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Fritz wins second term as county judge

Chloanne Lindsey earns Democratic nomination for Pct. 4 commissioner

The campaign process is over for the county judge, but six other candidates for Scurry County office won't know their fate until early November.

County Judge Ricky Fritz won the Republican Party nomination Tuesday and along with it, apparent re-election. There is no Democratic opponent looming for him, though technically someone could mount a write-in campaign.

Fritz received a little more than 64 percent of the ballot count, tallying 1,299 votes to 721 for challenger Ted Crenwelge.

It was the first time since 1982 that an incumbent has won the judge's race. That year, Preston Wilson won his fourth term.

"I'm real encouraged by the large turnout for the primary and the fact that the people have allowed me to get a second term," Fritz said this morning. "I'll continue to work as hard for them as I can. I consider myself a public servant and I'm just real honored to have another term."

The election was also a victory, of sorts, for the Republican Party in Scurry County. With a record 2,024 people voting in the GOP primary, party officials were short 223 ballots. Those had to be made up and hand-counted.

Democratic votes totaled 479 only, and the combined 2,503 votes represented a little more than 22 percent of the 11,226 registered voters in the county.

In the only other contested primary race, Chloanne Lindsey won the Democratic Party nomination for Precinct 4 commissioner. She defeated Scott Richburg by just 11 votes, 129 to 118.

Lindsey, a deputy in the county auditor's office, will face Milton Adams in November. Adams was uncontested in the Republican Primary.

Four candidates didn't have a primary opponent but will face opposition in November. They include Precinct 4 Commissioner Roy Idom, a Republican who will be challenged by Democratic Party nominee Linda Sellars in the general election.

The other two are Precinct 2 Peace Justice John Williamson, a Democrat, and his challenger, Pamela Bryant, who is campaigning as an Independent.

For the rest of the candidates, Tuesday's election was a formality. Winning unopposed party nominations were Republicans Joan Bunch for county clerk, Trina Rodgers for district clerk and Charlie Reynolds for Precinct 1 peace justice, and Democrat Charlie Bell for county treasurer. Barring any write-in challenges, none will be opposed in November.

In state-wide contested races in the Republican Primary, Scurry Countians favored George W. Bush for governor, Barry Williamson for attorney general, David Dewhurst for land commissioner, Susan Combs for ag commissioner and Tony Garza for railroad commissioner.

Democrats locally chose Jim Mattox for attorney general and L.P. "Pete" Patterson for ag commissioner.



Ricky Fritz



Chloanne Lindsey

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you're gonna worry about it tomorrow — sleep late."

We didn't keep a tally, but surely it was twice that many.

A couple in Austin kept a tab on the number of catalogs that filled their mailbox each day.

According to wire reports, last year the family received 3,203 pieces of glossies hawking everything from arts and crafts accessories to screws and hammers. The stack of catalogs weighed almost 500 pounds.

We must get a zillion — both at home and at the office. And we never order from them, although we've made a few suggestions from time to time.

My personal favorite is the picturesque mailing that comes from Victoria's Secrets. Don't know why the catalog shows up at our house — 'cause we've never seen any of their merchandise unless we missed the issue that that featured men's t-shirts with coffee stains.

And, of course, the thing that draws us to Victoria's Secrets catalogs: we like to read the articles.

And we came across a diet that really works.

It's a virtural food diet. If you get hungry for nachoes, then just order 'em up on the internet and enjoy — calorie and fat free.

It's a heck of a deal. You can even enjoy chocolate mousse without gaining nary a pound. A second helping of mashed potatoes comes without guilt.

The internet also offers anti-food pages. Here's just a few:

--Food rant: ravings of someone who thinks eating is a waste of time.

--Anti-Blue M&M Page: supporting decency in confections.

--Citizens Rebellion Against Pringles.

--Down with Snapple!

--I hate 2 percent milk.

--International Anti-Raisins Society: dedicated to the abolishment of raisins, the worst food in the world.

--Ketchup: a useless condiment.

--Margarine: an abomination.

--Why We Hate Mushrooms Page.

--Worldwide I hate Mayonnaise Club: dedicated to making planet earth a mayo-free zone.

You gotta remember, however, that Texas has a law against bad-mouthing food products. You could wind up in court, like Oprah.

Duo Guitarra in concert here

Western Texas College will present Duo Guitarra in concert tonight in the Fine Arts Theatre.

There is no charge for the concert, which will begin at 8 o'clock.

Duo Guitarra — Uros Dojcinovic and James Bogle — have been entertaining audiences throughout the world since their first concert tour of Yugoslavia and Hungary in 1991.

Dojcinovic is considered Yugoslavia's premier guitarist. He has performed more than 3,000 concerts since his first one at the age of 8.

Bogle, director of the guitar program at Texas Tech University and chairman of the string division, has performed professionally since 1960.

ISD board wants all options prepared for bond proposal

A review of past community meetings on Snyder ISD's facilities was made by architects Tuesday night, who were presented with a list of even more items to consider for an upcoming bond election.

The review followed the regular business meeting of the district's trustees.

Supt. Gayle Lomax prefaced the workshop by saying trustees needed to give the architects guidance on some additional issues that have been brought up during meetings with citizens and school staff.

Those included getting cost estimates on several large projects, including:

—construction of a new competition gym;

—constructing large elementary facilities at the present sites of East and West Elementaries;

—making improvements to the school's agriculture barn;

—constructing a metal building at the junior high to serve as a weight room;

—taking a closer look at the air conditioning system at the junior high;

—and possible improvements at Travis Gym and at the Humble-Smith School.

BGR architects Coda Stephenson and Mike Briggs and trustees have tentatively set additional meetings throughout April to priortize needed improvements.

Trustees are divided on the issue of building two new "super elementaries" as board member Charles Anderson said Tuesday night that he was not in favor of that concept.

"I'm not even in favor of studying the costs of that," said Anderson.

Janet Stribling said she did not see the benefits of constructing two new elementary facilities, either.

"That would leave six empty buildings...getting information on the other items wouldn't hurt, though," said Stribling.

Mike Levens and Glenn Clardy said they felt the board needed to look at all options in order to get as much information as possible.

Luann Burleson agreed with their assessment, stating she was in favor of obtaining information

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Traffic a problem at Central; structure solid, architects say

Lubbock architect Coda Stephenson told some 40 people at Central Elementary Tuesday night that Snyder's school buildings are in an usual situation.

"The buildings are all very well built, they're structurally sound, yet, technology-wise, they're out of date."

Stephenson, and Mike Briggs, architects with BGR Architects - Engineers of Lubbock, were conducting the sixth meeting in two weeks concerning the condition of the Snyder school facilities. The action comes as a result of the trustees agreeing to call a bond issue, but setting no dollar figure until the public meetings are concluded.

Stephenson said Central presented a "very challenging problem" due to the building's proximity to the streets which surrround it.

"There is a definite need for some breathing room here," said Stephenson.

The building currently sits on some 2.2 acres, while Stephenson said a school of its size and capacity of some 400 children normally would be on a 10- to 15-acre site.

"I see the childrens' safety as a top priority," said Stephenson. "The streets are right out the doors."

"That's about the first thing we saw when we drove up to the campus," added Briggs, referring to how close the building is to the street. "We need to figure out a way to get kids on their buses a lot easier and a lot safer."

Referring back to the building's structure, Stephenson said the building — after some $1.8 in renovations — should serve the next generation of students.

"We would be less than honest if we said the renovations will take care of every situation that may come up in the future," said Stephenson. "But a new building might not either."

Stephenson added that he felt there is no reason the renovated building would not serve as well as a new building.

Along the same lines, a member of the audience asked what would become of the building if the district built a new one to take its place.

Stephenson said that would cause another problem.

Asked how much it would cost to replace a building for 400-plus students, Stephenson replied that it would be in the neighborhood of $4 million.

It was then noted that when the Lincoln School closed and was ultimately sold to an individual, it has become an eyesore in its neighborhood.

Among the other questions audience members asked was the approximate cost to a homeowner for a $15 million bond issue.

Lee McNair, the school district's assistant superintendent for business, said a person in a $50,000 home could expect to pay approximately $120 more a year in taxes on a 20-year bond payout period.

Architects are to meet Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at Stanfield for their last on-site campus meeting.

It is expected that a district-wide meeting will be held before trustees finalize priorities on the bond issue.

HISD board meets tonight

Hermleigh ISD trustees meet at 7:30 tonight to consider personnel contracts, recommendations from a textbook committee and election of representatives to the Region 14 Education Service Center.

Ballot results

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

County Judge
Ricky Fritz 1,299
Ted Crenwelge 721

County Clerk
Joan Bunch 1,622

Pct 2 Commissioner
Roy Idom 435

Pct 4 Commissioner
R: Milton Adams 233

District Clerk
Trina Rodgers 1,445

Peace Justice, Pct 1
Charlie Reynolds 1,373

Dist 70 State Rep
Scott McLaughlin 1,383

Dist 30 State Sen
Tom Haywood 1,397

Dist 17 US Rep
Rudy Izzard 1,293

Governor
George W. Bush 1,833
R.C. Crawford 48

Lt. Governor
Rick Perry 1,382

Attorney General
Tom Pauken 189
Barry Williamson 933
John Cornyn 312

Land Commissioner
Jerry Patterson 570
Don Loucks 115
David Dewhurst 672

Ag Commissioner
Susan Combs 986
Hamp Hodges 462

Railroad Commissioner
Tony Garza 849
Steve Stockman 602

Supreme Crt Justice Pl 1
Craig T. Enoch 1,070

Supreme Crt Justice Pl 2
Harriet O'Neill 734
Candace G. Tyson 440

Supreme Crt Justice Pl 3
Greg Abbott 1,051

Supreme Crt Justice Pl 4
Steve Smith 738
Deborah Hankison 559

Criminal Appeals Judge P1
Mike Keasler 283
David A. Shulman 209
David Barron 256
Lloyd W. Oliver 105
Vicki Isaacks 331

Criminal Appeals Judge P2
Forrest Lumpkin 187
Murff Bledsoe 128
Jerry E. Smith 217
Jeffrey Brian Keck 68
Harvey Hudson 101
Cheryl Johnson 323
William Harrison Ray 70
John C. Moncure 53

Criminal Appeals Judge P3
Lawrence Meyers 725
Herb Hancock 397

State Brd Education D14
Richard Watson 1,137

Appeals Court Justice D11
Kollin Shadle 274
Robert Pelton 164
Terry McCall 932

County Chairman
Drew Bullard 1,464

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Pct 4 Commissioner
Chloanne Lindsey 129
Scott Richburg 118

Pct 2 Commissioner
Linda Sellars 64

County Treasurer
Charlie Bell 374

Peace Justice, Pct 2
John Williamson 87

Dist 70 State Rep
David Counts 376

Dist 30 State Sen
Greg Underwood 312

Dist 17 US Rep
Charles Stenholm 394

Governor
Garry Mauro 320

Lt. Governor
John Sharp 345

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ASK US

Q—When do the schools release students for Spring Break?

A—Friday at 1 p.m. for Western Texas College, 1:30 p.m. for Ira ISD and 2 p.m. for Snyder ISD. Hermleigh doesn't have Spring Break, but Friday is a holiday for those students.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 47 degrees; low, 20; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 29; no precipitation; total for 1998, 3.63 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy; flurries possible after midnight. Low 20-25. E-SE wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, cloudy. High near 40. SE wind 5-15 mph.



Anthony White
Possible Snow Flurries

Sunset: 6:49 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.
Of 69 days in 1998, the sun has shone 67 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A man is known by the company his mind keeps.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich

Lottery workers return

NEWINGTON, Conn. (AP) — Tearful lottery employees were greeted with hugs and roses Tuesday as they returned to a workplace wiped clean of any trace of the gunman who killed four supervisors and himself.

The lottery agency reconfigured employee Matthew Beck's work space, removing his desk, chair, phone and other equipment, and permanently closed off the executive suite where he went on his murderous rampage.

"There's physically no evidence he ever had a workplace here," said Nuala Forde, spokeswoman for Gov. John G. Rowland, who greeted employees inside the building.

Beck, who was involved in a pay dispute with his bosses, killed three of the officials in the building Friday and chased down the lottery's chief executive in the parking lot, killing him.

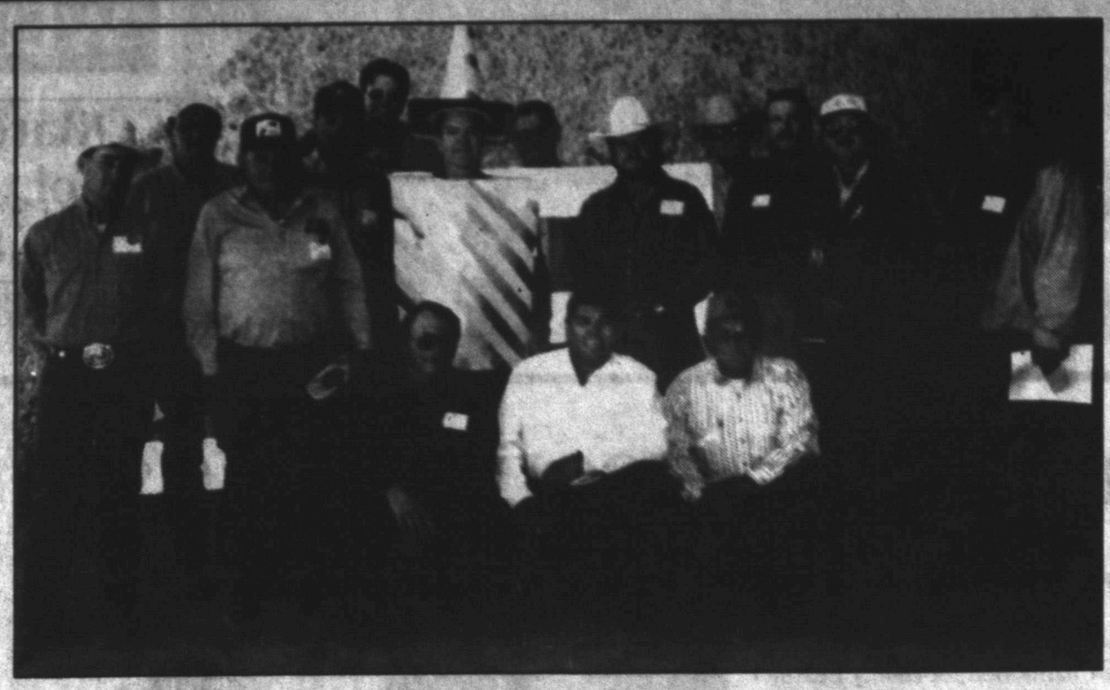
Beck, an accountant, had just returned to work after a four-month stress-related leave.

"It's calm, but people aren't holding anything back," Forde said. "People are hugging and crying."

The employees found new carpeting and paint in the reception area, a new employee entrance, vases of flowers on every desk and office floral displays centered by four red roses — one for each victim. Grief counselors also sat waiting to help them.

Nearly half of its lottery's 110 employees came to work Tuesday morning, even though they were told they could stay out this week without having to use sick or vacation time.

After only about 90 minutes, the employees boarded state-provided buses to attend the funerals of two of the victims.



SAFETY AWARDS — Snyder maintenance section employees who received awards during the annual safety banquet were standing from left, Brad Pylant, Terry McCright, Santiago "Jimmy" Suarez, Joel Nesmith, Doug Tindol, Jo Dan Jones of the Snyder area office portraying "Mr. Safety," Jack Talley, section supervisor; George Larralde, Bill Adams, Art White, Dennis Reynolds and Ben Olibas, Jr. Kneeling from left are Daryl Kincheloe, Noah Bilano and Gerald Thompson. (TxDOT photo by Mary E. Kilgore)

Snyder TxDOT employees are safety award winners

Fifteen members of the Scurry County roadway maintenance section and 10 employees of the Snyder area office were among 264 Abilene district workers receiving awards during the Texas Department of Transportation's annual safety awards banquet.

This banquet is held to recognize employee efforts in their operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries for a period of one year.

Receiving awards in the maintenance section were Billy Adams, Johnny Arellano, Noah Bilano, Daryl Kincheloe, George Larradale, Terry McCright, Joel Nesmith, Ben Olibas, Jr., Brad Pylant, Dennis Reynolds, Santiago "Jimmy" Suarez, assistant section supervisor, Jack Talley, section supervisor, Gerald Thompson, Doug Tindol and Art White.

Taking home safety honors in the area office were Jerry Beard, Stewart Chapman, Cathey Crowder, Cheryl Jones, Joe Dan Jones, Tom Rowe, III, Kim Soucek, Ben Streiff, Billy Tarter, and former Snyder area engineer Mike Taylor.

Congress gives final passage to legislation on birth defects

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress gave final approval Tuesday to legislation creating a national birth defects prevention program, endorsing a plan crafted by a Texas congressman who was troubled by an unexplained cluster of birth defects in the Rio Grande Valley.

On a 405-2 vote Tuesday afternoon, the House adopted legislation pushed by Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, and endorsed by the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation and other disability and children's health organizations.

Companion legislation was passed earlier by the Senate, meaning the bill now goes to President Clinton. Ortiz aides expect the president to sign it.

Ortiz, who for six years pushed for his legislation, said he was "delighted" by passage of the bill, which was also sponsored by Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio.

"The legislation addresses a national health care issue that crosses all geographic areas and affects children of all races and economic classes and is imperative to the public health of all Americans," Ortiz said.

The bill authorizes spending up to $30 million this year and $40 million next year. The government currently provides $26 million through the federal Centers for Disease Control.

More than 150,000 babies each year are affected by one of the more than 3,000 different birth defects, according to the March of Dimes. Birth defects are the leading cause of infant death and a major cause of disability in young people.

The legislation would create a clearinghouse for birth defects information at the CDC.

"Despite the fact that birth defects are the leading cause of infant mortality in the United States, we still lack a coherent, comprehensive national strategy to address the birth defects problem," Ortiz said.

It also paves the way for creation of regional centers to conduct research on birth defects and increases funding for birth defect awareness and prevention programs.

"With one out of five infant deaths each year due to birth defects, something has to be done to find the causes and eventual cures," said Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Miss Massachusetts wins Miss USA crown Tuesday

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Miss Massachusetts Shawnae Jebbia figured the best way to remember her generation with a time capsule would be to pack it with two things: a laptop computer and feminine clothes.

With that final question answered, the physical fitness enthusiast from Mansfield, Mass., won the 47th Miss USA pageant Tuesday night.

Miss Jebbia, 26, promised to use her tenure to fight drug use and violence and to promote housing for the poor. Once her reign is over, she said she will pursue a master's degree in health promotion and wellness.

Miss Jebbia succeeds Brandi Sherwood, the former Miss Idaho who took over for last year's winner, Brook Lee of Hawaii. Miss Lee gave up the title when she was crowned Miss Universe last May.

Miss Jebbia, a green-eyed brunette, beat out second runner-up Melanie Breedlove, Miss Missouri, and first runner-up Shauna Gene Gambill, Miss California. The contestants — called "delegates" in the parlance of the pageant's promoters — were narrowed to 10 semifinalists in Friday's evening gown and swimsuit competitions.

Following a glitzy opening number, the semifinalists went through a mock news conference where they fielded such questions as whether female basketball officials should be allowed to wear skirts (yes, as long as they're careful how they walk in them) to what do crawfish cure (everything).

Miss Jebbia had the highest score in the swimsuit competition.

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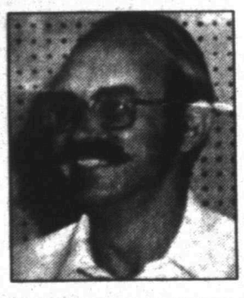
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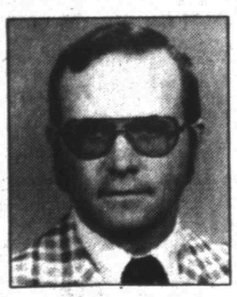
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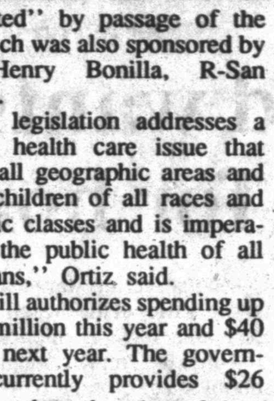
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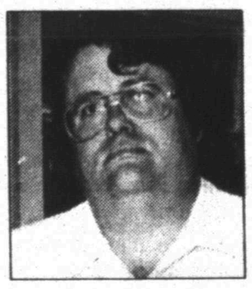
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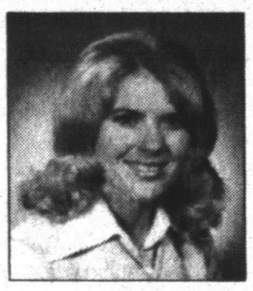
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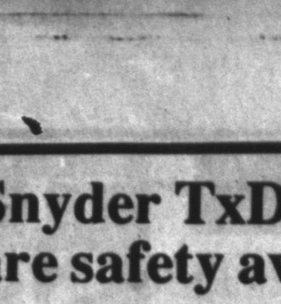
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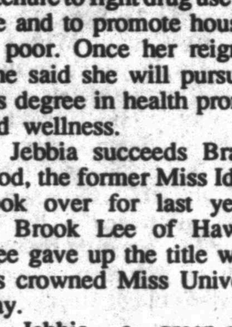
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering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

Last Week's Photos: 1. Ronnie Clawson 2. Brud Boren 3. Tommy Cotton 4. Billy Jack Carter 5. Geraldine Parker 6. Ollie Peak 7. Billy Bob McMullen 8. Derwin Thompson 9. Wallace Combest 10. Jr. McCormick

NASA declares Mars Pathfinder dead

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mars Pathfinder, R.I.P.

A last-ditch attempt to communicate with the spacecraft failed Tuesday and mission officials finally closed the door on the successful mission that reignited public interest in planetary exploration.

"This is sort of the end of the end. This is an actual goodbye," said Richard Cook, the mission manager who has moved on to Deep Space-3, a project that will look for planets around stars.

Nothing but silence and quiet computer screens greeted mission controllers Tuesday as they sought to hook up with the little rover and lander on the Martian surface.

Up to the final "time of death" at 1:21 p.m. PST, they held out hope that the comatose craft might awake and speak, although they suspected it had long ago succumbed to the cold and dust of the Martian winter.

Ben Toyoshima, the flight controller who spent three hours Tuesday looking for signs of mechanical life, took the loss in stride.

"There was a kind of a sadness, but there was also a sense of closure," he said. "There was a sense of pleasure amongst the flight team because we did everything we started out to do during the course of the mission."

He said Pathfinder went gently, compared with the Mars Observer that "died just before we got to Mars."

"That sort of felt like your kid brother getting killed in a drive-by," Toyoshima said. "This one kind of felt like a beloved old uncle who passed away after a long illness."

The final chapter of the $266 million mission came as engineers and scientists gathered in the control room at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Beginning at 10 a.m., Toyoshima sat at a computer screen, looking for "any trace of signal at all" relayed through the deep space antenna at Goldstone, Calif.

At midday, when the likelihood of hearing anything was growing more remote by the minute, project scientist Matthew Golombek said most members of the Pathfinder team had dealt with the reality that the spacecraft was dead.

At 1:57 p.m., the team posted a message on NASA's Web site thanking "the world for their interest in our mission."

The team had attempted contact with the spacecraft in the hope of learning whether the foot-high Sojourner rover might still be circling around the mothership looking for a signal or some parental guidance.

With much of America and the world watching, Pathfinder landed on July 4 and immediately began sending home images of a reddish, rocky terrain as well as daily weather reports.

During its months moving around the planet, Sojourner rolled about 300 feet, analyzed cartoon character-named rocks like Scooby Doo and took more than 500 pictures with its camera. The lander camera snapped more than 16,000 images.

With the rover designed to last at least a week and the lander at least a month, Pathfinder outlived all expectations.

Its main transmitter fell silent Sept. 27. A carrier signal from the tiny auxiliary transmitter was last heard Oct. 6.

Golombek said Pathfinder will continue serving up a bonanza of insights for years.

Rat plague steadily worsens

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Imagine killing 55 million rats in a year — and still losing ground.

Vietnam's vermin plague has gotten so bad that the central government has banned exports of traditional rat predators and closed down restaurants that specialize in serving up cats or snakes.

Some local government officials offer bounties for each tail brought in. Television, radio and newspapers encourage farmers and children alike to go out en masse and use smoke, dogs or digging to flush out rats and kill them.

A biological solution — a deadly rodent-specific bacteria dubbed "bio-rat" — is being produced to avoid reliance on dangerous poisons that can kill chickens, other animals and even small children.

Losses to Vietnam's critical rice crop amounted to $6 million last year, said Dam Quoc Tru, deputy director general of the Plant Protection Department in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The problem has grown almost exponentially. Tru said 220,000 acres of rice paddies were infested in 1995. That rose to 640,000 acres in 1996 and 925,000 last year. In the first two months of 1998, more than 320,000 acres of the winter-spring crop already have been hit.

"If we don't intervene, the damage could be $30 million a year," Tru said. "Rat reproduction rates are very high and continuous."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Husband May Leave His Wife Who Won't Leave Her Boss

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 21 years. We have two children, ages 12 and 9. I was a poor husband for the last 10 years — unsupportive, overly critical, controlling and negative. All this led to my wife's having a two-year affair with her boss.

After I learned what was going on and filed for divorce, my wife asked for a reconciliation. My problem is that neither she nor her boss is willing to leave their job for a new position elsewhere.

I am unable to see how we can rebuild our marriage as long as they continue to work together on a daily basis. She is his executive secretary. Am I wrong to demand that this work relationship end?

FRED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR FRED: I commend you for recognizing your faults and your wife for seeking a reconciliation.

Good jobs are hard to find, but if your wife is serious about wanting to save the marriage, she should look elsewhere for work. If not, your willingness to forgive and forget may be overshadowed by feelings of mistrust.

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DEAR ABBY: I had to write after reading the letter from "Living It Up 'Til the End," who wrote about people refusing to go to nursing homes when they grow old. If she considers herself to be insensitive and cold, then I am too.

My husband and I are both 44 years old. Our children are 15 and 11. I could write a book about the difficult situations we have been through this year with my mother-in-law, my mother, my father and my grandmother. I am exhausted from the constant worry, frustration, anger and guilt. I wish that each of these dear people would have thought ahead and planned for their declining health and abilities. Instead, all decisions have been left to my husband, my sisters and me. No one is entirely happy with whatever decision is made.

In addition to my constant concern for our aging (and failing) family members, I worry about what all this pressure is doing to our children and our marriage. It is almost impossible to juggle everything, and since the problems facing the elders are of a more critical nature, our children and our marriage often have to take a back seat.

I'm making sure my children won't have to go through this hell. My husband and I take excellent care of ourselves, believing prevention is one key to aging well. I plan to keep my will updated, make all my own funeral arrangements down to the last detail, select the assisted living center and/or nursing home I want to go to, and write all this down for my children. I never want to put them in the position we've found ourselves forced into, just when we thought we could start enjoying our mid-life years.

ANY FAMILY, ANYWHERE

DEAR ANY FAMILY: You are a classic example of the sandwich generation — and it's no picnic. I'm sure the older members of your family never intended to burden you as they have, but without careful planning such hardships pass from one generation to the next. Your approach is simple and wise. Your children will bless you for it.

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Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 03-11-98
♠ Q 8 4
♥ 6 5 3 2
♦ A 7 6 4 3
♣ 2

West
♠ 6 3 2
♥ 10 4
♦ J 10 8
♣ Q 10 8 5 4

East
♠ A
♥ A K 9 8 7
♦ Q 9
♣ J 9 7 6 3

South
♠ K J 10 9 7 5
♥ Q J
♦ K 5 2
♣ A K

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	3 ♥
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

The reliable conclusion

By Phillip Alder

Goethe might have been discussing bridge, instead of knowledge, when he wrote, "The important thing is not to know more than all men, but to know more at each moment than any particular man."

Bridge is basically an easy game *if* you can think the right thought at the correct moment. Of course, because that is so much easier said than done, the game continues to fascinate millions of people.

East had an awkward decision over two spades. He wanted to keep both hearts and clubs in the picture, but was afraid to overcall two no-trump for fear of a misunderstanding. (Do you and your partner know whether it is natural, showing the minors, or allowed with a heart-minor two-suiter?)

Against four spades, West led the heart 10, East playing three rounds of the suit. When South ruffed the last one high, West threw a club. After winning trick four with the spade ace, East played another heart, still hoping for a trump promotion. South ruffed high again and cashed his remaining three trumps. Which five cards should West have retained?

Thinking his club holding was important, he kept three clubs and two diamonds. Now, though, declarer's diamond five won the last trick. Which correct thought did West miss?

If East had the club ace, presumably he would have cashed it when in with the spade ace. That assumption leads to the key inference: If South had a club loser (A-x or A-K-x, for example), he would have ruffed it in the dummy before drawing trumps. So, West should have kept his three diamonds and discarded only clubs.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building on W. 37th; program in oils by Janet Bybel of Levelland; hostess, Karen Rinker; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., break for lunch.

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

Ministerial Alliance; Rudy's 10 a.m.

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

Three support groups—Divorce Recovery, Cancer/Grief and Caring for Aging Parents; First Baptist Church, enter east side; anyone welcome and nursery is provided; more information by calling church office at 573-2631; 6:30 p.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

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

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; cost $30; Snyder Savings & Loan; no reservations needed, call 573-2850 for information; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

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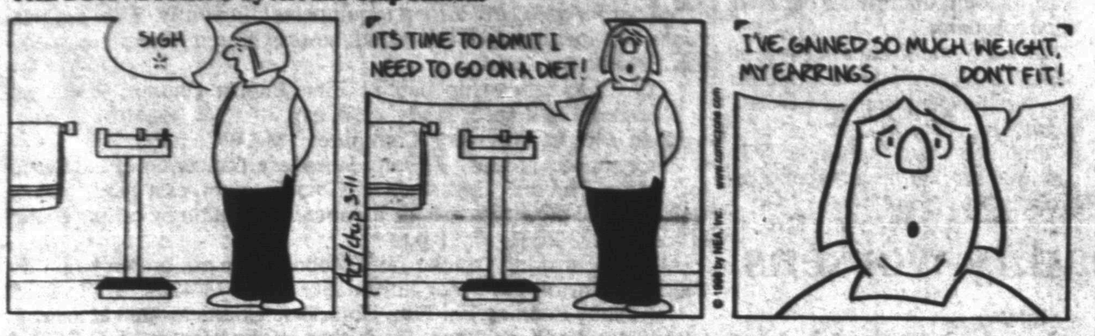
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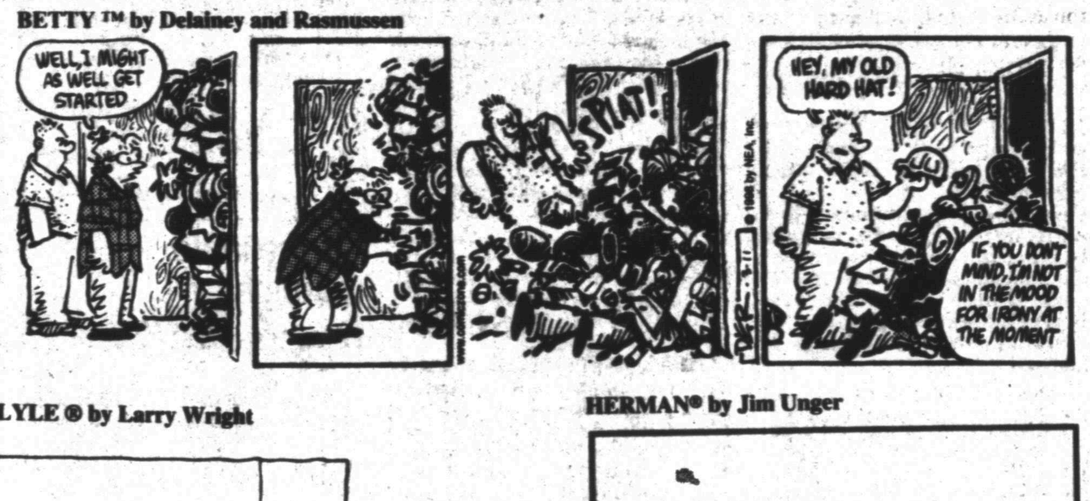
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12 — Mussolini
14 Sparkling
15 Spongy substance used as tinder
16 Fish eggs
17 Popeye's friend Olive —
19 Kind of fuel
20 Miss America —
23 Weary
26 Nahoor sheep
27 Chinese pagoda
30 Biblical mountain
32 Lemonlike fruit
34 Type of caviar
35 Jerry's friend
36 Opp. of NNW
37 Ending for social or real
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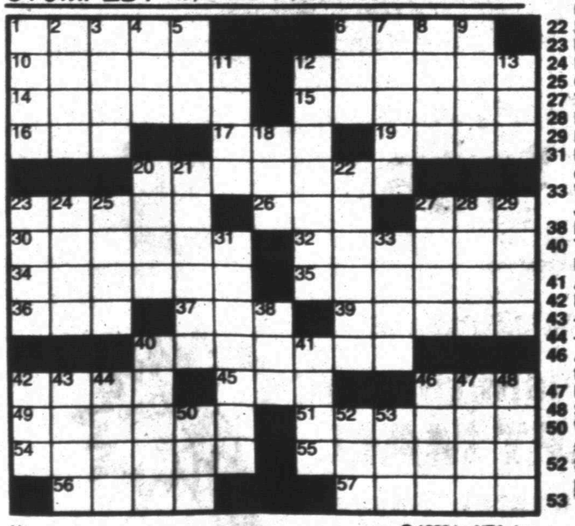
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13 Away
18 Affirmative reply
20 Lima's place
21 Slow musical movement
22 Fastened
23 Filing aids
24 Makes angry
25 Chest sound
27 Tidy
28 First-rate
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31 More delicious
33 Writer Janowitz
38 Large cask
40 TV-host Philbin
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SPORTS

Snyder JV survives cold, Frenship, 10-6

WOLFFORTH — In the biting cold Tuesday, Snyder's bats proved to be just warm enough.

With wind chill readings dipping into the teens, the Lady Tiger JV secured a 10-6 victory over Frenship in Wolfforth.

Cameron Mackey gave up eight hits, but struck out six and only walked one to get the win.

"The girls are coming along pretty good and played well tonight, considering the cold and the darkness," Snyder coach Mechelle Chrane said. "Some of these girls have been playing together for a while now and it shows on the field."

Whitney Webb drew a walk to lead off the contest. Mackey and Jennifer Newman also showed patience at the plate, getting the base on balls as Snyder posted three runs in the top of the first.

But Frenship answered back. With one out, FHS knocked two singles and sent two runners home.

The Lady Tiger defense then stiffened, recording the final two outs of the inning and stranding an opposing runner on third base.

Two innings later, Mackey reached on an error then scored on base hits by Angie Shoemake and Amber Haarmeyer.

Once again though, Frenship responded. A single, a triple and a hit batsman allowed two runs to cross the plate, running the tally to 5-4.

Snyder would keep the offense going in the fourth.

Rina Geiger slapped a base hit and Webb worked the FHS pitcher to another walk. With two runners on, the Lady Tigers turned two Frenship errors into runs, grabbing a 7-4 advantage.

Snyder cushioned its lead in the fifth, as Shoemake led off the inning with a single.

Haarmeyer took first after being hit by a pitch and Lisa Hall drove both runners in with a double.

Frenship's final rally came in the bottom of the fifth, posting two runs to cut the deficit to 9-6.

But in the final frame, Valery Haines came home on a Shoemake double for the 10-6 final.

Snyder was able to register 10 runs on only six hits, as the Lady Tigers showed their aggressiveness on the base paths.

"This group of girls is pretty aggressive," Chrane remarked. "They have a good feel for when to take the extra base and when not to."

The Lady Tigers will be back in action Thursday for the first three games in the Snyder tournament.

Snyder faces Loraine at 3 o'clock, Ft. Stockton JV at 4:30 and Colorado City at 7:30 in opening-round contests.

Snyder	3	0	1	2	3	1	—10
Frenship	2	0	2	0	2	0	— 6

Snyder: Shoemake, double and two singles; Hall, double; Mackey and Haarmeyer, single. Mackey (WP), 6 innings, 8 H, 3 BB, 1 HP, 6 SO.



MOMENT OF IMPACT — Snyder's Rina Geiger puts the ball in play during junior varsity action Tuesday at Frenship. Snyder JV toppled Frenship, 10-6. The Lady Tigers face Loraine at 3 p.m. Thursday in the opening-round of the Snyder tourney. (SDN Staff Photo)

Maidens top Lady Tigers in last at bat

SAN ANGELO — If not for the bottom of the seventh, the Lady Tigers might have three more victories this season.

San Angelo Lake View got two runners on in the last half inning Tuesday, then turned a Snyder error into the game-winning run as the Lady Tigers fell 6-5.

"The girls played really well most of the game," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said. "We got a little rattled in the fifth when Lake View started hitting the ball and we made some mistakes, but we hit the ball pretty well."

Snyder posted three runs in the first and two in the third, while the Maidens sent one runner home in the first and four in the fifth.

With the tally knotted at 5-5 in the final frame, Lake View slapped a single and drew a walk for runners at first and second.

The Maidens then attempted a double steal. The ball got by the Snyder third baseman and left fielder, allowing the run to score.

The Lady Tigers committed a total of four errors in the contest, leading to four unearned runs.

At the plate for Snyder, CeCe Valadez knocked four singles, while Bradi Johnson belted a double and single for three RBI.

Next-up for the Lady Tigers is a first-round match-up with Ft. Stockton in the Snyder tournament. The contest is slated for 3 p.m. at Cates Field.

Snyder	3	0	2	0	0	0	— 5
Lake View	1	0	0	0	4	0	1 — 6

Snyder: Davis, Johnson and Purcell, double and single; Valadez, four singles; Huff, two singles; Tomlinson, single. Martinez, 5 innings, 12 H, 2 BB, 1 SO; Rinehart (LP), 2 innings, 1 H, 2 BB, 2 SO.

Snyder set to host softball tournament

The Lady Tigers take to the diamond Thursday as hosts of the Snyder Softball tournament.

Fourteen teams will compete in Division I, with eight squads battling for the Division II crown.

The Lady Tigers, coming off a tough 6-5 loss Tuesday to San Angelo Lake View, face Ft. Stockton at 3 p.m. in the opening round.

Snyder is back on the field at 6 for a match-up with Anson, before wrapping up pool play Friday at 12:30 against Midland Christian.

Comprising the other three pools in Division I are Abilene Wylie, Andrews, Coahoma, El Paso Eastwood, Lubbock Coronado, Hawley, Lake View, Clyde, Big Spring and El Paso Ysleta.

Snyder junior varsity comes to the plate for the first time at 3 p.m. Thursday against Loraine. The Lady Tiger JV also meets Ft. Stockton JV and Colorado City on the first day of competition.

The other Division II pool is made up of Lubbock Monterey, Hermleigh, Coahoma JV and Wylie JV.

Teams will be seeded according to their records against other squads in their pool.

Bracket play is scheduled to begin at 3:30 Friday, with the championship contests slated for 3 o'clock Saturday.

All games will be played at Cates East, Cates West and Logan Field.

Astros race past Expos in exhibition

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Former Expos Sean Berry and Moises Alou combined for seven hits and five RBIs Tuesday afternoon as the Houston Astros beat Montreal 10-2.

Berry had a triple, three singles and a walk for three RBIs while Alou was 3-for-3 with two singles and a double with two RBIs.

Luis Rivera added a three-run homer in the eighth as the Expos dropped to 3-8 in spring training before 2,387 at Roger Dean Stadium.

Montreal third baseman Shayne Andrews continued his hot streak at the plate, going 2-for-4 and keeping his average at .500 (9-for-18).

Scott Elarton, the 6-foot-7, right-hander, got the win for Houston, giving up four hits and two earned runs in three innings.

Expos rookie right-hander Carl Pavano was rocked for the second time this spring. The 22-year-old gave up three runs — all earned — on five hits in three innings. On March 2, he gave up a two-run homer to Eric Davis of Baltimore in one inning of relief.

Tech star enjoying new role

LUBBOCK (AP) — Alicia Thompson is well aware that many of her stellar statistics from a year ago have dipped this season.

She couldn't be happier.

Texas Tech's All-America forward knows she spent way too much time carrying the Lady Raiders on her chiseled shoulders through a 1996-97 campaign laden with disappointment. She also that Tech wouldn't go far this season if foes kept assigning two or three players just to contain her.

"We all understood we were a young team and still had lots to learn," said Thompson, one of only two upperclassmen on last year's squad. "We knew this year would be different."

Better guard play, a new frontcourt player to share the load and a year's worth of experience have paid off. Thompson still averaged 22.9 points and 8.8 rebounds while earning Big 12 player of the year honors this winter, but she's not doing it alone anymore.

A year after losing their Big 12 tournament opener, then getting unceremoniously drubbed in the NCAA subregionals by Stanford, Tech is riding high at 25-4 and its first No. 1 seeding in the Big Dance.

"I think it has to do with experience and maturity," said Thompson, whose broad smile and easygoing West Texas nature have made her a favorite of the Lady Raiders' near-capacity crowds. "We've grown so much as a team as far as making so many decisions on the floor. Just the way we look at the game now is totally different."

Coach Marsha Sharp recalls watching Thompson average 23.7 points and 9.6 rebounds a year ago while shaking off swarms of defenders who knew if they could stop Thompson, they'd stop Tech.

"I think she feels less pressure now to do as much of it by herself because people around her are stepping up and taking charge of some of that," Sharp said.

With 6-foot-3 junior college transfer Angie Braziel giving Tech an ominous inside presence along with the 6-1 Thompson and a trio of dangerous guards who can shoot or pass, the Lady Raiders can score from anywhere on the court.

Thompson credits Braziel with alleviating the double- and triple-teams that visibly frustrated her in the past.

"She adds a lot to my game. I don't feel like I have to force a lot of things, like maybe I did last year," Thompson said.

Tigers draw Monahans in first round

Ten teams will begin play Thursday, battling for a spot in Saturday's championship contest of the Snyder High School Baseball Tournament.

The Tigers, carrying a mark of 8-2 on the season, take to diamond at 4:30 Thursday against Monahans in opening-round action.

Dublas faces Pecos, Hobbs takes on El Paso Ysleta, and Sweetwater meets Ft. Stockton in other opening-round tilts. Brownfield and Lubbock Christian receive a bye.

A Tiger victory over Monahans puts Snyder into a 7:30 match-up with LCHS on Thursday.

All games will be played Moffett Field and the SHS practice field.

The title contest is slated for 7 p.m. Saturday at Moffett.

Snyder has competed in two tourneys this season.

The Tigers captured the crown of the Mineral Wells event two weeks ago, before taking third place at Frenship.

Snyder is coming off a big win Monday at home over San Angelo Central.

The Tigers, who hadn't beaten the Bobcats since '96, posted a 3-0 shutout.

Texas routs Tampa Bay

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Fernando Tatis and Kevin Elster each hit two-run homers in an eight-run third inning as the Texas Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 10-5 Tuesday.

The Devil Rays took a 2-0 lead in the top of the third as Russ Morman and Francisco Matos scored when Mark McLemore bobbled a grounder.

But the Rangers erupted in bottom of the inning as Devil Rays starter Jason Johnson (1-2) allowed a double to Elster, Tatis' homer and a two-run double by Juan Gonzalez.

After Matt Reubel relieved Johnson, Gonzalez scored when Jerome Walton dropped Will Clark's fly to left. Roberto Kelly doubled Clark home, then Elster closed out the scoring with his third home run of the spring.

Texas added runs on Bill Haselman's solo homer in the eighth, his first of the spring, and Warren Morris' RBI double in the eighth.

Bobby Witt (1-0) allowed four hits and three runs, one of them earned, in four innings. Jose Guzman pitched a scoreless sixth and seventh.

Sports Briefs

Track meet volunteers

Snyder High School is in need of volunteers to work Saturday at the Canyon Reef Relays.

Anyone wishing to help should contact the SHS athletic office at 574-6035.

All-star coaches

Anyone interested in coaching 13 & 14-year-old little dribblers' all-stars must bring their resume and a probable roster to the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club.

All applications must be received by 5 p.m. today. Only former S.L.D. players or residents currently living within the league boundaries will be allowed.

For more information contact June Wall at 574-6818.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	39	16	9	87	184	127
Philadelphia	32	20	10	74	180	144
Washington	28	24	11	67	174	166
N.Y.Rangers	19	27	17	55	155	171
N.Y.Islanders	22	32	9	53	164	176
Florida	18	32	12	48	148	182
TampaBay	13	41	9	35	121	206

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	32	18	14	78	182	151
Montreal	30	25	7	67	180	159
Boston	27	23	13	67	163	151
Buffalo	25	22	15	65	156	148
Ottawa	25	28	10	60	143	156
Carolina	25	30	7	57	155	172

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	38	15	10	86	187	124
Detroit	34	18	13	81	194	152
St.Louis	36	22	8	80	200	156
Phoenix	24	28	12	60	173	183
Chicago	24	28	11	59	154	154
Toronto	21	33	8	50	147	181

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	33	17	16	82	195	160
LosAngeles	30	22	11	71	184	167
Edmonton	24	30	10	58	164	184
SanJose	25	30	7	57	155	166
Calgary	19	32	12	50	166	194
Anaheim	20	34	9	49	149	193
Vancouver	19	35	10	48	177	227

Monday's Games

Washington 5, Calgary 2
Montreal 6, Florida 1
New Jersey 2, N.Y. Rangers 2, tie
Edmonton 4, Chicago 3, OT
Tampa Bay 2, Colorado 1
St. Louis 4, Vancouver 0
San Jose 3, Toronto 2
Los Angeles 4, Anaheim 3, OT

Tuesday's Games

Buffalo 2, N.Y. Islanders 2, tie
New Jersey 2, Philadelphia 2, tie
Boston 6, Detroit 3
Los Angeles 4, Phoenix 3

Wednesday's Games

Calgary at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

San Jose at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	43	20	.683	-
NewYork	35	26	.574	7
NewJersey	33	30	.524	10
Washington	33	30	.524	10
Orlando	32	30	.516	10½
Boston	29	32	.475	13
Philadelphia	21	39	.350	20½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	46	16	.742	-
Indiana	43	18	.705	2½
Charlotte	38	23	.623	7½
Atlanta	36	24	.600	9
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Vancouver	15	45	.250	29
Dallas	13	49	.210	32
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	W	L	Pct	GB
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L.A.Lakers	42	18	.700	4
Phoenix	41	21	.661	6
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New York at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
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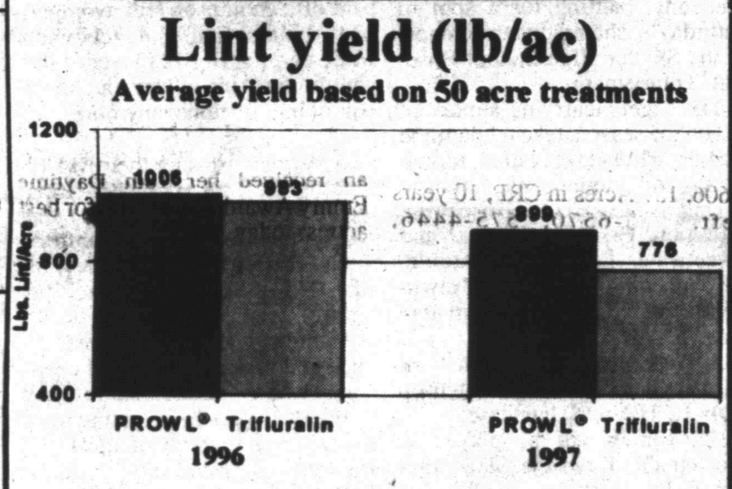
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Rotan Municipal Water Authority John Gray, President
Date: March 18, 1998

Actor Lloyd Bridges, hero of 'Sea Hunt,' is dead at 85

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lloyd Bridges, who survived a 1950s government blacklisting to build a five-decade acting career highlighted by the movie "Airplane!" and the early TV series "Sea Hunt," has died at 85.


Lloyd Bridges

The patriarch of a three-generation acting family died at his home Tuesday of natural causes with his wife Dorothy, son Beau and daughter Cindy at at his side. He had suffered from a heart condition since 1992.

"We all feel really blessed to have been with my dad for these 85 years," Beau Bridges said outside the home. "If dad could speak to those people who are thinking about him right now, he would want you to all think about family."

The tall, blond actor enjoyed amazing resiliency throughout his career, even surviving the film industry's political blacklist. He played everything, from an underwater investigator in "Sea Hunt" to guest parts as the zany Izzy Mandelbaum on "Seinfeld" and the drug-addled air traffic controller in "Airplane!"

His sons, Beau and Jeff, started acting as youngsters on "Sea Hunt" and became stars in their own right.

The family often worked together, more often in the past decade. In 1988, Bridges appeared with Jeff in "Tucker: The Man and His Dream" and had a recurring role on Beau's 1993 television series "Harts of the West."

An episode of the 1995 cable remake of the "The Outer Limits" featured Beau with smaller roles played by the elder Bridges and grandson Dylan. The patriarch introduced grandson Jordan in the 1986 TV movie "Thanksgiving Promise," which also featured Beau and Jeff and his wife.

Married more than 50 years, the Bridges lived in Westwood, a short distance from the UCLA campus where they met as drama students.

Actress Shirley Jones, a longtime friend who played Bridges' girlfriend in the 1969 made-for-TV movie "Silent Night, Lonely Night," said he stood out for his kindness and integrity — as well as his acting.

"He could combine comedy and drama and play a villain. He was a wonderful villain and a western star," she said. "He was such a fine actor, a giving actor and a gentleman — and a lot of actors aren't. I miss him dearly."

Lloyd Vernet Bridges Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1913, in San Leandro, near San Francisco. A star athlete in college, he trained as a classical actor and got his first movie role in the early 1940s. He played Gary Cooper's vengeful deputy in "High Noon" in 1952 and other important roles followed until he was caught in Hollywood's Red purge.

During the 1940s, Bridges had been a member of the Actors' Lab, a radical theater group that staged plays in Hollywood. At the height of McCarthyism in the 1950s, his name was added to the industry blacklist.

"I was always against prejudice of any kind, and when I was a member of the Actors' Lab, there was an opportunity to do something as part of a group to stop prejudice and help people," he said in 1971.

Bridges cleared his name with the FBI and congressional committees and was allowed to work again.

In 1957, Bridges took the role that changed his career: Mike Nelson, a Navy frogman turned undersea investigator in "Sea Hunt." The networks turned down the series as being too limited in scope, so producer Ivan Tors offered it in syndication a year later. Soon it drew bigger ratings than the network shows and it lasted for 156 episodes.

Bridges starred in six other series: "The Lloyd Bridges Show," "The Loner," "San Francisco International Airport" "Joe Forrester," "Paper Dolls," and "Capital News." He also appeared in dozens of TV movies as well as such miniseries as "Roots," "Moviola," "East of Eden," "The Blue and the Gray" and "George Washington."

Bridges and his wife received the Ralph Bunche Peace Award in 1994 to commemorate the United Nations Year of the Family.

Survivors include his wife, sons, daughter and several grandchildren.

The family planned a private funeral service, but asked that in lieu of flowers, donations could be made to a handful of Bridges' favorite projects: the American Oceans Campaign, Whales Alive, Heal the Bay and the Earth Trust.

Susan Lucci gets 18th nomination

NEW YORK (AP) — Longtime loser Susan Lucci has yet another chance to break her string of bad luck. The soap opera veteran received her 18th Daytime Emmy Award nomination for best actress today.

Lucci, who plays Erica Kane on ABC's "All My Children," has had plenty of practice with consolation speeches. She's never won.

Her show got 17 nominations. CBS's "The Young and the Restless" had the most, 18 nominations, and "General Hospital" had 16. "The Rosie O'Donnell Show," with 13 nominations, had more than any non-soap opera.

O'Donnell is up against "The Oprah Winfrey Show," which will compete for its fifth consecutive Emmy as best talk show. Other nominees are "Leeza," "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee" and "The View."

Winfrey; O'Donnell; Kathie Lee Gifford and Regis Philbin; Leeza Gibbons; and the ensemble on "The View" — Barbara Walters, Meredith Viera, Star Jones, Debbie Matenopolous and Joy Behar — will compete for best talk show host.

Jerry Springer, whose combative talk show has been soaring in the ratings lately, was snubbed in the talk show category.

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Markets Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	140¾	138¾	139¾
AT&T Corp	63¾	62¾	63 5-16+ ⅜
AirTouch	43¾	43 5-16	43 11-16+ 7-16
Albertsons	52¾	51 5-16	51 7-16— ⅜
AlldSignal s	42 5-16	42	42 1-16— ⅛
Alltel	48¼	47 11-16	48¼+ 5-16
AmerOnline	123⅜	122 1-16	122 15-16— 1-16
AmOnline wi	61 13-16	61⅛	61 13-16+ ¼
AmStoress	25 15-16	25 11-16	25⅝— 1-16
Ameritech s	43¾	43¾	43 9-16— ⅛
Amoco	84 7-16	83 11-16	84 + 7-16
AndarkPr	63¾	63¾	63¾+ ¼
Armcolnc	5 3-16	5⅛	5⅛
AtlRichfld s	77¼	76⅜	77 1-16+ ⅞
ATMOS Egy	29 5-16	29¼	29 5-16— 1-16
Aviall	15¼	15 1-16	15⅜+ 1-16
BakerHughes	39	38¼	38 9-16+ ⅜
BellAtl	94⅛	93¼	94 + ⅛
BellSouth	60 13-16	60⅜	60 9-16+ 1-16
BethSteel	11⅜	11⅛	11 9-16+ ⅛
BritPet s	82 11-16	82 3-16	82 11-16+ 5-16
BurlNoSFe	103	102 3-16	102 7-16— 9-16
CBS Corp	32 5-16	31 13-16	31⅞— 1-16
Caterpillar s	55¾	54 5-16	54 15-16+15-16
CenSoWst	27¼	27 1-16	27⅛— 1-16
Chevron	84¼	83⅜	84⅛+11-16
Chrysler	41	15-16	41¼ 41⅛+ ⅜
Coastal	64⅞	64 5-16	64⅞+ 7-16
CocaCola	72½	71¾	72 1-16— ⅛
ColgatePalm s	86⅛	86	86 7-16— ⅜
ComclMetals	32⅜	32 11-16	32⅜+ ¼
CooperIn	60¾	59¼	59 15-16+ ¼
CyprusAmax	17 11-16	17¾	17⅜— ⅛
DallSemicn	41	40 9-16	41 +15-16
DeltaAirl	121½	118 9-16	119 1-16+11-16
DigitalEq	50¼	49 13-16	50 3-16+ 9-16
Dillards Inc	36 9-16	36¼	36⅜+ 3-16
DowChem	94	92⅛	93 15-16+1 7-16
DresserInd	46 3-16	45¼	45⅞+ ⅞
DuPont s	64 1-16	63 9-16	63 13-16— ⅛
EastmanChem	65 13-16	65 3-16	65⅛—13-16
EstKodak	63 9-16	62¾	62⅞— 3-16
EDS Corp	44 13-16	43 5-16	44⅛+1 5-16
Entergy	28½	28 7-16	28 7-16
Exxon	64 3-16	63 11-16	63⅜+ 7-16
FstBksAm	23⅜	23¼	23⅜+ ⅛
Flowers s	25 9-16	25 7-16	25½+ ⅛
FordMotor	60 1-16	59 5-16	59⅝— ⅜
GTE Cp	55⅛	54	55 1-16+ ⅛
GenDynam	88	87⅝	87 13-16+ 1-16
GenlElecs	79⅛	78 11-16	79 1-16+ 5-16
GenMills	73	72	72⅞+13-16
GenMotors	73⅜	72 15-16	73 5-16+ ⅛
GaPacGP s	67⅞	65 9-16	67⅛+ 2⅛
GlobalMar	23 11-16	23¼	23½+ ⅜
Goodrich	50⅜	50 1-16	50 1-16— 5-16
Goodyear s	71 3-16	70⅜	71 1-16+13-16
GtAtlPac	31⅜	31⅛	31½— 5-16
Halliburtn s	47 15-16	47¼	47⅜+ ⅜
Hanson ADS	28 13-16	28⅛	28⅜+ ⅛
HarteHanks	42⅛	42 11-16	42 13-16+ ¼
HomeDepot s	69 3-16	68¾	69 1-16+ 1⅛
HoustonInds	27 3-16	27 1-16	27⅛+ ⅛
IBM s	99¼	97 7-16	99 1-16+1 9-16
IntlPaper	51 3-16	50 13-16	51 + 9-16
JohnsonJn	75⅞	75⅛	75⅜+ ⅜
K mart	16	15-16	16⅜ 16⅜
Kroger s	45 3-16	44⅞	45 3-16+ ¼
Litton	62	61¾	61 15-16+ ⅜
LockhdMart	113 3-16	111	113 1-16+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	68	67¼	67⅝— 5-16
Lubys	17 15-16	17⅛	17⅜+ 3-16
LucentTech	110⅛	108 7-16	110⅛+2 3-16
LucentTch wi	55½	54¾	55⅛+ ⅜
MayDeptStrs	65 15-16	65½	65⅜+ 9-16
Medtronic s	53	52¼	52½
Mobils	73¼	72 11-16	73 13-16+ 1¼
Monsanto	51 13-16	50 7-16	50⅝—1 3-16
MorganJP	122¼	121¼	122 — ¼
Motorola	53 15-16	53	53 15-16+ 1¼
NCR Corp	33 5-16	32¾	33 5-16
NationsBk	70¼	69 13-16	70⅛+ 5-16
Navistar	33⅜	33	33½— 3-16
Norwests	43¾	43 3-15	43⅜
OryxEngy	24¼	24½	24 9-16— ⅛
Penney JC	75 9-16	74¼	75 7-16+ ⅜
Pennzoil	67	66 7-16	66⅜— 1-16
PepBoys	26 7-16	26¼	26 5-16— ⅜
PepsiCo	40 3-16	39 9-16	40⅛+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	69	68 7-16	69 + ⅛
PhilipPet	50⅛	49¾	49 15-16+ 3-16
PilgrmPrd	14⅜	14¼	14⅜+ ⅜
Polaroid	44 9-16	44 1-16	44 3-16— ⅛
Praxair	47 7-16	47	47 7-16+ 5-16
ProctGamb s	86 11-16	85¾	86½+ 7-16
PubSNwMx	22¾	22 11-16	22⅜
RoyalDut s	53¾	53 5-16	53 9-16+ 1-16
SBC Comm	77¾	77⅜	77 7-16+ ⅛
SBC Comm wi	38 15-16	38 15-16	38 15-16+ ⅛
SaraLee	58⅜	57 11-16	58 5-16+ ⅛
Scripps EW	53¾	53¼	53⅜— ⅛
SearsRoeb	58 7-16	57¾	58 3-16+ ⅛
SherwinW	34 5-16	34	34 5-16+ ⅛
SmthBc ADS s	66 1-16	65 3⅛6	65 9-16— 1⅛
SouthernCo	26 1-16	25 11-16	25¾— 5-16
SwstAirl s	30¼	29¾	29 13-16— 7-16
Sprint	68 9-16	68	68½+ 5-16
SunCo	42¾	41½	42½+1 7-16
TNP Ent	32¼	32 1-16	32¼— 5-16
Tandy s	45½	45¼	45⅝+ ⅛
TempleInland	63 7-16	62⅜	63⅜+ 1
Tenneco	43¾	43¼	43¾— ⅛
Texaco s	58 7-16	57¾	57 13-16— ⅜
TexInd	53 15-16	53 27-32	53¾— 1-16
TexasInst s	53 15-16	53¾	53 15-16+15-16
TexUtil	39 15-16	39 9-16	39¾— 3-16
Textron s	72 11-16	71 13-16	72 — ⅛
Travelers s	59 5-16	58 7-16	59 1-16+1 5-16
TriconGlbR n	29½	29¼	29 5-16+ ⅛
TrinityInds	53 11-16	52 15-16	53 — 3-16
TritonEngy	33	32 11-16	32¾+ ½
Tyler	7 11-16	7½	7 9-16— 3-16
US WestCm	54 7-16	54 1-16	54⅜+ ⅛
USWstMda	34⅜	34	34⅛+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	36 3-16	36	36 + 3-16
USX-USS	38 7-16	38 1-16	38 5-16+ 3-16
UnCarbde	47⅜	46 13-16	47 7-16+ 7-16
UnionPacif	51 15-16	51⅜	51¾
UnitedTech	90 15-16	90	90⅜+ ⅛
Unocal	38 1-16	37⅜	37 15-16+ 1-16
WalMart	51¼	51 3-16	51⅜+ ⅜
WstnGasRs	17 11-16	17⅜	17⅜+ ⅛
WinnDixie	57 11-16	56¾	57 9-16+13-16
Woolworth	24 5-16	24	24 — ⅜
Xerox Corp	95⅜	94	95 +1 5-16
ZenithE	6 15-16	6 7-16	6 11-16+ ⅛

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Dog's odyssey: From midtown to New Jersey

NEW YORK (AP) — For Bill the dog, it was anything but an excellent adventure.

The dog, visiting from Canada with his owner, set off from midtown Manhattan for some impromptu sightseeing.

In his five days on the lam, the 45-pound blue heeler saw Central Park, halted rush-hour traffic in the Holland Tunnel and got run over in New Jersey.

"I feel so grateful and blessed that he was found," Jeth Weinrich, a movie and music video director in New York on business, told The Daily News today.

Bill went missing Thursday after Weinrich tied him up outside a record store. Weinrich raced after him and ended up on a wild dog chase, with stops at the New York Public Library and Central Park.

The 11-year-old dog eventually turned up at the Holland Tunnel, where he was spotted by Port Authority worker Moises Gomez. Unable to catch the confused dog, Gomez stopped traffic in the heavily-traveled tunnel so Bill could reach New Jersey safely.

"He was nervous and scared," said Gomez. "I followed him in my emergency vehicle and he trotted out (of the tunnel). He was tired."

Bill vanished. A newspaper ad offering a $5,000 reward turned up no leads.

Then, on Saturday night, Bill was struck by a car as he tried to cross the New Jersey Turnpike near Hoboken.

He was rescued by Christine Joseph, who was driving behind the car that hit him. She took Bill to a vet and contacted a dog rescue group, which had seen an Internet posting about the search.

She turned down the reward.

"Christine gave me back my best friend," Weinrich said.

Bill was recovering at an animal hospital.

Scurry County Country

Crop Report

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas peach growers said only time will tell the effects of the freezing temperatures which hit Texas early this week, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension ervice.

Dr. Larry Stein, Extension horticulturist in Uvalde, said the southwest area of the state received cold temperatures, but not cold enough weather to damage their peach crop.

"As long as we don't go below 28 degrees for any length of time we'll be all right," Stein said.

Extension horticulturist Dr. Nancy Roe of Stephenville said temperatures were as low as 26 degrees Sunday night. She speculated it is likely that open peach buds sustained some damage from the cold weather.

However, "We haven't lost the crop yet," Roe said.

Extension horticulturist Jim Kamas of Fredericksburg said it is too early to know if the recent freeze damaged their peach crop. He said any lost peaches would actually help thin out the crop.

Kamas said only 15 percent to 20 percent of the peaches have opened in most varieties.

"Growers could stand a 90 percent to 95 percent mortality rate and still be fine," he said

Kamas said the remaining tight buds can withstand temperatures as low as the teens. He said once trees are in full bloom they are susceptible to injury at a much higher temperatures.

Dr. Steven George, Extension horticulturist in Dallas, said weather forecasters predict lows in the mid 20s this week. He said peaches are only about 50 percent in bloom in several counties.

"That's good news because the crop will be more resistant to the freezing weather," George said.

However, he said if peaches are in full bloom, three to four days will be needed to assess the freeze damage to the peach crop.

Dr. Brent Bean of Amarillo, Extension agronomist, reported the freezes did not damage the six million acres of winter wheat planted in that area. "The wheat crop is up and going good. I'm not aware of any major damage," he said.

In the South Plains, Extension director Jett Major of Lubbock said land preparation, herbicide and fertilizer applications continue to be the main field activity.

"Soil moisture has been adequate with a few areas reporting short," he said.

In West Central Texas, Extension director Scott Durham of San Angelo said preparations for vegetable planting are under way.

"But, planting won't begin for several weeks," he said.

District director Tony Douglas of Overton said garden preparations are also active in East Texas.

"However, there is little planting," he said.

Extension economist Jose Pena of Uvalde said some parts of the Southwest area of the state have experienced below average year-to-date rainfall while other parts have received above average rainfall.

"However, the excellent rainfall in the south central region of the state and the mild open weather is causing above average problems with weeds," Pena said.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture short to surplus. Ranges, pastures in fair to good condition. Cattle in good condition; supplemental feeding continues. Wheat is rated fair to good; excellent growth with adequate moisture and mild temperatures.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges fair to good. Wheat in fair to good condition. Livestock in good condition; some supplemental feeding. Land preparation, herbicide and fertilizer application continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Ranges, pastures poor to good. Stocker cattle gains are off due to boggy conditions. Saturated wheat fields; need dry, warm growing conditions. Wet conditions have delayed ground type fertilizer applications.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Ranges, pastures very poor to fair. Cattle in good shape; many cows calving. Corn, cotton, and soybeans being planted; wheat is being topdressed. Peach trees are blooming and show no freeze damage.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Winter pastures making progress. Cattle condition good; markets strong, late calving continues. Garden preparations active; little planting. Most peaches trees in full bloom; spray programs continue with pecan trees.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture very short to adequate. Ranges, pastures poor; need moisture. Cattle stable; supplemental feeding continues. Wheat needs more moisture, but is growing. Pre-irrigation and land preparation continue for cotton. Early peaches, pecans budding.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture very short to adequate. Ranges, pastures fair to good. Livestock fair to good. Oat stands are progressing well. Wheat stands improving with moisture and top dressing. Cotton field preparations continue. Peach tree varieties are blooming.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture surplus. Ranges, pastures very wet. Ryegrass in need of sunshine. Cattle doing well. Wheat crop very lush due to moisture and warmth. Corn and grain sorghum planting will begin soon. Dormant oil spraying on fruit trees.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Cattle looking good on early green-up of pastures. Some fertilization on winter pastures. Still too wet to plant. Some vegetable transplants being set out, but need to be covered due to cold temperatures.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture short to surplus. Ranges, pastures fair; rainfall adding to weed problems. Livestock in good condition. Corn and sorghum planting is late due to rain. Cabbage, carrots, lettuce, spinach, and southern greens harvest continues.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Wet conditions hold up planting. Corn planting window slipping away. Limited rice preparation. Peaches are in full bloom; pecan buds occurring. Livestock in good condition, pastures improving.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture adequate to short. Pastures improving; excellent planting weather. Livestock condition are good. Corn and sorghum show minimal damage from wind and sandblasting. Early cotton emerging, with 20 percent to 30 percent planted.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts,
County Extension Agent

Artful recipe altering

For several years health professionals have advised Amerians to eat less fat, sugar and salt and eat more fiber. The USDA Food Guide Pyramid, based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (1995), reflects these recommendations.

Making these suggestions part of daily eating patterns can involve several actions. Actions to make an eating plan by these guidelines are as follows:

1. Choose fewer foods that are high in fat, sugar and salt. Limit foods like pastries, chips, cakes, cookies and candies for special occasions.
2. Eat more whole grain breads and cereals more often than highly processed cereals and breads.
3. Eat smaller portions.
4. Modify recipes to limit amounts of fat, sugar and salt, and to add more fiber.
5. Eat more fresh fruits and vegetables.

Select your eating plan based on your current eating patterns, health status and potential risk for health problems linked to diet, such as obesity, diabetes or heart disease. Maybe a change to some cooking methods may be in order.

Recipes = chemical formulas

Recipes specify the ingredients, proportions and methods necessary to produce a quality product. Companies and publishers spend time and money testing recipes for consumer use. Any change made in the recipe will produce a slightly different product from the one that was tested and published. Some changes you may like and others you may not.

Recipes for combined foods, such as casseroles and soups, are more flexible than others. A cookie recipe is more adaptable than a cake recipe. Recipes for most baked products can be altered, but recipes for any preserved product, such as pickles, salsa, jellies or candies should not be changed at all.

Modifying a recipe may produce a product that doesn't meet your expectations. For example, a cake made with less fat will not have the same flavor or texture as the high-fat version. Cookies with less sugar or fat will still be acceptable but might not look or taste the same as those made by the original recipe. Substituting skim milk for whole milk in puddings, soups and sauces will give a product that is less rich and creamy, but has less fat and calories.

Ingredients that can be changed

Most people either fail to notice much difference or accept the difference that results when the following kinds of changes are made.

Reduce sugar by one-third

Example if a recipe says 1 cup, use ⅔ cup. This works best in canned and frozen fruits and in making puddings and custards. In cookies and cakes, try using ½ cup sugar per cup of flour. For quick breads and muffins, use 1 tablespoon sugar per cup of flour. To enhance the flavor when sugar is reduced, add vanilla, cinnamon or nutmeg.

Reduce fat by one-third

Example: If a recipe calls for ½ cup, use ⅓ cup. This works best in gravies, sauces, puddings and some cookies. For cakes and quick breads, use 2 tablespoons fat per cup of flour.

Omit salt or reduce by one-half

Example: If a recipe says ½ teaspoons, use ¼ teaspoon. This may be more acceptable if you gradually reduce the amount each time you make the recipe. Herbs, spices or salt-free seasoning mixes also can be used as flavor enhancers. Do not eliminate salt from yeast bread or rolls; it is essential for flavor and helps texture.

Substitute whole grain and bran flours

While wheat flour can replace from ¼ to ½ of the all-purpose flour. Example: If a recipe has 3 cups all-purpose flour, use 1½ cups whole wheat flour and 1 to ½ cups all-purpose flour.

Oat bran or oatmeal (that has been ground to flour consistency in a food processor or blender) can replace up to one-fourth of all the all-purpose flour. Example: If a recipe has 3 cups all-purpose flour, use ¼ cup oat bran or ground oatmeal and 2¼ cups all-purpose flour.

Bran cereal flour is made by grinding a ready-to-eat cereal such as Bran Buds or 100% Bran in a blender or food processor for 60 to 90 seconds. It can replace up to one-fourth of the all-purpose flour. Example if a recipe calls for 2 cups all-purpose flour, use ½ cup bran flour and 1½ cups all-purpose flour.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,071 head of cattle for the Saturday, March 7 Sale. Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $2 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady. bred cows were $50 to $100 highe. Paris were $100 and $150 highe. Trade active and demand good.

Steers:
200 to 400: 103 to 114
400 to 500: 99 to 106
500 to 600: 88 to 94.50
600 to 700: 78 to 85
Heifers:
300 to 400: 90 to 105.50
400 to 500: 80.50 to 95
500 to 600: 74.50 to 85
660 to 700: 65 to 74
Young bred cows: $525 to $750
Medium age to older bred cows: $400 to $610
Young cows and calves: $660 to $760
Medium age to older cows and calves: $485 to $760
Packer cows: 28 to 42.50.
Packer bulls: 45 to 52.25

Lubbock cattle auction

LUBBOCK — The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,068 head of cattle for the Thursday, Mach 5 Sale. Cows were $2 cheaper. Calves and yearlings were $2 cheaper

Slaughter cows: 36 to 42; canners and low cutters: 28 to 35.50; slaughter bulls 46 to 52.50.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 90 to 115; 400 to 500; 85 to 100; 500 to 600, 83 to 92.50; 600 to 700, 72.50 to 82; 700 to 800, 70 to 77.50.

Feeder heifiers choice: 300 to 400, 82 to 95; 400 to 500, 75 to 87; 500 to 600, 73 to 84; 600 to 700, 68 to 75; 700 to 800, 65 to 72.50.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 72.50 to 82.50; 700 to 800, 65 to 72.

Cow and calf pairs, good: 660 to 850; grade, 450 to 575.

Springers: 350 to 650; baby calves: 100 to 175; doodlers: 150 to 240.

WHIP provides assistance to restore degraded habitat

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's nwest wildlife program and it's for people who want to restore degraded native wildlife habitat on private lands.

"WHIP is a voluntary program which provides both technical assistance and cost-sharing to restore degraded native habitat on private land," explained Kevin L. Wright, district conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "Participants who own or control land agree to prepare and implement a wildlife habitat development plan which contains wildlife habitat practices to be installed on the land. In addition, if the landowner agrees, wildlife agencies like the Texas Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or private organizations like Ducks Unlimited may also provide expertise or additional funding to help complete a project."

The wildlife habitat development plan is prepared in consultation with the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District. The plan describes the landowner's goals for improving wildlife habitat, includes a list of practices and schedule for installing them, and details the steps necessary to restore and maintain the habitat for the life of the agreement.

"USDA and the participant enter into a cost-share agreement to restore the degraded native habitat," said Wright. "The agreement generally lasts 5-10 years from the date the contact is signed. The landowner agrees to maintain the cost-shared practices and allow USDA access to monitor the effectiveness of the practices."

The NRCS Agrees to provide technical assistance and pay up to 75 percent of the cost of installing the wildlife habitat practices. Land is not eligible for WHIP if it's currently enrolled in the Water Bank Program, Conservation Reserve Program and the Wetlands Reserve Program.

The sign-up for WHIP is in progress at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Office at 5309 Big Spring Highway. The sign-up will last through March 20. For more information call 915-573-6317. All programs and services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are available on a non-distriminatory basis.

NOTICE

To all his friends:
J.D. Henderson has been transferred from Lubbock to Cogdell Hospital, room 322. Visits will be welcomed and greatly appreciated.

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Fight over HMO bills beginning to take shape

WASHINGTON (AP) — Business groups, horrified by a strong push in Congress to rein in HMOs, are quietly devising a voluntary alternative that they hope will blunt the politically popular proposals.

But even House Speaker Newt Gingrich says some regulation of managed care is bound to become law. That may include the proposal that most worries American business: the right to take health insurance grievances to court.

Meanwhile, a very visible battle continues between supporters and opponents, who have competing studies and ad campaigns bolstering their claims.

"We've slowed the momentum and caused people on the (Capitol) Hill to take a second look," said Dan Danner, chairman of the Health Benefits Coalition, which released an analysis Tuesday assessing the new requirements and costs of a leading House proposal backed by Rep. Charlie Norwood, R-Ga.

These studies — all done by supposedly neutral parties — argue opposite effects of the same proposal. One side says the Norwood bill would raise premiums by 0.7 percent to 2.6 percent; another predicts 23 percent.

The answer matters. Polls indicate the public supports new mandated protections, but only if they don't substantially increase costs.

The leading congressional proposals all include basic protections for patients, who have become increasingly worried that costs, not medicine, are driving decisions about their care.

Plans supported by President Clinton and a leading Senate Republican, Labor and Human Resources Committee Chairman Jim Jeffords of Vermont, would require easy-to-read information about health plans, the right to appeal denials of care to an outside panel and payment for reasonable emergency room visits.

But the Norwood plan goes further, offering new protections for doctors as well as patients. Most controversially, it would let patients sue health plans if the plans denied care. Since 1974, federal law has barred such suits.

Under current law, a patient who is denied an X-ray and later discovers he has cancer can sue for the X-ray's cost. But he can't recover the financial or emotional cost of a delayed cancer diagnosis.

Business groups don't like any new mandates, but they are most worried about new lawsuits. They released a study Tuesday contending it would cost insurance companies $1 billion each year in jury verdicts and lawyer fees, based on doctors' experience with malpractice.

And, worried that employers also could be sued, business groups are threatening to advise their members to eliminate drop health insurance for workers if this provision becomes law.

Norwood, a conservative Republican, says businesses are overreacting.

"If you make the right decisions, you don't have to go to court," said Norwood, whose bill has more than 200 House cosponsors, including many Republicans who usually oppose government mandates on industry.

Worried by that political momentum, businesses hope to offer an alternative.

They're working to form a "voluntary quality council" that would give employers standards to use when negotiating with insurance companies. This could include some of the same things that appear in Congress' proposals, but no business or health plan would be compelled to adopt it.

"It's clearly an alternative to a legislative mandate," said Johanna Schneider of the Business Roundtable, which has joined with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Federation of Independent Businesses to create the alternative. An announcement is expected in the next few weeks.

If companies all demanded the same quality standards, health insurance companies would have no choice but to offer them, Schneider explained.

"We want to push the system as far and as fast as it can go," she said. "Again, in a voluntary way."

But Gingrich this week dampened hopes for a voluntary system.

"The truth is ... we're going to pass some kind of patient protection bill this year," he told the American Medical Association. He suggested it will include the right to sue health plans. "It's going to add a new layer of litigation and a new layer of regulation."

Movie costs said record $53.4 million

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The average studio film cost a record $53.4 million dollars last year, an increase the industry said Tuesday was only partially caused by "Titanic," the most expensive movie ever made.

In the annual industry address given at the National Association of Theater Owners convention, Motion Picture Association of America President Jack Valenti also said marketing costs for studio films rose to $22.2 million.

The $53.4 million average production budget, which includes studio overhead, reflects an increase of 34 percent from 1996, Valenti said. Marketing costs increased 12.2 percent.

The average movie cost was affected by "Titanic," which cost $200 million or more to produce, and "Batman & Robin," whose budget reportedly exceeded $180 million. But Valenti said, "Titanic" only affected the average figure by a couple of million dollars.

Valenti said that while "Titanic" represented the most expensive movie ever made, it "is soon about to morph into the mightiest revenue-producing film of all time."

"Titanic" has grossed $449.2 million domestically in 12 weeks.

But Valenti warned that the surging costs cannot continue unchecked. "It is a terrible confluence of hope and also terror which confront every studio, every producer, every production company."

In other industry news, movie theater admissions totaled 1.4 billion, the most in nearly four decades. Domestic box-office returns were $6.4 billion, the largest gross ever.

"In spite of VCRs, laser discs, CD-ROMs, cable and TV stations, sporting events, satellite home delivery, optic fiber... and the World Wide Web, in spite of all of these intrusions, more Americans visited your theaters in 1997 than any time since 1959," Valenti told the theater owners.

Studio returns were boosted by overseas income. Latin American box-office numbers surged 13 percent, and admissions in Europe were up 6 percent.

Valenti said American returns benefited from frequent moviegoers, who attend a theater at least monthly.

Astro-graph



By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 12, 1998

Endeavors in which you can operate independently of others in the year ahead will be within your comfort zone. When able to do so, your progress will surprise yourself and others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) More cooperation than usual might be required of you today in order to maintain an alliance. If you fail to do your part, this association could be dissolved. 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) Conditions could be hard to evaluate today where your work or career is concerned. It is a day when small fiascoes could produce larger calamities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, you will be judged by the company you keep, so select companions with care. If your pals have a bad reputation, you might be put in the same category.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Insignificant family grievances could get blown out of proportion today and cause a rift in your household. Avoid contributing to this condition.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might experience some problems with communication today. Even though you won't intend to hurt anyone, ill-chosen, caustic comments could do just that.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) To save yourself embarrassment today, try to avoid involvements that are over your head financially. There isn't any shame in having less than others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If a partnership arrangement in which you're involved is unrealistically demanding, straighten out the situation today or dissolve it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An associate with ulterior motives might try to talk you into assuming additional responsibilities today that do not serve your best interests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Increased social demands might be made upon you today. This could turn something fun into an arduous task. Do not let the event be spoiled by others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might not be too successful achieving goals today if your agenda is crowded. Limit your targets to those you can manage comfortably.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, every time you open your mouth you could say something you shouldn't. However, if you laugh off your boo-boos, companions will, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be patient and cautious today if you have a financial or commercial involvement with an unfamiliar person or firm. Hasty commitments could be costly.

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Datebook

March 11, 1998

Today is the 70th day of 1998 and the 81st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 105, Ts'ai Lun of China invented paper.

On this day in 1302, Romeo Monteveccio and Juliet Cappelleto were married in Citadela, Italy (Shakespeare based a play on their lives).

On this day in 1930, William Howard Taft became the first president to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dorothy Gish (1898-1968), actress; Lawrence Welk (1903-1992), musician; Harold Wilson (1916-), British statesman, is 82; Ralph Abernathy (1926-1990), civil-rights leader; Sam Donaldson (1934-), broadcast journalist, is 64; Antonin Scalia (1936-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 62; Bobby McFerrin (1950-), singer, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1892, the first public basketball game was played at the International YMCA College in Springfield, Mass.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Put more trust in nobility of character than in oath." — Solon

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1911, the U.S. snow-depth record of 34 feet, 2 inches was measured in Tamarack, Calif.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Hypoglycemics must curb sugar intake

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed by a blood test with hypoglycemia. I'm dizzy and tired. Do I need to avoid all sugars completely?

DEAR READER: Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) is the opposite of diabetes, a serious disease marked by high blood sugar levels.

Hypoglycemia can be caused by tumors in the pancreas, the organ that produces insulin, as well as by at least 40 other afflictions, ranging from liver disease to pregnancy. Thus, the diagnosis of hypoglycemia (a blood sugar level of less than 45 milligrams per deciliter) is merely the starting point for further testing to discover the cause.

The most common cause of low blood sugar is reactive hypoglycemia, which typically follows a meal and is associated with dizziness, weakness and fatigue. Essentially, what happens is that the food causes an insulin release from the pancreas that overshoots and drives the sugar too low. This effect is especially pronounced when the meal contains sweets.

Therefore, patients with this condition are advised to avoid sugar and eat several high-protein meals a day. Fruits are OK.

Reactive hypoglycemia is not life-threatening, but it is certainly distressing to its victims.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several of my friends are using an over-the-counter herbal remedy to lose weight. The product contains Ma Huang (ephedra) that is potentially dangerous. However, I've been assured by a company representative that naturally occurring ephedrines lack the health hazards of synthetic ephedrines. Is this correct?

DEAR READER: Wrong. Ephedrines, whether herbal or man-made, act as stimulants and, as such, can harm the body by increasing the heart rate, elevating the blood pressure, causing insomnia, and producing mental changes (including delirium). There have been several reports of deaths from compounds that contain Ma Huang. Moreover, stimulants are not an appropriate therapy for overweight. Stay away from this stuff.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I just got a new set of dentures that don't fit. I'm unable to eat, sleep or play the trumpet. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Put 'em in a box, return them to your dentist for refitting and take piano lessons.

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DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

We Need Your Help!

There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, at the Snyder High School Auditorium. Purpose of the meeting is to join citizens together to stop the Air Force from flying very low-level flights over your neighborhoods, family homes and businesses. This includes playgrounds, schools, churches, roads, highways — virtually everywhere you live, work and play.

We will be electing officers and directors from each county (Scurry, Kent, Fisher, Garza, Lynn, Stonewall, Borden and Dawson) for our organization. We need your voice. We will also be developing a mission statement — what we stand for and why we are for the preservation of our heritage and culture for our families and businesses in this area. We also want to preserve our environment and our sanity.

We are not anti-military. We want the very best trained Air Force in the world. We just think our quiet, peaceful towns are the wrong place to hold low-level bomber training. There is no reason to use private land when the government owns so much uninhabited land. We feel that this training is extremely dangerous to our communities, agriculture, and economy. The people in Marion, Kentucky can attest to this. A B1-B bomber from Dyess Air Force Base flew over the town of Marion, Kentucky — unmanned — at treetop level and crashed Feb. 19, barely missing a home. It was only blind luck that this plane did not crash in the town. The cost to the Texas agriculture far outweighs the benefit to the military.

We are asking you to become a member of this organization and help to keep low-level flights from happening. Enclosed, please find a membership application form. Please return this application as soon as possible. We will add your name to our mailing list and keep you informed.

As you can see, we are ready to begin raising money for our organization. Money is not everything, but it and oxygen will sure make the top 10 list. Please bring at least 2 prospective new members.

This affects you and your community. We need your help! Time is of the essence!

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

November election looks interesting

Options including re-electing a governor, bringing back an attorney general

AUSTIN (AP) — Most voters stayed home.

But those few who showed up gave Texans some interesting choices in the fall.

Voters have the option of re-electing a governor for the first time since 1974; of bringing back a former attorney general; or of revving up the pickup that Democrat Victor Morales drove 80,000 miles in unsuccessful pursuit of Republican Sen. Phil Gramm two years ago.

Perhaps the biggest news Tuesday night was the lack of interest shown in this year's primaries. The turnout of roughly 1.47 million voters — only 13.4 percent of more than 11 million registered — was the lowest in at least three decades.

Republican Gov. George W. Bush brushed aside a token opponent, highway contractor R.C. Crawford, and will face Democrat Garry Mauro in the battle for governor.

Bush, first elected in 1994, swears he's focused on re-election alone. But Republicans around the country are talking about him as a presidential candidate in 2000.

After winning 97 percent of the GOP vote, Bush said he'll do what it takes to become the first governor re-elected to a second straight term since Democrat Dolph Briscoe in 1974.

"I'm not going to take anything for granted," said Bush, who was up 40 percentage points on Mauro in the last statewide opinion poll. "I intend to work just as hard in '98 as I did in '94."

Mauro said that won't be enough, insisting that Bush has been on the wrong side of an issue close to Texans' hearts — choosing their own doctor. The Democrat promises a constitutional amendment to require health maintenance organizations to offer patients the doctor choice option.

"If you want to choose your own doctor, you're going to have to choose a new governor," Mauro said. He challenged Bush to debate him on that and other HMO issues.

Mauro has been land commissioner since 1983, the same year that Jim Mattox first became attorney general.

After unsuccessful bids for governor in 1990 and the U.S. Senate in 1994, Mattox is back. He easily won the Democratic nomination for his old job.

"The attorney general's office was set up as a watchdog agency. It's very clear my record shows I'm the best watchdog for the people of Texas," he said.

No one enjoys a political fight more than Mattox, and he'll get to watch one as Republicans finish picking his November opponent.

Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson and former Texas Supreme Court justice John Comyn will meet in an April 14 runoff for the GOP attorney general nomination.

The November races for lieutenant governor and state comptroller were set in January, when only one candidate in each party filed for those offices.

Two Texas A&M classmates — Republican Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry and Democratic state Comptroller John Sharp — will meet in the lieutenant governor's race. Democrat Paul Hobby, whose father was lieutenant governor for 18 years, faces off against Republican Carole Keeton Rylander, now a Railroad Commission member, for comptroller.

In the race for land commissioner, Houston businessman David Dewhurst's high-dollar TV campaign helped him to the nomination in a three-way race. Democratic state Rep. Richard Raymond of Benavides was unopposed in his primary.

The agriculture commissioner's race will see Republican Susan Combs, a former state representative, facing Democrat L.P. "Pete" Patterson, a 20-year Texas House veteran.

Obituaries

Mrs. Eastman

1916-1998

Christine Eastman, a longtime resident of Snyder, died this morning in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Eastman, 81, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Charles Day, pastor of Avenue D. Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Dec. 24, 1916 in Munday, Mrs. Eastman was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include three daughters and one son-in-law, Belinda and Dwaine Merritt of Snyder, Twila Dixon of Tyler and LaVonne Earp of Westminster, Calif.; three sons, Wayland Eastman of Abilene, Fred Eastman of San Jose, Calif., and Ronnie Eastman of Houston; two nephews and their wives, Jack and Jeanette Rains of Snyder and Bill and Pat Rains of Cleveland, Okla.; four granddaughers; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.

Daniel Sanchez

1928-1998

Daniel Sanchez, a former resident of Snyder, died Sunday, March 8, in Carrollton.

A rosary for Mr. Sanchez, 68, is set for 7 p.m. today in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Snyder, conducted by Deacon Robert Ramirez.

Mass will be read at 10 a.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Snyder. Fr. Patrick Maher will officate. Interment will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 12, 1928 in Hamlin, Mr. Sanchez moved from Snyder to Wheeling, Ill., in the late 1960s. He lived there until moving to Carrollton in 1994. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Sanchez worked as an aluminum plant packer.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Sanchez of Illinois; four sons, Frank Sanchez, Norman Sanchez and Jerry Sanchez, all of Illinois, and Arthur Sanchez of Carrollton; four daughters, Judith Garcia of Carrollton, Andriana Sanchez, Angelina Sanchez and Ann Marie Sanchez, all of Illinois; three sisters, Romona Estrada, Conoha Diaz and Anita Contreras, all of Texas; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Mr. Youngblood

1941-1998

LUBBOCK — Funeral service for Edwin Youngblood is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Jamison Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Peaceful Garden Cemetery.

Mr. Youngblood, a former resident of Snyder, died Saturday, March 7, at his home in Lubbock.

Mr. Youngblood, 56, worked as a mechanic in Snyder before moving to Lubbock. At the time of his death, he was a mechanic for Westcar in Lubbock. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He married Nancy Kaufman on Nov. 14, 1964 in Lubbock. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Youngblood of El Toro, Calif., and Timothy Youngblood of Lubbock; a daughter, Crystal Aguilar of Lubbock; a daughter-in-law, Margie Ornelas of El Toro; a brother, Glen Lewallen of Salem, Ore.; three sisters, Debbie Wood and Shirley Wagner, both of Lubbock, and Linda Faye Plettes of Wichita Falls; his mother, Beatrice Bozeman of Lubbock; his stepfather, Pat Lewallen of Salem; two grandchildren, Tamara Youngblood and Patrick Youngblood, both of Lubbock; and his in-laws, Ray and Irene Wagner of Snyder.

Thanks!

Thanks to the many friends who supported me, gave me words of encouragement, worked in my campaign, and voted for me. I shall be forever grateful.

Ted Crenwelge

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Police calls remain light

Activity continues to be light for local law enforcement personnel as less than 30 calls were noted by dispatchers in the past 24-hour period.

Jack Martin told deputies at 9:45 Tuesday morning that he is missing two Hereford heifers from a location on North Ennis Creek Road. Martin said they were last seen on Friday.

Officers were called to the downtown area around 11 a.m. Tuesday as there were subjects going from business-to-business selling items without a permit.

An officer was requested at Bealls at 3:43 p.m. in reference to a theft at the store.

Officers identified the subjects through a license number and the suspects were apprehended in Post. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Officers filed an offense report for a runaway at 9 p.m. as a 16-year-old male had run away from home.

At 12:54 this morning, officers investigated a report of a prowler in the 400 block of 35th Street.

Lucci

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Lucci will compete in the category of outstanding lead actress in a daytime drama series (soap opera) against Eileen Davidson of "Days of Our Lives," Jacklyn Zeman of "General Hospital," Cynthia Watros of "Guiding Light" and Kim Zimmer of "Guiding Light."

Best lead actor nominees in a drama series include David Canary of "All My Children," Anthony Geary of "General Hospital, Kin Shriner of "Port Charles," Eric Braeden of "The Young and the Restless" and Peter Bergman of "The Young and the Restless."

"All My Children," "Days of Our Lives," "General Hospital" and "The Young and the Restless" were nominated for best daytime drama.

Syndicated shows had 53 nominations; ABC 52; CBS, the ratings king in daytime, had 49; PBS 48 and NBC 26.

The awards will be given out May 15 in a ceremony telecast on NBC.

The winners are selected by members of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

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ONGOINGS

Senior Center's Recognition Banquet

The Senior Center's annual Recognition Banquet is planned for 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will be honoring 50-year Masons at 7 p.m. Saturday. Each will be given 50-year pins and certificates. Refreshments will be served. All Masons, family and friends are invited.

Northeast book fair

Northeast Elementary is holding a scholastic book fair through Friday. The fair will be daily from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

West book fair

West Elementary is holding a book fair from 8-11:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. through Thursday and 8-11:30 a.m. Friday in the school auditorium.

Stanfield book fair

Stanfield Elementary is having a book fair through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

SHS Classes of 1952 and 1953

Snyder High School Classes of 1952 and '53 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the home of Ned and Polly Underwood, 3009 Austin, to plan a reunion. All members are urged to attend.

Class of 1978

Snyder High School Class of 1978 will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Connie Huddleston residence to plan the 20-year reunion. Call 573-8806 for directions or more information. All interested classmates are invited to attend.

ABWA dinner

Deep Creek Chapter of the American Business Women's Association has an open invitation to all working women to attend a spring membership campaign dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday at The Shack.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church. Please enter on the east side, which faces the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome; child care will be provided. For more information, call 573-2631.

Snyder Church of the Nazarene revival

Snyder Church of the Nazarene will host a revival Thursday through Sunday. Lay ministers include Oliver Butler, Thursday and next Saturday, and Dywaine Beal, Friday and Sunday.

Evening services are 6:30 p.m. Sunday services are 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. The church is located on the Colorado City Highway.

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-7-36-39.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: $130,442.
Winning ticket sold in: San Antonio.
Matching four of five: 351. Prize: $557.
Matching three of five: 12,029. Prize: $28.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-0-0

Trustees want complete view

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on the entire list of items so that there would be "no unanswered questions."

Mark McCormick said he was in favor of seeing the proposal on the two-elementary concept, as well as the other items.

Trustee Richard Chambers took it one step further by saying he was not in favor building two new elementaries.

"I'm for building one to serve the entire district," said Chambers.

"If it is more economical to operate the district with two elementary buildings, just one would be even better," he said. "While we're just looking, let's just look at one."

Levens added, "While we're just looking at options, let's look at the sixth grade moving into the junior high and see what that would require."

Before meeting with the architects, the board met with Joe Smith and George Williford of First Southwest Securities and voted to use that firm as the district's financial advisors during the bond process.

The two presented information to the board related to a $15 million bond package with 15- and 20-year payouts.

The district's debt service annually on a 15-year repayment program would be $1.4 million, requiring an additional tax rate of 32-cents over the rate for maintance and operations. That figure is currently $1.50 per $100 valuation.

On a 20-year payout, the debt service annually would be $1.2 million, requiring an additional rax rate of 27-cents per year.

The district would pay $6,370,920 in interest on a 15-year payout, and $9,125,550 on a bond issue with a 20-year payout.

During the board's regular business meeting, the school calendar was approved for the 1998-99 school year and contracts were approved for the next school year for all present teachers, counselors, librarians, diagnosticians, speech therapists and nurses.

School will start Aug. 12, with teachers reporting a week earlier. The last day of school will be May 27 and graduation will be the following day.

There will be 177 days of classes next school year as the trustees approved three additional staff development days for teachers.

Trustees also recognized Mary Ann Juarez for receiving a service award from the Texas Parent Coordinating County and cast ballots for the board of directors of the Region 14 Education Service Center.

Dr. Melissa Jones, assistant superintedent, informed the board of some $82,000 in grants the district has recently received.

All trustees were present.