrecking the country's tourism industry as part of a region-wide ethnic conflict.

The State Department identified the Americans Tuesday night as Robert Haubner, 48, and Susan Miller, 43, both employees of the computer company Intel Corp.

Intel spokesman Bill Calder said they were husband and wife, lived in Hillsboro, Ore., and were on their third trip to Africa with another couple from the company.

The dead also included four Britons and two New Zealanders.

Officials do not believe the slaughter, which took place in the jungles of southwest Uganda, was racially motivated but rather was an outgrowth of the Hutu-Tutsi conflict in Central Africa.

They noted that Uganda has been supporting Congolese rebels who have been trying to oust the government of President Laurent Kabila. Rwandan Hutus, among other outside forces, have been fighting alongside Congolese forces.

The White House pledged on Tuesday to make every effort to bring to justice those responsible for the murder of the two Americans.

National security spokesman David Leavy said, "We will certainly work tirelessly to apprehend those responsible and bring them to justice."

The State Department issued a public announcement strongly urging Americans to postpone plans to visit western Uganda until further information becomes available.

After learning of the situation, department spokesman James Foley said U.S. Embassy officials flew to the scene to help evacuate survivors, including one American, and the bodies of the victims.

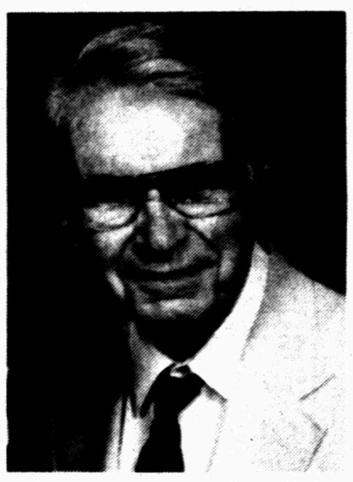
The embassy personnel took the group to a safe location in Kampala, the capital.

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Obituaries



John Thomas

John Thomas

1920-1999

Funeral service for John Thomas, longtime Snyder businessman and civic leader, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Nan Swanson, minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Thomas, 78, died Monday, March 1, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born Sept. 6, 1920 in Waukesha, Wis., he married Evelyn LaRose on May 4, 1946 in Kansas City, Mo. A 1942 graduate of Purdue Unviversity with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, Mr. Thomas was sales manager for Franklin Electric in Bluffton, Ind., from 1962-65.

He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and had worked for Trans World Airlines in 1946-47 and for Westinghouse Electric at various locations for 15 years.

Mr. Thomas was a member of Aircraft Owners Association, Bonanza Society, York Rite, Scottish Rite and the Suez Shrine.

Mr. Thomas moved to Snyder in May of 1965 and was co-owner of Thomas-Stanfield Crysler-Plymouth auto dealership from 1965-78.

Mr. Thomas served on the Snyder city council from 1967 to 1971, was a two-term past president of the chamber of commerce, president of Snyder Gold Coats in 1972, past president of the Snyder Rotary Club, former member of the Scurry County airport board and former county chairman of the Republican Party.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Thomas of Snyder; a daughter, Jonlyn Larose Stahl of Missouri; a brother, Donald Thomas of Wisconsin; and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Rollin Swanson, Roy Baze, Jack Gorman Jr., Marvin Terrell, Frank Miller and Joe Sentell.

Archie Phillips

1915-1999

Funeral service for Archie William Phillips is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Northside Baptist Church. David Phillips, a son and minister of the church, will officiate. Assisting will be Glenn Speaks and Monte Hilliard.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Phillips, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 27, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born Sept. 11, 1915 in Lake City, Mich., he married Rosie Trujillo on June 28, 1942 in Denver.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Phillips was a mechanic and had been an active member of the Gideons.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie Phillips of Snyder; three daughters and sons-in-law, Jackie and Ward Coon of Corunna, Mich., Bert and Glenn Speaks of Shreveport, La., and Carol and Gary Roberson of Arlington; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Rebecca Phillips of Snyder and William and Connie Phillips of Los Lunas, N.M.; 16 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 this evening at the funeral home.

LeRoy Lucas

1918-1999

LORAINE — LeRoy "Top" Lucas, the brother of Jean Haggerton of Snyder, died Tuesday, March 2, in a Colorado City hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Lucas, 80, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Loraine First Baptist Church. The Rev. James McLeod and Dan Marshall will officiate. Burial will follow in the Loraine Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 23, 1918 in Loraine, he was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He married Leona Modess Graham on May 13, 1950 in Loraine, and she preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his parents; one sister; one brother; and a son, Joey Lucas.

Mr. Lucas was a retired farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors also include a son, Rick Lucas of Loraine; a brother, Travis Lucas of Clute; and two grandchildren.

Buchanan opens 3rd try for president

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Pat Buchanan, the pugnacious conservative whose insurgent campaigns hobbled Republican front-runners in 1992 and 1996, launched a third White House bid Tuesday with a pledge to fight "a moral deficit that has become America's great enemy within."

Suggesting that the Clinton administration has contributed to "a polluted and poisoned" culture, Buchanan delivered a full-throated attack on the Democratic White House.

"This temple of our civilization has been desecrated, used to shake down corporate executives, to lie with abandon to the American people, a place to exploit women," he said.

He promised to stand against unfettered imports, freewheeling immigration, abortion, euthanasia, expanded judicial powers, a shrinking American sovereignty and, at times, his own party — all familiar themes of a Buchanan candidacy.

Though he has a history of exceeding their predictions, many GOP strategists and conservative activists believe Buchanan's third race won't be charmed. Working against him this time: a swelling field of like-minded candidates, a greater demand for money and a relatively late start.

"I love Pat and agree with much of what he stands for, but I can't construct a scenario where he has a chance to win," said Paul Weyrich, a leading conservative intellectual from Washington.

"It's, like, ho-hum," said the Rev. Lou Sheldon, a conservative leader from California. "He's failed twice and will a third time."

Buchanan was hearing none of it.

"We need a new patriotism in America that puts country first, a new conservatism of the heart that puts people first, and a new set of priorities where our party stands for something higher and greater than the bottom line on a balance sheet," he said.

A crowd of at least 300 yelled, "Go Pat, Go!"

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ONGOINGS

Bingo proceeds to Special Olympics

Proceeds from Thursday's bingo at the VFW will go to the Special Olympics. It will be the same cash prizes as always and it begins at 6:30 p.m.

Drama patrons, parents meet

Drama patrons and parents will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in room 122 at the high school.

Stenholm staffer in Snyder

Warren Wills of Congressman Charles Stenholm's office will be at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce on Friday from 3 until 5 p.m. to individually visit with citizens.

Mt. Olive anniversary

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Ave. M and 34th Street, will celebrate its 79th anniversary at 7 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday. The Rev. Robert Sweet and members invite the public to participate.

Marriage seminar

Tom and Sandra Milholland, marriage and family therapists from Abilene, will present a marriage enrichment seminar for couples Saturday and Sunday, hosted by East Side Church of Christ. The seminar starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. It is free and open to all. Call 573-3583 for more information.

Kiwanis pancake feast

Snyder Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Pancake Feast Saturday in the West Elementary Cafeteria from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tickets are $4 per person and children under six may eat free. There will be a drawing for a free TV. Tickets may be purchased at the door, from any club member or by calling 573-2191.

Swap meet, car show

Snyder Wheels will host its annual swap meet Friday and Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. There is no admission charge. The car show will be Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Admission will be $6 for adults and $3 for ages 6-12, under 5 no charge with an adult. For more information, call 573-3188.

MAWC luncheon

The Martha Ann Woman's Club has scheduled a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Reservations can be made by calling 573-3427. Adult plates are $8.50, while a child's plate is $4.50. The meal will be a buffet including chicken fried steak, baked chicken, vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert, plus tea and coffee.

Ira open house

In conjunction with Texas Public Schools month, Ira School will host an open house from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday. Hamburger supper starts at 6:30 p.m. and room tours at 7 p.m. followed by the one-act play at 8 p.m. The reception is at 8:45 in the new gym foyer. Troll Book Fair is 7 p.m.

Stanfield book fair

Stanfield Elementary will host a Scholastic Book Fair starting Monday. It will be open on Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is sponsored by the Parent Council.

Retired teachers meeting

The Scurry County retired teachers will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Jean Sealy will present the program.

Pleasant Hill reunion

A planning committee will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Senior Center to plan a reunion. Please call Mary Farris at 573-8641, or Connie Key at 573-7465 to give names and addresses.

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 April 1.

Public hearing for bomber training

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initative (RBTI) on Wednesday, April 7, from 5-9 p.m. at Snyder High School.

Planetarium shows

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is available for group shows Thursday evenings and all day on Fridays. The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are three presentations available in the 59-seat auditorium, one for pre-K, another for K through 4, and one for general audiences. For reservations contact Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-2-6
(three, two, six)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
3-6-25-31-36
(three, six, twenty-five, thirty-one, thirty-six)

Study shows simple colon test to be life saver

WASHINGTON (AP) — The death rate from colon cancer, the second leading cancer killer in the United States, could be reduced by up to a third if more people over 50 started using a simple screening test that detects bleeding in the bowel, researchers say.

In a study published today, Minnesota researchers say that a study of the long-term health of 46,000 volunteers shows that people who take an annual fecal occult blood test have 33 percent fewer deaths from colon cancer than do people who do not take the test. Among those who are tested every other year, the death rate is reduced by 21 percent, the study found.

The study is published today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

"When you have a positive test for blood, the likelihood of finding a growth in the colon is about 35 percent," said Dr. John H. Bond, the study's co-author. "About 9 percent will have cancer, and the rest will have significant precancerous polyps in the colon."

An analysis of data from the study in 1993 suggested that annual tests could reduce deaths from colon cancer, and a new analysis shows that even biennial tests can have a dramatic effect, said Bond, a professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota and a staff physician at the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs.

"It is a very valuable way to identify people who are healthy and have no symptoms, who nevertheless have a developing cancer in their colon."

The results confirm findings from two earlier studies in Europe, he said.

Prompted by the research results, federal health agencies on Tuesday announced a new campaign to encourage all Americans over 50 to take the fecal occult blood test.

"The good news is that we can prevent many deaths from colorectal cancer through screening," said Surgeon General David Satcher. "If you've celebrated your 50th birthday and have never been screened for colorectal cancer, start now."

Under a program that went into effect last year, Medicare now pays for the screening, officials said.

About 129,000 Americans, most past the age of 50, are diagnosed each year with colorectal cancer, and about 56,000 die each year. It is the second most common cancer killer, just behind lung cancer.

The fecal occult blood test used in the Minnesota research has long been a common part of physical examinations.

Using a card with small inserts, patients collect specimens for the tests at home. Fecal specimens from several bowel movements are placed into the insets, and the self-sealing card is then mailed or delivered to a doctor's office where a chemical is applied to each specimen. If the chemical turns blue, it is evidence of blood.

If the test is positive, patients then undergo a full colon examination with a flexible tube, Bond said. This exam, called a colonoscopy, will find any evidence of cancer or of precancerous growths called polyps.

Removing the polyps, performed during the full colon exam, stops the growth from becoming cancer in most cases, he said.

"This type of cancer is preceded in 95 percent of the cases by slowly growing polyps," Bond said. "By taking out the polyps, one can reduce subsequent development of cancer by 90 percent."

Datebook

March 3, 1999



Today is the 62nd day of 1999 and the 73rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1875, George Bizet's opera "Carmen" premiered in Paris, France.

On this day in 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" was made the national anthem of the United States.

On this day in 1955, Elvis Presley appeared on the television show "Louisiana Hayride."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George M. Pullman (1831-1897), manufacturer; Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922), inventor; Matthew B. Ridgway (1895-1993), U.S. Army general; Jean Harlow (1911-1937), actress; Julius Boros (1920-1994), golfer; Herschel Walker (1962-), football player, is 37; Jackie Joyner-Kersee (1962-), athlete, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Wayne Gretzky scored his 77th goal of the season, setting an NHL record. He scored twice more in the same game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nothing can be so perfect while we possess it as it will seem when remembered. — Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon (March 2).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Important changes in the year ahead could be in the offing for you where your finances are concerned. You could get many new opportunities to yield a larger paycheck. However, don't forget to put some away for a rainy day.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you find yourself unconsciously on a spending binge today, start pulling in the reigns as quickly as possible. Keep in mind the bills will have to be paid! 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) How you treat others will govern how they treat you today. If you are considerate, they'll respond favorably. Those you take for granted or fail to thank will think otherwise of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't let a grumpy person put you in a bad mood and sour you on the rest of the world today. Most people are of a different bent, so apply this concept in regards to all who cross your path.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you appear indifferent today to those who are trying to help you socially, you could lose their support completely. Don't let pride or ego stand in your way of accepting a favor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Conduct yourself in harmony with your audience at all times today. Attempting to set yourself apart with one-upsmanship tactics might alienate them from you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Being too laid-back or following the path of least resistance today could yield you a big fat zero, especially in communicative realms. Sell your audience!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Allowing someone unqualified to manipulate or influence you on how to handle a financial matter could cost you money. Follow your own hunches and make your own decisions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Although you may think you're merely trying to establish harmony between a couple of pals, voicing excuses for the undeserving person could cause problems for you. Stay out of the squabble.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Most of the time you are both productive and imaginative, making you a very prolific individual. Under certain conditions today, however, these attributes may desert you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Put up your guard if someone who rarely takes notice of you suddenly competes for your attention today. This individual may have unsavory intentions to manipulate you in some manner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Just relax and be yourself today instead of trying to copy someone else's modus operandi. It just too hard to walk gracefully in the shoes of another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's always good to be thoughtful in your dealing with others, but don't carry that to the extreme today where you put yourself in a subservient position and usurp your own interests.

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Bill calls for card issuers to disclose payment time, rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Quick: How long would it take to pay off a $3,000 credit card balance by making a typical monthly minimum payment of 2 percent of the balance, at an interest rate of 18 percent?

Answer: About 30 years.

Legislation proposed Tuesday by Democratic lawmakers would require credit card companies to give their customers that news in writing.

"Minimum payments are the nicotine" of the credit card industry; "they should carry proper warnings," said Mary Rouleau, legislative director of the Consumer Federation of America.

The bill, drafted by Rep. John LaFalce, D-N.Y., would require card issuers to spell out in billing statements how long it would take customers to pay off their debt, and the total cost including interest, if they made only the minimum monthly payments.

The legislation also would compel credit card companies to spell out more clearly and conspicuously how long their enticingly low "teaser" rates for new accounts last, and what higher rates will replace them.

In addition, the companies would have to clearly disclose any conditions under which the introductory "teaser" rate may be revoked, such as failure to make monthly payments on time.

Credit card companies "are taking advantage of current law to hook new customers with misleading promotions and to encourage customers to carry increasing debt burdens," said LaFalce, who is the House Banking Committee's senior Democrat.

"We are living in an age of 'buyer beware' in terms of credit cards," he said in a statement. "Card issuers have increased the number and amount of fees, shortened payment periods, and contrived hidden penalties that can readily double or triple interest charges."

About 20 House lawmakers, all Democrats, have endorsed the legislation, which also would put restrictions on new credit card accounts for people under age 21. In addition, the bill would ban card issuers from canceling accounts or imposing new fees on customers who pay off their monthly balances in full.

With personal bankruptcies continuing to soar, lawmakers of both parties last week began pushing legislation backed by credit card companies that would make it harder for people to erase their debts in bankruptcy court.

LaFalce's bill could eventually be attached to the bankruptcy overhaul legislation, as happened last year, when the House passed such legislation. The Senate adjourned last year without voting on the measure.

Opponents of a sweeping rewrite of the bankruptcy laws, including consumer groups, insist that the credit card networks, and the banks that control them, share the blame for mounting debt by aggressively mailing millions of solicitations to entice consumers.

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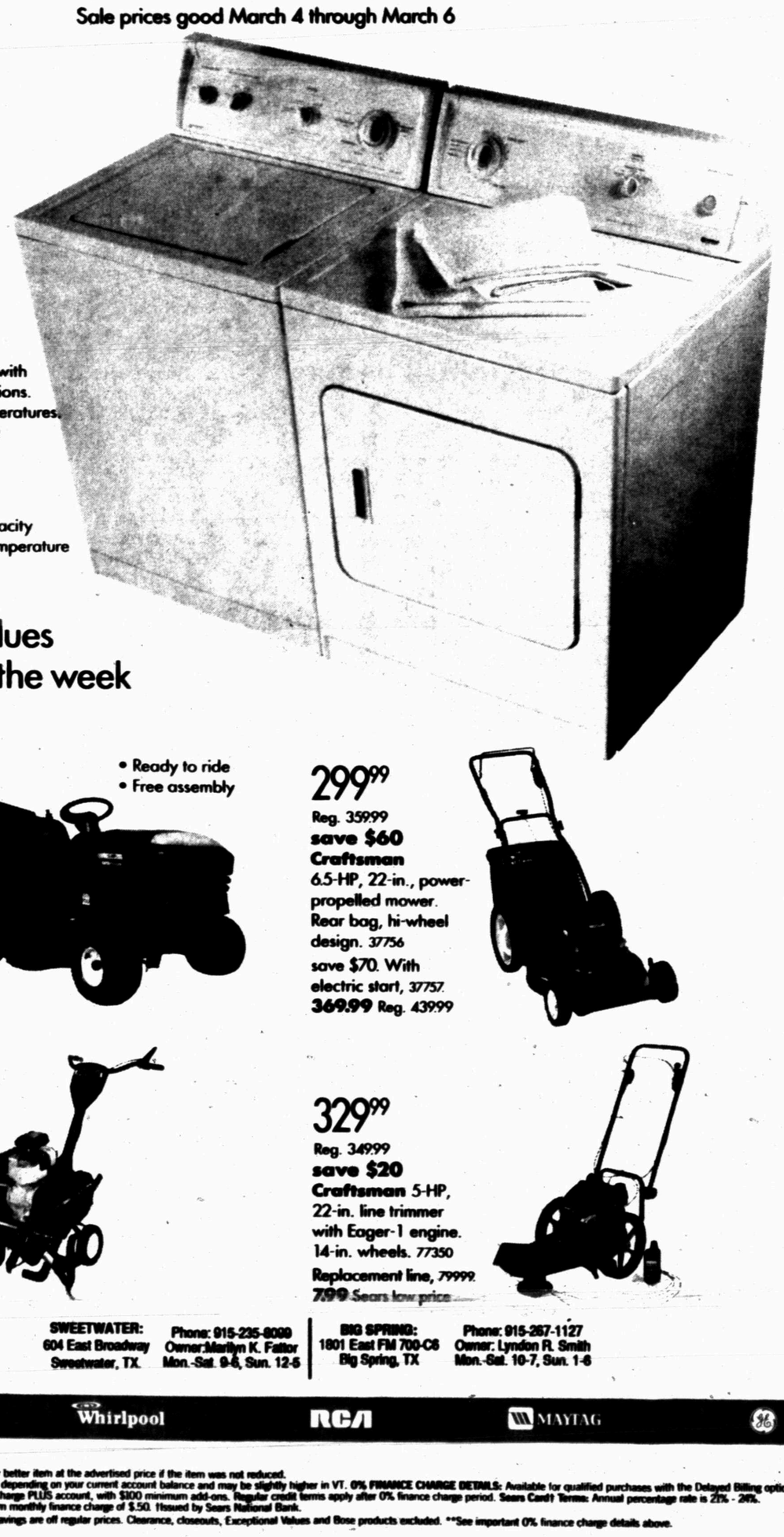
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